

Viking CCS Pipeline

8.4 Statement of Common Ground – East Lindsey District Council – Revision A (Tracked)

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Revision History

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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared by Chrysaor Production (UK) Ltd (the 'Applicant') in conjunction with East Lindsey District Council in respect of the Viking CCS Pipeline project (the 'Proposed Development').
- 1.1.2 The SoCG sets out the matters of agreement between the Applicant and East Lindsey District Council and also explains those matters which, at the time of writing, remain unresolved between the parties. The agreements to date have been reached through consultation and continuing discussions between the parties through online meetings.

1.2 The Role of East Lindsey District Council

- 1.2.1 East Lindsey District Council is one of the five local planning authorities within the Order limits. East Lindsey District Council determines planning applications for the majority of development types in the district and has a statutory duty to prepare a local development plan.
- 1.2.2 As a host local authority, East Lindsey District Council has specific responsibilities, including:
 - Responding to consultations by the applicant:
 - Discussing DCO requirements and legal agreements with the applicant:
 - Providing 'adequacy of consultation' responses to PINS:
 - Preparing statements of common grounds and local impact reports: and
 - Submitting written representations to PINS and participating in the examination process.

1.3 Purpose of this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.3.1 The purpose of this document is to summarise the agreements reached between the parties on matters relevant to the examination of the application and to assist the Examining Authority ('ExA'). It also sets out the matters that remain unresolved at the time of writing, but which both parties are working positively toward resolving. As such, it is expected that further iterations of the SoCG will be submitted to the ExA throughout the Examination and prior to the making of any Development Consent Order ('DCO') for the Proposed Development.
- 1.3.2 The SoCG has been prepared with regard to the guidance in 'Planning Act 2008: examination of applications for development consent' (Department for Communities and Local Government, March 2015).
- 1.3.3 The remainder of this SoCG is structured as follows:
 - Section 2 Summary of consultation and discussions; and
 - Section 3 Position of the parties

1.4 Status of this Statement of Common Ground

1.4.1 This SoCG is currently in draft form.

2 Summary of Consultation and Discussions

Introduction

2.1.1 In addition to the consultation undertaken as part of statutory consultation, there have been a number of meetings and correspondence relating to the Proposed Development. Details of various meetings and key correspondence are set out in Table 2-1 Record of meetings and correspondence with East Lindsey District Council._Table 2-1 below.

Table 2-1 Record of meetings and correspondence with East Lindsey District Council.

Date of meeting/	Description of meeting/correspondence				
correspondence					
December 2021	Introductory letters and invitations for an initial project briefing were issued to the host local authorities including East Lindsey District Council.				
31 January 2022	Introductory meeting with the project team prior to the non-statutory consultation launch in April 2022. Introduction to the project, including extent of the project corridor, routing assessment, the EIA scoping and survey information. Planned stakeholder engagement and consenting programme was highlighted.				
	 Feedback from the meeting noted that: It was questioned whether the pipeline would be constructed underground and the impact on the Theddlethorpe Gas Terminal. Engagement with Nuclear Waste Services was advised due to the GDF consultation. Differentiation of the two projects should be considered. 				
	 Timescales for construction and operation were queried, and the impact on National grid works was questioned. Flood risk element of the scheme, as well as coastal management was questioned. 				
	• The council questioned whether there would be benefits of the scheme, including job creation within training and construction. Importance of benefits for local communities was noted, in terms of higher education and training.				
	 All parish councils will need to be consulted, including Theddlethorpe Parish Council. 				
26 April to 7 June 2022	6 week non-statutory consultation				
05 May 2022	EIA Scoping Opinion was adopted by PINS on behalf of the Secretary of State				
8 September to 6 October 2022	Further non-statutory consultation following route changes.				
19 October 2022	Scheme update meeting. Matters discussed included: rebranding, corridor realignment and above ground installation update. Update on consultation, feedback received, the SoCC process and statutory consultation timescales.				

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 Feedback from the meeting noted that: Questions around construction width, depth of the pipeline and impact on local traffic. It was noted seasonal element of construction needs to be considered due to potential tourism impact. Education, skills and training commitments need to be considered, as well as the cumulative effect of the NSIP project. Need to understand benefits on local level was noted. Accident and safety data should be considered, as well as the health and safety risk assessment. 			
Statutory Consultation			
Scheme update meeting, including recap of the project, purpose and rate of carbon dioxide capture. Distance within ELDC confirmed and timescales for project outlined. Stakeholder and consultation update provided, alongside environment update.			
Feedback from the meeting noted that:Political position in Lincolnshire highlighted, due to local elections occurring in May.			
• Benefits to local community will need to be justified, including how it can help with coastal flood risk and tourism.			
 Importance of upskilling and training was noted. Impact on tourism noted, including the impact of construction on rural roads and whether this would deter business and visitors. Donna Nook was noted as a potential site to be impacted. Opportunity for the Applicant to be involved in the Lincolnshire County Council Coastal Forum was noted. Council contacts were provided regarding engagement around the Towns Fund, levelling up funds, Green Homes grants, climate change and jobs. Council confirmed they would review the planning applications for cumulative assessment and the Statement of Common Ground. 			

