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## STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

### HyNet North West Carbon Dioxide pipeline

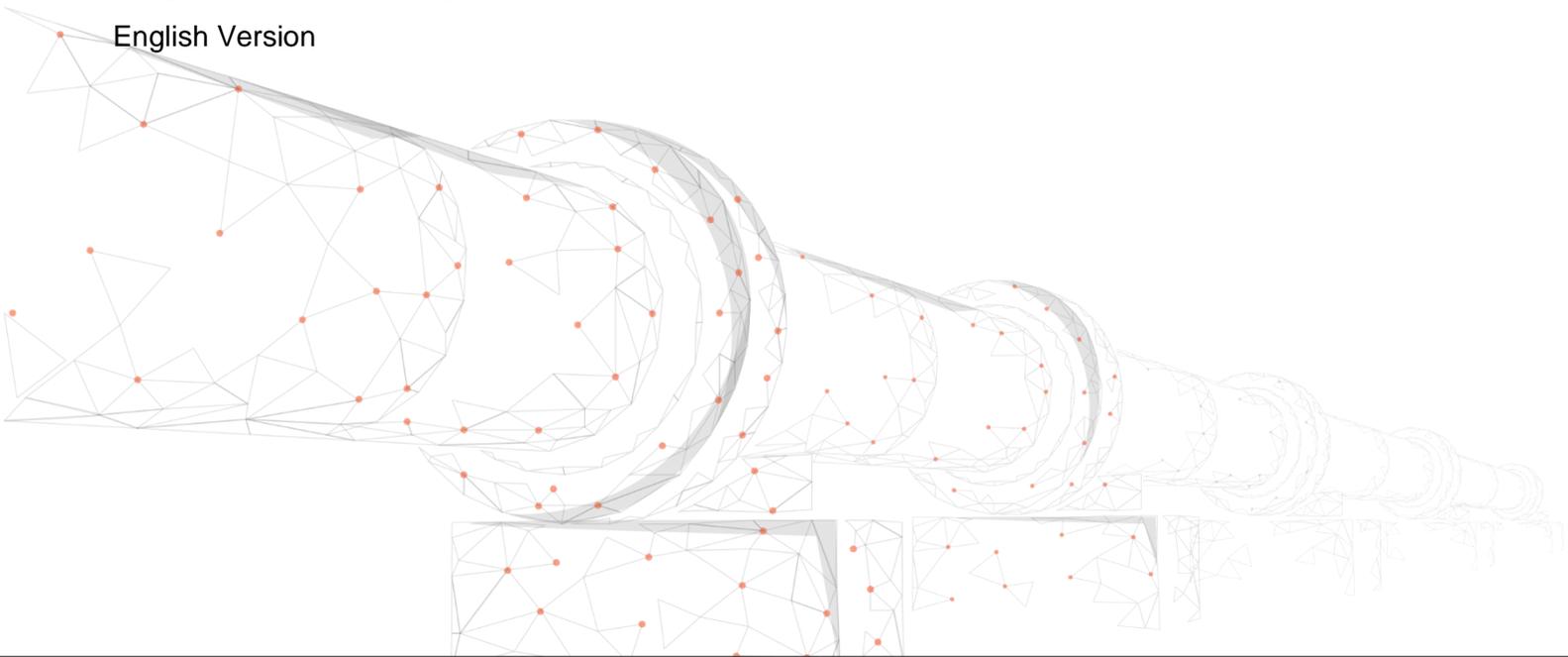
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# 1. INTRODUCTION

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## 1.1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1.1. Liverpool Bay CCS Limited (**‘the Applicant’**) is proposing that carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) produced and captured by existing industrial premises and future hydrogen producing facilities in North West England and North Wales will be transported for off-shore storage via a pipeline (comprising a new-build element and reuse of an existing pipeline) to depleted natural gas reservoirs in Liverpool Bay.
- 1.1.2. Liverpool Bay CCS Limited is an affiliate of HyNet consortium partner Eni UK Ltd. Eni UK is the existing owner and operator of the Liverpool Bay gas fields and associated infrastructure. Liverpool Bay CCS Ltd has been established by Eni as the CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage company responsible for the delivery of related infrastructure and operations.
- 1.1.3. The Applicant is proposing to install a new underground CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline between Ince, near Stanlow, and Flint, and to repurpose an existing pipeline between Flint and Talacre (this section of the pipeline is referred to as the ‘Flint Connection - Point of Ayr Pipeline’). This component of the HyNet North West project is known as the HyNet North West Carbon Dioxide Pipeline and is referred to in this document as “the Proposed Development”.
- 1.1.4. The HyNet North West consortium is a partnership of Progressive Energy, Eni UK Ltd, Essar, Cadent, Inovyn, Hanson, CF Fertilisers and University of Chester.
- 1.1.5. The Proposed Development is being developed in order to materially reduce regional CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from hard-to-reach sectors of the economy, including industry, heat and transport.
- 1.1.6. The CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline is one of a number of components being brought forward by the HyNet North West consortium in North West England and North Wales, including a hydrogen pipeline and low carbon hydrogen production facilities. These other components are being developed and consented separately. They will be referenced in our statutory consultation to ensure consultees are aware of them.
- 1.1.7. As the Proposed Development constitutes a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (**‘NSIP’**), the Applicant must make an application under the Planning Act 2008 (**‘PA2008’**) for a permission known as a Development Consent Order (**‘DCO’**) to construct and operate the Proposed Development. The DCO Application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (**‘PINS’**) who will administer the DCO Application on behalf of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (**‘Secretary of State’**). A single inspector or a panel of inspectors will be appointed to examine the DCO

Application and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State, who will then make a decision on whether or not to grant development consent.

- 1.1.8. The PA2008 requires that consultation is carried out with people living in the vicinity of the Proposed Development before an application is submitted. In line with the PA2008, the Applicant has prepared this Statement of Community Consultation ('**SoCC**') to set out how it will undertake consultation in connection with the Proposed Development. It provides details about how the local community can take part and how feedback will be used to influence our proposed design, associated measures and method of delivery of the Proposed Development.

## 1.2. POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.2.1. The Government has published National Policy Statements (NPSs) which set out the policy against which the Secretary of State will make decisions on applications for DCOs. Of relevance to the Applicant are the following NPSs:
- Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1)
  - National Policy Statement for Gas Supply Infrastructure and Gas and Oil Pipelines (EN-4).
- 1.2.2. The Government has recently published draft NPSs that they are currently consulting on. These will have partial or full weight in the determination of the DCO Application depending on whether they are designated by the time of application submission.
- 1.2.3. The UK government has a legally binding target to bring all greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050, compared with the previous target of at least 80% reduction from 1990 levels. The Government's Energy White Paper (Power Our Net Zero Future, December 2020) highlighted key areas for a green industrial revolution and the transition process for reaching the 2050 net zero goal. Carbon capture is considered essential for the UK to reach net zero by 2050 and the Applicant, by deploying this technology, can help develop the industry within the area whilst also decarbonising it. The CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline is part of a Track 1 cluster project, HyNet North West, and is critical to achieving the UK Government's target of 20-30 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> capture by 2030.
- 1.2.4. The Proposed Development delivers the onshore pipeline infrastructure which is part of the wider proposal to capture CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from energy-intensive industries in the area, and from the hydrogen production plant, transporting and safely storing these emissions underground. Capturing these CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is a vital part of the solution to tackling climate change by helping to offset hard to decarbonise industries, whilst the solution also includes decarbonising all sectors of the economy, deploying more renewables, hydrogen and electric vehicles as well as improving energy efficiency and changing the way we live.

## **1.3. PURPOSE OF THE SOCC**

- 1.3.1. The purpose of this document is to set out how the Applicant will consult the local community, residents and businesses within the area of the Proposed Development. The document also provides background to the Proposed Development, details where further information can be obtained or viewed, explains how comments on the proposals can be made, and sets out the DCO process. This SoCC includes:
- The objectives and scope for the consultation
  - Details of proposed consultation activities, including materials, events and promotion
  - Details of ways in which consultees will be given the opportunity to submit their feedback
  - Details of ways in which the Applicant will have regard to consultation feedback.
- 1.3.2. This SoCC also sets out how this consultation will meet the requirements of the PA2008. It has been prepared with reference to guidance on pre-application consultation published by the Government (Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the Pre-Application Process), as well as PINS Advice Notes Two (The role of local authorities in the development consent process) and Three (EIA consultation and notification).
- 1.3.3. In accordance with section 47(2) of the PA2008, the Applicant has consulted with Cheshire West and Chester Council and Flintshire County Council.

## 2. THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

### 2.1. ABOUT THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

- 2.1.1. The Applicant is proposing to construct a pipeline which will allow CO<sub>2</sub> to be transported and stored safely underground in geological storage under the seabed.
- 2.1.2. The Proposed Development will place the region at the forefront of the UK's journey to net zero and help to decarbonise many sectors of the economy from the mid-2020s. Using the CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline, the Applicant will enable the capture and storage of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions produced by energy intensive industries and from low carbon hydrogen production.



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|  | Existing Flint Connection - PoA Pipeline (24") (part of the Existing Connah's Quay - PoA Pipeline) |
|  | The part of the Existing Connah's Quay - PoA Pipeline which is to be decommissioned                |
|  | Proposed Flint AGI - Flint Connection Pipeline (24")   |
|  | Proposed Stanlow - Flint AGI Pipeline (36")  |
|  | Proposed Ince - Stanlow Pipeline (up to 20")   |

**Figure 1 - CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline Diagram**

- 2.1.3. The new CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline will transport CO<sub>2</sub> produced from existing industrial premises in the Ince and Stanlow area. It will also transport CO<sub>2</sub> from a new

low-carbon hydrogen production plant at Stanlow. From here it will run south west through Cheshire and into Flintshire, connecting to the existing Flint Connection - Point of Ayr Pipeline.

- 2.1.4. This existing pipeline runs from a location near Flint and travels north through Flintshire to the Point of Ayr Gas Terminal in Talacre. The pipeline then runs under water from the shoreline until it connects to the depleted gas reservoirs where the CO<sub>2</sub> will be injected. The Proposed Development does not include consent for works in the marine area which will be consented through other processes. A possible future spur to Hanson's Padeswood Cement Works is being considered but is not included in the DCO scope.

## **2.2. THE DCO PLANNING PROCESS**

- 2.2.1. In order to obtain development consent for the Proposed Development, the Applicant will need to follow the stages set out in the PA2008. These are set out in full at [infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk). This is a high-level summary only. This process differs from the normal planning process conducted under the Town and Country Planning Act, where the local authority would consult local residents and determine the application.

- 2.2.2. The stages are:

### **2.2.3. PRE-APPLICATION**

- 2.2.4. Before submitting an application, the Applicant is required to carry out consultation on its proposals and consider all information provided during the consultation process in finalising the application. As part of the application for a DCO the Applicant must provide a consultation report which states how it has had regard to this feedback in preparing the application.

### **2.2.5. ACCEPTANCE**

- 2.2.6. The acceptance stage begins when the Applicant submits the application to the Inspectorate under section 55 of the PA2008. PINS have up to 28 days (excluding the date of receipt of the application) to decide whether or not the application meets the standards required to be formally accepted for examination.

### **2.2.7. PRE-EXAMINATION**

- 2.2.8. During this stage the Secretary of State will appoint an Examining Authority (ExA) (either a single inspector or a panel made up of inspectors from PINS) to be responsible for examining the application. At this stage, stakeholders are invited to register with PINS as an 'Interested Party' and, if they wish, provide their views of the application in writing. At the pre-examination stage, everyone who has registered and made a relevant representation will be invited to attend a preliminary meeting run and chaired by the ExA. This stage of the process takes approximately three months from the Applicant's formal notification and publicity of an accepted application.

### **2.2.9. EXAMINATION**

2.2.10. The ExA has six months to carry out the examination. During this stage, people who have registered as Interested Parties are invited to provide more details of their views in writing and participate in hearings. Careful consideration is given by the ExA to all important and relevant matters, including the representations of all Interested Parties, any evidence submitted, and answers provided to questions set out in writing and explained at oral hearings.

### **2.2.11. DECISION**

2.2.12. The ExA must prepare a report on the application to the Secretary of State, including a recommendation, within three months of the end of the six-month examination period. The Secretary of State then has a further three months to make the decision on whether to grant or refuse development consent.

2.2.13. The approximate timeline for the Proposed Development and how it will progress through the different DCO application stages is set out below. This is subject to change.

