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any Other Persons invited to the  
Preliminary Meeting

Your Ref:

Our Ref:

EN070008

Date:

3 April 2024

Dear Sir/ Madam

## **Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (EPR) 2010 – Rules 8 and 9**

### **Application by Chrysaor Production (UK) Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Viking Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Pipeline**

#### **Examination Timetable and Procedure**

This letter provides important information about the Examination of this application. This letter includes:

- The Examination Timetable.
- An invitation to submit Written Representations.
- Details of the publication of the Examining Authority's (ExA) first written questions (ExQ1).
- A request for Statements of Common Ground.
- A request for Local Impact Reports (LIR) from Local Authorities.
- Other Procedural Decisions made by the ExA.
- Information about Hearings and an Accompanied Site Inspection.
- Information about the availability of Examination Documents.
- Other important information about the Examination.

All documentation associated with this Examination, including a note of the Preliminary Meeting (PM) and the recording of that meeting, can be viewed under the [Documents tab](#) on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website ([project webpage](#)).



## Examination Timetable

The ExA has made a Procedural Decision about the way the application will be examined. The final Examination Timetable is attached at **Annex A** to this letter.

The Examination Timetable replaces the draft timetable that was included in our [Rule 6 Letter](#), dated 15 February 2024. In finalising the Examination Timetable, we have sought to accommodate requests and suggestions made orally or in writing to the PM. A list of the main changes we made to the draft Examination Timetable is set out at **Annex A** to this letter.

Please note that the Examination Timetable contains a number of Deadlines for receipt of information by the Planning Inspectorate. All Deadlines are at 23:59 on the date specified. Please ensure submissions arrive by the Deadline. If you do not make your submissions by the dates specified in the timetable, we may disregard them. **Annex E** to this letter provides further information about using the [‘Have your Say’ page](#).

If we consider it necessary to vary the Examination Timetable during the Examination, notification will be sent to Interested Parties, Statutory Parties and Other Persons invited to the Preliminary Meeting. The changes will be published on the [project webpage](#).

## Written Representations

All Interested Parties are now invited to submit Written Representations and any comments on the Relevant Representations already submitted. These should be submitted by **Deadline 1** (26 April 2024) in the Examination Timetable.

Written Representations can cover any relevant matter and are not restricted to the matters set out in our Initial Assessment of Principal Issues or to the content of our ExQ1 (see next heading below).

Any person, other than the Applicant, who submits a Written Representation must identify those parts of the application with which they agree and those parts with which they do not agree, explaining the reasons why. Interested Parties should also provide with their Written Representations any data, methodology and assumptions used to support their submissions to avoid delays in the Examination (see paragraph 74 of [Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent](#)).

We have requested further types of written submissions at various points in the Examination (see **Annex A**).



Any Written Representations and any further written submissions requested during the Examination, that exceed 1500 words, should also be accompanied by a summary which should not exceed 10% of the original text. The summary should set out the key facts of the written submission and must be representative of the submission made.

Representations **must not include hyperlinks** to documents/evidence hosted on third party websites. Please see the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 8.4: The Examination](#) for further information about Written Representations.

### **Examining Authority's First Written Questions (ExQ1)**

The ExA has prepared written questions (ExQ1) about the application and the representations received so far. These questions are published on the project webpage and can be accessed at the following link:

[ExA's First Written Questions \(ExQ1\)](#)

All parties are requested to check ExQ1 carefully in order that they may identify and respond to any questions posed to them. If you require an editable Microsoft Word version of ExQ1, please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter.

Whilst most of our written questions are directed at specific parties, no other party should feel inhibited or restricted in responding to any question we ask, even if it is directed elsewhere.