Date of meeting/ correspondence	Description of meeting/correspondence
14 April to 14 May 2023	Targeted 28 day additional Consultation
28 June 2023	Scheme update meeting with a planning officer that included an overview of progress preparing the DCO application documents, project schedule, environment surveys and assessments and the additional consultation during April and May 2023.
<u>8 March 2024</u>	 Project update meeting with a planning officer. The Applicant provided an overview of the activities that had taken place following the submission of the application to PINS. The Applicant also discussed with the planning officer arrangements for the Preliminary meeting including venue and timings, relevant representations received and summary of key themes, progress towards Statements of Common Ground and future work.
<u>10 April 2024</u>	Meeting with planning officers of all the host authorities to discuss matters arising during the Issue Specific Hearings on the 27 th March 2023. Discussions included the process for discharging DCO requirements, the authority responsible for discharging obligations, the time limit for approvals of requirements and highways works, payment of fees to the discharging authority.

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3 Position of the Parties

- 3.1.1 Table 3-1 below sets out the position of the parties relating to the following topics:
 - **Consultation** including comment on the consultation documents and consultation process. The principal application document is the PIER.
 - Environmental Impacts including; landscape and visual impact viewpoints; ecology and biodiversity; geology and hydrogeology; traffic and transport; air quality impacts; noise and vibration; cumulative Impacts; water environment; historic environment; agriculture and soils; and biodiversity net gain. The principal application documents are:
 - Chapter 7 Landscape and Visual [APP-049] and appendices
 - Chapter 6 Ecology and Biodiversity [APP-048] and appendices
 - Chapter 9 Geology and Hydrogeology [APP-051] and appendices
 - Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport [APP-054] and appendices
 - Chapter 14 Air Quality [APP-056] and appendices
 - Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration [APP-055] and appendices
 - Chapter 11 Water Environment [APP-053] and appendices
 - Chapter 8 Historic Environment [APP-050] and appendices
 - Chapter 10 Agriculture and Soils [APP-052] and appendices
 - Initial Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment [APP-125] and Draft Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy [APP-126]
 - Chapter 20 Cumulative Impact Assessment [APP-062]
 - **Planning Policy Matters** reference to matters regarding planning policy. The principal application document is the PDAS **[APP-129]**.
- 3.1.2 To provide clarity, each of the matters for which a position has been attributed have been colour coded as follows:

Agreed	The matter is agreed between the parties, or there is no significant disagreement such that the matter is considered closed.			
Not agreed - no material impact				
In discussion	This matter is neither 'agreed' or 'not agreed'. Technical work is being undertaken with the aim of achieving agreement, though the risk of disagreement remains.			
Not agreed	The matter is not agreed between the parties and the outcome of the approach taken by the Applicant or East Lindsey District Council is considered to result in a materially different impact to the assessment conclusions.			

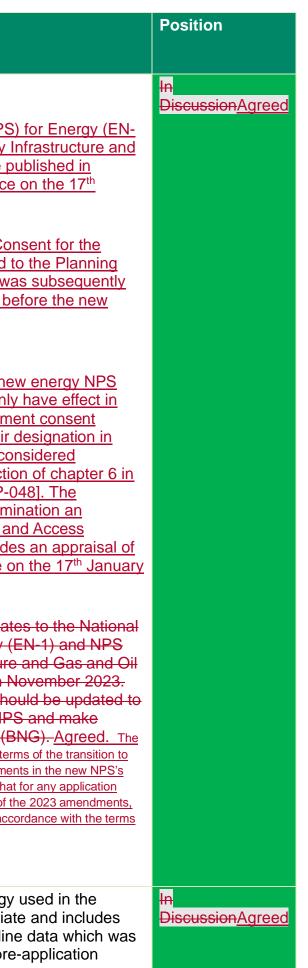
Table 3-1 Position of the Parties

ID	Matter	Detail	Related documents and their references	Comments from the Parties	Position
Consultation					
ELDC1	Consultation process	The pre-application engagement undertaken by the applicant has been proactive and professional and accords with the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).	Appendix E to the Consultation Report [APP-039] providing the Statutory Consultation Responses.	East Lindsey: Agreed Applicant: Agreed	Agreed
Socio-Econo	mics				
ELDC2	Social Value	The approach used for the Assessment of potential socio-economic impacts reported in chapter 16 of the Environmental Statement [APP-058] follows standard best practice for projects of this nature. The baseline data, survey methods and assessment methodology used are appropriate and follow standard guidelines.	Appendix E to the Consultation Report [APP-039] providing the Statutory Consultation Responses. ES Chapter 16: Socio Economics [APP-058]	 Applicant: The methodology for the Assessment is considered appropriate and includes the necessary receptors and baseline data. A response to these queries has been provided in the document titled: <i>Royal Haskoning \ East Lindsey District Council Comments on Environmental Impact Assessment – Applicants Response</i> [REP2-036] submitted at deadline 2. A response to these queries has been provided in the document titled: <i>Royal Haskoning \ East Lindsey District Council Comments on Environmental Impact Assessment – Applicants Response</i> [REP2-036] submitted at deadline 2. A response to these queries has been provided in the document titled: <i>Royal Haskoning \ East Lindsey District Council Comments on Environmental Impact Assessment – Applicants Response</i> [REP2-036] submitted at deadline 2. East Lindsey: Not yet agreed. The council are requesting areas of clarification regarding the assessment but consider the information adequate for the Examination Authority to begin assessing the impact of the proposal on these issues. Agreed with the comment below. Clarification sort on: —Justification for two or more significant effects; (ELDC – No further queries in relation to this aspect). _Justification for scoping out of impact of transient workforce on services such as accommodation; (ELDC – Noted and accepted that the impacts are unlikely to be significant given the workforce numbers stated ES Chapter 16 Socio Economics (App-058)). 	

