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Our Ref: EN070008

Date: 10 May 2024

Dear Sir / Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rules 13 and 16

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

Notification of Hearings and Notification of Accompanied Site Inspection

We write to advise you that the following hearings and an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) will be held under Rule 13 and 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. These will be held on Tuesday 25 June 2024 and Wednesday 26 June 2024. Important details are set out at Annex A (hearings) and Annex B (ASI) to this letter.

Accompanied Site Inspection

The ExA gives notice of an ASI on the following date:

Event	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)	Wednesday 26 June 2024	Meet at 8:30am. Transport will depart at 9.00am	Kenwick Park Hotel, Kenwick Park Estate, Kenwick Road, Louth, LN11 8NR (free parking on site)

A final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the project page no later than **Friday 24 May 2024**. This itinerary will be drafted taking account the following:

- Suggested locations submitted by the Applicant by Procedural Deadline A [[PDA-001](#)]

- Comments on the suggested locations to be included in any ASI submitted by Deadline 1 [[REP1-086](#)]
- the Applicant’s revised draft itinerary submitted at Deadline 1 [[REP1-046](#)];
- Any comments on the revised draft itinerary submitted at Deadline 2; and
- the Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI) carried out on 6 February 2024 [[EV1-001](#)].

Please note that the Examining Authority’s (ExA) **ASI is not an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence**. It is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from, the sites. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.

Hearings

The ExA gives notice of the following hearings:

Hearing	Date	Start time	Location
<p>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH2)</p> <p>Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession and Related Matters</p>	Tuesday 25 June 2024	<p>Registration and seating available at venue from:</p> <p>9:00am</p> <p>Virtual Registration Process from:</p> <p>9:00am</p> <p>Hearing starts:</p> <p>9:30am</p>	<p>Kenwick Park Hotel, Kenwick Park Estate, Kenwick Road, Louth, LN11 8NR</p> <p>(Free parking)</p> <p>and</p> <p>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.</p>
<p>Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)</p>	Tuesday 25 June 2024	<p>Registration and seating available at venue from:</p> <p>3:30pm</p> <p>Virtual Registration Process from:</p> <p>3:30pm</p> <p>Hearing starts:</p>	<p>Kenwick Park Hotel, Kenwick Park Estate, Kenwick Road, Louth, LN11 8NR</p> <p>(Free parking)</p> <p>and</p> <p>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Full instructions on how to join online or by</p>

		4:00pm	telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.
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CAH2 and OFH1 will be held as blended events. This means that they will take place at the Kenwick Park Hotel and also virtually using Microsoft Teams. Please inform us if you plan to attend these hearings either virtually or in person (even if you do not wish to speak), by **Tuesday 18 June 2024**.

An agenda for the hearings will be published on our website at least five working days before the events. A list of invitees will be included in the hearing agendas. Meanwhile, if you are unsure as to whether you or the organisation you represent should attend a hearing, please contact the Case Team.

Applicant’s notification duties

The Applicant is reminded of its duty to notify and publicise hearings under Rule 13(6) and 13(7) of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

Purpose of Hearings

Please refer to the Planning Inspectorate’s [Advice Note 8.5: The Examination: hearings and site inspections](#) for information about the purpose of Open Floor, Issue Specific and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Case Team VikingCCSPipeline@planninginspectorate.gov.uk / 0303 444 5000.

Yours faithfully

David Wallis

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

Annexes

- A** Participating in hearings
- B** Attending the ASI

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Annex A

Participating in hearings

You must register by **Tuesday 18 June 2024** if you intend to participate in the Hearings and provide all the information requested.

Please register using the [Event Participation Form](#). If you have any difficulty completing the form, please contact the Case Team.

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.

Joining instructions for Hearings will be issued by the Case Team via email shortly before the Hearing dates.

Please contact the Case Team if you require any support or assistance to attend any Hearing, either virtually or in person.

If you simply wish to observe any of the Hearings then you can either:

1. Watch a livestream of the event - a link to the livestream will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before the event is scheduled to begin; and/or
2. Watch the recording of the event which will be published on the [project webpage](#) shortly after the event has finished.

Alternatively, you can attend the physical event at the venue to observe the proceedings; however, to ensure there is adequate seating capacity at the venue we request that you register your attendance to observe only by **Tuesday 18 June 2024** using the **Event Participation Form**: <https://forms.office.com/e/z9yrXsQr33>. Please note that it may not be possible to participate on the day if you have not registered your wish to speak by **Tuesday 18 June 2024**.

