

Application for Development Consent for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects under the Planning Act 2008

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* required information

Application Form

Please read guidance documents relating to the submission of applications prior to completing this form including government guidance and the Planning Inspectorate's <u>Advice Note Six: Preparation and submission of application documents</u>.

* Do you have a reference number?

• Yes	⊖ No	
* Reference number	EN070007	
1. Applicant		?
* Organisation	Liverpool Bay CCS Limited	
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* City or town	London	
County or administrative area		
* Postcode	SW1W 8PZ	
* Country	United Kingdom	
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Fax number		
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2. Agent		?
* Are you an agent acting or	n behalf of the Applicant?	
• Yes	⊖ No	
* Organisation	WSP UK LTD	

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County or administrative area	
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* Country	United Kingdom
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Fax number	
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3. Fee	
* State the arrangement for	the application fee payment:
• BACS	C CHAPS C Cheque
* Please provide payment	EN070007

4. Confirming why the Planning Inspectorate should receive the application

reference details

* Brief statement to explain why this application is, or is to be treated as, a development for which development consent is required under the Planning Act 2008

The DCO Proposed Development will form part of the HyNet North West Project, ('the Project') which is a hydrogen supply and Carbon Capture and Storage ('CCS') project. The installation of this technology constitutes the wider ambition of the Project; a 20" underground pipeline is to be installed from Ince to Stanlow, the construction of a new 36" pipeline between Stanlow and Flint and the repurposing of an existing 24" natural gas pipeline to the Point of Ayr ('PoA') Terminal at Talacre.

The DCO Proposed Development is defined as an NSIP under Section 14(1)(g) and Section 21 of the PA 2008. With reference to section 21(1)(a), a cross-country pipeline is as defined in s235 of the PA 2008 as having: "the same meaning as in the Pipe-lines Act 1962 (c. 58) (see section 66 of that Act)". The Pipe Lines Act 1962 (PLA) s66(1) provides that a "Cross-country pipeline' means a 'pipe-line' whose length exceeds, or is intended to exceed, 16.093km'". The length of the pipeline in the DCO Proposed Development is approximately 36km, and as such is a 'cross-country pipeline' which exceeds the threshold.

5. Non-technical description of the Proposed Development

* Brief non-technical description of the Proposed Development

The DCO Application will seek consent for the construction, operation and maintenance of the following components which are part of the DCO Proposed Development, the respective work numbers have been included and the Draft DCO (document reference D.3.1) should be referred to accordingly:

Ince Above Ground Installation (AGI) to Stanlow AGI Pipeline- an approximate 4 km section of underground

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onshore pipeline (20" in diameter) with capacity of up to 2.5 MtCO2/yr at a pressure of approximately 38 barg to transport CO2 (Work Numbers 4, 5, 6, 7);

Stanlow AGI to Flint AGI Pipeline – an approximate 32 km section of underground onshore pipeline (36" in diameter) with a capacity of up to 10 MtCO2/yr at a pressure of approximately 35 barg) to transport CO2 (Work Numbers. 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 47);

Flint AGI to Flint Connection Pipeline – an approximate 400m section of underground onshore tie-in pipe (24" in diameter) with a capacity of up to 4.5 MtCO2/yr at a pressure of approximately 33 barg to transport CO2 (Work Number 50);

Flint Connection to Point of Ayr (PoA) Terminal Pipeline – an approximate 24 km section of existing underground onshore pipeline (24" in diameter) between Connah's Quay and PoA Terminal which currently transports natural gas but would be repurposed and reused to transport CO2. This section of the Connah's Quay to PoA Pipeline is referred to in the ES as the Flint Connection to PoA Terminal Pipeline. Construction along the Flint Connection to PoA Terminal Pipeline.

The Flint AGI to Flint Connection Pipeline (included within the scope of the ES) (Work Number 50),

The three Block Valve Stations (BVSs) via installation of small sections of Tie-In pipeline (included within the scope of the ES) (Work Numbers 51, 53, 55); and

The PoA Terminal (subject to approval of the TCPA Proposed Development so are not included within the scope of the ES but assessed in Chapter 19 of the ES (document reference: D.6.2.19)).