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				 and List of Lower-Layer Super Output Area used to define Local Economic Study Area. <u>(ELDC – Noted and the Local Economics Study</u> <u>Area is accepted based on this definition and</u> <u>information).</u> 	
				It is queried as to what benefits there will there be to the locality in terms of improvements and what will the legacy of the project be to the local population? In terms of national infrastructure projects they impact differently – ie what is the gain to local residents from hosting such nationally significant infrastructure.	
ELDC3	Job Creation and investment	There are clear benefits to the project including employment, investment and helping to achieve Net Zero. Information provided in the application relating to the benefits of the project are clear and adequate.	ELDC Relevant representation 12/01/2024 ES Chapter 16: Socio Economic [APP-058]	Applicant: Agreed. The Applicant provided a response to these queries in the document titled: Royal Haskoning \ East Lindsey District Council Comments on Environmental Impact Assessment – Applicants Response [REP2-036] submitted at deadline 2. The Applicant awaits confirmation from ELDC that these queries have been addressed.	<mark>In</mark> Discussion<u>Agreed</u>
				East Lindsey: Please see comments above. Agreed.	
Landscape a ELDC4	and Visual Assessment	The scope of the assessment and assessment	Chapter 7	Applicant: Agrood	Agreed
ELDC4	methodology	methodology in chapter 7 - Landscape and Visual [APP-049] of the Environmental Statement are suitable and acceptable.	Landscape and Visual [APP-049] and appendices	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: Agreed. The methodology is based upon the relevant legislation and policy, noting that there have been updates the National Planning Policy framework (NPPF) following the publication of the chapter. The assessment also adopts current best practice guidance (primarily Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA), Third Edition), further guided by supporting documents that are also considered relevant.	Agreeu
ELDC5	Data collection, methods, baseline data and the identification and	The baseline information used in the assessment for the Landscape and Visual Impact is appropriate for the purposes of assessment.	Appendix E to the Consultation Report [APP-039] providing the Statutory	Applicant: Agreed, the methodology and viewpoints used in the assessment is considered appropriate and includes the necessary receptors and baseline data which was discussed and agreed during the pre- application period.	Agreed

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	sensitivity of relevant features and receptors	The sensitivity and types of receptors used in the landscape and visual impact assessment are appropriate, and the relevant receptors have been identified within the study area.	Consultation Responses. Chapter 7 Landscape and Visual [APP-049] and appendices	East Lindsey: Agreed. The methodology and viewpoints were discussed and agreed during the pre-application period.	
ELDC6Assessment findingsThe conclusions of the Assessment of Effects in chapter 7 - Landscape and Visual [APP-049], are appropriate in Landscape and Visual [APP-049], are appropriate inChapter 7 Landscape and Visual [APP-049], are appropriate in		Chapter 7 Landscape and Visual [APP-049]	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: Agreed. The impact assessment appropriately identifies the magnitude of changes arising from the development, the degree/nature of effects, and the approach to judging the significance of those effects. The assessment identifies that there will be no significant residual effects on landscape receptors as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed development. With regards to potential visual effects, there is the potential for a significant residual effect at one location within the boundary of East Lindsey District Council during construction, this is reduced to not significant during the operational stage. All other visual effects within the boundary of East Lindsey District Council are considered not to be significant. The assessment provides sufficient objective detail and assessment of effects at construction, operation, decommissioning stages.		
ELDC7	Assessment findings	The conclusions of the Cumulative Effects Assessment as detailed in ES Chapter 7- Landscape and Visual Impact [APP-049] , are appropriate in concluding that the cumulative effects of the Project and other projects are unlikely to be greater than the Project alone.	Chapter 7 Landscape and Visual [APP-049]	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: Agreed.	Agreed
ELDC8	Securing mitigation	All relevant mitigation measures specified in ES Chapter 7 Landscape and Visual [APP-049] is adequately secured through the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [APP-127] . The proposed mitigation is appropriate for managing construction and post construction impacts from the Project on landscape and visual receptors. Requirement 11 of the DCO [AS-008] states that the final Landscape Ecological Management Plan will accord with the Outline Landscape Management Plan submitted in support of the DCO application.	Chapter 7 Landscape and Visual [APP-049] Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [APP-127] Draft DCO [AS- 008]	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: Agreed. The chapter outlines the embedded and additional mitigation measures applicable to the receptors identified within the chapter. These are clearly labelled to allow for cross referencing to associated documents.	Agreed