- Q2/Q3/Q4 2021: Environmental scoping complete, non-statutory consultation takes place, liaison with local councils and other statutory consultees
- Q1 2022: Statutory period of consultation, including consultation on the Preliminary Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), and publication of the SoCC
- Q3 2022: Submission of the DCO Application
- Q3/Q4 2022: Pre-examination period and notice of preliminary meeting
- Q4 2022 - Q2 2023: Examination period
- Q3 2023: Decision making and recommendation period
- Q4 2023: Decision made by Secretary of State for BEIS
- 2025: Commercial operation.

## **2.3. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

2.3.1. The Proposed Development is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations).

2.3.2. In advance of commencing the preliminary environmental assessment, the Applicant submitted a request for a scoping opinion to PINS in June 2021, to seek an opinion from the Secretary of State on the scope and level of detail of the information to be included in the ES to be submitted with the DCO Application. The Secretary of State adopted a scoping opinion in July 2021. This can be viewed on the PINS website

[infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk), alongside the Applicant's scoping report.

- 2.3.3. The consultation materials which will be provided by the Applicant will include a preliminary environmental information report (PEIR). This PEIR will present environmental information that has been collected to date to allow consultees to understand the likely significant environmental effects of the Proposed Development and will indicate initial proposals for any mitigation measures.
- 2.3.4. All comments received during the consultation will be considered and will inform, where practicable and appropriate, any further refinements to the design of the Proposed Development and the Applicant's approach to environmental mitigation.

## **3. APPROACH TO CONSULTATION**

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### **3.1. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONSULTATION**

- 3.1.1. In accordance with section 47 of the PA2008, the Applicant will consult people living in the vicinity of the Proposed Development, including those affected by the construction and operation of the Proposed Development.
- 3.1.2. Section 47 of the PA2008 states that 'the applicant must prepare a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land'. The applicant must then carry out consultation in accordance with the proposals set out in the statement, which is this Statement of Community Consultation.
- 3.1.3. As well as meeting requirements for consultation set out in the PA2008, the consultation process is designed to provide the opportunity for people of all ages, backgrounds and life circumstances to get involved, including traditionally 'hard to reach' or excluded demographic groups.

### **3.2. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF THE CONSULTATION**

- 3.2.1. The consultation will be held over a 6-week period from 9 February 2022 to 22 March 2022. Should there be any change to these dates, the Applicant will notify Cheshire West and Cheshire and Flintshire councils and ensure the new dates are promoted via [hynethub.co.uk](http://hynethub.co.uk).
- 3.2.2. The Applicant will be mindful of all COVID-19 restrictions and guidance in place at the time of the consultation. At the time of developing this SoCC, it is anticipated that there may remain some social distancing requirements for public events. The consultation will therefore be held both online, via a dedicated website, and through digital events for people to participate in. This will be combined with some in-person events and non-digital opportunities to view and comment on the Proposed Development, subject to COVID-19 restrictions. All face-to-face events will be held in line with Government guidance on social distancing requirements.
- 3.2.3. The approach to this consultation is based on lessons learned from the non-statutory consultation held in June/July 2021 which focused on the potential routes for the new CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline.
- 3.2.4. The core objectives of the consultation will be to provide relevant and engaging information to communities that will help to:
  - Explain and raise awareness around the Proposed Development and the role that the Applicant can play in helping to tackle climate change, whilst supporting the local community

- Generate interest and engagement in the Proposed Development, and generate opportunities for people to have their say on the Proposed Development
  - Clearly explain the technicalities behind the Proposed Development, so that communities can make informed comments
  - Ensure that all communities, individuals and interested parties have equal opportunity to learn about the Proposed Development and provide their views.
- 3.2.5. As there has previously been a non-statutory consultation which provided stakeholders with introductory information on the Proposed Development, the scope of the statutory consultation will be to re-introduce the Proposed Development to stakeholders and communities, including scene-setting information on:
- What the Proposed Development involves, including detailed information on the carbon dioxide pipeline route, construction processes and environmental impacts
  - The importance of carbon capture and storage in meeting net zero goals
  - The DCO process
  - Explain potential environmental impacts, including construction impacts, and mitigation options. This information will largely be contained in the PEIR.
- 3.2.6. The consultation will be open to comments on all aspects of the Proposed Development. Specific feedback will be sought on:
- The detailed routing of the CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline within the proposed carbon dioxide pipeline corridor
  - Potential environmental impacts and the proposed mitigation measures
  - Potential construction impacts and the proposed management of these
  - Areas of community interest such as local benefits and jobs.
- 3.2.7. The proposed consultation set out in this Statement is only seeking views on the Proposed Development. Further components of the wider HyNet Project, including a hydrogen pipeline and hydrogen production facility, are being or have already been consulted on separately.

### **3.3. WHO WILL BE CONSULTED**

- 3.3.1. It will be critical to consult with local community groups within the vicinity of the Proposed Development, including local residents, businesses, those that have asked to be kept updated about the Proposed Development and other community interest groups. Other groups that may be affected include those that are harder-to-reach or seldom-heard groups which require particular focus and proactive engagement during the consultation process. This includes

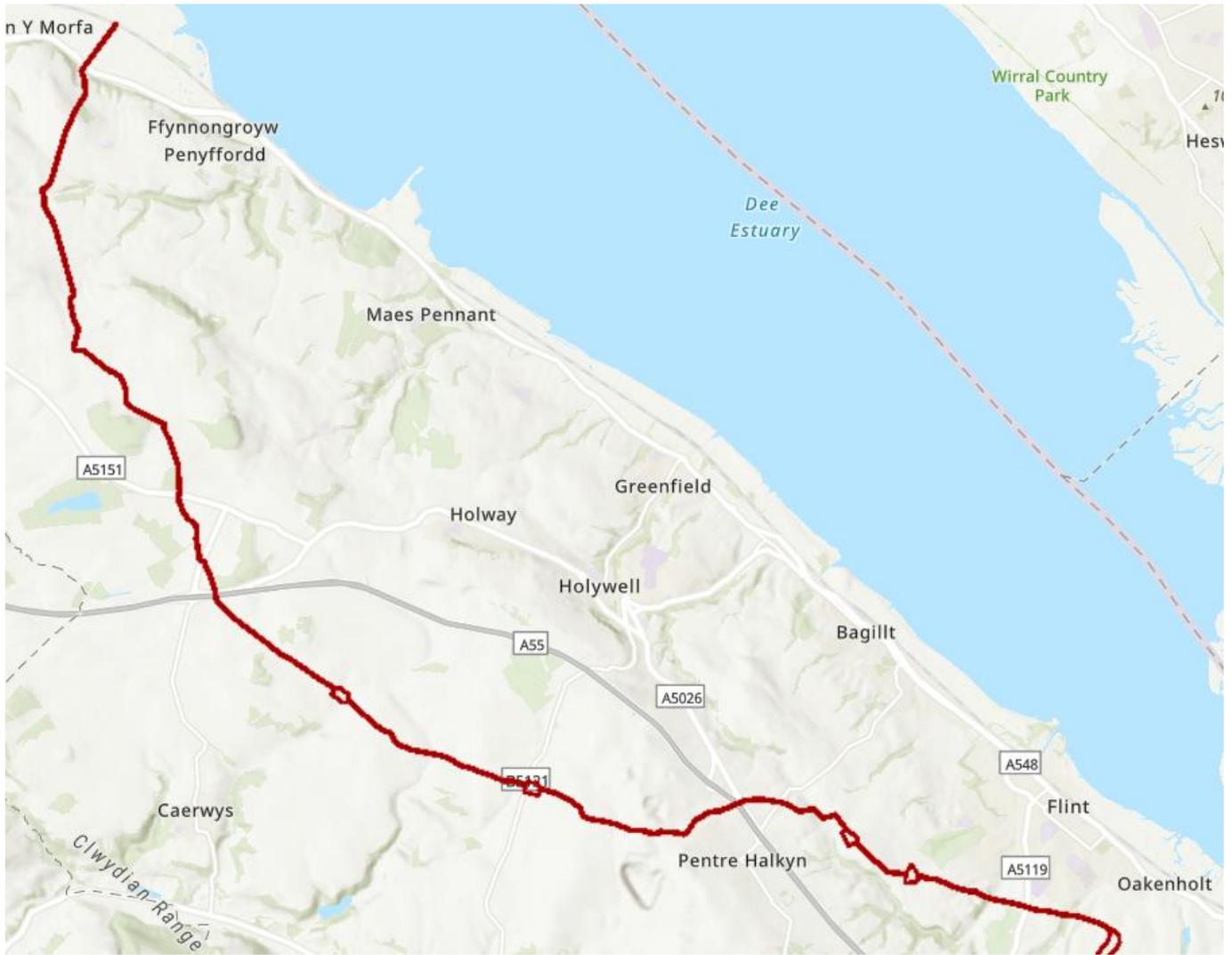
young people (aged 25 or under). The community consultation carried out pursuant to this Statement will be part of a wider simultaneous consultation of those with land interests affected by the Proposed Development, statutory and other stakeholders and national publicity.

### **CONSULTATION ZONE**

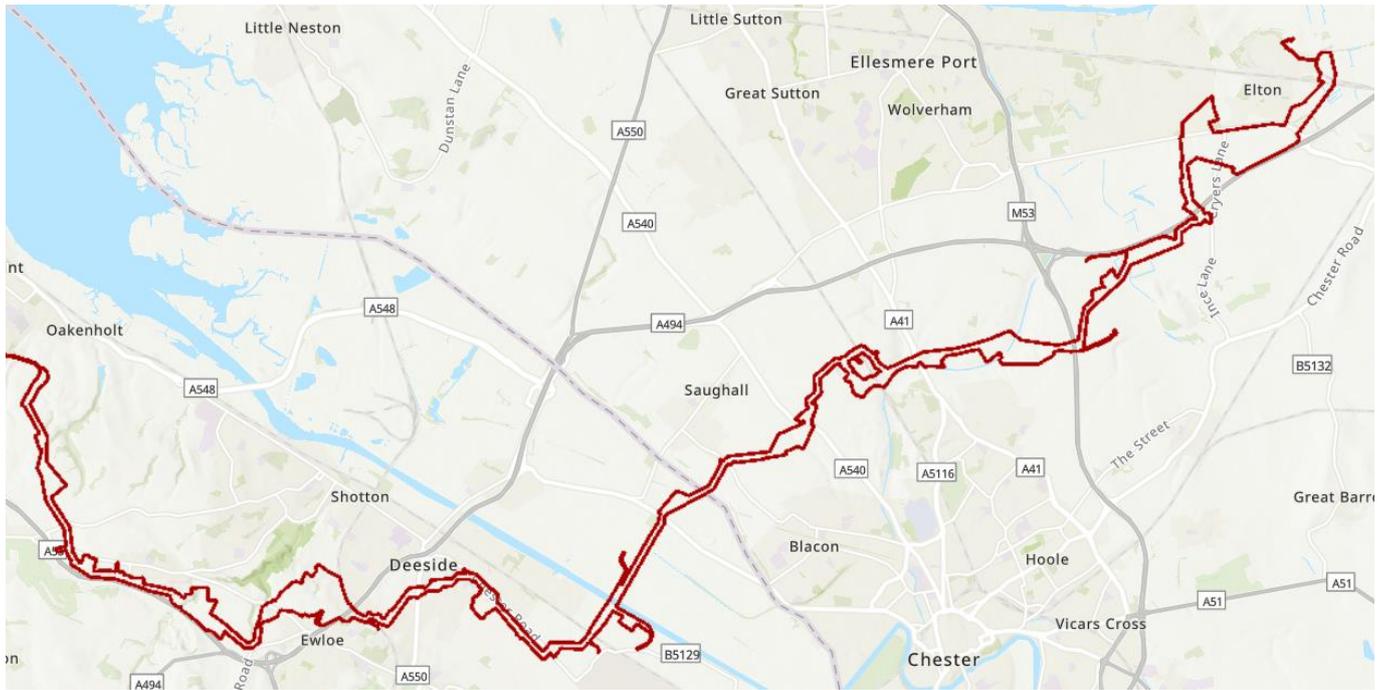
- 3.3.2. Figure 2 below shows the Order Limits for the Proposed Development. Figure 3 shows the order limits for the existing pipeline, to be repurposed. Figure 4 shows the order limits for the proposed pipeline.



