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Dear Sirs

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NSIP Reference Name / Code: HyNet Carbon Dioxide Pipeline / EN070007 Examining authority's submission deadline DL7 with a date of 05 September 2023

Natural England comments regarding Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England has reviewed the RIES and is satisfied that the report presents a detailed account of the information submitted throughout the Examination by the applicant and interested parties in relation to potential effects on European sites.

Natural England's advice is that when a formal appropriate assessment is undertaken, the evidence the applicant has provided within the Habitats Regulations Assessment Report (HRAR) is sufficient to support a conclusion of no adverse effect on the integrity with respect to the Dee Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA), Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Ramsar site, the Mersey Estuary SPA and Ramsar site, and the River Dee and Bala Lake/ Afon Dyfrdwy a Llyn Tegid SAC.

For any further advice on this consultation please contact me on the details below and copy to <u>consultations@naturalengland.org.uk</u>.

Yours faithfully

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