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ELDC9	Assessment methodology	The assessment scope and methodology in chapter 6 – Ecology and Biodiversity [APP-048] of the Environmental Statement are suitable and acceptable.	their references Chapter 6 Ecology and Biodiversity [APP-048] and appendices	Applicant: Agreed. The National Policy Statement (NPS 1) and NPS for Natural Gas Supply II Gas and Oil Pipelines (EN-4) were propriet and the secretary of Statement (NPS 2023) and came into force of January 2024. The application for Development Convert Viking CCS Pipeline was submitted to the submitted to the submitted in the secretary of the transitional provisions for the new accepted on 17th November 2023 and wat accepted on 17th November 2023 be NPS documents came into force. The transitional provisions for the new documents provide that they will only relation to applications for development accepted for Examination after their of January 2024. As a result it is not connecessary to update the policy section the Environmental Statement [APP-00 applicant has submitted to the examinaddendum to the Planning Design and Statement [REP1-049] which include the NPS EN-1 that came into force of 2024. East Lindsey: Not yet agreed. Update Policy Statement (NPS) for Energy (If for Natural Gas Supply Infrastructure Pipelines (EN-4) were published in Northe policy section of the chapter shoting give consideration of the revised NPS reference to Biodiversity Net Gain (B) designation of new NPS's applies however in terr adoption of the NPS the transitional arrangement advises "The Secretary of State has decided that the transitional arrangement advises "The Secretary of State has decided that the transitional arrangement advises "The Secretary of State has decided that the transitional arrangement advises "The Secretary of State has decided that the transitional arrangement advises "The Secretary of State has decided that the transitional arrangement advises "The Secretary of State has decided that the transitional arrangement advises "The Secretary of State has decided that the transecretary of State has decided that the tra
ELDC10	Data collection, methods, baseline data and the identification and	The baseline information used in the assessment for Ecology and Biodiversity in chapter 6 – Ecology and Biodiversity [APP-048] of the Environmental Statement is appropriate for the purposes of assessment.	Appendix E to the Consultation Report [APP-039] providing the Statutory	accepted for examination before designation of the the 2011 suite of NPSs should have effect in accor- of those NPS." Applicant: Agreed. The methodology assessment is considered appropriate the necessary receptors and baseline discussed and agreed during the pre- period.



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	relevant features and receptors	The sensitivity and types of receptors used in the Ecology and Biodiversity assessment are appropriate, and the relevant receptors have been identified within the study area.	Consultation Responses. Chapter 6 Ecology and Biodiversity [APP-048] and appendices	The baseline information and survey data gathered and presented for the Proposed Development within the ES is deemed appropriate, relevant and sufficient.East Lindsey: Agreed. Not yet agreed. The baseline habitat surveys were undertaken using Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) Phase 1 handbook. This method has been superseded by UKHab as the preferred method of habitat characterisation.Reptile Surveys out of date; In order to quantify the baseline value of all habitats present within the order limits a biodiversity metric should be used. It is recommended that the Defra Statutory Metric should be used or extending the use of Metric 4.0 to include the route of the pipeline.	
ELDC11	Assessment findings	The conclusions of the Assessment of Effects in chapter 6 – Ecology and Biodiversity [APP-048] of the Environmental Statement during construction, operation and decommissioning are appropriate, and assuming the inclusion of proposed mitigation, are considered not significant in EIA terms.	Chapter 6 Ecology and Biodiversity [APP-048]	Applicant: Agreed. No temporary or permanent losses of coastal habitats will occur as a result of the proposed Development. Opportunities to deliver the agreed voluntarily BNG commitments are currently being explored by the Applicant and discussions have taken place with numerous parties, including Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. East Lindsey:Not yet agreed. It is currently unclear as to which areas of habitat will be affected during the construction and operational phases of the project. This needs to be quantified and assessed for the whole of the pipeline route. It is also currently unclear if there will be any temporary or permanent losses of the coastal habitats east of the Theddlethorpe Facility which is located within the East Lindsey District Council area. These concerns remain, no further information updating this missing information from Section 6.7 of 6.2.6 Environmental Statement Volume II - Chapter 6: Ecology and Biodiversity [APP-048] has been provided to date. The absence of quantitative data regarding habitat loss makes it impossible to draw a conclusion regarding the nature of effects, and the adequacy of mitigation. If such matters were unresolved by the conclusion of Examination, it would not be possible to agreed with the findings of the impact assessment presented in Section 6.7 of 6.2.6 Environmental Statement Volume II - Chapter 6: Ecology and Biodiversity [APP-	

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				BNG should be discussed in greater detail within the chapter, reference should also be made to the Initial Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment (Document reference: 6.7.1).	
ELDC12	Assessment findings	The conclusions of the Cumulative Effects Assessment as detailed in ES Chapter 6 - Ecology and Biodiversity [APP-048] , are appropriate in concluding that the cumulative effects of the Project and other projects are unlikely to be greater than the Project alone.	Chapter 6 Ecology and Biodiversity [APP-048]	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: Agreed.	Agreed
ELDC13	Securing mitigation	All relevant mitigation measures specified in Chapter 6 - Ecology and Biodiversity [APP-048] of the Environmental Statement are adequately secured through the draft Construction Environmental Management Plan [APP-068] . The proposed mitigation is appropriate for managing construction and post construction impacts from the Project. The provision of mitigation is secured by requirement 5 of the DCO [AS- 008] which requires that the CEMP must be prepared and approved before commencement of development. The Outline Landscape Environmental Management Plan [APP-127] outlines a number of other measures as part of an ecology strategy to provide additional safeguards. The provision of these measures is secured by requirement 11 of the DCO [AS-008] which requires that the CEMP must be prepared and approved before commencement of development.	Chapter 6 Ecology and Biodiversity [APP-048] Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [APP-127] Draft DCO [AS- 008]	 Applicant: Agreed. <u>Opportunities to deliver the agreed voluntarily BNG commitments are currently being explored by the Applicant and discussions have taken place with numerous parties, including Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust.</u> East Lindsey: <u>Agreed. BNG is not yet mandatory, but will be by November 2025</u>, which aligns with the proposed construction start date for the proposed development (late 2025). We note that the Applicant has committed to providing 10% BNG (for the permanent habitat losses at the Immingham Facility, Theddlethorpe Facility, and Block Valve Stations), which is welcomed. Not yet agreed. Measures should be committed to at the Front End Engineering Design (FEED) stage to deliver 10% BNG for habitat which cannot be restored to their original habitat type and condition within 2 years (most habitat excluding cropland, subject to soil reinstatement within 1 – 2 years) along the pipeline route. Where onsite mitigation cannot be delivered to compensate for the effects of habitat losses and disturbance, off-site opportunities should be explored. Further information is requested regarding: Justification for not avoiding potential impacts upon lamprey, chalk streams and associated designations located with the East Lindsey District through the use of HDD or other trenchless techniques at all connected watercourses? (ELDC – No further queries in relation to this aspect). What will the time lag be between completion of works and replacement planting being 	In DiscussionAgreed