**Figure 2 - Order limits for the DCO Proposed Development**

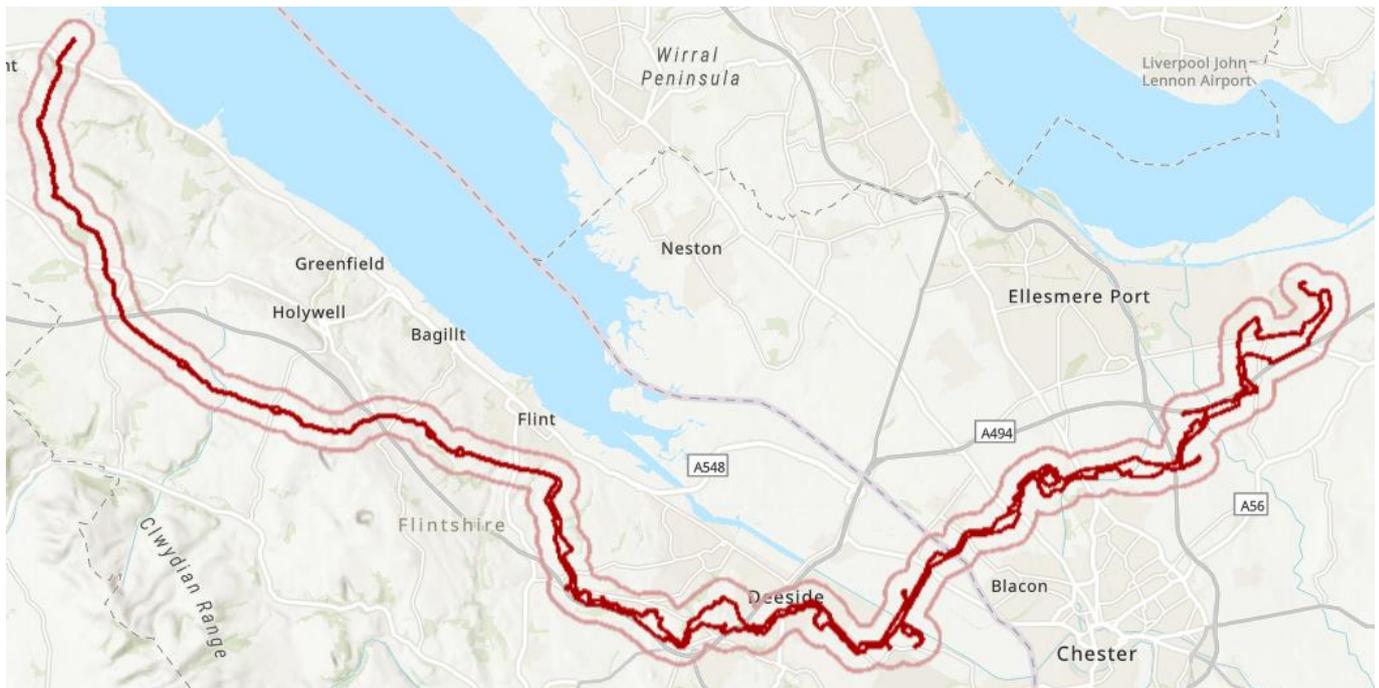


**Figure 3 - Order Limits for existing pipeline**



**Figure 4 - Order Limits for proposed physical works for new pipeline**

- 3.3.3. Figure 5 below highlights the area that constitutes the local community around the Proposed Development, and which we refer to as the ‘consultation zone’. This is based on a 500m buffer zone around the draft Order Limits.
- 3.3.4. The 500m buffer zone has been chosen following analysis of the response to the non-statutory consultation. We noted that the concerns raised mostly related to the immediate vicinity of the pipeline, from people who had property on, or adjacent to, the route. This zone has been expanded from the areas consulted on during the non-statutory consultation to include all areas that will be subject to powers sought through the DCO Application. The consultation will also be promoted outside the 500m consultation zone via the media and social media to capture wider community views.
- 3.3.5. This consultation zone will be the basis for promotional and other consultation activities, which are discussed in more detail in Section 3.4 and 3.5.



**Figure 5 - 500m consultation zone**

**ACCESSIBILITY AND HARD-TO-REACH GROUPS**

- 3.3.6. The Applicant will also consult with local community groups, community representatives and wider interest groups who will have an interest in the Proposed Development.
- 3.3.7. It will be particularly important to provide opportunities for participation in the consultation for all people with a potential interest in the Proposed Development. This includes traditionally ‘hard to reach’ or excluded demographic groups who may require special consideration when planning consultation activities.
- 3.3.8. In the vicinity of the Proposed Development, hard to reach groups of particular relevance are:
  - Time-poor people – 70.3% of Flintshire ward residents and 76.4% of Cheshire West and Chester ward residents are in employment according to the 2011 Census. It will be important to provide opportunities to participate in the consultation both inside and outside of normal working hours, as well as providing a combination of online and in-person opportunities (where possible, having regard to COVID-19 restrictions) for people to participate at their convenience.
  - Older people and people with disabilities – Ensuring that digital platforms and materials are accessible to all audiences. If COVID-19 restrictions allow, any in-person event (such as public exhibitions or deposit points) venues will be close to local residents, with adequate means of access and suitable opening hours.

Consultees will also be able to request hard copies of the consultation information or in alternative formats, including large text.

- People whose first language is not English or Welsh - consultees will also be able to request copies of the consultation information (including the brochure and PEIR Non-Technical Summary, but not the full PEIR) in other languages.
- As the Proposed Development is situated in both England and Wales, the brochure, PEIR Non-Technical Summary and feedback forms will be available in both English and Welsh. Welsh translators will also be available for specific in-person events and online webinars.
- Young people, aged 25 or under, who may be more likely to see the plans on social media or to find out about them through their school or college.

3.3.9. A full list of the community groups to be consulted can be found in Appendix A. These groups have been identified through desktop research, in liaison with local authorities, and from feedback received as part of the non-statutory consultation.

## **3.4. CONSULTATION PROMOTION**

### **NEWSPAPER ADVERTS**

3.4.1. In accordance with the relevant legal requirements, the Applicant will publicise a section 47 and section 48 notices in the following local newspapers, with one notice appearing in each newspaper:

- Flintshire Leader
- Chester Standard
- The Chester Chronicle
- Daily Post

3.4.2. The section 47 and section 48 notices will include details on how people can engage and participate in the consultation, the web address of the project engagement portal ([hynethub.co.uk](http://hynethub.co.uk)) and contact details for the Applicant in the event of questions or queries.

3.4.3. The adverts will be published before the start of the statutory period of public consultation.

3.4.4. The Applicant will undertake further promotional activities to ensure that the consultation reaches as many people as possible. These activities will include distribution of publicity materials, social media and emails / letters to community groups identified. These activities are described below.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF POSTCARD**

3.4.5. An information postcard will be distributed to every residential and business address within 500m of the draft Order Limits containing:

- A brief description of what is proposed
- Ways in which recipients can get involved in the consultation, including by viewing the Proposed Development information and submitting feedback online and with a paper form
- The URL of the project website
- Contact details for the project team
- Dates and times of events (online and in-person, where possible) and how to join them
- Deadline for responses.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

- 3.4.6. Existing HyNet North West social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn) will be used to generate interest and participation in the consultation. Communications will provide bitesize factual information on the Proposed Development, making clear how people can participate in the consultation.

## **3.5. CONSULTATION MATERIALS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **HYNET HUB**

- 3.5.1. The main portal for the consultation will be the established engagement portal: <https://hynethub.co.uk/>. This portal will be the initial port-of-call for most community members and other interested parties. It will host a suite of information to cater to different interests and levels of detail. The portal is also accessible from the main HyNet website ([www.hynet.co.uk](http://www.hynet.co.uk)).
- 3.5.2. The portal has information on all aspects of the Project including, the net zero target, carbon capture and storage and hydrogen. A consultation on a HyNet hydrogen pipeline is also being held in January-March 2022. Further consultations could be held on other components of the wider HyNet Project in the future.
- 3.5.3. The portal will also be the main platform for people to provide their feedback, and to sign up to participate in the online events.

### **BROCHURE, BOARDS AND FEEDBACK FORM**

- 3.5.4. A suite of consultation materials will be available for people to view and inform themselves around the Proposed Development. These materials will include:
- A brochure outlining background information on the Proposed Development, details of what is proposed and ways to submit feedback
  - Exhibition boards which provide further information on specific elements of the Proposed Development, including background information on the wider HyNet North West Project, the planning process and construction considerations

- The PEIR
- A Non-Technical Summary of the information included in the PEIR
- This SoCC
- Factsheets
- A feedback questionnaire.

- 3.5.5. All materials will be available online to view and download. Hard copies and alternative formats of the materials will also be made available to people upon request. Details on how to request hard copies or alternative formats will be made clear on the website and on the publicity postcard which will be issued to all addresses within the consultation zone.
- 3.5.6. Copies of the brochure, questionnaire and Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR will be provided free of charge on request. A full hard copy of the PEIR will also be available on request for a cost of £200.
- 3.5.7. Copies of the brochure will be sent to schools and colleges within, or just outside, the consultation zone.
- 3.5.8. Three online presentations will be held over the course of the consultation period. These will be held via Zoom, providing communities an opportunity to hear more about the Proposed Development and discuss their views directly with members of the project team.
- 3.5.9. Subject to COVID-19 restrictions in place at time of consultation, seven face-to-face exhibition events will be held. The exhibitions will include materials for members of the public to view information on the Proposed Development. Members of the project team will be available to answer any questions.
- 3.5.10. Should these dates have to change, or should face-to-face events have to be replaced with online events due to Covid, the Applicant will advise Chester West and Chester, and Flintshire councils and publish new dates on the [hynethub.co.uk](http://hynethub.co.uk) website.
- 3.5.11. The details of the face-to-face and online events are:

| <b>Date</b>              | <b>Location</b>  | <b>Time</b> |
|--------------------------|--|-------------|
| Tuesday 15 February 2022 | Llanasa Village Hall, Llanasa, Holywell, CH8 9NF       | 2-4pm       |
| Tuesday 15 February 2022 | Talacre Community Centre, Gamfa Wen, Talacre, CH8 9RT  | 5-7pm       |
| Monday 28 February 2022  | Vernon Institute, 62 Hermitage Road, Saughall, CH1 6EN | 3-7pm       |
| Saturday 5 March 2022    | Quay Building, Fron Road, Connah's Quay CH5 4PJ        | 11am - 1pm  |

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| Saturday 5 March 2022     | Northop Village Hall, High Street, Northop, CH7 6BQ                         | 2-4pm       |
| Saturday 5 March 2022     | Queensferry War Memorial Institute, Chester Road West, Queensferry, CH5 1SA | 5-7pm       |
| Wednesday 9 March 2022    | Ellesmere Port Civic Hall, Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0AZ              | 3-7pm       |
| Saturday 19 February 2022 | Online presentation - book [REDACTED]                                       | 1-2pm       |
| Thursday 24 February 2022 | Online presentation - book [REDACTED]                                       | 6-7pm       |
| Friday 11 March 2022      | Online presentation - book [REDACTED]                                       | 11am - 12pm |

3.5.12. All appropriate COVID-19 precautions will be taken and relevant Government guidance at the time of consultation will be followed.

3.5.13. In the event of needing to cancel the face-to-face events due to COVID-19 restrictions, one additional online event will be held for each cancelled face-to-face event. These changes will be publicised using social media, community group updates and an updated postcard to be distributed across the consultation zone.

### DEPOSIT POINTS

3.5.14. Throughout the consultation period, hard copies of the brochure and PEIR Non-Technical Summary will be available for inspection at deposit points. All documents will be available online. This will be subject to COVID-19 restrictions at time of consultation.

3.5.15. The deposit points will be:

| Venue and address   | Opening times  |
|---|--|
| <b>Ellesmere Port Library</b><br>Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BG<br>0151 337 4684 | Monday 9am-7pm, Tuesday 9am-5pm, Wednesday 9am-5pm,<br>Thursday 9am-7pm, Friday 9am-7pm, Saturday 9am-1pm,<br>Sunday Closed                    |
| <b>Flint Library</b><br>Church Street, Flint, CH6 5AP<br>01352 703737                 | Monday 9:30am-5pm, Tuesday 9:30am-7pm, Wednesday<br>9:30am-5pm, Thursday 9:30am-7pm, Friday 9:30am-5pm,<br>Saturday 9:30am-12pm, Sunday Closed |

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| <p><b>Prestatyn Library</b><br/>21 King's Avenue, Prestatyn, LL19 9AA<br/>01745 854841</p>                   | <p>Monday 9.30am-6pm, Tuesday 9.30am-5pm, Wednesday 9.30am-1pm; Thursday 9.30am-5pm, Friday 9.30am-5pm, Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm, Sunday Closed</p> |
| <p><b>Chester Library at Storyhouse</b><br/>Hunter Street, Chester, CH1 2AR<br/>01244 409113, option two</p> | <p>Monday - Saturday 8.30am-7pm, Sunday 9.30am-6pm.</p>  |

- 3.5.16. In the event of needing to cancel the use of deposit points due to COVID-19 restrictions, materials will remain available online. Hard copies of the brochure and PEIR Non-Technical Summary will also be made available upon request, regardless of the COVID-19 situation. Details on how to request hard copies will be made clear on the postcard that is distributed across the consultation zone.

