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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 Six, (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 Six (DL6), 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 5 (DL5) matters relevant to the Trust.

#### Statement of Common Ground (SoCG)

The Trust and the applicant had a virtual meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 to discuss the SoCG and further good progress was made with a number of matters relating to the Construction Environment Management Plan, Landscape Environment Management Plan and Construction Traffic Management Plan being agreed between parties. The main outstanding matters within the SoCG are linked to the protective provisions for the Canal & River Trust, in particular in relation to the surface water drainage and land rights and reaching agreement. It is understood that the applicant will be sharing an updated SoCG with the Canal & River Trust, as part of their DL6 submissions.

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 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and we are currently considering the suggested revisions and comments. Further discussion with the applicant on the protective provision for the Trust were held as part of our virtual meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023, whereby a number of matters within the protective provisions were discussed and agreed. Following that meeting, the Trust intend to formally respond to the applicant on the outstanding matters shortly. 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 provided a revised offer and terms to the Trust on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023, these are being negotiated further by the Trust.

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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 Five matters

The Trust have reviewed the various relevant DL5 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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