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				 installed? Provision of dead-hedging currently indicates an undetermined period; (ELDC - No further queries in relation to this aspect). Detail regarding the aftercare period. Aftercare should be long term (e.g. 30 years) and ensure that there are suitable measures in place to legally and financially secure it for the duration. (ELDC - No further queries in relation to this aspect). 	
eology and	hydrogeology				
ELDC14	Assessment methodology	The scope of the assessment and assessment methodology in chapter 9 – Geology and Hydrogeology of the Environmental Statement [APP-051] are suitable and acceptable.	Chapter 9 Geology and Hydrogeology [APP-051] and appendices	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: Agreed. The methodology is based upon current legislation, policy and guidance. Although the NPPF, NPS for Energy (EN-1) and NPS for Natural Gas Supply Infrastructure and Gas and Oil Pipelines (EN-4) have been updated since the ES was issued. However, the changes to the policy documents are not deemed to substantially affect the assessment contained within Chapter 9.	
ELDC15	Data collection, methods, baseline data and the identification and sensitivity of relevant features and receptors	The baseline information used in the assessment for Geology and Hydrogeology is appropriate for the purposes of assessment. The sensitivity and types of receptors used in the Geology and Hydrogeology assessment are appropriate, and the relevant receptors have been identified within the study area.	Appendix E to the Consultation Report [APP-039] providing the Statutory Consultation Responses. Chapter 9 Geology and Hydrogeology [APP-049] and appendices	 Applicant: Agreed, the methodology used in the assessment is considered appropriate and includes the necessary receptors and baseline data which was discussed and agreed during the pre-application period. East Lindsey: Agreed. The baseline environment has been informed by a range of appropriate data sources, both publicly available and purchased datasets. The impact assessment methodology is based upon relevant and current best practice. The methodology is considered to be appropriate with well-defined terminology and criteria provided for the magnitude of impact and sensitivity of receptors. 	Agreed
ELDC16	Assessment findings	The conclusions of the Assessment of Effects in chapter 9 – Geology and Hydrogeology [APP-051] of the Environmental Statement during construction and operation are appropriate, and assuming the inclusion of proposed mitigation, are considered not significant in EIA terms.	Chapter 9 Geology and Hydrogeology [APP-051]	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: Agreed. The chapter outlines the embedded and additional mitigation measures applicable to the receptors identified within the chapter. These are clearly labelled to allow for cross referencing to associated documents. With these	Agreed

ID	Matter	Detail	Related documents and their references	Comments from the Parties	Position
				measures in place, the residual effect on receptors is considered to be not significant for those receptors present within the East Lindsey District Council area.	
ELDC17	Assessment findings	The conclusions of the Cumulative Effects Assessment as detailed in the ES 9 Geology and Hydrogeology [APP-051], are appropriate in concluding that the cumulative effects of the Project and other projects are unlikely to be greater than the Project alone.	Chapter 9 Geology and Hydrogeology [APP-051]	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: Agreed.	Agreed
ELDC18	Securing mitigation	All relevant mitigation measures specified in ES Chapter 9 Geology and Hydrogeology [APP-051] is adequately secured through the draft Construction Environmental Management Plan [APP-068]. The proposed mitigation is appropriate for managing construction and post construction impacts from the Project. The provision of mitigation is secured by requirement 5 of the DCO [AS-008] which requires that the CEMP must be prepared and approved before commencement of development.	Chapter 9 Geology and Hydrogeology [APP-051] Draft DCO [AS- 008]	 Applicant: Agreed. The Applicant has assumed in Chapter 9 [APP-051] that the pipeline will remain in-situ in the decommissioning phase (as outlined in the Draft Decommissioning Strategy presented in Appendix 3-5 [APP-072]. Section 3.15 of Chapter 3 [APP-045] states that a detailed decommissioning strategy would be developed prior to the commencement of any decommissioning activities. The mitigation measures to prevent the creation of new contaminant pathways / linkages will also be required [Section 9.8.5 of APP-051]. The mitigation measures will be outlined in a Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan, as detailed in the CEMP (Section 7.1.8 of REP1-013). The requirement to prepare a Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan, as detailed in the draft DCO [REP4-001]. East Lindsey: Agreed. (ELDC – No further queries in relation to this aspect). Not yet agreed. Overall Chapter 9 Geology and Hydrogeology has adopted a coherent and robust approach to the assessment of the potential impacts associated with the construction and operation of the Viking CCS pipeline. However, additional detail is needed with regards to the decommissioning of the pipeline to demonstrate that it would not create a preferential pathway for the migration of contaminants. A detailed hydrogeological risk assessment of construction works. 	