## 3.6. OBTAINING FEEDBACK

### HOW PEOPLE CAN RESPOND TO THE CONSULTATION

- 3.6.1. An online feedback form will be available for people to provide their comments and views on the Proposed Development. This will be the main tool for capturing consultation feedback. Alternatively, people will be able to provide feedback by email at [info@hynet.co.uk](mailto:info@hynet.co.uk), or by mail using Freepost HYPNET NORTH WEST.
- 3.6.2. The deadline for providing consultation feedback will be 11.59pm on Tuesday 22 March 2022.

### MANAGING CONSULTATION DATA

- 3.6.3. All feedback received as part of the consultation will be securely stored in line with the Data Protection Act 2018. The data will only be used to help understand views regarding the Proposed Development. The data will not be used for any other purposes. The data will be collated and analysed to help in the reporting of consultation feedback. The Applicant does not, and will not, sell personal information.
- 3.6.4. The details of people and organisations providing responses and a copy of any response may be passed on to the Planning Inspectorate where they request that information to assist in assessing whether our pre-application consultation is sufficient and in line with the planning process. Any person responding should assume that the substance of any response to consultation provided will be shared with the Planning Inspectorate, and, under redaction of personal details, will be included in an appendix to the consultation report and will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's website.

- 3.6.5. Responses to the consultation will be collated and analysed. All responses received will be carefully considered and will feed into developing the Proposed Development further. This feedback will be analysed alongside any and all responses received as part of other consultation activities held in line with the PA2008 and feedback received from key stakeholders and regulators.
- 3.6.6. An explanation of how regard has been had to comments received, and where practicable, how they have shaped and influenced the Proposed Development will be reported in a Consultation Report which will accompany the DCO Application as required by the PA2008.
- 3.6.7. The Consultation Report will include a summary of the consultation process undertaken in accordance with this document, the feedback received and how it has influenced the Proposed Development.
- 3.6.8. The statutory consultation is not the last chance for the community to comment on the proposal. Once we have submitted the DCO Application, there will be opportunities to submit written comments on the application documents, and to participate in the Examination by the Examining Authority. These will be well-publicised at the appropriate time in accordance with the requirements of the PA 2008.

## APPENDIX A

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We propose consulting the following non-statutory key stakeholders as part of the consultation. These are in addition to the statutory consultees.

- Cheshire and Warrington LEP
- British Trust for Ornithology
- rECOrd – Biodiversity Information Centre for Cheshire, Halton, Warrington and Wirral
- Cheshire and Wirral Ornithological Society
- Merseyside BioBank
- Greater Manchester Local Record Centre
- Cofnod – North Wales Environmental Information Service
- North Wales Economic Ambition Board
- North West Hydrogen Alliance
- North West Business Leadership Team
- Friends of the Earth
- Greenpeace UK
- Chester Sustainability Forum
- The Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales (CPRW)
- Campaign to Protect Rural England
- National Farmers Union (NFU)
- National Farmers Union Wales
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- British Trust for Ornithology
- Country Landowners Association (CLA)
- Chester BID
- Sealand Road BID
- Avenue Services
- Extinction Rebellion
- North Wales Mersey Dee Business Council
- Cadw

- Welsh Language Commissioner
- Local MPs and MSs
- North Wales Wildlife Trust
- Cheshire Wildlife Trust

We will be consulting with the following community groups:

- Five Villages Chronicle
- Flint and District Lions Club
- Flint Local History Society
- Flintshire Community Walks
- Flintshire Countryside Service (Wepre Park Visitor Centre)
- Flintshire Historical Society
- Flintshire Local Voluntary Council (FLVC)
- Friends of Wepre Park
- Chester Zoo
- Old Oaks golf course
- Mere Lane Fishery
- Foregolf
- The big shoot - Clay pigeon experience
- Greenacres animal park
- Hawarden & Ewloe Community Woodland
- Northop Hall Cricket & Hockey Club
- Northop Golf Club
- Highfield Hall - wedding venue north wales
- Northop cricket club
- Leadbrook hall shooting ground
- Deeside Naturalists' Society Field Studies Centre
- OYO Mountain Park Hotel
- Flint golf club
- CEMEX Halkyn Quarry
- Wilder ways Bushcraft North Wales
- Misty Waters Caravan and Chalet Park
- Pen-y-glol caravan park

- Caerwys & District Clay Target Club
- Gyrn Estate Carp Fisheries
- Gyrn Castle
- British Horse Society
- Clwyd Badger Group
- Clwyd Bat Group
- Council for British Archaeology (Wales)
- Dee Wildflowers and Wetlands
- Fields in trust Cymru
- Halkyn Graziers Association
- Halkyn Common Joint Consultative Board
- National Gypsy Council
- Ramblers Association
- RSPB Cymru
- Sustrans
- Tenant Farmers Association
- Ynyshir Farm Campsite
- Emlyn's Coppice - Luxury Glamping
- Tree Tops Caravan Park North Wales
- Lyons Mounds Holiday Home Park
- Dee Estuary - Point of Ayr
- Point of Ayr Caravan Park
- Talacre Beach Caravan Park
- Hilton Park
- Chester Residents Association Group

# D2

## Letter to Local Authorities

### HyNet North West



**From:** Corless, Natalie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 November 2021 10:47  
**To:** CHARNLEY, Robert [REDACTED]; GREENWOOD, Ben [REDACTED]; Hannah Parish <[REDACTED]>; Gary Nancarrow [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Roberts, Iain [REDACTED]; Peter, Lara [REDACTED]; Greslow, Mike [REDACTED]; Andrew Russell [REDACTED]; Trevor Croft [REDACTED]; Percival Cerys [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** HyNet SoCC for LPA comment

Morning all

I've attached the HyNet Statement of Community Consultation for your review and comment. We are particularly keen to get CWACC and FCC views on:

- Our approach to getting to hard-to-reach groups
- The number and locations of deposit points and face-to-face events
- The newspaper titles we are proposing to advertise in

I'm happy to set up calls to talk through any of your comments if that would be helpful. I'd be grateful if you're able to return comments back to us by **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**.

The stakeholder team will also be sending this SoCC to the Chief Execs at each authority.

Any queries please let me know

Thanks  
Natalie

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**Scott, Kirsty**

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**From:** Roberts, Iain  
**Sent:** 10 February 2022 15:17  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Corless, Natalie  
**Subject:** HyNet North West carbon dioxide pipeline statutory consultation notification

Hi Ben,

Please find linked the documents for the HyNet North West carbon dioxide pipeline statutory consultation. Let me know if you have any problems accessing anything.

[REDACTED]

The PEIR, NTS and brochure are also available on the HyNet hub website [REDACTED]

Best wishes,

Iain

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Iain



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## Scott, Kirsty

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**From:** Roberts, Iain  
**Sent:** 08 February 2022 15:14  
**To:** Hannah Parish  
**Cc:** Corless, Natalie  
**Subject:** HyNet consultation docs

Hi Hannah,

Please find our consultation docs here:  

PEIR Volume I contains the NTS.

Best wishes,

Iain



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# D3

## Meeting minutes from SoCC meeting

### HyNet North West



## AGENDA & MEETING NOTES

|                        |  |                     |                  |
|------------------------|--|---------------------|------------------|
| <b>PROJECT NUMBER</b>  | 70070865   | <b>MEETING DATE</b> | 02 November 2021 |
| <b>PROJECT NAME</b>    | HyNet NW Co2 Pipeline                              | <b>VENUE</b>        | Teams            |
| <b>CLIENT</b>          | Progressive Energy Limited                         | <b>RECORDED BY</b>  | NC/LP            |
| <b>MEETING SUBJECT</b> | LPA meeting with Cheshire West and Chester Council |                     |                  |

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|------------------------|---|
| <b>PRESENT</b>         | Rob Charnley (RC), Trevor Croft (TC), Cerys Percival (CP), Natalie Corless (NC), Lara Peter (LP)  |
| <b>APOLOGIES</b>       | Mike Greslow (MG), Ben Greenwood (BG), Andrew Russell (AR)  |
| <b>DISTRIBUTION</b>    | As above plus: Sarah Falconer, Dan Patterson, Declan Franklin, Georgie Kleinschmidt, Iain Roberts |
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| ITEM     | SUBJECT  | ACTION                        | DUE   |
|----------|--|-------------------------------|---|
|          | <b><i>DCO Application</i></b>  |                               |   |
| <b>1</b> | <p>DCO Actions from previous meeting</p> <p>NC ran through the CWACC actions from the previous meeting, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NC to circulate updated Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) once drafted</li> <li>NC to include BG and HP in circulation of noise and vibration meeting minutes – actioned</li> <li>NC to circulate draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) once drafted</li> <li>NC to circulate Non-statutory consultation report – actioned</li> <li>NC to forward on minerals allocation query -actioned</li> <li>NC to circulate EIA methodology note on cumulative assessment</li> </ul> | <p>NC</p> <p>NC</p> <p>NC</p> | <p>Once drafted</p> <p>Once drafted</p> <p>Once drafted</p> |
| <b>2</b> | <p>Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NC explained that Design Freeze 2 took place in October, 'fixing' the red line boundary for the scheme</li> <li>Statutory consultation is now due to start in early February 2022 for 6-week period. This has moved slightly from previous date in mid-January.</li> </ul>   |                               |   |



## MEETING NOTES

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|  | <p>and that we'll try to avoid where we can. LP advised that with DCO applications, PINS can redact details themselves and this is usually in relation to identifying the location of a badger sett or information which includes personal data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TC confirmed that HyNet North West has been selected in 'Track 1' of the BEIS industrial cluster sequencing process to begin decarbonising industry from 2025, alongside the East Coast cluster. TC advised that this means HyNet will enter into negotiations with government to progress the various elements of the project.</li></ul> |  |  |
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## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8 December 3 – 4pm

## AGENDA & MEETING NOTES

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| <b>PROJECT NUMBER</b>  | 70070865                               | <b>MEETING DATE</b> | 03 November 2021 |
| <b>PROJECT NAME</b>    | HyNet NW Co2 Pipeline                  | <b>VENUE</b>        | Teams            |
| <b>CLIENT</b>          | Progressive Energy Limited             | <b>RECORDED BY</b>  | HD               |
| <b>MEETING SUBJECT</b> | Meeting with Flintshire County Council |                     |                  |

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|------------------------|--|
| <b>PRESENT</b>         | Gary Nancarrow (GN), Hannah Parish (HP), Trevor Croft (TC), Cerys Percival (CP), Natalie Corless (NC), Andrew Russell (AR), Lara Peter (LP), Harry Dent (HD) |
| <b>APOLOGIES</b>       | Rob Charnley, Ben Greenwood, Mike Greslow  |
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| ITEM | SUBJECT  | ACTION                                   | DUE |
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|      | <b><i>DCO Application (CWACC and FCC)</i></b>  |  |     |
| 1    | <p>DCO Actions from previous meeting</p> <p>NC ran through the actions from the previous meeting, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NC asked for an update regarding the Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) with Flintshire County Council (FCC). HP explained that there is no issue from legal. GN explained that it had been given to the Chief Officer and will either get the sign off or be presented at full Cabinet on 16/11/21.</li> <li>2. NC explained that the Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) for FCC and CWACC are being drafted and will be circulated for comments when complete.</li> <li>3. NC explained that the Noise and Vibration meeting notes have been circulated to BG and HP.</li> <li>4. NC explained that the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) had been circulated on 03/11/21 and would look forward to any comments from the LPAs.</li> <li>5. NC explained that the Non-Statutory Consultation Report has been circulated publicly.</li> <li>6. HP explained that the Lane Ends application was pulled at the last-minute so that extra information regarding the Agricultural Land Classification could be submitted to account for an objection by Welsh Government which has been maintained. It will be decided at the next planning committee on 24/11/21, with the officer's report available the week before.</li> </ol> | <p>GN</p> <p>NC</p> <p>FCC</p> <p>NC</p> |     |