Four AGIs – Ince AGI (Work Number 1), Stanlow AGI (Work Number 9), Northop Hall AGI (Work Number 45), and Flint AGI (Work Number 48);

Six BVSs – located along:

- the Stanlow AGI to Flint AGI Pipeline (three in total, Work Numbers 20, 26, 36); and
- the Flint Connection to PoA Terminal Pipeline (three in total, Work Numbers 51, 53, 55)

6. Location or route of the Proposed Development

* Description of location of application site(s), or route of development (reference to appropriate plans)

The DCO Proposed Development is a linear scheme which falls within the administrative boundaries of Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWCC) and Flintshire County Council (FCC). Please see the Location Plan (D.2.1). In addition to this, please refer to the Land Plans (D.2.2) and the Works Plans (D.2.4). For ease of review, the DCO Proposed Development has been broken down into seven sections running from east to west, the sections are defined by public highways and are as follows:

Section 1 is located entirely within the Cheshire West and Chester local authority boundary, and spans three Parish Council boundaries (Ince, Elton and Thornton-le-Moors), predominately lying within the Elton Parish Council boundary. Section 1 includes the Ince AGI, located south west of the CF Fertiliser Plant off Marsh Lane, and the Stanlow AGI, located within the existing Stanlow Manufacturing Complex. Section 1 captures the entire Ince AGI to Stanlow AGI Pipeline and the start of the Stanlow AGI to Flint AGI Pipeline. Section 1 of the Newbuild Carbon Dioxide Pipeline is shown on D.6.4.3.2 – Sheet 2 (Volume IV)).

Section 2 is located entirely within the Cheshire West and Chester local authority boundary and spans four Parish Council boundaries (Thornton-le-Moors, Mickle Trafford & District, Wervin, and Backford). Section 2 includes a continuation of the Stanlow AGI to Flint AGI Pipeline and contains the Rock Bank BVS, located between the

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settlements of Chorlton and Caughall. Section 2 of the Newbuild Carbon Dioxide Pipeline is shown on Figure D.6.4.3.2 – Sheet 3 (Volume IV). It spans between the Stanlow AGI and the A41

Section 3 is located predominantly within the Cheshire West and Chester local authority boundary, but part of the Section is located within Flintshire. It spans five Parish Council and Community Council boundaries (Backford, Leaby-Backford, Mollington, Saughall and Shotwick Park, and Sealand). Section 3 includes the Mollington BVS to the west of the settlement of Mollington. Section 3 of the Newbuild Carbon Dioxide Pipeline is shown on Figure D.6.4.3.2 – Sheet 4 (Volume IV)). It spans between the A41 and A548 Sealand Road.

Section 4 is located entirely within the Flintshire local authority boundary, and spans three Community Council boundaries (Sealand, Queensferry, and Hawarden). Section 4 of the Newbuild Carbon Dioxide Pipeline is shown on Figure D.6.4.3.2 – Sheet 5 (Volume IV). It spans between the A548 Sealand Road and the A550 Gladstone Way.

Section 5 is located entirely within the Flintshire Local Authority boundary, and spans three Community Council boundaries (Hawarden, Northop Hall, and Northop). Section 5 includes the Aston Hill BVS and Northop Hall AGI. The Aston Hill BVS is located within the Harwarden Community Council between the settlements of Mancot and Ewloe. The Northop Hall AGI is within the Northop Hall Community Council to the north of the A55 between the settlements of Northop Hall and Northop. Section 5 of the Newbuild Carbon Dioxide Pipeline is shown on Figure D.6.4.3.2 – Sheet 6 (Volume IV)). It spans from the A550 Gladstone Way to the B5126 Connah's Quay Road. the B5126 Connah's Quay Road.

Section 6 is located entirely within the Flintshire local authority boundary and spans two Community Council boundaries (Northop and Flint). The Flint AGI is located within this Section, at the end of the Stanlow AGI to Flint AGI Pipeline and the start of the Flint AGI to Flint Connection Pipeline which is included in this Section. Section 6 of the Newbuild Carbon Dioxide Pipeline is shown on Figure D.6.4.3.2 – Sheet 7 (Volume IV)). It spans from the B5126 Connah's Quay Road to the Flint Connection, where the Newbuild Carbon Dioxide Pipeline connects to the existing Flint Connection to PoA Terminal Pipeline.

Section 7 is located entirely within the Flintshire Local Authority boundary and consists of the existing pipeline proposed for repurposing. It is proposed to construct three BVS along this route, Cornist Lane BVS, Babell BVS and Pentre Halkyn BVS.

