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Your ref: EN070007

Date: 12 February 2024

Dear John Wheadon

**Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure)
Rules 2010**

**Application by Liverpool Bay CCS Limited for an Order granting Development
Consent for the proposed HyNet Carbon Dioxide Pipeline.**

Secretary of State Request for Information (Letter dated 31st January 2024)

Thank you for your request for information to the Environment Agency (EA) which was received on 31st January 2024.

We note the following information has been requested from the EA to aid in informing the Secretary of State on their determination of the above application:

Environment Agency is requested to update as to whether an Option Agreement and Lease for Environmental Mitigation Land have been agreed and whether it can now withdraw its objection.

It has been identified that Plots 6-02; 6-03; 6-07; 6-10; 6-11, as shown within the Land Plans document (Rev. F) dated May 2023 [REP4-004] submitted during the Examination process for the above application, are within the EA's ownership.

In line with the above context, the EA has the following update:

The EA are still in discussions with the applicant in relation to an Option Agreement and Lease for Plots 6-02; 6-03; 6-07; 6-10; 6-11. We would highlight that the Plots within the EA's ownership are confined to the River Gowy channel bed. A wider area to the plots highlighted within this response has been identified by the applicant for their proposed 'Environmental Mitigation Land'.

The EA will continue to engage with the applicant and seek resolution on this matter.

Should you have any further queries on the EA's position to the Hynet Carbon Dioxide Pipeline application, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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