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Related documents and their references	Comments from the Parties	Position
Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport [APP-054] and appendices	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: We would adopt the position of the Lincolnshire County Council in this matter.	In Discussion
Appendix E to the Consultation Report [APP-039] providing the Statutory Consultation Responses. Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport [APP-054] and appendices	Applicant: Agreed, the methodology used in the assessment is considered appropriate and includes the necessary receptors and baseline data which was discussed and agreed during the pre-application period. East Lindsey: We would adopt the position of the Lincolnshire County Council in this matter.	In Discussion
Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport [APP-054]	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: We would adopt the position of the Lincolnshire County Council in this matter.	In Discussion
Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport [APP-054]	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: We would adopt the position of the Lincolnshire County Council in this matter.	In Discussion
Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport [APP-054] draft Construction Environmental Management Plan [APP-068]	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: We would adopt the position of the Lincolnshire County Council in this matter.	In Discussion
Draft Construction Traffic Management Plan		

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Traffic and t	ransport				
ELDC19	Assessment methodology	The scope of the assessment and assessment methodology in chapter 12 – Traffic and Transport [APP-054] of the Environmental Statement are suitable and acceptable.	Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport [APP-054] and appendices	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: We would adopt the position of the Lincolnshire County Council in this matter.	In Discussion
ELDC20	Data collection, methods, baseline data and the identification and sensitivity of relevant features and receptors	The baseline information used in the assessment for Traffic and Transport is appropriate for the purposes of assessment. The sensitivity and types of receptors used in the Traffic and Transport assessment are appropriate, and the relevant receptors have been identified within the study area.	Appendix E to the Consultation Report [APP-039] providing the Statutory Consultation Responses. Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport [APP-054] and appendices	Applicant: Agreed, the methodology used in the assessment is considered appropriate and includes the necessary receptors and baseline data which was discussed and agreed during the pre-application period. East Lindsey: We would adopt the position of the Lincolnshire County Council in this matter.	In Discussion
ELDC21	Assessment findings	The conclusions of the Assessment of Effects in chapter 12 — Traffic and Transport [APP-054] , are appropriate in identifying and assessing the significance of (in EIA terms) and effects of change resulting from the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Project on receptors. In accordance with the impact assessment's methodology, effects which have been assessed to be 'moderate' or 'major' during the construction phases and are considered significant in EIA terms.	Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport [APP-054]	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: We would adopt the position of the Lincolnshire County Council in this matter.	In Discussion
ELDC22	Assessment findings	The conclusions of the Cumulative Effects Assessment as detailed in ES Chapter 12 – Traffic and Transport [APP-054], are appropriate in concluding that the cumulative effects of the Project and other projects are unlikely to be greater than the Project alone.	Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport [APP-054]	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: We would adopt the position of the Lincolnshire County Council in this matter.	In Discussion
ELDC23	Securing mitigation	All relevant mitigation measures specified in ES Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport [APP-054] is adequately secured through the draft Construction Environmental Management Plan [APP-068]. The proposed mitigation is appropriate for managing construction and post construction impacts from the Project. The provision of mitigation is secured by requirement 5 of the DCO [AS-008] which requires that the CEMP must be prepared and approved before commencement of development.	Chapter 12 Traffic and Transport [APP-054] draft Construction Environmental Management Plan [APP-068] Draft Construction Traffic Management Plan	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: We would adopt the position of the Lincolnshire County Council in this matter.	In Discussion

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		Further mitigation is provided in the Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) which includes measures to be adopted during the construction phase. The proposed mitigation is appropriate for managing construction traffic impacts. The provision of mitigation is secured by requirement 6 of the DCO [AS-008] which requires that the CEMP must be prepared and approved before commencement of development.	[APP-107] Draft DCO [AS- 008]		
Air Quality					
ELDC24	Assessment methodology	The scope of the assessment and assessment methodology in chapter 14 – Air Quality [APP-056] of the Environmental Statement are suitable and acceptable.	Chapter 14 Air Quality [APP-056] and appendices	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: Agreed. The chapter outlines the relevant legislation, planning policy, and technical guidance that are relevant to the air quality assessment. A summary of relevant legislation, such as the Environment Act 1995, and relevant regulations, such as The Air Quality Standards Regulations 2010, have been provided in Table 14-1.	Agreed
ELDC25	Data collection, methods, baseline data and the identification and sensitivity of relevant features and receptors	The baseline information used in the assessment for the Air Quality is appropriate for the purposes of assessment. The sensitivity and types of receptors used in the Air Quality assessment are appropriate, and the relevant receptors have been identified within the study area.	Appendix E to the Consultation Report [APP-03] providing the Statutory Consultation Responses. Chapter 14 Air Quality [APP-056] and appendices	Applicant: Agreed, the methodology was used in the assessment is considered appropriate and includes the necessary receptors and baseline data which was discussed and agreed during the pre-application period. East Lindsey: Agreed. The methodologies outlined cover key emissions sources like construction dust, plant / Non-Road Mobile Machinery (NRMM), and construction traffic using accepted guidance from IAQM and other agencies. For dust, a systematic risk- based approach evaluates emission magnitudes, receptor sensitivities, and mitigation requirements. Plant / NRMM emissions are qualitatively assessed with a focus on mitigation. Traffic screening criteria determine if detailed modelling is needed based on predicted changes in flows and road configurations. Overall, the range of methodologies aligns with industry best practices, providing a comprehensive framework to evaluate and mitigate air quality impacts associated with this major linear infrastructure project. The baseline environment has been informed by local authority data, including that included within the East Lindsey District Council Combined Annual Status Report (2016 – 2022) and national datasets. The methods adopted to determine the baseline environment is considered to be appropriate.	Agreed