The area defined within the Order Limits extends to approximately 500.83 ha, there is a total height of approximately 12m (total height of new above ground infrastructure).

* Is the site a single site or a linear site?

Start grid reference

* Easting	346901	
* Northing	376125	
Middle grid reference		
* Easting	336448	

368870

* Northing

End grid reference

* Easting	314902
* Northing	374635

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* Document reference	D.6.2.3 ES Volume 2 Description of the DCO Proposed Development	
	Add another reference	
7. Associated Developmen	t	?
* Associated Development is	included within this application:	
⊖ Yes	• No	_
8. a) Consultation Report		?
* Document reference	D.5.1 - Consultation Report	
	Add another reference	
8. b) Copies of newspaper	notices	?
* Document reference	D.5.1.8 Consultation Report Appendix H - Section 47 and section 48 notices and newspaper published notices	
	Add another reference	
9. Draft Development Cons	sent Order	?
* Document reference	D.3.1 - Draft Development Consent Order	
	Add another reference	
10. Explanatory Memorand	um	?
* Document reference	D.3.2 - Explanatory Memorandum	
	Add another reference]
11. Land Plan		?
* Document reference	D.2.2 - Land Plans	
	Add another reference	
12. Works Plan		?
* Document reference	D.2.4 - Works Plans	
	Add another reference	
13. Compulsory Acquisitio over land	n of land or an interest in land or right	?

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* Issues are relevant for this application:		
• Yes	O No	
Statement of reasons document reference	D.4.1 - Statement of Reasons	
	Add another reference	
Funding statement document reference	D.4.2 - Funding Statement	
	Add another reference	
Book of Reference document reference	D.4.3 - Book of Reference	
	Add another reference	
14. a) Environmental Impa	ct Assessment (EIA)	
* Environmental Statement	(ES) required:	
• Yes	O No	
* ES Document Reference	D.6.1 ES Volume 1: Non-Technical Summary D.6.2 ES Volume 2: Chapters D.6.3 ES Volume 3: Appendices D.6.4 ES Volume 4: Figures	
	Add another reference	
14. b) Screening Opinion/	Direction and Scoping Opinion/ Direction	
* Screening Opinion sought,	or direction received:	
⊖ Yes	• No	
* Scoping Opinion sought:		
• Yes	O No	
Document reference	D.6.3.1.2 - EIA Scoping Opinion	
Document reference	D.6.3.1.1 - EIA Scoping Report	
	Remove this reference	
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14. c) Publicity required un Planning (Environmental In where the transitional prov	der Regulation 13 of The Infrastructure npact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (or isions apply, Regulation 11 of The vironmental Impact Assessment)
In addition to publishing the r	notice, a copy of the notice was sent to:
* the consultation bodies	
X *Yes	
(Environmental Impact Asses	Applicant in accordance with Regulation 11(1)(c) of The Infrastructure Planning ssment) Regulations 2017 (or where the transitional provisions apply, Regulation 9(1)(c) g (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009):
• Yes	O No, not applicable
Habitats and Species Regu	The Regulation 63 of The Conservation of Iations 2017 and/ or Regulation 28 of the Iarine Habitats and Species Regulations site.
* Report required for this app	lication:
• Yes	⊖ No
* Document reference	D.6.5.6 - Habitats Regulations Assessment Report
	Add another reference
or non statutory sites or fea or landscape importance; h habitats or other diversity f Basin Management Plan - t	ving information, identifying any statutory atures of nature conservation, geological nabitats of protected species, important reatures; and water bodies in a River ogether with an assessment of any by the Proposed Development.
* Issues are relevant for this a	application:
• Yes	⊖ No
* Document reference	D.6.3.9.1 - Appendix 9.1 Habitats and Designated Sites Survey Report Figure 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4
* Document reference	D.2.13 Important Hedgerow Plan
	Remove this reference
	Add another reference
or non statutory sites or fea as scheduled monuments, other historic structures, a	ving information, identifying any statutory atures of the historic environment such World Heritage sites, listed buildings and rchaeological sites and registered an assessment of any effects likely to be evelopment