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|   | <p>7. Minerals allocation query - NC explained that this has been actioned with CWACC.</p> <p>8. NC explained that the EIA methodology note is being reviewed and will be sent out when ready.</p>  |                               |  |
| 2 | <p>Design update</p> <p>NC explained that the Design Freeze 2 took place in October, 'fixing' the red line boundary for the scheme.</p>   |                               |  |
| 3 | <p>Programme</p> <p>NC explained that statutory consultation is now due to start in early February 2022 for 6-week period. This has moved slightly from previous date in mid-January.</p> <p>NC explained that the draft SoCC has been issued for LPA review and comment. NC suggested that separate call could be set up with each LPA to discuss their comments on the SoCC during the consultation period.</p> <p>HP explained that the FCC communications team will take a look at the SoCC and if they have any comments this will be relayed back and if needed a meeting could be organised.</p> <p>NC asked for the contact details for the AONB Conservation Boards and the Internal Drainage Boards as part of gathering the S42 Consultees. HP will send the contact details of both and flag any other S42 consultees who may have been missed.</p> <p>NC explained that there was a hybrid approach to the consultation which is set out in the SOCC. This includes both online and face-to-face meetings.</p> | <p>NC</p> <p>HP</p> <p>HP</p> |  |
| 4 | <p>Planning &amp; environment update</p> <p>NC explained that the meeting with the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) is scheduled for early December to give an update on the scheme.</p> <p>NC explained that the draft SoCG is being updated and aiming to review and circulate shortly.</p> <p>NC explained that the briefing note to Flintshire LDP Planning Inspector on Ewloe housing allocation was issued this week. HP thanked team for the note.</p> <p>NC stated that a briefing note for the EIA methodology for the DCO cumulative assessment will be sent to LPA's along with a GIS shapefile of the cumulative study area.</p> <p>NC updated that the Ecology lead is aiming to get a combined meeting with both councils, Natural England and NRW to discuss current progress.</p>   | <p>NC</p> <p>NC</p>           |  |

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|   | <p>NC explained that work on the PEIR is being progressed for statutory consultation and team will advise if any council meetings are required with as much notice as possible.</p> <p>NC asked if there was a contact in the council on Agricultural Land Assessments as PINS raised a point that needs to be discussed. HP explained that a Welsh Government contact deals with this for FCC and HP will send the contact details of that contact.</p>   | HP |  |
| 5 | <p>Summary of TCPA items to follow</p> <p>NC suggested a one final date for LPA meetings this year instead of two given their proximity. HP advised that she could meet on 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021. NC will send out the invite in due course.</p>  | NC |  |
|   | <b><i>TCPA Application (FCC)</i></b>   |    |  |
| 1 | <p>TCPA Actions from previous meeting</p> <p>1. AR explained that the meeting to review content of application &amp; drawing pack has been delayed due to delays with the Point of Ayr (PoA) terminal design.</p> <p>2: AR explained that NRW will be briefed on the EIA strategy note.</p> <p>3. AR explained that the FCC EPO had reviewed the proposals and methodology in relation to noise and vibration, no further comments.</p>  |    |  |
| 2 | <p>Planning &amp; environment update</p> <p>AR explained that the approach of twin-tracking the Block Valve Stations (BVS) in the DCO application and TCPA application was used to manage risk as PINS may not accept the BVS under a DCO application as Associated Development is not available in Wales. In which case, the TCPA application would consent the development.</p> <p>However, the DCO will provide for the CPO of land required for the BVS even if PINS do not accept the BVS as Associated Development. This means, however, that if PINS reject the BVS as Associated Development, a TCPA consent would have to be in place by the time of the DCO Examination for the land required for the BVS to be considered for Compulsory Purchase.</p> <p>The TCPA applications for the BVS and PoA Terminal Works would happen together. However, AR explained that the engineering design work for the PoA Terminal Works has been delayed, with the BVS design remaining on schedule.</p> <p>This delay means that the TCPA applications may need to be 'de-coupled' so that consent can be in place by the time of the DCO examination, so that the CPO of the required land can be decided by the Examining Authority.</p> |    |  |

**This ‘de-coupled’ approach would leave a decision to be made regarding the Environmental Statement/EIA for the BVS TCPA application.**

AR explained that the BVS are low-impact developments. AR also explained that there are three options that they would be looking for FCC opinion on before taking it further.

Option 1: Use the DCO ES to accompany the standalone BVS application

- Need to wait for the DCO ES to be completed.
- Issues with timescales, particularly if BVS exceeds 1ha i.e. Major development.
- Large ES for relatively minor element of development.

Option 2: Provide a standalone ES for the BVS

- Helps to manage programme issues.
- Would result in 3 ESs (New Build, BVS and PoA Terminal).
- NRW not happy about having three ES’s.
- Potential need to re-scope.

Option 3: Screen BVS as Non-EIA and provide supporting environmental reports (**Preferred Approach**)

- Best opportunity to manage programme risks.
- Simple / easier to understand application.
- Legal advice sought but this is the preferred approach.

AR explained that the EIA regime isn’t being circumnavigated through this new approach nor is it the case that they are splitting up the scheme to get around ‘significant effects’.

AR explained that the BVS are located away from the other above ground works of the scheme and therefore they are unlikely to have significant effects due to a lack of cumulative effects.

AR also explained that the BVS are being included in the main DCO ES and therefore their environmental effects will still be taken into account.

AR explained that the main issue which arises from the new approach is that of stakeholder engagement and the need to keep everyone well-informed and explain the process clearly.

AR also explained that we need to avoid delays at committee so that the programme delays which have caused the need for this new approach do not arise anyway because of a lack of understanding through poor communication.

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|   | <p>AR explained that he is happy to chat separately on this.</p> <p>HP asked about the possibility for an <b>Option 4</b>, which could involve having separate TCPA applications for each BVS as each BVS would separately be less than 1ha.</p> <p>HP explained that she believes Option 1 is over-kill based on previous experience with TCPA scoping consultation.</p> <p>HP and GN will discuss this and provide a response.</p>  | HP/GN |  |
| 3 | <p>AOB</p> <p>TC explained that HyNet has been chosen as a track 1 project in the BEIS industrial cluster sequency competition which means they can enter conversations with Government about bringing the project forward.</p> <p>CP and TC explained that a MoU has been signed with the Mersey Dee Alliance.</p> <p>TC explained that MoU's have been signed with other companies as well as part of the wider HyNet project.</p> <p>AR explained the importance of the need to stick to the timetable due to the pressures from Government and other bodies who need to see this come forward.</p> <p>CP advised that the recent North West Business event received a very positive response with lots of interest.</p> |       |  |

### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8 December 3 -4pm

## MEETING NOTES

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|------------------------|--|---------------------|------------------|
| <b>PROJECT NUMBER</b>  | 70070865   | <b>MEETING DATE</b> | 08 December 2021 |
| <b>PROJECT NAME</b>    | HyNet NW Co2 Pipeline  | <b>VENUE</b>        | Teams            |
| <b>CLIENT</b>          | Progressive Energy Limited   | <b>RECORDED BY</b>  | HD               |
| <b>MEETING SUBJECT</b> | Joint meeting with Cheshire West and Chester Council and Flintshire County Council |                     |                  |

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|------------------------|---|
| <b>PRESENT</b>         | Ben Greenwood (BG), Gary Nancarrow (GN), Hannah Parish (HP), Trevor Croft (TC), Cerys Percival (CP), Natalie Corless (NC), Mike Greslow (MG), Lara Peter (LP), Harry Dent (HD), Andrew Russell (AR) |
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|          | <b><i>DCO Application (CWACC and FCC)</i></b>  |                        |     |
| <b>1</b> | <p><b>DCO Actions from previous meeting</b></p> <p>GN explained that the Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) is ready to go and he will send over. TC said that he will try to get it signed off by the Project Director at Progressive Energy before Christmas.</p> <p>The Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) will be circulated once it is drafted. It should be available for comment by the next meeting.</p> <p>NC thanked the LPAs for comments on the EIA methodology note and confirmed the receipt of the contact details requested/offered in the last meeting.</p>  | <p>GN/TC</p> <p>NC</p> |     |
| <b>2</b> | <p><b>Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)</b></p> <p>A 500-metre buffer around the extent of the new and existing pipeline has been used as the consultation boundary.</p> <p>The WSP Stakeholder Team are going through the LPA comments to the SoCC. The finalised SoCC will be released before statutory consultation.</p> <p>BG said that he will let WSP know of any hard-to-reach youth groups to be included within the SoCC.</p> <p>GN asked if a timeline of key events such as when statutory consultation will take place and when the DCO application will be submitted etc could be given to councillors on the route of the pipeline.</p> | BG                     |     |

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|   | <p>NC to share key programme milestones. GN said it looks like some councillors are coming on side.</p> <p>TC asked if the emergency services were included in statutory consultation as this had been questioned on a recent call with the Cheshire Resilience Forum. NC said that they will be consulted as a s42 consultee during statutory consultation.</p> <p>GN explained that North Wales Councils Regional Emergency Planning Service have a remit for disasters/major incidents for North Wales local authorities, including FCC. HP to share contact details. CP also said that she has contact details that she can pass on directly to the Stakeholder team.</p>  | NC    |  |
| 3 | <p><b>Planning &amp; environment update</b></p> <p>A meeting between the Applicant and Welsh Government (WG) planning team has taken place. WG were introduced to HyNet and informed of progress to date. They said that they were willing to offer a 'without-prejudice' opinion on the proposed consenting strategy. AR explained that WG agree in principle to the approach on whether to twin-track the DCO and TCPA in the strategy.</p> <p>WG noted several 'call in' requests from Welsh Councils in the North Wales region.</p> <p>A meeting also took place with the Applicant and the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). The discussion involved an update on the scheme, consenting strategy and statutory consultation. The Applicant is aiming to provide PINS with some draft DCO documents from late April 2022 onwards for comment. The next meeting with PINS will be after the statutory consultation in Spring 2022.</p> <p>The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) is being prepared for statutory consultation. <b>Note - The PEIR will be available for the LPA's to comment on at the start of the consultation period (9<sup>th</sup> February 2022) and not in January as indicated in the meeting, due to programme constraints.</b></p> <p>WSP Environment Team is reviewing the feedback from CWACC on the Cumulative Impact Assessment. FCC are to provide comments by 15 December 2021. Noted this is dependent on the GIS shapefile on the wider boundary which will be sent to the LPAs when it is available.</p> <p>WSP Land &amp; Soils Team have contacted the LPAs regarding mineral resources and Green Infrastructure assessment.</p> <p>A meeting has taken place on the approach to aquatic surveys on the River Dee with Natural Resource Wales (NRW) and Natural England. Memo of the proposed approach issued &amp; awaiting comments.</p> | HP/CP |  |
| 4 | <b>Programme</b>   | HP/NC |  |



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|          | <p>cuts through a large area impacted by potential works. HP to send out a note.</p> <p>GN noted that some residents had concerns over how their data will be used relating to the LIQ requests. NC said the LIQ cover letter has text on GDPR and that WSP will follow all GDPR requirements.</p> <p>BG asked when the PEIR will be given to councils for comment as they need to plan resources, particularly if there are any dates ahead of statutory consultation. As noted above the PEIR will be available for review and comments at the start of statutory consultation in February. NC to check with environment team if any meetings required ahead of statutory consultation.</p> <p>NC to send the LIQ and cover letter to BG and RC</p>   | <p>HP</p> <p>NC</p> <p>NC</p> |  |
|          | <b><i>TCPA Application (FCC)</i></b>  |                               |  |
| <b>1</b> | <p><b>TCPA Actions from previous meeting</b></p> <p>FCC validation requirements and EIA strategy note actions ongoing</p> <p>AR and HP have had a separate call to discuss the TCPA application.</p>  |                               |  |
| <b>2</b> | <p><b>Planning &amp; environment update</b></p> <p>The Applicant is working with the legal team and speaking with WG regarding the consenting strategy. The contacts being spoken to in WG are Lewis Thomas (Head of Consents) and Richard Griffiths (Energy Lead).</p> <p>It is currently the approach to twin-track the Block Valve Stations (BVS) in both the DCO and TCPA applications to limit uncertainty.</p> <p>However, there is still a potential for the BVS to be removed from the TCPA application. AR would like to confirm as soon as possible, either way.</p> <p>GN said that there are varying consenting routes if needs be. AR noted this.</p> <p>ENI are undertaking an engineering review and will decide if they will submit an outline or detailed application for the Point of Ayr. GN said that a detailed application would be preferable. AR said this was relayed to the engineers. Should have more design information in mid-January and AR could aim to meet with HP and GN to review then.</p> <p>The pre-application consultation on the TCPA application will be late spring 2022 and the application will be submitted in Q2 2022 (same time as DCO application).</p> |                               |  |
| <b>3</b> | <p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Land Information Questionnaires (LIQs) – discussed above</p>   |                               |  |

## MEETING NOTES

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|  | GN will send the Cabinet report and signed PPA to TC and NC so that can enter into an agreement. | GN |  |
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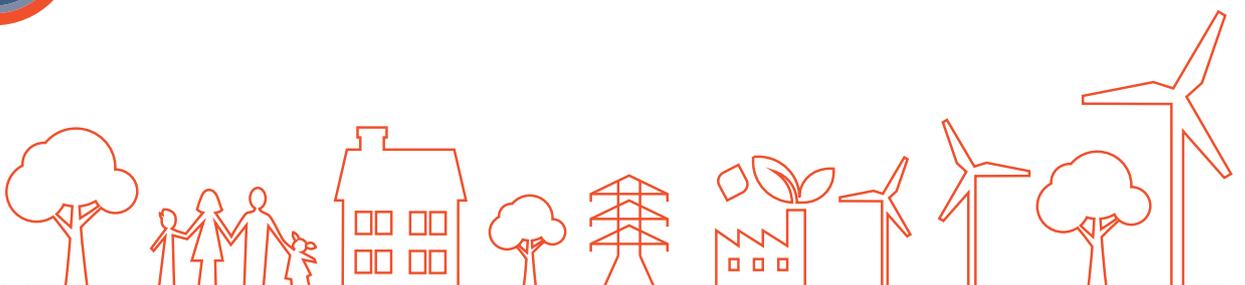
## NEXT MEETING

NC to send out the meeting invites for 2022.

