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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 Four, (Unique Reference: HYCO-EIA071).**

Further to the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing and Issue Specific Hearings please also find attached:

- Canal & River Trust Written Summary of the oral submissions given at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (Appendix A)
- Canal & River Trust response to the Action Points from the Hearings (Appendix B)

In addition, below, is an update on the Trust’s latest position in relation to the examination, with headings to identify the various elements in relation to Deadline Four (DL4), 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.

#### Statement of Common Ground (SoCG)

The Trust and the applicant have made no further progress in relation to the draft Statement of Common Ground (SoCG). As outlined at Deadline Three (DL3), 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. The applicant shared an updated SoCG Rev B with the Canal & River Trust, as part of their DL3 submissions [REP3-030]. The Trust is keen to work with the applicant to find common ground on the outstanding matters.

#### Protective Provisions for the Trust

As set out at DL3, the Trust provided the applicant with further clarification/edits/amendments on the draft protective provisions on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The Trust chased a response from the applicant on these again on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023. At the time of writing no further response has been received from the applicant and no further progress has been made. The Trust is keen to work with the applicant to agree the outstanding matters.

#### Compulsory Acquisition

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 submitted oral submissions at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearings on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023, and we provide a written summary of our submissions to aid the ExA (Appendix A).

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As outlined in our oral submissions, the Trust received revised Heads of Terms on 5<sup>th</sup> June. The Trust is currently considering these revised terms and will respond shortly to the applicant. The Trust is keen to move forward quickly and is confident terms can be agreed prior to the final draft Order being submitted for the close of the Examination.

#### Trusts response to Deadline Three matters

The Trust have reviewed the various relevant DL3 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

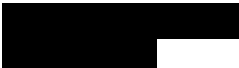
The Trust has provided a separate Relevant Representation to the consultation on the Change Request. The Trust fully supports change 14 in relation to the reduction of the Order limits to remove a section of the Shropshire Union Canal at Work No.18.

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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