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* Issues are relevant for t	his application:	
Yes	O No	
* Document reference	D.6.4.8.1 Figure 8.1 Designated Heritage Assets	
* Document reference	D.6.4.8.2 Figure 8.2 Non-Designated Heritage Assets	
	Remove this reference	
* Document reference	D.6.4.8.3 Figure 8.3 Previous Investigations	
	Remove this reference	
* Document reference	D.6.3.8.1 Appendix 8.1 Historic Environmental Desk Based Assessment	
	Remove this reference	
* Document reference	D.6.3.8.2 Appendix 8.2: Gazeteer	
	Remove this reference	
	Add another reference	
18. Flood Risk Assessm	nent	?
* Flood Risk Assessment	required:	
• Yes	O No	
* Document reference	D.6.3.18.4 - ES Appendix 18-4 Flood Risk Assessment (England)	
* Document reference	D.6.3.18.5 - ES Appendix 18-5 Flood Consequences Assessment (Wales)	
	Remove this reference	
* Document reference	D.6.3.18.3 Appendix 18.3 Water Framework Directive Assessment	
	Remove this reference	
* Document reference	D.6.3.18.1 Appendix 18.1 Baseline Information	
	Remove this reference	

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	Add another reference	
19. Matters set out in section Environmental Protection	on 79(1) (statutory nuisances etc) of the ?	
* Statement required for this	application:	
• Yes	C No	
* Document reference	D.5.3 - Statutory Nuisance Statement	
	Add another reference	
20. A plan with any accomp Crown land	Danying information identifying any	
* Issues are relevant for this	application:	
• Yes	C No	
* Document reference	D.2.3 - Crown Land Plans	
	Add another reference	
	or altered means of access, stopping up s, extinguishments or creation or rights of igation	
* Issues are relevant for this	application:	
• Yes	O No	
* Document reference	D.2.5 - Access and Rights of Way Plans	
	Add another reference	
22. Additional information	for specific types of infrastructure ?	
	quired to be submitted in accordance with Regulation 6 of The Infrastructure Planning ms and Procedure) Regulations 2009:	
• Yes	C No	
* Provide a brief description		
Refer to Regulation 6 inform	ation below.	
* Document reference	D.1.5 - Section 55 Checklist	
	Add another reference	

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Regulation 6 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 requires additional information to be submitted with the following types of development.

- * Please check any of the following boxes that apply:
- Construction or extension of a non offshore generating station (Reg. 6 (1a))
- Construction or extension of an offshore generating station (Reg. 6 (1b))
- Highway related development (Reg. 6 (2) (part 1))
- Construction or alteration of a railway (Reg. 6 (2) (part 2))
- Construction or alteration of harbour facilities (Reg. 6 (3))
- \boxtimes Construction of a pipeline (Reg. 6 (4))
- Construction or alteration of a hazardous waste facility (Reg. 6 (5))
- Construction of a dam or reservoir (Reg. 6 (6))

Construction of a pipeline (Reg. 6 (4))

Enter details of the name of the proposed pipeline

* Name	HyNet Carbon Dioxide Pipeline
* Owner	Liverpool Bay CCS Limited
* Start point	346901, 376125
* End point	314902, 374635
* Length (in kilometres)	36km (Approximately)
* External diameter (in mm)	508mm (20"), 609mm (24"), 914mm (36")

* What will be conveyed by the proposed pipeline

Carbon Dioxide

* State whether the grant of any rights in land or consents to road or river crossing works are required:

• Yes O No

* Provide details of whether they can be obtained by agreement

Yes, rights in land and consents for road and river crossing works will be required. The Applicant is in ongoing negotiations to acquire rights from landowners and it is anticipated this will be on a voluntary basis. However Compulsory Acquisition will be applied if required and so that certainty can be provided for delivery.

23. Any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the proposal for which development consent is sought, and any other documents, reports or information to support the application

Provide a brief description of any other plans, drawings and sections that are being submitted with this application

Arrangement Plans - These providing additional detail of the above ground infrastructure (Block Valve Stations and Above Ground Installations).