All relevant Statutory Parties are requested to check our Written Questions carefully in order that they may identify and respond to any questions posed to them. For the avoidance of doubt, Statutory Parties are defined as the parties listed in Schedule 1 to [The Infrastructure Planning \(Interested Parties and Miscellaneous Prescribed Provisions\) Regulations 2015](#). Statutory Parties, including relevant local authorities, that have not already registered to become an Interested Party should consider notifying the ExA of their wish to be considered as an Interested Party, under Section 89(2A)(b) of the Planning Act 2008 as soon as possible.

Responses to ExQ1 must be provided by **Deadline 1, 26 April 2024**.

### **Other Procedural Decisions made by the ExA**

**Annex C** to this letter contains important details and clarifications about other Procedural Decisions we made at, or following, the PM. These include:

- Accepting into the Examination the Applicant's change request [\[AS-038\] to \[AS-054\]](#)
- Other Additional Submissions
- Statements of Common Ground



- Changes to Land Interests

## Hearings and Site Inspections

As explained in our [Rule 6 letter](#) and at the Preliminary Meeting, the Examination will principally be a written process (see [Advice Note 8.4: The Examination](#)), supplemented where necessary by various types of hearings (see [Advice Note 8.5: Hearings and site inspections](#) and [Advice Note 8.6: Virtual Examination events](#)).

On this basis the Examination Timetable at **Annex A** to this letter includes periods of time reserved for any hearings to be held, and we will notify all Interested Parties of any hearings scheduled as part of the Examination at least 21 days in advance of them taking place. That notification will include a Deadline for Interested Parties to inform the Planning Inspectorate if they wish to participate at the notified hearing(s).

We will also undertake site inspections. Where we are able to view the site from public land, we are likely to do this unaccompanied and a note of the site inspection will be published on the project webpage. The Examination Timetable also reserves time for us to undertake an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) during the week commencing **24 June 2024**. We will consider each suggested site location, including those provided in the Applicant's revised draft itinerary (supplied at Deadline 1), to determine if it could be viewed from public land on an unaccompanied basis or if it is necessary to view it on an accompanied basis. We will also consider if it would be appropriate to make arrangements for access only to be provided to specific sites such that they could be inspected as part of an Unaccompanied Site Inspection on an access required basis.

**Annex B** provides details about what Interested Parties should include in a request to be heard at a Hearing, and the procedure that will be followed at hearings. It also provides important information about the Accompanied Site Inspection and attendance at the inspection.

## Managing Examination correspondence

Given the volume and frequency of letters the Planning Inspectorate needs to send to Interested Parties during an Examination, we aim to communicate with people by email as electronic communication is more environmentally friendly and cost effective for the taxpayer.

If you have received a letter from the Planning Inspectorate but are able to receive communications by email, please inform the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter as soon as possible.

As the Examination process makes substantial use of electronic documents, it will be useful for you to become familiar with the [project webpage](#).

A '[Have Your Say](#)' page is available on the website which provides a portal through which parties should make written submissions at relevant deadlines during the



Examination. Further information about the 'Have Your Say' page is provided at **Annex E** to this letter.

There is also a function on the left-hand side of the [project webpage](#) called 'Get updates.' This provides you with an opportunity to register to receive automatic e-mail updates at key stages during the Examination.

### **Your status in the Examination**

You have received this letter because you fall within one of the groups described in the Planning Inspectorate's document [What is My Status in the Examination?](#) If your reference number begins with '2004', 'VNZP-0', 'VNZP-AFP', 'VNZP-S57' 'VNZP-APP' you are in Group A. If your reference number begins with 'VNZP-SP' you are in Group B. If your reference number begins with 'VNZP-OP' you are in Group C. The meaning and purpose of those groups are explained in the document published at the link above.

If having read this document you are still unsure about your status, please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter.

### **Awards of costs**

All parties will normally be expected to meet their own costs. Costs can be awarded against a party who has acted unreasonably and has caused the party applying for the award of costs to incur unnecessary or wasted expense during the Examination. You should be aware of the relevant costs guidance [Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders.](#)

### **Management of information**

Information, including representations, submitted in respect of this Examination (if accepted by the Examining Authority) and a record of any advice which has been provided by the Planning Inspectorate is published on the [project webpage](#).