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ELDC26	Assessment findings	The conclusions of the Assessment of Effects in Chapter 14 Air Quality [APP-056] of the Environmental Statement during construction are appropriate, and assuming the inclusion of proposed mitigation, are considered not significant in EIA terms.	Chapter 14 Air Quality [APP-056]	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: Agreed. Overall, the suite of mitigation aligns with established best practices and guidance for mitigating emissions from the various construction sources for a linear project of this nature. Implementation through a Construction Environmental Management Plan should effectively control potential air quality impacts.	Agreed
ELDC27	Assessment findings	It is agreed that environmental health for air quality has been adequately assessed and the conclusions of the assessment are suitable in Chapter 14 – Air Quality [APP-056] and chapter 17 – Health and Wellbeing of the Environmental Statement [APP-059] .	Chapter 14 Air Quality [APP-056]	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: Agreed.	Agreed
ELDC28	Securing mitigation	All relevant mitigation measures specified in ES Chapter 14 Air Quality [APP-056] is adequately secured through the draft Construction Environmental Management Plan [APP-068] . The proposed mitigation is appropriate for air quality impacts from the Project. The provision of mitigation is secured by requirement 5 of the DCO [AS-008] which requires that the CEMP must be prepared and approved before commencement of development.	Chapter 14 Air Quality [APP-056] Draft Construction Environmental Management Plan [APP-068] Draft DCO [AS- 008]	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: Agreed. The ES contains Chapter 14 that discusses air quality. An updated version was submitted in October 2023. It considers particulates from transport emissions and advises that dust and non-mobile machinery emissions will be controlled a management plan submitted with the application (Document references 6.4.3.1). As such it is considered the ES contains adequate information for the Examining Authority to assess the impact of the proposal on air quality. This document is implemented through Requirements 5 in the DCO.	Agreed
Noise and V	/ibration				
ELDC29	Assessment methodology	The <u>scope</u> of the assessment and assessment methodology in chapter 13 – Noise and Vibration [APP- 055] of the Environmental Statement are suitable and acceptable.	Chapter 13 Noise and vibration [APP-055] and appendices	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: Not yet agreed, see comments below.	In Discussion
ELDC30	Study Area	The general study area (zone of Influence) of 500 m from the Theddlethorpe Facility and Block Valve Stations, and 300 m from the Order Limits has been used to identify the sensitive receptors and is deemed to be appropriate.	Appendix E to the Consultation Report [APP-039] providing the Statutory Consultation Responses.	Applicant: Agreed, the methodology and study area used in the assessment is considered appropriate and includes the necessary receptors and baseline data which was discussed and agreed during the pre- application period. Environmental Statement Chapter 13 [APP-055]: outlines that the Study Area for construction and operational noise effects includes receptors within	In Discussion

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			Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP- 055] .	500m of the Immingham Facility, Block Valve Stations, and Theddlethorpe Facility and within 300m of the DCO Site Boundary. These distances have been selected based on previous experience that operational noise sources are likely to be negligible at distances greater than 500m and that construction noise predictions are generally reliable up 300m (based on guidance in BS 5228-1). The Applicant submitted at Deadline 4 the Noise Assessment – Justification of Approach [REP4-038] and Technical Note on Construction Traffic Noise	
				 [REP4-042] which provide further information in respect of the noise assessment and address the comments of East Lindsey District Council. East Lindsey: During Statutory consultation ELDC provided a review of the baseline sound monitoring methodology. It was noted the study area for sound effects needed to be clarified as it was not clear what distance applies at the Theddlethorpe facility and block valve stations. 	
ELDC31	Sensitive receptors	The supporting baseline information used in the assessment and presented within Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration [APP-055] of the Environmental Statement is appropriate for the purposes of assessment.	Appendix E to the Consultation Report [APP-039] providing the Statutory Consultation Responses.	Applicant: All sensitive receptors within the Study Area have been considered. The locations nearest to the Proposed Development were selected as monitoring locations and included in the assessment as they will experience the highest noise and vibration levels.	In Discussion
			Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP- 055] .	Further information to address the points below was provided in the document titled: Royal Haskoning / East Lindsey District Council Comments on EIA – Applicants Response [REP2-036]. Discussions have taken place with ELDC for this matter and the applicant submitted the Noise Assessment – Justification of Approach [REP4-038] and -Technical Note on Construction Traffic Noise [REP4-042] which were submitted at Deadline 4 which address the comments of East Lindsey District Council and outline why that approach to the noise assessment is considered to be suitable.	

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				East Lindsey: Not yet agreed. Inadequate justification of construction noise assessment criteria, disregarding low baseline sound levels in rural areas.	
				Construction noise assessment criteria require clarification.	
				Construction noise predictions have not considered potential worst-case and appear to disregard facade reflections.	
				In determining whether construction noise effects are potentially significant, it would be helpful to provide information on the duration of potential impacts.	
				The construction noise assessment identifies potentially significant effects but the required attenuation is not known; hence, it cannot be known	
				whether the proposed mitigation measures are sufficient to mitigate the effects to a non-significant level.	
				The noise level parameter used in the operational noise assessment methodology section is inconsistent. Any changes to this parameter may require the assessment to be revised.	
				The assessment method for impacts on non- residential receptors requires revision to include criteria for omitted receptor types.	
				Potential noise effects from the use of the Southern construction compound require assessment, along with whether the compounds will be used at night. Night-time noise from the Northern Compound (if present) should also be assessed.	
				The assessment of maintenance venting impacts should be moved to the operational assessment section.	
				The operational noise assessment methodology should be updated to describe the method and noise level parameters used for assessment of effects during maintenance.	
				Further details are needed on the monitoring and calculation procedures, along with any required mitigation, to ensure that residual effects from maintenance venting noise will be not significant.	
				The discrepancy between Appendix 15.3 and the Chapter in terms of the additional construction traffic to be introduced requires rectification.	
				Further quantitative evidence is required to assess the effects of construction road traffic noise on roads with low traffic flows.	
				It is not clear which of the construction works will be included in a section 61 consent application.	

