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STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared and agreed by (1) Liverpool Bay CCS Limited and (2) 2 Sisters Food Group (Amber Real Estate)

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

- 1.1.1. This draft Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared by Liverpool Bay CCS Limited ('the Applicant') and 2 Sisters Food Group and its associated landlord Amber Real Estate (together '2SFG').
- 1.1.2. For the purpose of this draft SoCG, the Applicant and 2SFG will jointly be referred to as the 'Parties'.
- 1.1.3. The purpose of this draft SoCG is to set out the agreement that has been reached between the Parties in respect of several matters related to the Development Consent Order (DCO) Proposed Development. It also lists open points on which discussions are still ongoing between the Parties. SoCGs are an established means in the DCO planning process of allowing all Parties to identify and focus on specific issues that may need to be addressed during the examination.
- 1.1.4. **Chapter 2** of this draft SoCG records the consultation undertaken with 2SFG by the Applicant. **Chapter 3** of this draft SoCG sets out the areas of agreement in relation to the above matters, and any areas of ongoing discussion between the Parties.

1.2. THE DCO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

- 1.2.1. HyNet (the Project) is an innovative low carbon hydrogen and carbon capture, transport and storage project that will unlock a low carbon economy for the North West of England and North Wales and put the region at the forefront of the UK's drive to Net-Zero. The detail of the project and the DCO Proposed Development can be found in the main DCO documentation. The DCO Proposed Development and this SoCG relate to the onshore CO₂ pipeline element of HyNet only. Other elements of HyNet are subject to separate consenting processes and are not addressed here.
- 1.2.2. The DCO Proposed Development impacts 2SFG primarily as a commercial enterprise within and adjacent to the Order Limits.
- 1.2.3. The Applicant has identified the following plots in which 2SFG hold an interest (please refer to examination document **[CR2-004]**):

16-01, 16-06, 16-06a, 16-07, 16-08, 16-09, 16-09a, 16-11, 16-11a

1.2.4. A full description of the DCO Proposed Development is detailed in Chapter 3 of the Environmental Statement (ES) **[APP-055].** On the 27 March 2023, the Applicant accepted Change Request 1, which includes '2023 ES Addendum Change Request 1' **[CR1-124 to 126]**, and ES Addendum Chapter 3 provides an update to the description of the DCO Proposed Development **[APP-055].** On

the 2 June 2023, the ExA accepted the Applicant's Change Request 2; subsequently the description of the development has been updated, to include Chapter 3 of the 2023 ES Addendum Change Request 2 [CR2-017].

1.3. TERMINOLOGY

1.3.1. In the Issues tables in **Chapter 3** of this draft SoCG, 'Agreed' and 'Not Agreed' indicates a final position, and 'Under Discussion' indicates where these points will be the subject of on-going discussion wherever possible to resolve or refine, the extent of disagreement between the Parties.

2. RECORD OF ENGAGEMENT

2.1.1. This chapter provides a summary of the engagement to date between the Applicant and 2SFG in relation to the DCO Proposed Development.

Date	Form of Correspondence	Key Topics Discussed and Key Outcomes
October 2022 –	Email correspondence between 2SFG and the	Key Topics
December 2022	Applicant	Various email correspondence relating to the Heads of Terms.
		Discussions and Outcomes
		The Applicant received a request for the Heads of Terms to be issued directly to at Boparan Private Office.
		The Applicant followed up on 12 December 2022 on the request of Amber Real Terms to Boparan Private Office.
		Various emails between the Applicant and Boparan Private Office requesting fee dates for a Teams meeting to further discuss any feedback.
12/12/2022	Teams meeting between 2SFG and the Applicant	Key Topics
		Teams meeting to discuss the Heads of Terms feedback.
		Discussions and Outcomes
		Discussion focussed on the installation of the pipeline, liability, environmental co impacts and costs as per the feedback received from Boparan Private Office on
		Storage Facility
		The Parties also discussed the vibration levels when the trenchless crossing over have sensitive machinery which could be impacted by excessive vibration levels
		The Applicant agreed to review the feedback and will continue to negotiate with
10/02/2023	Site visit by the Applicant	Key Topics
		Site visit to review the proposed access.
		Discussions and Outcomes
		The Applicant undertook a site visit further to feedback received from 2SFG to reunderstand the impact on the site where the fridge units are located.
March 2023 –	Email correspondence between 2SFG and the	Key Topics
April 2023	Applicant	Various email correspondence relating to the Heads of Terms.
		Discussions and Outcomes
		Various emails between Boparan Private Office and the Applicant, requesting up the site meeting in February 2023.
		The Applicant advised that the design is still under review.