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Special Category Land Pl	ans - Identifies Special Category Land located within the Order Limits
Document reference	D.2.7 - Block Valve Stations Location Plans
Document reference	D.2.8 - Block Valve Stations Elevations Plans
	Remove this reference
Document reference	D.2.9 - Block Valve Stations Planning Arrangement Plans
	Remove this reference
Document reference	D.2.10 - Above Ground Installations Location Plans
	Remove this reference
Document reference	D.2.11 - Above Ground Installations Elevation Plans
	Remove this reference
Document reference	D.2.12 - Above Ground Installations Planning Arrangement Plans
	Remove this reference
Document reference	D.2.6 Special Category Land Plans
	Remove this reference
Document reference	D.2.14 - BVS and AGI Landscape Layouts
	Remove this reference
	Add another reference
Provide a brief description	of any other documents considered necessary to support the application
Application Cover Letter:	This is the formal letter making the application to the Planning Inspectorate.
Application Guide - Navig	ation Document
	acker: Provides details about which version of an application document is the most up-to- when revisions to existing documents are made and new documents are submitted to the
Section 55 Checklist: sch Planning Act 2008.	edule of compliance which shows how the Applicant has complied with Section 55 of the

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Glossary - The Glossary provides an explanation of the technical terminology used in the application documents.			
Planning Statement - This document demonstrates how the DCO Proposed Development accords with relevant planning policy and legislation.			
Needs Case for the DCO Proposed Development - This document demonstrates the needs case for the DCO Proposed Development's role in enabling the Project and subsequently assisting the UK in meeting its legally binding target to be Net-Zero by 2050.			
Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC) - This document sets out the mitigation controls and other best practice measures identified in the ES and identifies the means by which those controls and measures will be secured. It provides a unique reference number for each item included in the Mitigation Schedule.			
Outline Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation - This document sets out good management practices and the overarching principles for Archaeological management associated with the DCO Proposed Development.			
Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan - This outline document is provided in respect of the anticipated routing and parking of construction vehicles, the loading and unloading of materials, as well as mitigation measures to safeguard the immediate highway and reduce the number of vehicles accessing the Site during the construction phase of the DCO Proposed Development.			
Outline Construction Environment Management Plan (OCEMP) - This document sets out good management practices and the overarching principles for environmental management associated with the DCO Proposed Development.			
Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (OLEMP) - This document sets out good management practices and the overarching principles for environmental management, to include landscape mitigation associated with the DCO Proposed Development.			
Biodiversity Net Gain Report - This document sets the delivery of Biodiversity Net Gain ('BNG') in relation to the impact of the DCO Proposed Development.			
Document reference	D.1.1 - Application Cover Letter		
Document reference	D.1.2 - Application Guide		
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Document reference	D.1.3 - Application Document Tracker		
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Document reference	D.1.5 - Section 55 Checklist		
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Document reference	D.1.7 - Glossary		
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	Environment Management Plan (OCEMP)
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Document reference	D.6.5.3 Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan
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Document reference	D.1.6 - Electronic Application Index
	Remove this reference
Document reference	D.5.4 Planning Statement
	Remove this reference
Document reference	D.5.5 Needs Case for DCO Proposed Development
	Remove this reference
Document reference	D.6.5.1 - Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC)
	Remove this reference
Document reference	D.6.5.2 - Outline Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation
	Remove this reference
Document reference	D.6.5.12 Biodiversity Net Gain Report
	Remove this reference
Document reference	D.6.5.10 Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (OLEMP)
	Remove this reference
	Add another reference
Provide a brief descriptio been explicitly required	n of any other information provided that is in support of the application, but which has not
Welsh Language Statem	ent - outlines how the Applicant will provide accessibility to the DCO application in Welsh.
Schedule of Negotiations are subject to compulsor	s with Land Interests - Sets out the latest position on discussions with land interests that v acquisition

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Document reference	D.5.6 Welsh Language Statement		
Document reference	D.4.1.1 Schedule of Negotiations with Land Interests Remove this reference		
	Add another reference		
24. Other consents/ licences required under other legislation ?			
* Other consents/ licences are required:			
• Yes	○ No		
* Provide a list of consents/licences			
Please refer to Other Consents and Licences (document reference D.5.2)			
You must cite the document references as appropriate			
* Document reference	D.5.2 - Other Consents and Licenses		
	Add another reference		
25. Declaration ?			
I declare to the best of my knowledge that the information given in this form and enclosed maps, plans and other documents are true. Please note there is a requirement for one hard copy of the form to be signed. Please ensure that when you submit you include at least one signed copy. Further copies do not require the hand written signature.			
Signature			
(For and on behalf of the Applicant)			
* Name	NATALIE CORLESS		
(In block letters)			
* Date	30 / 09 / 2022 dd mm yyyy		
* Organisation	WSP		
* Position within the organisation	DCO Lead		