Please note that in the interest of facilitating an effective and fair Examination, it is necessary to publish some personal information. To find out how we handle your personal information please view our [Privacy Notice](#).

We look forward to working with all parties in the Examination of this application.

Yours faithfully,

*David Wallis*

**Lead Member of the Examining Authority**



## **Annexes**

- A Examination Timetable
- B Requests to be heard, and procedure, at a Hearing
- C Other Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority
- D Availability of application documents and representations submitted to the Examinations
- E Information about the 'Have Your Say' page

## **ANNEX A: Examination Timetable**

The Examining Authority (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.

Please note:

1. The Examination of the application primarily takes the form of the consideration of written submissions and oral representations made at Hearings.
2. The time for submission of requested documents is 23:59 on the relevant Deadline date, unless instructed otherwise by the ExA.
3. All information received will be published on project webpage of the National Infrastructure website ([project webpage](#)) as soon as practicable after the Deadlines for submissions.

### **Addressing requests made at the Preliminary Meeting and in representations submitted in advance of that meeting**

The ExA has sought to accommodate requests and suggestions made at the Preliminary Meeting and in representations submitted in advance of that meeting. The ExA has balanced the requests of parties with the needs of the ExA to facilitate a timely and thorough Examination. A summary of the ExA's considerations are:

- The Applicant requested that events during the week commencing 15 July 2024 be blended rather than fully virtual [[PDA-002](#)]. This suggestion was supported by the local authorities in attendance. The ExA accept this and will therefore conduct the Hearings in July as blended events, the in-person venue to be confirmed.
- The Applicant requested to provide composite versions of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) at certain deadlines only [[PDA-002](#)]. The ExA has amended the timetable to require consolidated tracked change versions of the Draft Development Consent Order be submitted at Deadlines 1, 3 and 6.

### **Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)**

Where an applicant has provided a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the application, the ExA may decide to issue a RIES during the Examination. The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the Examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the Secretary of State, as competent authority, to undertake its HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of the ExA's Recommendation to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State may rely on the consultation on the RIES to meet its obligations under Regulation 63(3) of The Habitats Regulations 2017 and Regulation 28 of The Offshore Marine Regulations.

Item	Matters	Date
1.	<p><b>Procedural Deadline A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification of any wish to speak at the Preliminary Meeting including the agenda item</li> <li>• Notification by Interested Parties of any wish to speak at Issue Specific Hearing 1</li> <li>• Notification by Interested Parties of any wish to attend Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1</li> <li>• Nominations for any locations for an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI), including the information requested in Annex B, under 'Site Inspections'</li> <li>• Written submissions on the Examination Procedure, including any submissions about the use of virtual methods or of required reasonable adjustments</li> <li>• Request to change from postal to email notifications for parties who receive notifications by post</li> </ul>	<b>Friday 8 March 2024</b>
2.	<b>Preliminary Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday 26 March 2024</b> 10:00am
3.	<b>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1</b>	<b>Wednesday 27 March 2024</b> 09.30am
4.	<b>Issue Specific Hearing 1 into the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) and Strategic Matters</b>	<b>Wednesday 27 March 2024</b> 14:00pm