# D4

## Feedback from Local Authorities on SoCC

### HyNet North West



## Scott, Kirsty

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**From:** GREENWOOD, Ben <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 25 November 2021 09:24  
**To:** Corless, Natalie  
**Cc:** CHARNLEY, Robert; Hannah Parish; Gary Nancarrow; Peter, Lara; Roberts, Iain; Greslow, Mike; Andrew Russell; Trevor Croft; Percival Cerys  
**Subject:** RE: HyNet SoCC for LPA comment

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hi Natalie,

Further to your request for the review and comment of your draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), I can advise that the Council is in general agreement with the content and proposed consultation approach within the draft SoCC.

I can also provide some comment / advise on the following points:

**3.3 – Who Will be Consulted** - In addition to those groups identified in Appendix A it is also recommend that the following groups be considered:

- Chester BID and Sealand Road BID.
- Avenue Services
- Chester Residents Association Group to the list [REDACTED]

**3.3.6 – Hard to Reach Groups** - The general approach to providing accessibility to-hard-to-reach groups is welcomed. It is however recommended that in addition to the identified groups that consideration should also be given to reaching young persons, including schools od collages etc.

**3.4.1 – Newspaper Adverts** – the identified newspapers for adverts would be considered acceptable.

**3.4.5 – Distribution Postcard** –It is recommended that the information Postcard include a non-electronic response option.

**3.5.10 – In Person Events** - The proposed in person events in Ellesmere port Civic Hall and Saughall Vernon Institute are welcomed.

**3.5.14 – Deposit Points** - In addition to the identified deposit sites in Ellesmere Port library it is recommended that due to the proximity of the pipe line to the north of Chester a deposit point is also included in Chester.

Please let me know if you require any further feedback or clarification.

Regards

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**From:** Corless, Natalie [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 03 November 2021 10:47

**To:** CHARNLEY, Robert [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** HyNet SoCC for LPA comment

Morning all

I've attached the HyNet Statement of Community Consultation for your review and comment. We are particularly keen to get CWACC and FCC views on:

- Our approach to getting to hard-to-reach groups
- The number and locations of deposit points and face-to-face events
- The newspaper titles we are proposing to advertise in

I'm happy to set up calls to talk through any of your comments if that would be helpful. I'd be grateful if you're able to return comments back to us by **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**.

The stakeholder team will also be sending this SoCC to the Chief Execs at each authority.

Any queries please let me know

Thanks

Natalie



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## Scott, Kirsty

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**From:** Roberts, Iain  
**Sent:** 20 December 2021 15:29  
**To:** Hannah Parish  
**Cc:** Corless, Natalie  
**Subject:** RE: HyNet SoCC for LPA comment

Hi Hannah,

Many thanks for your feedback on our SoCC earlier this month. I have a couple of queries:

1. You suggested a number of additions for our stakeholder contacts, all of which we're very happy to include. However, we've not been able to find contact information for the following and I wondered if you could help:
  - Dee Wildflowers and Wetlands
  - Fields in trust Cymru (I have the main FiT, but not Cymru)
  - Halkyn Graziers Association
  - Halkyn Common Joint Consultative Board
2. You asked us to increase the number of consultation venues to better cover the whole length of the line. We are proposing the following (Covid-permitting) and I wanted to check that you are happy with this approach.

We originally proposed two venues. We are now proposing to increase that to five, holding an exhibition for 2-3 hours in each location:

- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February: Llanasa in the afternoon, then Talacre in the evening.
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Northop, Queensferry and Connah's Quay

Thanks,

Iain

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**From:** Hannah Parish [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** 07 December 2021 13:21

**To:** Corless, Natalie [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: HyNet SoCC for LPA comment

Natalie,

### **Re: HyNet – Consultation on the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HyNet's draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). I have the following comments and suggestions which I hope you find of use to finalise the HyNet SoCC, and also to assist with the community consultation and engagement for the HyNet Project.

Further to your request for the review and comment of your draft SoCC, I can advise that the Council is in general agreement with the content and proposed consultation approach within the draft SoCC.

I can also provide some comment /advice on the following points:

## 2.2 DCO Planning Process

It might be appropriate and helpful to provide a short paragraph in the consenting process section explaining the role of the Local Planning Authority in the DCO consenting process, and how this differs from the normal planning process to assist with residents engaging in the process and to avoid confusion.

## 3.3 Who will be Consulted

### 3.3.2 Consultation Zone

Your email of 18 November is noted with regards to the amended consultation zone which comprises a 500m buffer zone around the entirety of the draft Order limits which includes both the proposed new pipeline and the existing pipeline, and the Point of Ayr terminal. My initial thought was such that 500m was somewhat excessive around the existing pipeline as, with the exception of the BVS, there is no above ground work taking place. However, on reflection it would be precautionary to apply a 500m zone of consultation across the whole project for any avoidance of doubt and for consistency.

### 3.3.7 Accessibility and Hard to Reach Groups

#### Young people

Having consulted with Flintshire's Youth and Community Service Team, it is noted that social media will be used to promote the project which is welcomed. However it has been suggested that specific consultation material is produced, in addition to that already planned to engage specifically with young people. The team suggest that if you wish to have meaningful engagement with young people, the consultation material/documents and associated media should also be focused and targeted at young people, and the language used selected to engage with young people. Also, the use of different social media platforms may engage with different sectors of the community, for example, young people may tend to use tiktok as opposed to LinkedIn.

It is noted that it is difficult to advise in terms of content due to the specialist and technical information that is required to be included for this consultation. However, where possible child, youth/young people (CYP) friendly versions should be produced. It may be possible to produce a young person friendly brochure?

When Flintshire consult specifically with CYP we adhere to the National Participation Standards. These standards have been developed by young people and endorsed by WG and Children in Wales. Children in Wales may also provide further assistance in how best to engage with young people with regards to the project.

Please see link below



There are potential opportunities for collective engagement through local schools and colleges. I note you have suggested to produce a brochure for distribution to schools and colleges. As stated above, this could be modified to target young people specifically. Also, in addition to the brochure distribution, have you also considered a more active method of engagement?

There will be a number of relevant courses/qualifications such as engineering, environmental specialisms, planning that are offered in the colleges/universities in North Wales and Cheshire. These establishments could be approached to promote the project. I believe a more active method of engagement such as offering a presentation to a group of students who are studying a relevant course, or hosting a face-to-face event at one of the schools/colleges or youth centres along the route would be more effective than distributing a brochure. The course organisers may even suggest that the project could be used as a case study for the students to follow as part of their qualifications. It's noted that Chester University is part of the

HyNet North West Consortium so there may be opportunities to engage directly with students studying related courses at the University of Chester.

Students could follow the project as a case study, following the planning process, through to the construction phase (subject to consenting), through to the operational phase of the project.

Should you wish to follow this up, or get further information, I consulted Alison Thomas in the Flintshire's Youth and Community Service [REDACTED]

I understand the Engagement and Progression co-ordinator for Flintshire is [REDACTED] who may be able to assist you further. Also, I am aware of a Community Interest Company called 1125 C.I.C that works with vulnerable young people aged 11-25 in Flintshire who may be interested in engaging in the project. Lindsay Apsley can be contacted on [REDACTED]

### *3.3.8 Formats of consultation material*

It is noted that the proposed HyNet brochure, PEIR NTS and feedback forms are proposed to be available in Welsh which is welcomed. Will the SoCC be provided in Welsh? Are you proposing to provide a Welsh version of the HyNet website?

### *3.3.9 List of groups to be consulted*

In addition to those groups identified in Appendix A it is also recommend that the following groups be considered:

- British Horse Society
- Clwyd Badger Group
- Clwyd Bat Group
- Council for British Archaeology (Wales)
- Dee Wildflowers and Wetlands
- Fields in trust Cymru
- Halkyn Graziers Association
- Halkyn Common Joint Consultative Board
- National Gypsy Council
- Ramblers Association
- RSPB Cymru
- Sustrans
- Tenant Farmers Association

In addition to the non-statutory key stakeholders and the interest/community groups listed in Appendix A, I assume that the various ward members that would be affected by the consultation zone will be consulted directly, as will the Town and Community Councils within the consultation zone.

I note that Assembly Members are listed within Appendix A, however please note that these are now referred to as Members of the Senedd (MSs).

## **3.4 Consultation promotion**

### *3.4.1 The newspaper adverts*

FCC have only use the publications listed in para 3.4.1 when placing planning application notices. At present the Daily Post is the only publication used. Therefore, I can confirm that the newspapers identified in the draft SoCC for publicising a section 47 notice are considered appropriate and acceptable.

The previous section 3.3.8 references consultation material being available in Welsh. Will the section 47 notice be also published in Welsh?

I am sure that you are already aware that Section 48 of the Planning Act requires the notice to be published in a national newspaper and in the London Gazette but I thought it would be worth mentioning to you now, as this is not stated in the draft SoCC.

### *3.4.5 Postcard distribution*

It is noted that postcards will be distributed to businesses and residents within the consultation zone. It will be important to provide the ability for the consultation feedback questionnaire to be sent in paper format on request so that responses can be made in a non-electronic format.

### *3.4.6 Social Media*

As stated above different sectors of the community may have a preference in the social media platform that is used. Consideration should be taken in using alternative social media to engage with different sectors.

It is understood anecdotally that the website: [REDACTED] is very popular and well-read amongst Flintshire residents so it may be worth placing some information on this website or producing an article to be published on this website.

### *3.5.8 Online events*

It is noted that three dates are proposed for online consultation events. It is not clear from the draft SoCC if these are going to be drop-in style events or a more formal webinar presentation followed by Q&A starting at a specific time? If the later, is the start time and duration known, and could this be stated in the SoCC? If, the former, the duration of the virtual drop-in session should be stated in the SoCC.

### *3.5.10 In-person events*

Are the in-person events planned to be drop-in exhibition style events or more formal presentation/Q&A. This should be made clear in the SoCC. Is the start time and duration known? and could this be stated in the SoCC?

It is noted in 3.5.10 that only one face-to-face event is planned in Flintshire along the route of the new pipeline. Despite the additional event proposed in/near Talacre, as stated in your email of 18th November (which is noted and welcomed), it is considered that the number of in person events offered is inadequate given the long, linear nature of the proposed new pipeline, and the distance communities would need to travel to attend the planned events in Northop Hall and Talacre.

The new pipeline would travel through the communities of:- Flint, Northop, Northop Hall, Hawarden, Queensferry and Sealand. I would strongly recommend that the number and locations of the proposed 'in-person' events are reconsidered to be more inclusive to ensure that communities in Flint, Hawarden, Queensferry and Sealand are not precluded from attending an in-person event or disadvantaged in any way. I understand that there are community centres in Ewloe, Aston, Deeside and Mancot which would be appropriate locations given the proximity to the proposed pipeline and could be considered possible venues to host additional in-person events.

