



**Transboundary screening undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) for the purposes of Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations)**

<b>Project name:</b>	Viking Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Pipeline ( <u>Onshore elements only</u> )
<b>Address/Location:</b>	Underground Pipeline and associated above ground infrastructure between Immingham and Theddlethorpe, Lincolnshire, United Kingdom
<b>Planning Inspectorate Ref:</b>	EN070008

**TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING**

<b>Document(s) used for transboundary screening:</b>	V Net Zero Pipeline Project – Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report (‘the Scoping Report’) – dated March 2022 – Appendix C  Note – The project name has recently changed to “Viking Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Pipeline”
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The Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS has considered the Proposed Development which comprises an onshore transportation system comprising a buried 53 kilometre (km) 24-inch diameter onshore pipeline and ancillary works. The project is located between an offtake facility at Immingham and the former Theddlethorpe Gas Terminal (TGT) site where there would be an offshore pipeline tie-in and outlet facility.

The Inspectorate concludes that the Proposed Development **is unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State**. In reaching this conclusion the Inspectorate has identified and considered the Proposed Development’s likely impacts including consideration of potential pathways and the extent, magnitude, probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impacts.

The Inspectorate considers that the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development is so low that it does not warrant the issue of a detailed transboundary screening. However, this position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.

Note – The proposed application for Development Consent relates to the onshore elements of the Viking CCS Pipeline only as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008. Offshore elements of the project including works to recommission an existing offshore pipeline, construct new infrastructure and the process of carbon injection into depleted resource wells, are subject to separate consenting requirements.

**Action:** No further action required at this stage.

**Date:** 25 November 2022

**Note:** The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

## TRANSBOUNDARY RE-SCREENING

**Document(s) used for transboundary screening:**

**Document 5.1 and 5.2 Consultation Report** – APP-034 – APP-040

**Environmental Statement (ES):**

- Document 6.2.1 – 6.2.21 Main Chapters – APP-043 to APP-063
- Document 6.3 ES Figures – APP-064 to APP-066
- Document 6.4 ES Appendices – APP-067- APP-118
- Document 6.4 ES Appendix 13-4 – APP-111
- Document 6.5 Report to Inform the Habitats Regulation Assessment (Response to s51 advice) AS-025 and AS-026
- Document 6.12 Viking CCS Bridging Document – APP-128

The Inspectorate has re-considered the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development, taking into account any changes that have been made to the Proposed Development since the previous transboundary screening process was undertaken.

The Inspectorate considers that the Proposed Development is **unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State**. This position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.

Note – The application for Development Consent relates to the onshore elements of the Viking CCS Pipeline only as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008. Offshore elements of the project including works to recommission an existing offshore pipeline, construct new infrastructure and the process of carbon injection into depleted resource wells, are subject to separate consenting requirements, listed in the Bridging Document as:

- The Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Unloading and Storage (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2020 – Environmental Impact Assessment
- Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitat Species Regulations 2017 – Habitats Regulation Assessment
- The Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 – Marine Licensing
- Energy Act 2008 – CCS Leasing and Licensing
- Requirements of the Crown Estate and regulation of projects by the licensing authority, the North Sea Transition Authority (NSTA)).

**Action:** No further action required at this stage.

**Date:** 02 May 2024

**Note:** The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

**Note:**

The Inspectorate's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in the Annex to its Advice Note Twelve, available on our website at <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>