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To the Applicant and National Gas  
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Our Ref:

EN070008

Date:

8 May 2024

Dear Sir/ Madam

## **Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008) – and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 17**

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

#### **Request for Further Information**

We are writing under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended). Specifically, we request the following:

#### Issue 1: Compulsory Acquisition Tracker anomalies (Applicant)

At the Preliminary Meeting, it was identified that the Compulsory Acquisition tracker submitted [[AS-030](#)] contained errors and discrepancies. Having reviewed the most recent version of the tracker [[REP1-010](#)] there again appear inconsistencies as the dark red/maroon colour used to denote the 9 irresolvable objections to Compulsory Acquisition does not appear anywhere in the tables. Instead, the brighter red appears several times but the corresponding explanation at each entry does not match the colour coding description.

The Inspectorate has recently updated its forms and guidance on producing a Compulsory Acquisition Tracker, and it is considered beneficial to both the Examining Authority and, ultimately, to the Secretary of State for this project to adopt the new format. The new tracker [Annex A] is attached. It is expected that



this version will supercede both the [REP1-009] and [REP1-010] information from hereon. Please note the new format is not a simple repetition of the Book of Reference and requires all fields to be completed properly. If an answer is 'unknown' then fill that in as opposed to leaving a cell blank. Please ensure that information is entered accurately in the new format and submitted into the Examination by **Deadline 3 (11 June 2024)**.

Issue 2: Detail regarding the DVSA routing options (Applicant)

Having reviewed the submissions at Deadline 1 [REP1-045] [REP1-069] it would appear that there is a 'preferred' route going around the Drive and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) commercial premises that would not entail any disruption to DVSA's operations and would not give rise to a need to relocate. The Applicant has however not ruled out the possibility of this and has stated that a 12-month notification would be given to the DVSA in the event that the pipeline would not be on the preferred route, to allow for relocation.

It is highly likely this issue may form part of the discussion at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing to take place in June 2024 [PD-009]. To better inform the ExA, please provide a map/diagram showing a) the Order limits, b) the DVSA site in full, c) the operable yard areas of DVSA that, if interfered with would result in a relocation being necessary and d) the 'preferred route' of the pipeline that would avoid conflict with DVSA's operations. Please provide this information by **Deadline 3 (11 June 2024)**.

Issue 3: Missing Responses to Examining Authority's First Written Questions (National Gas Transmissions)

There were questions directed to National Gas Transmission in the ExA's first written questions [PD-010, Q1.5.16 to Q1.5.20]. No response has been received to date. Please provide a response to these questions by **Deadline 2 (17 May 2024)**.

Should you have any questions about the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the case team.

Yours sincerely

*David Wallis*

**Lead Member of the Examining Authority**