Given the rising number of Covid cases in North Wales and that Covid restrictions may well be in place next year when your consultation is planned, it may be appropriate to consider alternative consultation methods as opposed to face-to-face, in person formats such as a 'road show' roving style event which could be hosted in a public open space such as a car park (supermarket, high school, college, community centre, youth centre) in the community areas affected by the new pipeline. An open air event may encourage more residents to engage in the process as it would be Covid secure. However, I am aware that during the months of February and March the weather and daylight hours may presents constraints with hosting this type of consultation activity. However, this style of event should be considered to supplement the in-person traditional consultation events. This style of event may also attract the hard to reach groups who may not be inclined to attend a more traditional public meeting style event.

I am aware that the Awel y Môr offshore windfarm project used an exhibition vehicle which travelled around north wales to raise awareness of the project and engage with the community and was well received and accessible.

### *3.5.13 Deposit material*

I note that the material to be placed on deposit include the NTS of the PEIR and the project brochure. Consideration should be made to also provide paper copies of the consultation questionnaire alongside the NTS of the PEIR and project brochure. I seem to recall that the SoCC must also be available for public inspection in deposit locations too.

#### 3.5.14 Deposit Points

Consideration should be taken to offer additional deposit locations due to the linear nature of the project. I would advise that a deposit location should be provided near Talacre as this has not been suggested in the draft SoCC. Whilst Prestatyn Library is located in Denbighshire, it is closer to Talacre than Holywell Library. Therefore, Prestatyn Library should be considered as a deposit point for residents/businesses situated to the west side of the project.

Other library locations to consider in addition to Flint Library for deposit points are:- Holywell Library and Deeside Library. There are Flintshire Connects Centres which may be appropriate for a deposit point and should be considered as an alternative or, in addition to the suggested library deposit points. Flintshire Connects Centres are located in Holywell, Flint and Connah's Quay and should also be considered.

I would suggest that Mold Library is not necessary as a deposit location if the other libraries/Connects Centres nearer to the proposed route are to be used as deposit points.

Will the draft SoCC provide the addresses of the deposit locations? Also will it state when the consultation material will be available for viewing and the hours of opening of the deposit location? This information would be useful in the SoCC.

#### *Other consultation material/activities*

The use of a poster could be considered to be placed with deposit material, placed in various education establishments/libraries/connects centres.

I note that three online events are proposed in the form of a zoom webinar. In addition to the online webinars, it may be worth considering to host key stakeholder briefings with targeted stakeholders such as MPs, MSs, elected ward members and community/town councils.

Are you proposing to publish a newsletter to report on the progress of the project?

Are you considering to provide an online virtual exhibition on the HyNet Hub?

Have you considered publishing information about the project in a local community magazine?

Have you considered broadcasting something on local radio to promote the project and also the community engagement events?

#### 3.6 Obtaining Feedback

I note that in 3.6.1 it states that feedback can be provided by post which is welcomed as a method of providing feedback in a non-electronic format. However, will an individual be able to request a paper copy of the consultation questionnaire or will this have to be downloaded? As stated above, paper copies of the consultation questionnaire should also be placed in the deposit locations in addition to the project brochure, NTS of the PEIR and the SoCC.

I hope that the information assists. Please let me know if you require any further feedback or clarification.

Happy to discuss tomorrow if necessary.

Kind Regards/Cofion Cynnes

Hannah Parish

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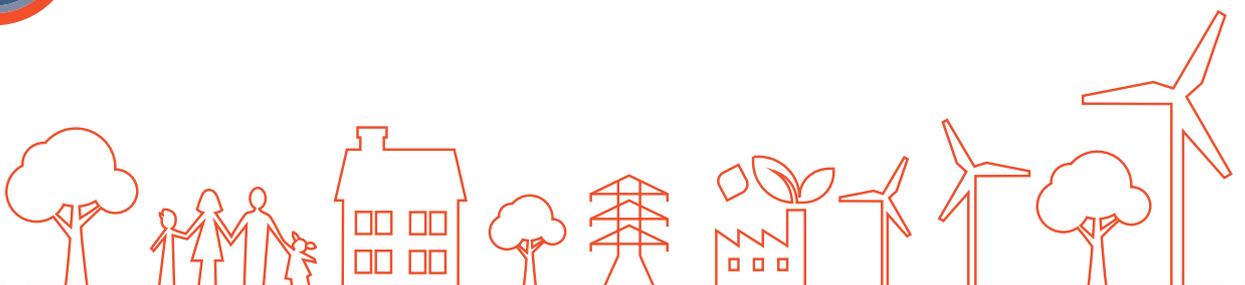
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# D5

## Formal SoCC Regard

# HyNet North West



| Summary of the comments received from local authorities on the draft SoCC   | How the Applicant had regard to those responses  |
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| <b>Cheshire West and Chester</b>  |  |
| <p>3.3 Who Will be Consulted - In addition to those groups identified in Appendix A it is also recommended that the following groups be considered:<br/>           Chester BID and Sealand Road BID.<br/>           Avenue Services<br/>           Chester Residents Association Group to the list - secretary@crag.uk</p>  | <p>These stakeholders have been included in the stakeholder list who were sent an email alerting them to the commencement of the consultation with the consultation brochure attached. A copy of this can be found in Appendix G2. They are included in the stakeholder list which can be found in appendix E4.</p>            |
| <p>3.3.6 – Hard to Reach Groups - The general approach to providing accessibility to hard-to-reach groups is welcomed. It is however recommended that in addition to the identified groups that consideration should also be given to reaching young persons, including schools od collages etc.</p>  | <p>The applicant reached out to a total of 15 schools along the route, a list of these schools can be found in Appendix E6. The email which was sent to the schools can be found in Appendix G3. This included offers to come to the school to provide lessons on the project and had the consultation brochures attached.</p> |
| <p>3.4.1 – Newspaper Adverts – the identified newspapers for adverts would be considered acceptable.</p>  | <p>The adverts were published as per the SoCC.</p>   |
| <p>3.4.5 – Distribution Postcard –It is recommended that the information Postcard include a non-electronic response option.</p>   | <p>The postcard had details of the phone number which the consultee could call to receive a hard copy of the response. The postcard also detailed the Freepost address consultees were able to write to and we could action their response accordingly. This postcard can be found in Appendix G9.</p>                         |
| <p>3.5.10 – In-Person Events - The proposed in-person events in Ellesmere port Civic Hall and Saughall Vernon Institute are welcome.</p>  | <p>The events were held at the Ellesmere Port Civic Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> March and Saughall Vernon Institute on 28<sup>th</sup> February.</p>  |
| <p>3.5.14 – Deposit Points - In addition to the identified deposit sites in Ellesmere Port library it is recommended that due to the proximity of the pipeline to the north of Chester a deposit point is also included in Chester.</p>   | <p>The applicant actioned this and included Chester Library at Storyhouse Hunter Street, Chester, CH1 2AR which has the following opening times.<br/>           Monday - Saturday 8.30am-7pm, Sunday 9.30am-6pm.<br/>           The materials were held at the deposit points throughout the duration of the consultation.</p> |
| <b>Flintshire County Council</b>  |  |
| <p>2.2 DCO Planning Process<br/>           It might be appropriate and helpful to provide a short paragraph in the consenting process section explaining the role of the Local Planning Authority in the DCO consenting process, and how this differs from the normal planning process to assist with residents engaging in the process and to avoid confusion.</p> | <p>The applicant included a page on the DCO planning in the consultation brochure. This was made easier to understand using a diagram. This process is also detailed in 2.2 of the SoCC.<br/>           The diagram can be found on page 16 of the consultation brochure which can be found in Appendix G10.</p>               |

### 3.3.2 Consultation Zone

Your email of 18 November is noted with regards to the amended consultation zone which comprises a 500m buffer zone around the entirety of the draft Order limits which includes both the proposed new pipeline and the existing pipeline, and the Point of Ayr terminal. My initial thought was such that 500m was somewhat excessive around the existing pipeline as, with the exception of the BVS, there is no above ground work taking place. However, on reflection it would be precautionary to apply a 500m zone of consultation across the whole project for any avoidance of doubt and for consistency.

The 500m consultation zone was retained and approximately 18,000 postcards were delivered to this area.

This map can be found in Appendix E5.

### 3.3.7 Accessibility and Hard to Reach Groups

#### Young people

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There are potential opportunities for collective engagement through local schools and colleges. I note you have suggested to produce a brochure for distribution to schools and colleges. As stated above, this could be modified to target young

The applicant appreciates your support of social media. The applicant used a range of social media accounts including Facebook and twitter.

The applicant reached out to a total of 15 schools along the route. The email which was sent to the schools can be found in appendix G3. This included offers to come to the school to provide lessons on the project and had the consultation brochures attached.

The applicant also developed an animation and video which was an easy to engage with way to gain the attention of younger people.

The applicant contacted Lindsay and Alison and speak to Chester University.

The applicant also attended 5 educational events list below:

- Green Industry Skills Fair – 09/06/2021
- Climate Change Careers – 11/11/2021
- STEM - Careers in Clean Energy (Cadent Foundation) – 13/01/2022
- IDRIC Policy Forum – 21/01/2022
- Careers Breakfast - Kings School Chester – 25/03/2022

These events were all held around the area of the route and all informed of the role of Hynet in the local area.

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| <p>people specifically. Also, in addition to the brochure distribution, have you also considered a more active method of engagement?</p> <p>There will be a number of relevant courses/qualifications such as engineering, environmental specialisms, planning that are offered in the colleges/universities in North Wales and Cheshire. These establishments could be approached to promote the project. I believe a more active method of engagement such as offering a presentation to a group of students who are studying a relevant course, or hosting a face-to-face event at one of the schools/colleges or youth centres along the route would be more effective than distributing a brochure. The course organisers may even suggest that the project could be used as a case study for the students to follow as part of their qualifications. It's noted that Chester University is part of the HyNet North West Consortium so there may be opportunities to engage directly with students studying related courses at the University of Chester.</p> <p>Students could follow the project as a case study, following the planning process, through to the construction phase (subject to consenting), through to the operational phase of the project.</p> <p>Should you wish to follow this up, or get further information, I consulted Alison Thomas in the Flintshire's Youth and Community Service Team: Alison.Jane.Thomas@flintshire.gov.uk</p> |   |
| <p>3.3.8 Formats of consultation material</p> <p>It is noted that the proposed HyNet brochure, PEIR NTS and feedback forms are proposed to be available in Welsh which is welcomed. Will the SoCC be provided in Welsh? Are you proposing to provide a Welsh version of the HyNet website?</p>  | <p>The applicant can confirm that the SOCC was available in both English and Welsh. Further languages were also available on request.</p> <p>Other documentation that was available in English and Welsh included the brochure and PIER NTS.</p>  |
| <p>3.3.9 List of groups to be consulted</p> <p>In addition to those groups identified in Appendix A it is also recommend that the following groups be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• British Horse Society</li> <li>• Clwyd Badger Group</li> <li>• Clwyd Bat Group</li> <li>• Council for British Archaeology (Wales)</li> <li>• Dee Wildflowers and Wetlands</li> <li>• Fields in trust Cymru</li> <li>• Halkyn Graziers Association</li> <li>• Halkyn Common Joint Consultative Board</li> <li>• National Gypsy Council</li> <li>• Ramblers Association</li> <li>• RSPB Cymru</li> <li>• Sustrans</li> <li>• Tenant Farmers Association</li> </ul>   | <p>These stakeholders have been included in the stakeholder list who were sent an email notification of the commencement of the consultation. A copy of this can be found in Appendix G2. They are included in the stakeholder list which can be found in Appendix E4.</p> <p>The ward member and town and community councils were consulted. They were sent an S42 letter on 7 February 2022 via email or post. This can be found in Appendix F1.</p> <p>We updated our documentation accordingly to refer to assembly members as Members of the Senedd.</p> |

