

Viking CCS Pipeline

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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 British Pipeline Agency (BPA) 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 BPA 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 BPA

- 1.2.1 British Pipeline Agency Ltd (BPA) is a joint venture, established in 1969 between BP Oil UK and Shell UK. BPA replaced the pipeline operations group of Shell Mex & BP in the late 1960s and took over the role as the majority operator on the Government Pipeline and Storage System (GPSS).
- 1.2.2 The company operates the UK oil pipeline network of oil pipelines which transport petroleum products around the UK. As originally conceived the pipeline system comprised 1,600 miles of pipelines. Additionally, it also provides oil and gas support services including engineering, technical consulting and construction.
- 1.2.3 Ex A has requested a Statement of Common Ground be prepared and BPA consulted 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 BPA has specifically identified the existing Finaline pipeline within, or in close proximity to, the proposed 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 BPA. Table 2-1 below.

Table 2-1 Record of meetings and correspondence with BPA.

Date of meeting/ correspondence	Description of meeting/correspondence
8 th December 2023	Feedback during consultation period noted BPA maintains the Prax owned high pressure fuel pipeline that is crossed by this project. Consequently, all activities in close proximity to the pipeline must be reviewed and accepted by BPA to ensure no damage is caused to the critical national infrastructure pipeline.
8 th March 2024	Email correspondence on acceptance of DCO application and issue of draft SoCG
25 th March 2024	Email correspondence confirming receipt and issue of SoCG to legal representatives
15 th April 2024	Email correspondence to BPA on progress of SoCG with legal representatives

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 BPA

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 BPA 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 BPA 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					
CAL1	Engagement	The pre-application engagement undertaken by the applicant has been proactive and professional.	N/A	<p>Applicant: Project information was notified through statutory consultation and correspondence during pre-application period.</p> <p>BPA:</p>	Agreed
CAL2	Project Information	Details of the project, including its need, have been provided.	N/A	<p>Applicant: Project information was notified through statutory consultation and correspondence during pre-application period.</p> <p>BPA:</p>	Agreed
Protective Provisions					
CAL3	Protective Provisions	The protective provisions included in Part 1, Schedule 9 of the draft DCO (Revision A) [AS-008] ensure that appropriate protection and safeguarding measures for BPA's assets and interests are in place. Both parties agree that appropriate protection is in place for BPA and that BPA will not suffer serious detriment to the carrying on of its undertaking as a result of the Project	N/A	<p>Applicant: Agreed</p> <p>BPA:</p>	In Discussion

4 References

There are no documents referenced at present.