5.	<p><b>Issue by the Examining Authority of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Examination Timetable</li> <li>• The Examining Authority’s Written Questions 1 (ExQ1)</li> </ul>	<p><b>As soon as practicable following the Preliminary Meeting</b></p>
6.	<p><b>Deadline 1 (D1)</b></p> <p>For receipt by the Examining Authority (ExA) of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written summaries of oral submissions given at the Hearings during the week commencing 25 March 2024</li> <li>• Responses to Relevant Representations (RR)</li> <li>• Written Representations (WR), including summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words</li> <li>• Responses to the Examining Authority’s First Written Questions (ExQ1)</li> <li>• Any post-hearing submissions requested by the ExA</li> <li>• Applicant’s Compulsory Acquisition (CA) Schedule</li> <li>• Comments on the suggested locations to be included in any ASI</li> <li>• The Applicant’s revised draft itinerary for an ASI</li> <li>• Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) as requested by the ExA</li> <li>• Applicant’s Statement of Commonality of SoCG</li> <li>• Local Impact Reports from relevant Local Authorities</li> <li>• Notification by any Statutory Parties who have not submitted a RR of their wish to be considered as an Interested Party (IP)</li> <li>• Notification by Interested Parties of any wish to speak at an Open Floor Hearing</li> <li>• Notification by Affected Persons of wish to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing</li> </ul>	<p><b>Friday 26 April 2024</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on the Applicant's response to the s51 advice issued at Acceptance</li> <li>• Comments on the Applicant's request to make changes to the Application, received on 19 March 2024</li> <li>• Any other information requested by the Examining Authority under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules</li> </ul> <p>Updates from the Applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guide to the Application</li> <li>• Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) (in clean and tracked versions)</li> <li>• Explanatory Memorandum (in clean and tracked versions)</li> <li>• Schedule of changes to dDCO</li> <li>• Updated Book of Reference (BoR) and Schedule of Changes to the BoR (in clean and tracked versions) (if required)</li> </ul>	
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Deadline 2 (D2)</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on responses to RRs</li> <li>• Comments on WRs</li> <li>• Comments on responses to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions (ExQ1)</li> <li>• Comments on the Local Impact Reports</li> <li>• Comments on any other information and submissions received at D1</li> <li>• Comments from Affected Persons on Applicant's CA Schedule</li> <li>• Any other information requested by the Examining Authority under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules</li> </ul>	<b>Friday 17 May 2024</b>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Deadline 3 (D3)</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on any submissions received at D2</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 11 June 2024</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to comments on LIRs</li> <li>• A statement of progress on SoCG that remain outstanding and submission of SoCG completed since D2 (if required)</li> <li>• Updated SoCG</li> <li>• An updated Statement of Commonality of SoCG (if required)</li> <li>• Updated CA Schedule</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the Examining Authority under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules</li> </ul> <p>Updates from the Applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guide to the Application</li> <li>• Updated Book of Reference (BoR) and Schedule of Changes to the BoR (in clean and tracked versions) (if required).</li> <li>• Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) (in clean and tracked versions)</li> <li>• Explanatory Memorandum (in clean and tracked versions)</li> <li>• Schedule of changes to dDCO</li> </ul>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Blended Hearings (week reserved for Hearings and ASI)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Floor Hearing(s) (if required)</li> <li>• Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s) (if required)</li> <li>• ASI (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>w/c Monday 24 June 2024</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Blended Hearings (week reserved for Hearings)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue Specific Hearing(s) (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>w/c Monday 15 July 2024</b>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Deadline 4 (D4)</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written summaries of oral submissions made at any Hearings held during the weeks commencing 24 June and 15 July 2024</li> </ul>	<b>Monday 29 July 2024</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any post-hearing submissions requested by the ExA</li> <li>• Comments on any other information and submissions received at D3</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the Examining Authority under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules</li> </ul>	
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Publication by the Examining Authority of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second Written Questions (ExQ2) (if required)</li> <li>• Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required)</li> <li>• The Examining Authority’s proposed schedule of changes to the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Monday 12 August 2024</b>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Deadline 5 (D5)</b></p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to Examining Authority’s ExQ2 (if required)</li> <li>• Responses to the RIES (if required)</li> <li>• Responses to the Examining Authority’s proposed schedule of changes to the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)</li> <li>• Comments on any other information and submissions received at D4</li> <li>• Updated SoCG</li> <li>• An updated Statement of Commonality of SoCG (if required)</li> <li>• Updated CA Schedule</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the Examining Authority under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules</li> </ul> <p>Updates from the Applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guide to the Application</li> </ul>	<b>Monday 2 September 2024</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated BoR and Schedule of Changes to the BoR (in clean and tracked versions) (if required)</li> </ul>	
<b>14.</b>	<p><b>Deadline 6 (D6)</b></p> <p>For receipt by the Examining Authority of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments on responses to Examining Authority's ExQ2 (if required)</li> <li>Comments on the responses to the RIES (if required)</li> <li>Comments on responses to the Examining Authority's proposed schedule of changes to the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)</li> <li>Comments on any other information and submissions received at D5</li> <li>Closing Statements from IPs and APs</li> <li>Any further information requested by the Examining Authority under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules</li> </ul> <p>Final Updates from the Applicant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Statements of Common Ground</li> <li>Final Statement of Commonality of SoCG</li> <li>Final Guide to the Application</li> <li>Final draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) in the Statutory Instrument (SI) template with the SI template validation report in word and PDF (both in clean and tracked versions)</li> <li>Final Explanatory Memorandum</li> <li>Final Schedule of changes to dDCO</li> <li>Final Compulsory Acquisition Schedule</li> <li>Final updated Book of Reference</li> </ul>	<b>Thursday 19 September 2024</b>
<b>15</b>	<p><b>Deadline 7 (D7)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any further information requested by the Examining Authority under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules</li> </ul>	<b>Thursday 26 September 2024</b>