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| <p>In addition to the non-statutory key stakeholders and the interest/community groups listed in Appendix A, I assume that the various ward members that would be affected by the consultation zone will be consulted directly, as will the Town and Community Councils within the consultation zone.</p> <p>I note that Assembly Members are listed within Appendix A, however please note that these are now referred to as Members of the Senedd (MSs).</p>  |   |
| <p>3.4.1 The newspaper adverts</p> <p>FCC have only use the publications listed if para 3.4.1 when placing planning application notices. At present the Daily Post is the only publication used. Therefore, I can confirm that the newspapers identified in the draft SoCC for publicising a section 47 notice are considered appropriate and acceptable.</p> <p>The previous section 3.3.8 references consultation material being available in Welsh. Will the section 47 notice be also published in Welsh?</p> <p>I am sure that you are already aware that Section 48 of the Planning Act requires the notice to be published in a national newspaper and in the London Gazette but I thought it would be worth mentioning to you now, as this is not stated in the draft SoCC.</p> | <p>The adverts were produced and published in both English and Welsh. A copy of this can be found in Appendix H.</p> <p>Section 48 was also published in the Guardian, The Flintshire Chronicle, The Leader and the London gazette. Section 48 notices can be found in Appendix H2.</p> |
| <p>3.4.5 Postcard distribution</p> <p>It is noted that postcards will be distributed to businesses and residents within the consultation zone. It will be important to provide the ability for the consultation feedback questionnaire to be sent in paper format on request so that responses can be made in a non-electronic format</p>   | <p>The postcard had details of the phone number which the consultee could call to receive a hard copy of the feedback form. The postcard also detailed the freepost address that consultee were welcome to write to and we could action their response accordingly.</p>                 |
| <p>3.4.6 Social Media</p> <p>As stated above different sectors of the community may have a preference in the social media platform that is used. Consideration should be taken in using alternative social media to engage with different sectors.</p> <p>It is understood anecdotally that the website: <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">██████████</span> is very popular and well-read amongst Flintshire residents so it may be worth placing some information on this website or producing an article to be published on this website.</p>   | <p>The Applicant used a range of social media including Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn. This is detailed in the social media plan which can be found in Appendix G6.</p>  |

### 3.5.8 Online events

It is noted that three dates are proposed for online consultation events. It is not clear from the draft SoCC if these are going to be drop-in style events or a more formal webinar presentation followed by Q&A starting at a specific time? If the later, is the start time and duration known, and could this be stated in the SoCC? If, the former, the duration of the virtual drop-in session should be stated in the SoCC.

The online sessions were detailed so consultees could register to attend. The start and end times were published on page 20 of the SoCC.

### 3.5.10 In-person events

Are the in-person events planned to be drop-in exhibition style events or more formal presentation/Q&A. This should be made clear in the SoCC. Is the start time and duration known? and could this be stated in the SoCC?

It is noted in 3.5.10 that only one face-to-face event is planned in Flintshire along the route of the new pipeline. Despite the additional event proposed in/near Talacre, as stated in your email of 18th November (which is noted and welcomed), it is considered that the number of in person events offered is inadequate given the long, linear nature of the proposed new pipeline, and the distance communities would need to travel to attend the planned events in Northop Hall and Talacre.

The new pipeline would travel through the communities of:- Flint, Northop, Northop Hall, Hawarden, Queensferry and Sealand. I would strongly recommend that the number and locations of the proposed 'in-person' events are reconsidered to be more inclusive to ensure that communities in Flint, Hawarden, Queensferry and Sealand are not precluded from attending an in-person event or disadvantaged in any way. I understand that there are community centres in Ewloe, Aston, Deeside and Mancot which would be appropriate locations given the proximity to the proposed pipeline and could be considered possible venues to host additional in-person events.

Given the rising number of Covid cases in North Wales and that Covid restrictions may well be in place next year when your consultation is planned, it may be appropriate to consider alternative consultation methods as opposed to face-to-face, in person formats such as a 'road show' roving style event which could be hosted in a public open space such as a car park (supermarket, high school, college, community centre, youth centre) in the community areas affected by the new pipeline. An open air event may encourage more residents to engage in the process as it would be Covid secure. However, I am aware that during

The exhibitions are drop-in sessions with the whole project team this allows consultees to come and go when they want to. Start and end times were included in the SoCC on page 20.

The Applicant offered a total of 7 different events in 7 different locations along the route. These were held at various times during the day to ensure there was chance for all people to attend.

These included events in Northop and Queensferry.

The Applicant also hosted 3 online consultations, this allowed for stakeholders who were concerned about COVID to attend without having to leave their house.

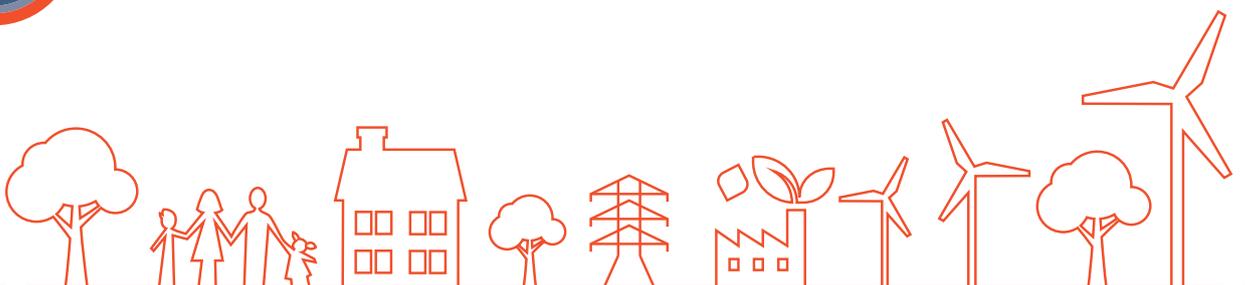
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| <p>the months of February and March the weather and daylight hours may presents constraints with hosting this type of consultation activity. However, this style of event should be considered to supplement the in-person traditional consultation events. This style of event may also attract the hard to reach groups who may not be inclined to attend a more traditional public meeting style event.</p> <p>I am aware that the Awel y Môr offshore windfarm project used an exhibition vehicle which travelled around north wales to raise awareness of the project and engage with the community and was well received and accessible.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>3.5.13 Deposit material</b><br/>I note that the material to be placed on deposit include the NTS of the PEIR and the project brochure. Consideration should be made to also provide paper copies of the consultation questionnaire alongside the NTS of the PEIR and project brochure. I seem to recall that the SoCC must also be available for public inspection in deposit locations too.</p>  | <p>Feedback forms were included with the group of materials that were left at the deposit points. See images of the deposit points in Appendix G5.</p>   |
| <p><b>3.5.14 Deposit Points</b><br/>Consideration should be taken to offer additional deposit locations due to the linear nature of the project. I would advise that a deposit location should be provided near Talacre as this has not been suggested in the draft SoCC. Whilst Prestatyn Library is located in Denbighshire, it is closer to Talacre than Holywell Library. Therefore, Prestatyn Library should be considered as a deposit point for residents/businesses situated to the west side of the project.</p> <p>Other library locations to consider in addition to Flint Library for deposit points are:- Holywell Library and Deeside Library. There are Flintshire Connects Centres which may be appropriate for a deposit point and should be considered as an alternative or, in addition to the suggested library deposit points. Flintshire Connects Centres are located in Holywell, Flint and Connah’s Quay and should also be considered.</p> <p>I would suggest that Mold Library is not necessary as a deposit location if the other libraries/Connects Centres nearer to the proposed route are to be used as deposit points.</p> <p>Will the draft SoCC provide the addresses of the deposit locations? Also will it state when the consultation material will be available for viewing and the hours of opening of the deposit location? This information would be useful in the SoCC.</p> | <p>The deposit point that the applicant used included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ellesmere Port Library</li> <li>• Flint</li> <li>• Prestatyn Library – as per suggestion from FCC</li> <li>• Chester Library at Storyhouse</li> </ul> <p>Mold library was not used as a deposit location as per FCC’s suggestion.</p> <p>The opening times of these libraries and their addresses were detailed in the SoCC on 3.3.15.</p> |

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| <p>Other consultation material/activities</p> <p>The use of a poster could be considered to be placed with deposit material, placed in various education establishments/libraries/connects centres.</p>   | <p>A poster was created to be used by the library to explain that the information is available there. These posters can be found in Appendix G4.</p>  |
| <p>I note that three online events are proposed in the form of a zoom webinar. In addition to the online webinars, it may be worth considering to host key stakeholder briefings with targeted stakeholders such as MPs, MSs, elected ward members and community/town councils.</p>   | <p>Meetings were held with the local authorities these are detailed in Appendix A3 and A4.</p>  |
| <p>Are you proposing to publish a newsletter to report on the progress of the project?</p>  | <p>Yes, the applicant will produce a newsletter to report on the future progress of the project.</p>  |
| <p>Have you considered publishing information about the project in a local community magazine?</p>  | <p>The applicant shared information with Parish/Community councils to include in local magazines if they felt it was helpful.</p>   |
| <p>Have you considered broadcasting something on local radio to promote the project and also the community engagement events?</p>   | <p>The applicant provided press releases to local radio stations.</p>   |
| <p>3.6 Obtaining Feedback</p> <p>I note that in 3.6.1 it states that feedback can be provided by post which is welcomed as a method of providing feedback in a non-electronic format. However, will an individual be able to request a paper copy of the consultation questionnaire or will this have to be downloaded? As stated above, paper copies of the consultation questionnaire should also be placed in the deposit locations in addition to the project brochure, NTS of the PEIR and the SoCC.</p>   | <p>Consultees were able to phone or write in to request a hard copy of the feedback form. These hard copies were also available at the deposit points and the in-person events. A copy of the feedback form can be found in Appendix G12.</p>       |
| <p>From the LPA meeting today – can we add Local Resilience Forum contacts to the stakeholder list please. For North Wales these should be as follows:</p> <p>Clive Jones, Regional Emergency Planning Officer, Regional Emergency Planning Service. Clive is Eni’s usual link from a Major Accident Hazards Pipeline perspective. In North Wales all the councils form part of this regional service.<br/> Tel - 07770 887198<br/> Email: <a href="mailto:clive.jones@nwc-reps.org.uk">clive.jones@nwc-reps.org.uk</a><br/> Ann Evans, Local Resilience Forum Co-ordinator - North Wales<br/> E-mail: <a href="mailto:nwrf@nwales-fireservice.org.uk">nwrf@nwales-fireservice.org.uk</a><br/> Office 01492 804834<br/> Mobile 07884 068032</p> <p>North Wales Emergency Planning Team contact is:- <a href="mailto:enquiries@nwc-reps.org.uk">enquiries@nwc-reps.org.uk</a> phone: 01352 702124<br/> More details can be found <a href="https://www.nwc-reps.org.uk/en/Home.aspx">https://www.nwc-reps.org.uk/en/Home.aspx</a></p> | <p>These stakeholders have been included in the stakeholder list who were sent the Section 42 letter via email or post. A copy of this can be found in Appendix F1. They are included in the stakeholder list which can be found in Appendix E1</p> |

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## SoCC Webpage Evidence

## HyNet North West



## Hynet website screenshots

Screenshot of consultation home page. Shown on the page are links to the PEIR, the PEIR Non-technical summary in both English and Welsh, Factsheets, the consultation brochure, and the Statement of Community Consultation in both English and Welsh.

Once the green box was clicked this opened the corresponding documents in a separate tab in the browser. This could be downloaded from the link as well.



### Key consultation documents

To help you further understand our plans for this project, and to inform your feedback, there are a number of additional consultation documents to supplement the brochure above:

#### PEIR

This document provides details on all of the potential impacts of the development of this project, and how these will be avoided, minimised or mitigated against.

[Preliminary Environmental Information Report \(PEIR\) - ZIP, 453MB](#)

#### Non-technical summary

This document provides a summary of the information that is in the more-detailed PEIR report

[Non-technical summary - PDF, 1.3MB](#)

[Crynodeb Annhechnegol - PDF, 1.3MB](#)

#### Factsheets

[Factsheet 1 \(CCS\) - PDF, 1.5MB](#)

[Factsheet 2 \(Hydrogen\) - PDF, 0.5MB](#)

[Factsheet 3 \(Hydro economy\) - PDF, 0.2MB](#)

[Factsheet 4 \(Consents\) - PDF, 1.1MB](#)

[Factsheet 5 \(Net Zero\) - PDF, 0.7MB](#)

[Factsheet 6 \(Needs case\) - PDF, 0.8MB](#)

#### Consultation brochure

This document outlines all of the information about our plans for the CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline. Including the background of the project and the need for this part of it, how it will be developed, and details on how you can provide your feedback.

[Consultation brochure - PDF, 14.1MB](#)

[Llyfryn ymgynghori - PDF, 12.2MB](#)

#### SoCC

This document sets out how we have planned to consult local people and communities on our plans, and how we have worked with the relevant local authorities on the best ways of doing so.

[Statement of community consultation \(SoCC\) - PDF, 1MB](#)

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