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To all Interested Parties, Affected Persons,
Statutory Parties and the Applicant

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN070007

Date: 14 September 2023

Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 – section 89; and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8(3)

Application by Liverpool Bay CCS Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the HyNet Carbon Dioxide Pipeline

Notice of variation to the Examination Timetable

This letter responds to the submissions made at Deadline (DL) 7 (Tuesday 5 September 2023) and DL8 (Tuesday 12 September 2008). It varies the existing Examination Timetable by introducing a new DL of Wednesday 20 September 2023 (DL9) into the timetable. It has been issued with a view to allowing the Applicant time to respond to questions issued by the Examining Authority (ExA) to the Applicant, under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (See the ExA's Rule 17 letter [PD-028]).

Amendments to the Examination Timetable

The ExA recognises the practical difficulties in responding to its request for further information that would be created if the existing timetable were not varied. The ExA also notes the Applicant's comments regarding the status of on-going negotiations related to:

- i) Statements of Common Ground;
- ii) Compulsory Acquisition (CA)/ Temporary Possession (TP); and
- iii) Protective Provisions;

Bearing in mind all of the above, the ExA has made the Procedural Decision to amend the Examination Timetable, as set out at Annex A of the ExA's Rule 8 letter [PD-012] dated 27 March 2023 and amended by the ExA's Procedural Decision [PD-026], dated 18 July 2023, by adding a new DL (DL9), being Wednesday 20 September 2023. DL9 requires the Applicant to respond to the ExA's Rule 17 letter [PD-028], issued today under

separate cover, addressed to the Applicant that seeks further information. It also allows, if changed since DL7, for the Applicant to submit:

- a final Guide to the Application;
- a final update regarding progress that has been made with Affected Persons in respect of CA and TP;
- a final Book of Reference;
- a final CA/ TP schedule;
- the Applicant's final preferred DCO in the SI template validation report and a validated copy of the DCO; and
- the Applicant's preferred DCO in word format.

No other changes to the Examination Timetable have been made at this time.

The Examination Timetable from item 20 onwards can be found at **Annex A** of this letter, with amendments shown underlined in red. No text has been deleted from the Examination timetable.

For clarity, the ExA is not expecting any other IPs to respond to the Rule 17 letter mentioned above, as it only contains questions directed at the Applicant, but expects the Applicant to respond by DL9 (**Wednesday 20 September 2023**).

Queries regarding the content of this letter should be addressed to the Case Team using the details listed at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Christopher Butler

Lead Panel Member (Examining Authority)

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Annexes

Annex A – Amended Examination Timetable

Amended Examination Timetable

Please see below the Examination Timetable, as published in Annex A of the (Examining Authority's (ExA) Rule 8 letter [PD-012] and amended by the ExA's previous Procedural Decision letter [PD-026], from item 20 onwards and with amendments underlined in red. No text has been deleted from the Examination timetable.

The ExA is under a duty to **complete** the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

The examination of the application primarily takes the form of the consideration of written submissions. The ExA will also consider any oral representations that were made at hearings.

Item	Matters	Due Dates
<u>20</u>	<p><u>Deadline (DL) 9</u></p> <p><u>DL for receipt by the ExA of:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>the Applicant's response to the ExA's Rule 17 letter, dated 14 September 2023; and</u> <p><u>if changed since DL7, for the Applicant to submit:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>the final Guide to the Application;</u> • <u>the final update regarding progress that has been made with Affected Persons in respect of CA and TP;</u> • <u>the final Book of Reference;</u> • <u>the final CA/ TP schedule;</u> • <u>the Applicant's final preferred DCO in the SI template validation report and a validated copy of the DCO; and</u> • <u>the Applicant's preferred DCO in word format.</u> 	<p><u>Wednesday 20</u> <u>September 2023.</u></p>
<u>21</u>	<p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months.</p> <p>Please note that the ExA may close the Examination before the end of the six-month period if it is satisfied that all relevant matters have been addressed and discussed.</p>	<p>Wednesday 20 September 2023</p>

Submission times for deadlines

The time for submission of documents at any deadline in the timetable is 23:59 on the relevant deadline date, unless instructed otherwise by the ExA.

Publication dates

All information received will be published on the [project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website](#) as soon as practicable after the deadlines for submissions.