

The Examining Authority National Infrastructure Planning Temple Quay House 2 The Square Bristol BS1 6PN Our ref: AN/2023/135033/05-L01 Your ref: EN070008

Date: 25 July 2024

Dear Members of the Examining Authority

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

In accordance with the Examination Timetable, please find below the Environment Agency's Deadline 4 submission in respect of:

[<u>REP3-030</u>] Applicant's Comments on the Additional Submissions made by Interested Parties at Deadline 2

We note the Applicant's response (ref 2.2.2) in respect of the timescales contained in Requirement 22 in relation to other recently made Orders. We remain of the view that any consultation timescales that do not, as a minimum, reflect the requirements of the Development Management Procedure Order 2015 will be inadequate – please refer to paragraphs 3.13 to 3.16 of the Environment Agency's Relevant Representation [RR-034] for our original representation on this matter and our Deadline 2 submission [REP2-038] for additional comments following the amendments made to satisfy the Local Authorities representations.

We look forward to reviewing the update to the Hydrogeological Risk Assessment, which the Applicant (at ref 2.2.4) has committed to submit for Deadline 4.

Other Matters

Our solicitor is currently reviewing the protective provisions for the Environment Agency and we will provide an update on these as soon as possible.

Should you require any additional information, or wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number below.

Yours faithfully

Annette Hewitson Planning Liaison Officer Direct dial

environment-agency.gov.uk

Ceres House, Searby Road, Lincoln, LN2 4DW Customer services line: 03708 506 506 Email: LNplanning@environment-agency.gov.uk www.gov.uk/environment-agency Calls to 03 numbers cost no more than national rate calls to 01 or 02 numbers and count towards any inclusive minutes in the same way. This applies to calls from any type of line including mobile.