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Dear Ms Wells

Please see our comments and queries below on the further draft of the Consultation Report submitted on 17 April 2014.

The following comments are without prejudice to any decision made under section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) or by the Secretary of State on any submitted application.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

*Iwan Davies*

**Iwan Davies**  
**Case Manager**

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## **Yorkshire & Humber CCS Cross Country Pipeline Comments on draft Consultation Report submitted in April 2014**

### **Introduction**

These comments and queries relate solely to the draft Consultation Report submitted in April 2014 (the Report), and not the merits of the proposal. They are limited by the time available for consideration, and raised without prejudice to the acceptance or otherwise of the eventual application. They are provided to assist the preparation of the next iteration.

### **General Comments**

- 1.1 Overall the structure of the Report is clear and logical. The Report is explicit and reads well and makes good use of tables, for example tables 6 and 7.
- 1.2 The Report provides a clear description of the project and explains how it has developed since its initial stage. Each stage of consultation (statutory and non-statutory) is explained within the Report and reasons for carrying out several stages of statutory and non-statutory consultation are also provided.
- 1.3 The use of tables to present original responses received from each stage of consultation and the applicant's responses to these is helpful.
- 1.4 It is noted that Appendix 8 is to include a list of all persons contacted during s42 consultation as per Schedule 1, The Infrastructure Planning: (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 (as amended). When referring to s42 within the Report, it would be useful to refer to Advice Note 3 and its Annex which reflects post April 2013 amendments made to the Infrastructure Planning (Application: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 by the Infrastructure Planning (Prescribed Consultees and Interested Parties) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 (the Amendment Regulations). The purpose of this is to explain how the applicant identified relevant parties post changes to fulfil the requirements of the s42 consultation.
- 1.5 Please note that where the applicant did not receive a response to s42 consultation, or received a response with 'no comments', this should also be clearly explained in the Report. It would be helpful if this could be referred to in the main body of the Report and perhaps presented within the Appendices in the form of a table. In particular it would be helpful if this table included a list of all persons contacted with an additional

column 'response received/no comments/no response' which should be filled in accordingly.

- 1.6 Each stage of consultation is clearly explained and provides a good overview of key issues raised in the form of a diagram.
- 1.7 It is noted that the applicant intends to carry out further stage 2B statutory consultation and the text is yet to be included within the Report. Please note that this section must be explicit and it may therefore be helpful to follow the same approach that was used to explain previous consultation stages (2 and 2A). The applicant is encouraged to refer to relevant sections of the '*DCLG, Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process*' when explaining the stage 2B consultation and the reasoning behind the additional consultation (in particular see pages 15 - 16).
- 1.8 It is noted that all appendices referred to within the Report are yet to be numbered in accordance with the list of appendices provided at the beginning of the Report. Once the Report is completed, the applicant should ensure correct cross-referencing throughout the whole Report.
- 1.9 The applicant should ensure that once the Report is completed, the hard copies of the Report match the electronic version, for example in terms of page numbers, referencing and overall content.
- 1.10 Use of terminology – the applicant is encouraged to use a consistent approach in using terminology throughout the Report. For example, when using statutory or non-statutory consultation or formal and informal.
- 1.11 Paragraph 6.4.3 currently refers to '*The above local authorities (listed in paragraph 7.10*'; however there is no paragraph 7.10 in the Report.
- 1.12 Paragraph 6.5.2 lists three documents that the applicant consulted upon during its non-statutory consultation. Although not a statutory requirement, it may be helpful to provide information within the Report on how these documents can be accessed.
- 1.13 Paragraph 6.4.1 states that the applicant sent out a letter to residents of Ulrome, an area that falls out of the applicant's consultation zone; it may be useful including a sample letter as an Appendix to the Report
- 1.14 It is noted that some parts of the Report are yet to be completed. The applicant should ensure that once the Report is finalised all the outstanding parts are completed and that all Appendices and pages are included.