

PLANNING ACT 2008 (as amended)

INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE)
RULES 2010

Response to ExA Second Written Questions

SUBJECT: Viking CCS Pipeline

APPLICANT: Chrysaor Production (UK) Limited

INTERESTED PARTY:

**NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE
COUNCIL**

Interested Party Reference number: 20047168

YOUR REF: EN070008

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Introduction

Below are the answers from North East Lincolnshire Council in regard to the Examining Authorities (ExA) Second Written Questions (ExQ2).

Q2.4 Climate Change

Assessments and Calculations

Q2.4.1 – Updated ES Chapter 15

NELC do not have any concerns in this regard.

Q2.4.2 – Climate Resilience

NELC do not have any concerns in this regard.

Q2.7 Draft Development Consent Order

Interpretation and Articles

Q2.7.2 – ExA Schedule of Changes to the Development Consent Order

NELC do not have any concerns in this regard and find the change requests acceptable.

Q2.8 Ecology and Biodiversity

Ecology

Q2.8.2 – Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)

NELC consider that BNG is not required for this project due to its exemption.

Q2.8.3 – BNG Details

NELC consider that the CEMP and OLEMP do not show measurable gains although 6.8 Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan does show landscape plans with species lists and sets out appropriate management, including methods and timelines, of created habitats, such as the grasslands and hedgerows, and a monitoring programme. The CEMP states that a 10% net gain in biodiversity would be achieved which would require numerical values to be applied and that isn't present in the submitted documents. The habitats present along the route have been mapped using Phase One which should be converted to the UKHab mapping system, and the Statutory Metric used to calculate baseline and post-construction biodiversity values as that capability now exists. That would provide the evidence that a gain and a 10% gain had been achieved or not which currently can't be ascertained from these documents. The Plan also states that where habitats are impacted, they will be returned to, at minimum, the same state and condition as they were

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pre-works. If it stated that an improvement in habitat type or condition would be applied post-construction, it would suggest there would likely be a gain in biodiversity but still unmeasured.

However, it is noted that this would be secured through a separate requirement within the Draft DCO which is welcomed.

Q2.13 Landscape and Visual Amenity

Character and appearance of the countryside

Q2.13.2 – OLEMP Strategy

NELC do not have any concerns in this regard.

Q2.13.3 – Reinstatement of Land and Landscape

NELC do not have any concerns in this regard.

Q2.16 Traffic and Transport

Local Road Network

Q2.16.1 – Transport Assessment

NELC would like to see some further assessment following the revised Transport Assessment (TA). According to the TA, during the peak traffic month (June 2026), it shows an increase in trips as follows:

7-8am 48 two way trips previously and 76 two way from the revision

8-9am 48 two way trips previously and 72 two way from the revision

4-5pm 48 two way trips previously and 68 two way from the revision

5-6pm 48 two way trips previously and 68 two way from the revision

Given these sitings within the network peaks, we would like to ensure there would be no impact on the surrounding junctions as a result of this. We would therefore request that the applicants look at any junction that will be impacted by more than 30+ two-way trips and assess these as appropriate.

In terms of the removal of some of the proposed accesses, the NELC welcomes this.

In regard to NELC's outstanding concerns on some of the access points proposed, we have been informed by the applicants that revised plans, road safety audits and traffic management proposals will be submitted to us in due course. We must stress that NELC still have significant concerns with these at this time.

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Q2.16.8 – **National Planning Policy Framework**

NELC do not feel that we are in a position to answer this until such a time that the above detail is provided and considered accordingly.

Q2.17 Waste and Minerals

Waste

Q2.17.1 – **Revised ES Chapter 18**

NELC do not have any concerns in this regard.

Minerals

Q2.17.4 – **Waste Management**

NELC do not wish to raise any concerns on this matter.

Q2.17.6 – **Mineral Safeguarding**

NELC do not have any concerns in this regard.