

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

West Lindsey District Council

Answers to Examining Authority's Questions (ExQ2)

Viking CCS Pipeline (EN070008)

Deadline 5- Date: 2nd September 2024

This document provides the response of West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) to the Examining Authority's questions (ExQ2).

Q2.4 Climate Change			
ExQ no.	Question to	Question	WLDC Response
2.4.1	All Local Authorities	<p>Updated ES Chapter 15</p> <p>The Applicant revised Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter 15 on Climate Change at Deadline 4 [REP4-029] answering requests for information.</p> <p>Furthermore, details of materials to be used and greenhouse gases derived therefrom were supplied as Appendix A to [REP4-041]. In respect of the updated information, do the local authorities have any comments or observations that the ExA should be aware of?</p>	WLDC has no comment on this matter.
2.4.2	All Local Authorities	<p>Climate Resilience</p> <p>The revised ES Chapter 15 [REP4-029] sets out considerations in respect of climate change resilience for the Proposed Development. No substantive comments have been made about these to date, so the Examining Authority (ExA) assumes there are no fundamental concerns. Please confirm whether the Applicant's ES is robust or not regarding these considerations.</p>	WLDC considers that the revised Chapter 15 is robust enough in addressing Climate Resilience.
Q2.7 Draft Development Consent Order			
2.7.2	<p>Applicant</p> <p>All Interested Parties</p> <p>All Statutory Undertakers</p> <p>All Local Authorities</p>	<p>ExA Schedule of Changes to the Development Consent Order</p> <p>Comments are invited from all parties on the ExA's proposed Schedule of Changes to the Development Consent Order, without prejudice to the respective party's positions on the Proposed Development.</p>	WLDC does not have any comments on the schedule of changes to the DCO.
Q2.8 Ecology and Biodiversity			
2.8.2	Natural England	Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)	

	Local Authorities	Given that BNG on NSIPs is not yet mandatory, provide any information you wish the ExA and the SoS to take into account as to why it is considered a Requirement is necessary for this project?	WLDC does not wish to comment on this matter.
2.8.3	Local Authorities	<p>BNG Details</p> <p>In light of the Applicant's commitments within the Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (OLEMP) [REP2-026], is there any uncertainty remaining as to what would be done and when, or any amendments required to the OLEMP to provide reassurances of effective and long management?</p>	WLDC has no comment on this matter.
Q2.13. Landscape and Visual Amenity			
2.13.2	Local Authorities	OLEMP strategy Confirm for the record if the landscaping strategy, planting strategy and replacement/ compensatory landscape proposals of the Applicant, as set out in the OLEMP, are satisfactory and fit for purpose. If not, why not?	WLDC considers that the planting strategy and landscape proposals are satisfactory.
2.13.3	Local Authorities	<p>Reinstatement of land and landscape</p> <p>Notwithstanding decommissioning of the block valve stations and above ground infrastructure, are there any residual concerns regarding the proposals for reinstatement of land and landscape features for the pipeline construction corridor, or does the OCEMP and OLEMP provide sufficient reassurance that the landscape would be reinstated in a timely and effective manner?</p>	WLDC considers that the OCEMP and OLEMP are sufficient in relation to reinstating the landscape in a timely and effective matter.
Q2.17 Waste and Minerals			
2.17.1	Applicant Environment Agency Local Authorities	<p>Revised ES Chapter 18</p> <p>The Applicant revised ES Chapter 18 at Deadline 2 [REP2-012]. Following these revisions, are there any comments or observations arising on waste matters that the ExA should be</p>	WLDC does not have a view on this matter.

		aware of, or have any/ all issues been resolved? Explain with reasons.	
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