

Viking CCS Pipeline

8.7 Draft Statement of Common Ground – Cadent Gas

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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared by Chrysaor Production (UK) Ltd (the 'Applicant') in conjunction with Cadent Gas in respect of the Viking CCS Pipeline project (the 'Proposed Development').
- 1.1.2 The SoCG sets out the matters of agreement between the Applicant and Cadent Gas and also explains those matters which, at the time of writing, remain unresolved between the parties. The agreements to date have been reached through consultation and continuing discussions between the parties through online meetings.

1.2 The Role of Cadent Gas

- 1.2.1 Cadent Gas is a licensed gas transporter under the Gas Act 1986, with a statutory responsibility to operate and maintain specific regional gas distribution networks in the UK.
- 1.2.2 Cadent Gas owns, operates and maintains the largest natural gas distribution network in the United Kingdom, transporting gas to 11 million homes and businesses across North West England, West Midlands, East Midlands, East of England and North London.
- 1.2.3 Cadent Gas is a statutory consultee for the proposed Viking CCS pipeline under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008

1.3 Purpose of this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.3.1 The purpose of this document is to summarise the agreements reached between the parties on matters relevant to the examination of the application and to assist the Examining Authority ('ExA'). It also sets out the matters that remain unresolved at the time of writing, but which both parties are working positively toward resolving. As such, it is expected that further iterations of the SoCG will be submitted to the ExA throughout the Examination and prior to the making of any Development Consent Order ('DCO') for the Proposed Development.
- 1.3.2 The SoCG has been prepared with regard to the guidance in 'Planning Act 2008: examination of applications for development consent' (Department for Communities and Local Government, March 2015).
- 1.3.3 Cadent has various medium, intermediate and high pressure gas pipelines and associated apparatus located within the order limits.
- 1.3.4 The remainder of this SoCG is structured as follows:
 - Section 2 – Summary of consultation and discussions; and
 - Section 3 - Position of the parties

1.4 Status of this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.4.1 This SoCG is currently in draft form.

2 Summary of Consultation and Discussions

Introduction

2.1.1 In addition to the consultation undertaken as part of statutory consultation, there have been a number of meetings and correspondence relating to the Proposed Development. Details of various meetings and key correspondence are set out in Table 2-1 Record of meetings and correspondence with Cadent Gas. Table 2-1 below.

Table 2-1 Record of meetings and correspondence with Cadent Gas.

Date of meeting/ correspondence	Description of meeting/correspondence
April 2023	Email issue of the Draft Order Limits
Various dates	Emails regarding protective provisions within the draft DCO
19 th January 2024	Email correspondence regarding DCO Application acceptance and draft SoCG
16 th February 2024	Email correspondence and issue of draft SoCG
7 th March 2024	Email correspondence on progress of SoCG within Cadent
21 st March 2024	Email correspondence on progress of SoCG within Cadent and response regarding legal team review meeting on 22 nd March 2024 on progress
15 th March 2024	Email correspondence on progress of SoCG within Cadent

3 Position of the Parties

3.1.1 Table 3-1 sets out the position of the parties relating to the following topics:

- General protective provisions for Cadent Gas assets such as gas pipelines/infrastructure.

3.1.2 To provide clarity, each of the matters for which a position has been attributed have been colour coded as follows:

Agreed	The matter is agreed between the parties, or there are no significant disagreement such that the matter is considered closed.
Not agreed - no material impact	The matter is not agreed between the parties; however the outcome of the approach taken by the Applicant or Cadent Gas is not considered to result in a material impact to the assessment conclusions. Discussions on this matter have concluded.
In discussion	This matter is neither 'agreed' or 'not agreed'. Technical work is being undertaken with the aim of achieving agreement, though the risk of disagreement remains.
Not agreed	The matter is not agreed between the parties and the outcome of the approach taken by the Applicant or Cadent Gas is considered to result in a materially different impact to the assessment conclusions.

Table 3-1 Position of the Parties

ID	Matter	Detail	Related documents and their references	Comments from the Parties	Agreed / Not Agreed
General Matters					
CG1	Engagement	The pre-application engagement undertaken by the applicant has been proactive and professional.	N/A	Applicant: Applicant has provided all respective engagement in a proactive and professional manner. Cadent Gas:	Agreed
CG2	Project Information	Details of the project, including its need, have been provided.	N/A	Applicant: Project information was notified through statutory consultation and correspondence during pre-application period. Cadent Gas:	In Discussion
Protective Provisions					
CG3	Protective Provisions	The protective provisions included in Part 5, Schedule 9 of the draft DCO (Revision A) [AS-008] ensure that appropriate protection and safeguarding measures Cadent's assets and interests are in place. Both parties agree that appropriate protection is in place for Cadent and that Cadent will not suffer serious detriment to the carrying on of its undertaking as a result of the Project.		Applicant: Negotiation of protective provisions are ongoing and the Applicant hopes to agree these with Cadent in early course. Cadent Gas: Protective provisions for the protection of Cadent's statutory undertaking have not yet been agreed but are in discussion between the parties.	In Discussion

4 References

There are no documents referenced at present.