<p><b>16.</b></p>	<p><b>Close of Examination by the Examining Authority</b></p> <p>The Examining Authority is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of six 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><b>Thursday 26 September 2024</b></p>
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## **ANNEX B: Requests to be heard, and procedure, at a Hearing**

### **Arrangements for hearings**

Our Examination will be principally undertaken through the exchange of written submissions however the Examination Timetable reserves periods of time for hearings to be held (if required).

### **Requests to participate at Hearings**

Interested Parties are required to notify the Examining Authority (ExA) in writing of their wish to take part in an Open Floor Hearing (OFH) or Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) on or before **Friday 26 April 2024** (see **Deadline 1**).

The time, date and place of any confirmed hearing will be notified in writing to all Interested Parties, providing at least 21 days' notice.

Requests to participate should be made using an Event Participation Form which will be provided with the notification of the hearing.

Any request to participate in a hearing **should include** the following information:

- Name and unique reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from the Planning Inspectorate);
- email address (if available) and contact telephone number;
- name and unique reference number of any person/organisation that you are representing (if applicable);
- for blended events, confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or in-person;
- confirmation of the hearing(s) you wish to participate in, the agenda item(s) on which you wish to speak and/or brief details of the topic(s) that you would like to raise;
- for Compulsory Acquisition Hearings, the plot number(s) of the relevant land provided in the [Book of Reference](#) and the [Land Plans](#); and
- the [Examination Library](#) reference number (with paragraph/page number where appropriate) of any documents you wish to refer to.

**Please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter if you require any support or assistance to attend an Event, either virtually or in person.**

If no written requests to take part in an OFH or CAH are received by the above Deadline, we are not required to hold such a hearing, although we may choose to do so nonetheless.

We may also choose to hold Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) about topics that we think need to be explored orally. The decision to hold an ISH about a particular topic is not connected to how relevant or important we consider an issue or topic to be.

### **Hearing agendas**

For Issue Specific Hearings and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings the ExA will publish a detailed draft agenda on the [project website](#) at least five working days in advance of the hearing date. However, the actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA. For Open Floor Hearings an agenda may not be published.

### **Procedure at hearings**

The Examination will principally be a written process (see the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 8.4: The Examination](#)), supplemented where necessary by various types of hearings. Please refer to the [Advice Note 8.5: Hearings and site inspections](#) and [Advice Note 8.6: Virtual Examination events](#) as these provide important information about hearing procedures.