Hearing Agendas

The Agendas and any detailed arrangements for the Hearings will be published on the [project webpage](#) at least five working days before the Hearings. However, the actual Agenda on the day of each Hearing may be subject to change at our discretion. There may not be an Agenda for an Open Floor Hearing.

Procedure at Hearings and Post Hearing submissions

The procedure to be followed at Hearings is set out in The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

Participation in a Hearing will be subject to the ExA's powers of control. It is for the ExA to determine how the Hearing will be conducted, including the time allowed at the Hearing for the making of a person's representations. The Hearing will be managed in the interests of ensuring fair access to the Hearing for all parties, and to ensure that the submissions of all invited persons are fully heard within the allotted time.

All Hearings are recorded. The recordings and transcripts will be made available on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable following 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 at a Hearing. It is therefore important to note that anyone speaking at the Hearing will need to introduce themselves, including any organisation or groups that they represent, **each time they speak** to ensure that someone listening to the recording after the Hearing is clear who was speaking.

As the recordings are retained and published, they form a public record that can contain personal information to which the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) applies. Please refer to our [Privacy Notice](#) for further information. Participants must do their best to avoid making public any information which they would otherwise wish to be kept private and confidential. If there is a need to refer to such information, it should be in written form. Although this will also be published, personal and private content can be redacted or removed before it is made publicly available. Any person who is unclear on this point should ask the Case Team for guidance before they place personal and private information into the public domain. The Planning Inspectorate's practice is to publish the recordings and transcripts and retain them for a period of five years from the Secretary of State's decision on the Development Consent Order (DCO). If you actively participate in the Hearing, it is important that you understand that you will be recorded and that the recording and transcript will be made available in the public domain.

The evidence presented orally at Hearings should be included in post Hearing submissions and submitted on or before **Deadline 4 (Monday 29 July 2024)**. Where possible we ask that you use the ['Have Your Say'](#) tab on the project page of the National Infrastructure website.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Case Team VikingCCSPipeline@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

Annex B

Attending the ASI

The final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the [project webpage](#) no later than Friday 24 May 2024. This will include a route map, approximate timings and a link to a form where you can register attendance by **Wednesday 12 June 2024**. This form will include a request for telephone contact details (preferably mobile telephone) so that we can contact you should the ASI run late or need to be cancelled with minimal notice.

Prior to the publication of the final itinerary, you can register your interest in attending the ASI using this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/z9yrXsQr33>. If you experience any issues using the form or have any questions about the ASI please do not hesitate to contact the Case Team: VikingCCSPipeline@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

Participants are asked to assemble promptly at the start point as the ExA will not be able to wait for parties who are not present at the start time.

If you are interested in a particular site or location, you may join the ASI for part of the itinerary. Please make this known to the Case Team when you confirm your attendance so that you can be accounted for.

For logistical and safety reasons, capacity on the transport that will be used for the ASI may be limited. Priority will be afforded to the Planning Inspectorate staff, the Applicant, IPs who have notified us in advance of their wish to attend, local authorities and relevant Statutory Parties. In the case of a large number of unexpected attendees, any Interested Parties who express a wish to attend the ASI for its duration may be contacted by the Case Team to discuss the option of meeting the ExA at relevant locations in the itinerary instead.

Clothing

The inspection is likely to include some walking on uneven or wet ground. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather and sturdy footwear. At times during the ASI it will be necessary to wear a high visibility vest or coat. Attendees who have their own high visibility vest or coat should bring it with them. For anyone who does not have either a high visibility vest or coat, the Applicant will provide a vest for use during the ASI.

Sites on private land

Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it; householders, occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the ExA onto their land. Under those circumstances, the ExA will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask those refused access to wait outside.

Refreshments and transport

A minibus will provide transport for those requiring it. Please make the case team aware if you wish to use it. Please let us know of any mobility needs that may affect transportation. Refreshments will not be provided but provision will be made for comfort breaks throughout the day.

Cancellations

Please note that in the unlikely event that the ASI is cancelled we shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand, but we ask that you regularly check the [project webpage](#).

Contacting the Case Team

The Case Team can be contacted on the day of the ASI on 07584 452519.

Further information about Site Inspections can be found in [Advice note 8.5](#).