Table 2.1 – Record of Engagement in relation to t	the Proposed Development
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Date	Form of Correspondence	Key Topics Discussed and Key Outcomes
		Various emails between the Applicant and 2SFG requesting dates for a Teams r technical teams to further discuss any feedback.
06/04/2023	Teams meeting between 2SFG and the Applicant	Key Topics
		Teams meeting to discuss the Heads of Terms feedback.
		Discussions and Outcomes
		Discussion focused on the installation of the pipeline, the vibration levels during impact the site's structural buildings and live bird produce, and use of the car pa
		Pipeline Construction
		 Discussion to be had with the Local Highways Authority when constructing potential temporary traffic light system to be put in place / road closure etc.
		Noise & Vibration
		 2SFG technical team had concerns regarding the impact of noise vibration the impact it might have on the site's structural integrity and the health imfacilities; The Applicant requested information on maximum vibration limits but note trenchless pipeline installation is low to negligible. The Applicant shall proconstruction methodology. The 2SFG technical team had concerns about citing previous incidents involving generators used overnight for cold stora. The Applicant acknowledges that 24-hour working has been applied for, t noise disruption on local residents is set out in the Environmental Statemer part of the DCO application. The Applicant notes that local residents have are unlikely to associate construction works with 2SFG plant operations. A relevant chapter (Chapter 15 – Noise and Vibration [APP-067]) of the 202
		Environmental
		 2SFG raised the issue of the high water-table within the Sandycroft area a in respect of the pipeline's construction. The Applicant advised that during ground investigation works, groundwater confidence that the groundwater levels will not impact on the deliverability
		Car Park Facilities
		 Regarding access and use of the car park for storage purposes, the site if the factory's 24/7 operations. 2SFG have few alternative car parking facility previously from local residents if their roads are used for parking. The Appalternative car parking would be sought in the event temporary possession. The lorry turning circle is still under review to be removed from the area removed from the area removed.

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e has a small car park which is used for cilities as there have been complaints applicant has provided assurances that sion of the 2SFG car park is required. a required under temporary possession.

Date	Form of Correspondence	Key Topics Discussed and Key Outcomes
		The Applicant has agreed to review the feedback and will continue to negotiate to be provided to 2SFG technical team to review the vibration impact.
05/05/2023	Site meeting between the Applicant and 2SFG site	Key Topics
	management	Access to working area via 2SFG Carpark.
		Discussions and Outcomes
		Applicant discussed the requirement for HGV access, offloading and turning are location on the North side of Chester Road.
		Applicant believes that the 'gravelled area' to the north west end of the carpark is HGVs, and a change request is being submitted to enable transit through the fer parallel to Chester Road and down to the working area. Requirement for site fer works agreed on site visit. There may be a requirement for the contractor to reparalcess The Applicant is to provide a banksman who will direct HGVs on and of
		• 2SFG believe that they can manage their parking requirements without us Applicant would therefore be able to share a managed access to a fenced applicant to use portable office on site if required by Applicant.
		The Applicant is to amend the proposed plans and provide to 2SFG for consider
12/06/23	Site meeting between the Applicant, 2SFG site management and Amber Real Estate	Key Topics
		Confirmation of points agreed at 05/05/23 meeting, with Amber Real Estate repr
		Discussion of requirement of 16-06a, 16-09a and 16-11a (land sections south of
		Discussions and Outcomes
		The Applicant will follow-up with updated Heads of Terms plans.
15/06/23	Email Correspondence between Amber Real Estate,	Key Topics
	2SFG and the Applicant	Heads of Terms for short term access issued to Amber Real Estate
		Discussions and Outcomes
		Further to the site meeting on 12/06/23 the Applicant issued Heads of Terms to a access agreement. Amber Real Estate requested clarification to a number of corresponded to. The Applicant has agreed to issue a further set of Heads of Terms pipeline.
16/06/23	Teams meeting between the Applicant, Amber Real	Key Topics
	Estate and 2SFG site team	Statement of Common Ground Rev B

