

The Infrastructure Planning Commission
Temple Quay House
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Our ref: RA/2014/129706/03-L01
Your ref: EN070001
Our ID: 10029788
Date: 20 January 2015

Dear Sir,

**RESPONSES TO COMMENTS ON RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS
YORKSHIRE & HUMBER CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE (CCS) PROJECT -
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER.
CCS ROUTE FROM DRAX TO BARMSTON, EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE.**

We would like to provide the following response to comments made on our Relevant Representation.

Comment 32a by National Grid on Environment Agency's RR – Water Voles

We can confirm that the supplementary information provided here by National Grid on water voles is consistent with that contained in the letter from National Grid to ourselves, dated 14 November 2014, referenced within our Written Representation. As such, we can confirm that this supplementary information addresses our previous concerns regarding the assessment of cumulative impacts on water voles.

Comment 32a by National Grid on Environment Agency's RR – Mobilisation of Sediment

We can confirm that this comment does not affect the position set out in our Written Representation under the heading 'Sediment'. We would like to see the inclusion of those additional measures described in our WR.

Comment 32c by National Grid on Environment Agency's RR – Hydrostatic Testing

As per our Written Representation we are satisfied that a source of water can be found for undertaking this important aspect of the project, especially with the back-stop of a mains water supply. There is therefore no particular concern about the deliverability of the project in this regard.

We acknowledge the additional environmental assessment work undertaken by National Grid and provided in this comment, and are content that it provides an appropriate level of detail. Any subsequent application for an abstraction licence would need to be

determined based on the information and evidence relevant at that time. No such application has been made. We cannot pre-empt that process and we do not issue letters of no impediment.

Comment 32d by National Grid on Environment Agency's RR – Drainage

In response to National Grid's comments about our suggested additional requirement under the heading 'flood risk', we are not content with the proposed deletion of point 2 of the requirement. We maintain that land-raising should be explicitly precluded by the requirement, however we agree with National Grid that this restriction cannot and should not apply to any land-raising which may be proposed as part of the White Rose CCS project. As such, in an email dated 16 January 2015, National Grid have proposed the following revised wording for this requirement:-

"2. There shall be no permanent raising of ground levels within the floodplain by the undertaker"

We are happy to accept this revised wording provided its control also extends to anyone to whom the benefits of the order are transferred (under articles 8 and 9 of the DCO), and that the preclusion of land-raising would also apply to them.

Should you require any additional information or clarification, please don't hesitate to contact me on the details below.

Yours faithfully

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