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Dear Nigel,

MOD Safeguarding – Donna Nook Air Weapon Range

Proposal: AECOM are working for Chrysaor Production (UK) Ltd (“the Applicant”) on their application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the Viking CCS Pipeline Project (“the Proposed Development”). An application for development consent was submitted on 23 October 2023, and the application was accepted by the Planning Inspectorate for examination on 17 November 2023. The Examination commenced on 26 March 2024 and the Examining Authority issued their first round of Written Questions on 3 April 2024. The Examining Authority has asked the Applicant to respond to the following question: 1.9.1: The Defence Infrastructure Organisation] have highlighted the proximity of the Proposed Development to the Donna Nook Air Weapon Range. Set out clearly the Applicant's position into the likely environmental effects upon this installation and what, if any, specific mitigation is required to ensure the compatibility of the Proposed Development with the existing use.

Location: From Immingham to the former Theddlethorpe Gas Terminal (TGT).

**Indicative
Grid Refs:**

Easting	Northern	Easting	Northern
516,838	416,601	532,357	394,171
517,186	413,750	536,016	390,731
517,619	411,250	537,582	389,583
519,500	407,559	539,236	390,648
520,390	405,953	541,293	388,564
520,020	405,039	542,590	387,083
548,724	387,416	544,429	386,163
550,085	387,732	546,935	387,859
521,615	403,907	547, 784	387,786
520,390	405,953	548,141	387,591
520,020	405,039	549,477	387,419
531,517	395,150	550, 202	387,472
550,085	387,732		

Thank you for consulting Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) on the above proposed development which was received by this office on the 17/04/2024.

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) Safeguarding Team represents the Ministry of Defence (MOD) as a consultee in UK planning and energy consenting systems to ensure that development does not compromise or degrade the operation of defence sites such as aerodromes, explosives storage sites, air weapon ranges, and technical sites or training resources such as the UK Military Low Flying System.

AECOM, on behalf of the applicant, have enquired if any specific mitigation is required to ensure the compatibility of the proposed development with the Air Weapon Range at RAF Donna Nook in relation to a proposed Pipeline project, comprising a new 55 km (approx.) onshore underground pipeline that will transport captured CO2.

The application route occupies the range statutory safeguarding zone surrounding RAF Donna Nook with the closest point of the range lying 1.8km away.

Low Flying

In this case the development falls within Low Flying Area 11 (LFA 11), an area within which military aircraft may conduct low level flight training. The addition of a development

featuring tall or narrow profile structures such as masts or vent flue stacks in this locality has the potential to introduce a physical obstruction to low flying aircraft operating in the area.

In summary the MOD has no objection to this application for a Development Consent Order, subject to any vent stacks being charted on aviation maps. MOD requirements are set out in Appendix A.

The MOD must emphasise that the response provided to this enquiry is provided specifically in response to the application documents and supporting information dated 17 November 2023, within the examination stage review of the application and is response to the written questions on 3 April 2024.

Any variation of the parameters (which include the location, dimensions, form, and finishing materials) detailed may significantly alter how the development relates to MOD safeguarding requirements and cause adverse impacts to safeguarded defence assets or capabilities. In the event that any amendment, whether considered material or not by the determining authority, is submitted for approval, the MOD should be consulted and provided with adequate time to carry out assessments and provide a formal response.

I trust this is clear however should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Mr Chris Waldron
DIO Assistant Safeguarding Manager

Appendix A

The undertaker must notify the Ministry of Defence, at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the works, in writing of the following information:

- **the date of the commencement of the erection of any vent stack, or tall or narrow profile structure over 15 metres high.**
- **the maximum height of any construction equipment to be used in the erection of the vent stack;**
- **the date the vent stack is brought into use;**
- **the latitude and longitude and maximum heights of the vent stack.**

The Ministry of Defence must be notified of any changes to the information supplied in accordance with these requirements and of the completion of the construction of the development.

Reason for condition.

To maintain aviation safety

Good afternoon,

Thank you for consulting the Ministry of Defence (MOD) on Applicants formal change request submitted on 19 June 2024, reference EN070008, MOD reference DIO 10057065.

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I can confirm that, following review of the application documents, the proposed development would be considered to have no detrimental impact on the operation or capability of a defence site or asset. The MOD has no objection to the development proposed. However, please find previous correspondence attached, which sets out MOD recommended conditions.

The MOD must emphasise that this email is provided specifically in response to the application documents and supporting information provided on the The Planning Inspectorate website as of the date of this email.

Amendments to any element of the proposed development (including the location, dimensions, form, and/or finishing materials of any structure) may significantly alter how the development relates to MOD safeguarding requirements and may result in detrimental impact(s) on the operation or capability of defence sites or assets.

In the event that any:

- revised plans;
- amended plans;
- additional information; or
- further application(s)

are submitted for approval, the MOD, as a statutory consultee, should be consulted and provided with adequate time to carry out assessments and provide a formal response whether the proposed amendments are considered material or not by the determining authority.

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Best wishes,

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