

## Viking CCS Pipeline

# 9.47 Applicants Responses to Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) 3 held 17 July 2024

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a Harbour Energy Company  
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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of this Document

- 1.1.1 This document has been prepared for the Viking CCS Pipeline (the 'Proposed Development') on behalf of Chrysaor Production (UK) Limited ('the Applicant'), in relation to an application ('the Application') for a Development Consent Order (DCO) that has been submitted under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) to the Secretary of State (SoS) for Energy Security and Net Zero.
- 1.1.2 This document provides the Applicant's responses to the actions set out by the Examining Authorities at Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) held on the 17 July 2024.

## 1.2 The DCO Proposed Development

- 1.2.1 The Proposed Development comprises a new onshore pipeline which will transport CO<sub>2</sub> from the Immingham industrial area to the Theddlethorpe area on the Lincolnshire coast, supporting industrial and energy decarbonisation, and contributing to the UK target of Net-Zero by 2050. The details of the Proposed Development can be found within the submitted DCO documentation. In addition to the pipeline, the Proposed Development includes a number of above ground infrastructure, including the Immingham Facility, Theddlethorpe Facility and three Block Valve Stations.
- 1.2.2 A full, detailed description of the Proposed Development is outlined in Environmental Statement (ES) Volume II Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development **[APP-045]**.

## 2 Applicant's response to actions set out by the ExA in ISH3 16 July 2024

2.1.1 This section provides the Applicant's response to actions set out by the Examining Authorities in ISH3 on 17 July 2024.

**Table 2-1: Applicant's response to actions set out by the Examining Authorities in ISH3 dated 17 July 2024**

Action Ref.	Applicant Actions Raised in ISH3 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Applicant's Response
1.	Natural England to provide further comments on the five 'minor' outstanding issues	N/A (Not for Applicant)
2.	Submit the revised Habitats Regulation Assessment and respond to the remaining issues and the latest response from Natural England.	The updated Habitat Regulations Assessment has been submitted at Deadline 4 (document reference: EN070008/APP/6.5 – Revision C).
3.	Confirm that Natural England agree there is no harm to the Site of Special Scientific Interest.	Meetings have taken place between Natural England and the Applicant to discuss the remaining issues and an updated Habitat Regulations Assessment has been submitted at Deadline 4 (document reference: EN070008/APP/6.5 – Revision C). No harm to the SSSI is anticipated.
4.	Prepare a passing bay strategy in the area of the Thoroughfare for adding to the Construction Traffic Management Plan, and detail how traffic would be managed at the Thoroughfare / haul road interface.	The Applicant is preparing a passing bay strategy to be shared with the Local Highway Authority imminently for comment before it is submitted to the Examining Authority.
5.	Amend draft Development Consent Order (DCO) to be clearer as to the improvement works at the entrance adjacent to Swallow Park.	The Applicant has updated the wording the draft DCO (document reference: EN070008/APP/2.1 - Revision F) has been submitted at Deadline 4.
6.	Respond as to whether the increased vehicle numbers in the Transport Assessment need to be reflected in an updated noise assessment as requested by East Lindsey District Council.	The Applicant has prepared the document titled: Technical Note on Construction Traffic Noise (document reference: EN070008/EXAM/9.58)
7.	National Highways to provide a justification as to why National Highways should be an approving body, not just a consultee in respect of certain DCO requirements.	N/A (Not for Applicant)
8.	Provide a more detailed response concerning the site selection reasons for the central construction compound positioned in the setting of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).	A technical note has been prepared outlining the reasons for the selection of the site for the central construction compound. The technical note has been submitted at deadline 4 (document reference: EN070008/EXAM/9.56)
9.	Submit the technical note which has already been supplied to Natural England concerning the route alignment of the pipeline within the AONB.	The document titled: Technical Note in Response to Natural England's Written Representation Regarding the Lincolnshire Wolds National Landscape (document reference EN070008/EXAM/9.28) has been submitted at deadline 4.
10.	North East Lincolnshire, A meeting has taken place between the Council's ecologist and the Applicant so providing an update of any outstanding concerns.	N/A (Not for Applicant)
11.	Provide a further technical note to East Lindsey District Council concerning the noise impacts on duration of these and also the proposed mitigation.	The document titled: Technical Note on Noise Assessment (document reference EN070008/EXAM/9.51) has been submitted at deadline 4.
12.	Provide details of other DCO schemes which are appropriate comparators in terms of noise assessment.	The document titled: Noise Assessment – Justification of Approach (document reference EN070008/EXAM/9.61) has been submitted at deadline 4.

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13.	Provide updated illustrative plans to be certified showing the Block Valve Stations without the venting stacks.	<p>Updated illustrative plans showing the block valve stations without venting stacks have been submitted at deadline 4:</p> <p>EN070008/APP/4.14 - Washingdales Lane Block Valve Station Plan and Elevations            EN070008/APP/4.15 - Thoroughfare Block Valve Station Plan and Elevations            EN070008/APP/4.16 - Louth Road Block Valve Station Plan and Elevations</p>
14.	Lincolnshire County Council to provide responses to questions from the ExA raised at ISH3 including why they think National Policy Statement for renewable energy infrastructure (EN-3) is relevant to the Application.	While this action was for Lincolnshire County Council to address, the Applicant has submitted the document titled: Note on Policy References at Issue Specific Hearing 3 (document reference: EN070008/EXAM/9.57). the note provides the applicants position on:
15.	Provide a Statement of Common Ground with Historic England	<p>The Statement of Common Ground with Historic England has been submitted at Deadline 4 (document reference: EN070008/APP/8.10).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The policy considerations when assessing potential impacts on the National Landscape,</li> <li>• The relevance of National Policy Statement for renewable energy infrastructure (EN-3), responding to the submissions of Lincolnshire County Council.</li> </ul>
16.	Prepare a scheme of evaluation followed by mitigation (Detailed archaeological mitigation Strategy (DAMS)) to Lincolnshire County Council in respect of Cultural Heritage Matters.	The Detailed Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (DAMS) is in preparation and will be issued to Historic England and the Local Planning Authority Archaeological Advisors for each Council by mid-August for their review.