The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in Rule 14 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. The ExA is responsible for the oral questioning of a person giving evidence and the process affords very limited scope to allow cross-questioning between parties.

### **Hearing livestream and recording**

A link to a livestream for each hearing will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before any hearing is due to open. The livestream is available to anybody who wishes to observe a hearing in real time.

All hearings are recorded, and the recordings will be made available on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable after the close of the hearing. The recordings allow any member of the public who is interested in the application and the Examination to find out what has been discussed.

### **Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) and requests to attend**

Time has been reserved in the Examination Timetable to undertake an ASI during the week commencing 24 June 2024.

As requested in **Annex D** of our Rule 6 letter, suggestions, including justification, for locations to be included in the ASI were submitted by Procedural Deadline A and have been published on the [project webpage](#). This only constituted the Applicant's initial proposed itinerary for the ASI [[PDA-001](#)]. No other party suggested locations.

We have reviewed all suggested locations, including the justification for locations to be included in the ASI. The ExA requests that the Applicant prepare an amended draft itinerary for the ASI that includes access and entry to the following locations:



- Immingham Above Ground Installation facility
- Washingdales Lane Block Valve Station
- Thoroughfare Block Valve Station
- Louth Block Valve Station / Anglian Water facility
- Theddlethorpe Gas Terminal facility
- Dune Valve Station

The following locations are not required in the itinerary:

- Northern Construction Compound
- Where the pipeline would cross the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Point D on the Applicant's initial draft itinerary [[PDA-001](#)]).

This locations formed part of the ExA's [Unaccompanied Site Inspection \(USI\) on 6 February 2024 \[EV-001\]](#) and does not need to be re-visited, or can be viewed clearly from the public domain thus not requiring accompanied access. The Applicant's revised draft itinerary should be submitted by **Deadline 1, Friday 26 April 2024**.

We will then review the amended draft itinerary and may make changes to it. Our final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the project webpage on or before **Friday 24 May 2024**.

Please note that for logistical and safety reasons it may be necessary to limit the numbers of persons who accompany us for the whole ASI, however it should be possible for arrangements to be made for Interested Parties (or their representatives) to join the inspection at specified locations within the itinerary.

The time, date and place of any confirmed ASI will be notified in writing to all Interested Parties, providing at least 21 days' notice.

Requests to participate should be made using an **Event Participation Form** which will be provided with the notification of the ASI.

Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it.

**Interested Parties should be aware that ASIs are not an opportunity to make any oral representations to us about the Proposed Development.** However, we may invite participants to indicate specific features or sites of interest.

**Please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter if you require any support or assistance to attend the ASI.**

## ANNEX C: Examining Authority's Procedural Decisions

The Examining Authority (ExA) has made a number of Procedural Decisions under Section (s) 89(3) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008), which are recorded here.

### 1. Applicant's Change Request

A Procedural Decision has been taken by the Examining Authority (ExA) following the Applicant's request of a formal change request submitted on 19 March 2024 [[AS-038](#)].

The Applicant has proposed two changes to the application [[AS-038](#)] which are:

- Reduction of the Order Limits for works related to the Immingham Facility and associated accesses.
- Removal of an option for the pipeline route in section 1 of the Proposed Development.

The Applicant has provided updates to all necessary application documents along with a review of the Environmental Statement (ES) [[AS-039](#) to [AS-054](#)]. The Applicant has provided its own assessment on the materiality of the proposed change, concluding that the proposed changes would not result in any changes to the overall assessment or conclusions presented in the ES, nor within the Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA).

The ExA has concluded that the proposed changes would not constitute a project that would be materially different to the project for which development consent was originally sought. It follows, the ExA considers that the proposed changes are non-material in nature and as such, no formal acceptance, notice, consultation, or related processes are required before the ExA can examine the application as amended. This decision is made on the basis that:

- Both of the proposed changes result in the reduction of the Order Limits and removal of construction options, the environmental effects from which had already been assessed in the ES and its accompanying reports.
- The Applicant has confirmed that the change does not involve any 'additional land' (as defined in The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010).
- The ExA has considered the Applicant's HRA report and concludes that the proposed change would make no difference to the outcome of the HRA.

