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Dear Sirs

Proposal: Application by Liverpool Bay CCS Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the HyNet Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Project (“the Application”)

Canal & River Trust (the Trust) Submission for Deadline Three, (Unique Reference: HYCO-EIA071).

We wish to provide the Examining Authority (ExA) with an update on the Trust’s latest position in relation to the examination, with headings to identify the various elements in relation to Deadline Three (DL3), including update on the Trust’s draft Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with the applicant; on proposed Protective Provisions for the benefit of the Trust, and on progress made on negotiating an agreement in terms of the acquisition and/or use of Trust owned land. We also provide comments on Deadline 2 (DL2) matters relevant to the Trust.

Statement of Common Ground (SoCG)

The Trust and the applicant held a virtual meeting on Friday 19th May 2023 to discuss the draft Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) and progress made. We were able to agree further matters and make progress on matters which can be agreed. Several outstanding concerns can also be addressed by the Trust being consulted on the final Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP), as per Requirement 5 of the draft DCO. The Applicant has offered a commitment that the Trust will be consulted on the final CEMP in relation to the canal corridor. The main outstanding matters within the SoCG are linked to the protective provisions for the Canal & River Trust and land rights and reaching agreement on these. It is understood that the applicant will be sharing an updated SoCG Rev B with the Canal & River Trust, as part of their DL3 submissions.

Protective Provisions for the Trust

As set out in our Deadline Two letter the Trust received a set of amended draft protective provisions for the Canal & River Trust on 27th April 2023. The Trust has reviewed these and can confirm that good progress has been made on these. The Trust provided the applicant with further clarification/edits/amendments on these protective provisions on 17th May 2023 in hope that agreement can soon be reached.

As set out previously, the Trust is keen to reach agreement on all matter as getting these protective provisions for the Trust agreed would go a long way to address our concerns/objection and save Examination time.

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Both the Trust and the applicant are keen to get this matter resolved and reach a voluntary agreement in relation to the land rights sought. The Trust remain hopefully that an agreement can be reached ahead of the Compulsory Acquisition Hearings, so that we might be able to save examination time.

Trusts' response to Deadline Two matters

The Trust have reviewed the various relevant DL2 submissions of the applicant which relate to the Trust's interests. On the basis of the positive ongoing discussions regarding protective provisions and a voluntary land rights agreement, the Trust has no specific comments to make on these at this stage.

Change Application Request

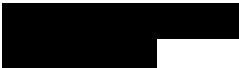
As set out in our DL2 letter, in relation to the applicants change request, we fully support change 14 in relation to the reduction of the Order limits to remove a section of the Shropshire Union Canal at Work No.18.

The Trust will update the ExA on the progress made in relation to the SoCG, protective provisions and other matters at each relevant deadline.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have in relation to the above matters.

Yours sincerely,

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