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Date	Form of Correspondence	Key Topics Discussed and Key Outcomes
		Discussions and Outcomes
		A full review of the SoCG was undertaken by the Applicant, Amber Real Estate a been updated to reflect the progress made with a number of key points now bein

e and 2SFG site team. The SoCG has eing agreed upon.

3. ISSUES

- 3.1.1. This chapter sets out the areas of agreement in relation to specific issues relating to the DCO Proposed Development, and any areas of ongoing discussion between the Parties. The topics discussed between the Applicant and 2SFG (2SFG) are as follows:
 - Engagement, ES & Other Application documents;
 - Installation issues related to the 2 Sisters Site (Chester Road);
 - Liability Issues;
 - Environmental Issues;
 - Site/Storage Issues; and
 - Issues related to the Draft DCO.

Table 3.1 – Engagement, ES & Other Application Documents

Ref.	Description of Matter	Current Position	Status		
Engagement					
2SFG 3.1.1	2SFG 3.1.1 Engagement The Parties agree that engagement has been ongoing in the pre-application period (as set out in the record of engagement) and the Applicant has sought to bring forward a design which has had regard to 2SFG's views.		Agreed		
		2SFG has been formally consulted on the application as required by the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008).			
Land					
2SFG 3.1.2 Land Acquisition The Parties are seeking to agree a voluntary land acquisition agreement.		Under Discussion			
		Based on site visits on 5 May 2023 and 12 June 2023 with the 2SFG operational management team and their landowner, Amber Real Estate, the applicant has issued updated Heads of Terms documents, in advance of commercial discussions.			
Application Do	Application Documents				
2SFG 3.1.3	Other application documents	2SFG agrees that its interests are correctly reflected in the Book of Reference [REP3-014].	Agreed		

Table 3.2 – Installation Issues related to the 2 Sisters Site (Chester Road)

Ref.	Description of Matter	Current Position	Status
2SFG 3.2.1	Construction Detail	2SFG seeks additional information related to type of construction planned, expected duration and authorisation of construction and proposed installation (e.g., contents and associated risks, risk mitigation, inspection and maintenance arrangements post installation).	Agreed
		The Applicant confirms that the pipeline shall be installed by trenchless methods underneath Chester Road, using the land adjacent to the 2SFG facility as a launch/reception area for the trenchless crossings. The overall programme of construction for the entire pipeline is to be in the region of 16 months. Specific timelines for the section of the pipeline that require trenchless crossings of Chester Road are to be determined by the appointed construction contractor.	
		The Applicant's appointed construction contractor would hold Construction Design and Management (CDM) responsibilities over all construction areas. The Applicant shall employ a robust project management team, including Health, Safety and Environmental E personnel resources, to assure contractor activities. This is secured in the control documents under the requirements, primarily the CEMP, which will set out the detailed construction phase management measures.	
		The Applicant will primarily require the use of the north-western section of the 2SFG car park for access to the site, as well as for temporary storage of equipment and material from the nearby Chester Road trenchless crossing activities. The Applicant will require sections of the factory side and outer fence to be removed temporarily (enclosed within construction fencing), to allow for the access of construction vehicles to the construction area adjacent to Chester Road. Gated access	

