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Your Ref EN070007

Our Ref HYCO-EIA071

Tuesday 4th July 2023

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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 Five, (Unique Reference: HYCO-EIA071).

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

- Canal & River Trust response to the ExA Second Written Questions (Appendix A)

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 (DL5), 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). Both parties have agreed that the SoCG will not be submitted to the ExA at Deadline 5, but instead aim for Deadline 6. By which time it is hoped that progress will have been made on the main outstanding matters within the SoCG, which are linked to the protective provisions for the Canal & River Trust and land rights and reaching agreement on these. The Trust is keen to work with the applicant to find common ground on the outstanding matters.

Protective Provisions for the Trust

The Trust received a response to the draft protective provisions on 27th June 2023 and we are currently considering the suggested revisions and comments. 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 applicant has confirmed that they will be providing a revised offer to the Trust.

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 Four matters

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The Trust have reviewed the various relevant DL4 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.

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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