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Dear Sirs

**The Viking Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Pipeline (the "Scheme")**  
**Our Client: Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency ("DVSA")**

We act for DVSA in this matter.

DVSA is the owner and occupier of land registered under title number HS347729 (the "**Site**"), which has been identified by Chrysaor Productions (UK) Limited (the "**Applicant**") as being affected by the Scheme.

We have been engaging with the solicitors and agent acting for the Applicant to negotiate terms for an option for lease and lease of the Site to enable the installation and operation of the Scheme.

Under the current proposals for the Scheme, the Applicant will have to take temporary possession of the Site in order to install the pipeline. Following installation, the Site will then be returned to DVSA, subject to a subsoil lease granted to the Applicant for the expected lifetime of the pipeline.

Whilst DVSA does not object to the principle of the Scheme as a whole, DVSA has significant concerns regarding the disruption that the Scheme will cause DVSA's operations at the Site.

DVSA currently uses the Site to conduct roadside checks on commercial drivers and vehicles, enabling them to fulfil their functions of enforcing roadway laws and promoting road safety.

DVSA has been assured by the Applicant's agent that every effort will be made to route the pipeline around DVSA's site, using the site only for a storage and welfare facilities, so as to avoid the need for DVSA to relocate. However, the Applicant's agent has confirmed that, as a last resort, the pipeline may be routed directly through DVSA's site. This will result in DVSA needing to fully relocate its operations for the duration of construction.

To enable continuity of DVSA's operations and fulfilment of statutory duties, it is essential that any alternative site is within close proximity of the major roadway, has suitable vehicular access and is of appropriate size and layout to allow the assessment of vehicles. From DVSA's initial enquiries, it is becoming increasingly apparent that the likelihood of finding a suitable alternative site in the locality is very small, and potentially impossible.

DVSA continues to engage with the Applicant in negotiating commercial terms including relocation provisions. However, DVSA objects to any proposed route of the Scheme that will cross the Site and result in DVSA needing to relocate due to the significant disruption it will cause to DVSA's operations.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should PINS require any further information.

Yours faithfully

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