Ref.	Description of Matter	Current Position
		to both locations will be maintained at all times, the details of which will be developed between 2SFG a Construction Contractor as part of a site security and access plan.
		If the latest order limit adjustment is incorporated into the DCO, the Applicant does not foresee any nee from the bund presents directly North of Chester Road. If future requirements arise, any soil bund work temporary in nature.
		The Applicant commits to restoring any damage to fences, the soil bund and any associated equipment construction, the site is restored to its pre-construction condition.
		The Applicant and 2SFG agree that north-western section of the car park to be used by the Applicant w from the asphalt section of the car park using temporary fence for the duration of the construction durat
2SFG 3.2.2	Construction Liaison	2SFG seek information related to Health, Safety and Environmental personnel to be appointed, whethe would communicate to the neighbouring property beforehand and existence of any service media benear Applicant proposes to take an option over.
		The Applicant agrees that a point of contact for construction works will be nominated by the appointed of
2SFG 3.2.5	Vibration	2SFG technical team have raised concerns regarding the impact of noise vibration levels from construct impact it might have on the site's structural facilities/machinery and their live chicken produce which are daily.
		The Applicant has agreed to provide further technical clarification to address these concerns.
		The Parties have discussed the vibration impacts as outlined in the Applicant's ES. 2SFG are satisfied provided by the Applicant, which demonstrates their impact of the vibrations is minimal.

Table 3.3 – Liability Issues

Ref.	Description of Matter	Current Position	Status	
2SFG 3.3.1	Consequential Losses	2SFG cannot agree to the exclusion of consequential losses. If the Applicant damaged 2SFG electric or water supply, or if access was denied or some other incident caused 2SFG to	Under Discussion	
		stop production which was attributable to the Applicant, 2SFG would need to be fully compensated. If 2SFG is subject to any consequential losses, the Applicant notes even where an agreement is not in place, that a		
		relevant claim could be made if any such damage / inconvenience constitutes a claim under section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965, under Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 or under section 152(3) of the PA2008.		

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		The Applicant will continue to consider this point as part of the commercial negotiations with 2SFG.	
2SFG 3.3.2	Compensation claim limit	2The Applicant will continue to consider this point as part of the commercial negotiations with 2SFG.	Under Discussion
2SFG 3.3.3	Compensation payment limit	The Applicant will continue to consider this point as part of the commercial negotiations with 2SFG.	Under Discussion
2SFG 3.3.4	Public Liability Insurance	The Applicant will continue to consider this point as part of the commercial negotiations with 2SFG.	Under Discussion

Table 3.4– Environmental Issues

Ref.	Description of Matter	Current Position	Status
2SFG 3.4.1	Pollution generation	2SFG have highlighted that if the Applicant cause significant pollution which impacts 2SFG's permitted operations, 2SFG would require assurances from the Applicant that this would be compensated for.	Under Discussion
		The Applicant notes that pollution prevention and control plans will be required to be approved by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) before works commence. Any risk of pollution being caused by the DCO Proposed Development would be due to construction equipment access and working at the 2SFG site. This has been assessed in Chapter 6 (Air Quality) [APP-058] and Chapter 18 (Water Resources and Flood Risk) [APP-070] of the 2022 ES.	
		The Applicant will continue to consider this point as part of the commercial negotiations with 2SFG.	
2SFG 3.4.2	NRW Permitting	2SFG operate the site under a Natural Resources Wales (NRW) permit and are investigating any impact the project will have on 2SFG's permit with NRW and will revert in due course. 2SFG will need to seek confirmation from NRW in writing that 2SFG wouldn't be held responsible for the Applicant's pollution whether within or outside of their permit/boundary and if this is not available, 2SFG will need undertakings from the Applicant that it would be compensated for any points lost, fines or costs incurred as a result of the project. The Applicant is responding to these points as part of the commercial negotiations as further discussion is required.	Under Discussion
2SFG 3.4.3	Environmental Damage	 2SFG requests that if the Applicant causes environmental damage, the Applicant will be required to rectify the damage and compensate 2SFG for any impact the damage and/or rectification works cause on 2SFG operations. The Applicant expects to be liable for damage to the extent it is caused by the works. 	Under Discussion
2SFG 3.4.4	Contaminated Land	2SFG have requested clarification regarding the responsibility of managing contaminated land found by the Applicant during the Applicant's works, which makes the soil unsuitable for their pipeline. 2SFG has queried who would be responsible for the remediation.	Under Discussion
		This is currently under consideration by the Applicant.	