The ExA has decided to accept for Examination the Applicant's proposed changes. This decision by the ExA does not imply acceptance of the planning merits or evidence for the change, the effects of which will be examined with the same rigour as the original application.

The ExA recognises that in considering whether or not to accept both the proposed changes for Examination, it is required to act reasonably and in accordance with the

principles of natural justice. Applying the advice in [Advice Note 16](#), the ExA is content that there will be sufficient opportunity during the remaining Examination process for all relevant Interested Parties to view the changes, for representations to be made in relation to the changes, and for any representations to be taken into account by the ExA.

## **2. Additional Submissions**

In addition to the documentation submitted by Procedural Deadline A we have exercised our discretion and made a Procedural Decision to accept Additional Submissions from the following:

1. A notification of a proposed application for a change by the Applicant, Chrysaor Production (UK) Limited dated 26 February 2024 [\[AS-037\]](#);
2. The Applicant's above referenced Change Request dated 19 March 2024 [\[AS-038\]](#) to [\[AS-054\]](#); and
3. An update regarding the status of negotiations with the Applicant dated 26 March 2024 by National Gas Transmissions Plc [\[AS-055\]](#).

## **3. Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)**

The Applicant is taking the lead in the preparation of SoCGs and it will aid the smooth running of the Examination if all Interested Parties who are participating in the preparation of SoCGs liaise and co-operate with the Applicant in respect of their production. We set out in **Annex F** of our [Rule 6 letter](#) the SoCGs we request are submitted during the Examination of this application. Final signed versions of the SoCGs are requested to be submitted **by the Applicant to Deadline 6**:

1. SoCG between the Applicant and Environment Agency
2. SoCG between the Applicant and Natural England
3. SoCG between the Applicant and Historic England
4. SoCG between the Applicant and Statutory Undertakers
5. SoCG between the Applicant and Louth Navigation Trust
6. SoCG between the Applicant and Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board
7. SoCG between the Applicant and Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA)
8. SoCG between the Applicant and UK Health Security Agency

**All of the SoCGs listed above should cover the Articles and Requirements in the draft Development Consent Order.** Any Interested Party seeking that an Article or Requirement is reworded should provide the form of words which are being sought.

The content of SoCGs will help to inform us about the need to hold any Issue Specific Hearings during the Examination, and to enable us and the Applicant to give notice of such hearings at least 21 days in advance of them taking place.

## **5. Changes to land interests**

When the Applicant becomes aware that there has been a change in ownership, or a new interest, in relevant land the Applicant is requested to make the relevant person aware that they can make a request to the ExA to become an Interested Party under section 102A of the PA2008 by contacting the project mailbox:

[VikingCCSPipeline@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:VikingCCSPipeline@planninginspectorate.gov.uk). The Examination Timetable includes various Deadlines for the submission of an updated Book of Reference and schedule of changes to the Book of Reference, which should include confirmation that relevant persons have been informed of their rights under section 102A.

## ANNEX D: Availability of application documents and representations submitted to the Examination

The application documents and Relevant Representations are available on the [project webpage](#). All further documents submitted in the course of the Examination will also be published under the [Documents tab](#) of the [project webpage](#).

### The Examination Library

For ease of navigation, please refer to the [Examination Library](#) (EL) which is accessible by clicking the blue button under the Documents tab. The EL is updated regularly throughout the Examination.

The EL records and provides a hyperlink to:

- each application document;
- each representation made to the Examination; and
- each Procedural Decision made by the Examining Authority.

