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**Our Reference**  
EN070008/APP/S56/2

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National Infrastructure (Energy)  
The Planning Inspectorate  
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**Information requested by PINS in respect of compulsory land acquisition, land interests and Section 56 notices.****Viking CCS Pipeline****PINS reference: EN070008**

Dear Mrs Hopewell

Further to the letters from the Planning Inspectorate dated 1<sup>st</sup> December and 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023, please find below information and clarifications on matters as requested by the Planning Inspectorate.

**Rule 9 Notification of Procedural Decision - Letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

The Examining Authority have requested the following information to aid the future examination process. The following documents are provided with this cover letter:

- A Compulsory Acquisition Tracker prepared in accordance with the template provided in the letter from the Planning Inspectorate dated 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023.
- The Book of Reference which has been updated where new information has come to light since the submission of the application. A Schedule of Changes has also been provided which summarises the changes to the Book of Reference. The Schedule of Changes will be updated and provided each time the Book of Reference is revised.

The Examining Authority asked for clarity and the rationale that there are no people with Category 3 interests.

The Applicant carried out diligent inquiries ahead of the statutory consultation to identify those parties with an interest in the land affected by the Proposed Development. No Category 3 parties were identified outside of the order limits. The Applicant considers that Category 3 also includes:

- Certain Category 1 'Owners'
- All Category 1 'Lessees and Tenants'
- Any Category 2 interest for land within the DCO boundary

Relevant parties under these categorisations were contacted at the statutory consultation as outlined in Chapter 5 of the Consultation Report. The Applicant considers its approach to identification of and consultation with all land interests to be robust and these have been documented in the Book of Reference.

The Examining Authority commented in the letter that when the application was submitted for acceptance, there was an ongoing consultation with Lincolnshire County Council in its role as the Commons Authority that was due to finish on the 9th November 2023. The Examining Authority have asked for a copy of the response to the consultation with evidence that the contents have been taken into account.

Consultation was carried out with Lincolnshire County Council in respect of the Common Land which ended on the 9th November 2023. Lincolnshire County Council confirmed that neither the estates team nor the highways team hold an interest in the Commons land; no further response was received. We have provided with this letter a copy of the correspondence with Lincolnshire County Council on this matter.

**Letter from the Planning Inspectorate - dated 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

The applicant has completed the PINS template to provide the contact details for all parties notified under Section 56 of the Planning Act and it is provided in excel format with this letter.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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