Table 3.5 – Site / Storage Issues

Ref.	Description of Matter	Current Position	Status
2SFG 3.5.1	Pipeline routing	2SFG have requested further detail about where the pipeline is to be laid and whether any services or buildings are potentially impacted prior to entering the option agreement. 2SFG have requested that their operational services, such as parking and storage are not impacted.	Under Discussion
		The Applicant confirms that the pipeline shall be laid within the defined Order Limits, coloured pink in the current revision of the Land Plans [CR2-004] , [REP2-004] . No service interruption or removal of 2SFG buildings is planned as a part of the pipeline construction process, although some parking spaces may have to be suspended on a temporary basis (please see 2SFG 3.5.4).	
		The Applicant is currently reviewing the defined land use for construction within this area, based on the feedback from 2SFG. The Applicant shall continue to engage with 2SFG to minimise disruption to the facility operation.	
2SFG 3.5.2	Site Surveys	2SFG have requested surveys (both intrusive and non-intrusive) be carried out on a 'licence' basis before grant of the option agreement.	Agreed
		The Applicant agrees to this request.	
2SFG 3.5.3	Order Limit Area	2SFG have requested a reduction in the size of the option area to run as close to the boundary as possible.	Agreed
		The Applicant proposes that the area of works shown in the Heads of Terms Plan document be reduced with a commitment not to use this area. The remaining area has been included as a worst case for construction access and temporary works.	
		The Applicant is open to further discussion with 2SFG to minimise the impact of the planned works on the 2SFG site.	
		The Applicant has reviewed based on the 2SFG feedback during a site visit on 5 May 2023 and 12 June 2023 and have consequently removed the majority of the 2SFG car park from the commercial agreement plans.	
2SFG 3.5.4	Parking	The site is not an accessible area with shift pattern workers and 2SFG are therefore reliant on the current car parking. 2SFG have requested that the Applicant arranges alternate parking arrangements for 2SFG staff which are satisfactory to 2SFG. If car parking space is lost, 2SFG is of the view that the Applicant will need to find a suitable alternative location for the pipeline.	Agreed
		The Applicant is committed to providing alternative parking arrangements to 2FSG. The Applicant cannot commit to finding an alternative location for the pipeline.	
		During the site visit on 5 May 2023 and 12 June 2023, 2SFG has confirmed that they can operationally function with the decrease of approximately 40 car parking spaces as a result of the Applicant using the north-western end of their car park for access and ancillary works related to the Chester Road trenchless crossings.	
2SFG 3.5.5	Order Limit reduction – Change to 2SFG Plant Usage	2SFG do not agree to the inclusion of an area to the north central section of the Order Limits as this is currently used as part of an access. 2SFG have advised if this area is blocked, it will impact the site's function as the business would not be able to move vehicles to and from Despatch.	Agreed

Ref.	Description of Matter	Current Position	Status
		The Applicant notes this and proposes to remove this area from the Heads of Terms plan and commit within that document not to access this area.	
		Further to the Applicant removing this from the Heads of Terms plan, the Applicant has submitted a change request, that removes this area from the Order Limits.	
2SFG 3.5.6	Storage	2SFG have enquired whether the Applicant needs a storage facility and have stated this can only be on a temporary basis.	Agreed
		The Applicant acknowledges this point and confirms that any storage required on the 2SFG site required will use the area specified by the Order Limits, the storage requirement will only be for materials and equipment associated with the Chester Road trenchless crossing activities. The Applicant confirms this will also be temporary in nature and the temporary storage of equipment, material and excavated soil will be removed and left in a state equivalent to the preconstruction condition.	

Table 3.6 – Issues related to the DCO Proposed Development - Draft DCO (including requirements to the draft DCO)

Ref.	Description of Matter	Current Position	Status
2SFG 3.3.1	Draft DCO	2SFG has no objection to the drafting of the DCO.	Under Discussion