Each document is given a unique reference which will be fixed for the duration of the Examination. **Please quote the unique reference number from the EL when referring to any Examination Documents in any future submissions that you make.**

### Electronic deposit locations

Documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge, at the electronic deposit locations listed in the table below. Please note that you may need to bring a form of identification and register as a member in order to use a computer at these locations.

Venue/address	Opening hours	Printing costs
Immingham Library Pelham Road, Immingham, DN40 1QF	Monday: 9am to 5pm Tuesday: 9am to 5pm Wednesday: 9am to 5pm Thursday: 9am to 5pm Friday: 9am to 5pm Saturday: 9am to 1pm Sunday: Closed	A4 20p per side for black and white  A4 50p per side colour  A3 £1 per page black and white  A3 £1.50 per page colour
Keelby Community Library Victoria Road, Keelby, Grimsby, DN41 8EH	Monday: 10am to 12pm Tuesday: Closed Wednesday: 3pm to 5pm Thursday: Closed Friday: Closed	A4 10p per side black and white  A4 25p per side colour

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Venue/address	Opening hours	Printing costs
	Saturday: 10am to 12pm Sunday: Closed	
Waltham Library High Street, Waltham, Grimsby, DN37 0LL	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 8.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 5.30pm Wednesday: 8.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 5.30pm Thursday: 8.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 5.30pm Friday: 8.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 5.30pm Saturday: 9am to 1pm Sunday: Closed	A4 20p per side for black and white  A4 50p per side colour  A3 £1 per page black and white  A3 £1.50 per page colour
Louth Library Northgate, Louth, LN11 0LY	Monday: 9am to 5pm Tuesday: 9am to 6pm Wednesday: 9am to 5pm Thursday: 9am to 2pm Friday: 9am to 5pm Saturday: 9am to 4pm Sunday: Closed	A4 10p per side black and white  A4 25p per side colour  A3 20p per side black and white  A3 50p per side colour
Mablethorpe Library Stanley Avenue, Mablethorpe LN12 1DP	Monday: 9am to 5pm Tuesday: 9am to 5pm Wednesday: 9am to 5pm Thursday: 9am to 6pm Friday: 9am to 5pm Saturday: 9am to 1pm Sunday: Closed	A4 10p per side black and white  A4 25p per side colour  A3 20p per side black and white  A3 50p per side colour

## ANNEX E: Information about the 'Have Your Say' page

The ['Have Your Say' page](#) is available on the [project webpage](#).

You will need to enter your unique reference number ('Your ref' found at the top your postcard or email from the Planning Inspectorate) beginning either 2004 or VNZP. If you are making a submission on behalf of another person or organisation, and do not have your own unique reference number, then you should enter the unique reference number of the person or organisation you are representing. If you are not a registered Interested Party, then it is at the discretion of the Examining Authority whether your submission is accepted.

Submissions will be published on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable following the close of the relevant Deadline. For further information about publishing submissions please view our [Privacy Notice](#).

You will be able to submit a document (upload file), make a text representation or both. It is possible to upload multiple files for each individual submission item. Electronic attachments should be clearly labelled with the subject title and not exceed 50MB.

Submissions **must not include hyperlinks** to documents/evidence hosted on a third-party website e.g., technical reports, media articles etc. See the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 8.4: The Examination](#) for further information about making written submissions. All submissions must be made in a format that can be viewed in full on the National Infrastructure Planning website. Any submissions that exceed 1500 words should also be accompanied by a summary; this summary should not exceed 10% of the original text.

You should select the relevant Deadline for your submission and then, on the next webpage, select the appropriate Submission item as described in the Examination Timetable at **Annex A** to this letter. Please ensure you make a separate submission for each Submission item and **do not duplicate your submission**. If you consider that your submission does not fit the description of any of the Submission items, then please select the Submission item 'Any further information requested by the Examining Authority under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules' and ensure that it is titled appropriately.

If you experience any issues when using the ['Have Your Say' page](#), please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter and they will assist you.