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				 The distance to the night-time SOAEL from HDD works is inconsistent between the assessment and mitigation sections. The discussion of screening in the residual effects contradicts that proposed in the mitigation section. It is not agreed that all reasonable measures have been implemented to control construction noise impacts. The construction noise impact assessment methodology set out in the ES Chapter has not been used to analyse the significance of residual effects. 	
ELDC32	Sound monitoring methodology	The supporting baseline information and methodology used in the assessment and presented in Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP-055] is appropriate for the purposes of assessment.	Appendix E to the Consultation Report [APP-039] providing the Statutory Consultation Responses. Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP- 055] .	Applicant: Agreed. <u>Further information to address the points below was</u> <u>provided in the document titled: Royal Haskoning /</u> <u>East Lindsey District Council Comments on EIA –</u> <u>Applicants Response [REP2-036]. Discussions have</u> <u>taken place with ELDC for this matter and the</u> <u>applicant submitted the Noise Assessment –</u> <u>Justification of Approach [REP4-038] and -Technical</u> <u>Note on Construction Traffic Noise [REP4-042] which</u> <u>were submitted at Deadline 4 which address the</u> <u>comments of East Lindsey District Council and outline</u> <u>why that approach to the noise assessment is</u> <u>considered to be suitable.</u> East Lindsey: Not yet agreed – see comments above.	In Discussion
ELDC33	Assessment findings	The conclusions of the Assessment of Effects in chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP-055] during construction, operation and decommissioning are appropriate, and assuming the inclusion of proposed mitigation, are considered not significant in EIA terms.	Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration [APP-045]	Applicant: Agreed Further information to address the points below was provided in the document titled: Royal Haskoning / East Lindsey District Council Comments on EIA – Applicants Response [REP2-036]. Discussions have taken place with ELDC for this matter and the applicant submitted the Noise Assessment – Justification of Approach [REP4-038] and -Technical Note on Construction Traffic Noise [REP4-042] which were submitted at Deadline 4 which address the comments of East Lindsey District Council and outline why that approach to the noise assessment is considered to be suitable.	In Discussion

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ELDC34	Assessment findings	The conclusions of the Cumulative Effects Assessment as detailed in ES Chapter 13 – Noise and Vibration [APP-055], are appropriate in concluding that the cumulative effects of the Project and other projects are unlikely to be greater than the Project alone.	Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration [APP-055]	Applicant: Agreed Further information to address the points below was provided in the document titled: Royal Haskoning / East Lindsey District Council Comments on EIA – Applicants Response [REP2-036]. Discussions have taken place with ELDC for this matter and the applicant submitted the Noise Assessment – Justification of Approach [REP4-038] and -Technical Note on Construction Traffic Noise [REP4-042] which were submitted at Deadline 4 which address the comments of East Lindsey District Council and outline why that approach to the noise assessment is considered to be suitable. East Lindsey: Not yet agreed – see comments above.	In Discussion
ELDC35	Securing mitigation	All relevant mitigation measures specified in ES chapter 13 – Noise and Vibration [APP-055] are adequately secured through the draft Construction Environmental Management Plan CEMP [APP-068]. The proposed mitigation is appropriate for managing construction and post construction impacts from the Project on Noise and Vibration receptors Requirement 5 of the DCO [AS-008] requires that the CEMP must be prepared and approved before commencement of development.	Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration [APP-055] Construction Environmental Management Plan. [APP-068] Draft DCO [AS- 008]	Applicant: Agreed Further information to address the points below was provided in the document titled: Royal Haskoning / East Lindsey District Council Comments on EIA – Applicants Response [REP2-036]. Discussions have taken place with ELDC for this matter and the applicant submitted the Noise Assessment – Justification of Approach [REP4-038] and -Technical Note on Construction Traffic Noise [REP4-042] which were submitted at Deadline 4 which address the comments of East Lindsey District Council and outline why that approach to the noise assessment is considered to be suitable. East Lindsey: Not yet agreed – see comments above.	In Discussion
Water Enviro	onment				
ELDC36	Assessment methodology	The scope of the assessment methodology in chapter 11 – Water Environment of the Environmental Statement [APP-053] are suitable and acceptable.	Chapter 11 Water Environment [APP- 053] and appendices	Applicant: Agreed	In DiscussionAgree

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				East Lindsey: <u>Agreed. (ELDC – No further queries in</u> relation to this aspect).	
				_ Not yet agreed see below	
ELDC37	Data collection, methods, baseline data	The approach used for the Flood Risk Assessment reported in chapter 11 of the Environmental Statement [APP-053] follows standard best practice for projects of	PDAS Section 7.21 [APP-129]	Applicant: The methodology for the Flood Risk Assessment is considered appropriate and includes the necessary receptors and baseline data.	<mark>In</mark> Discussion<u>Agree</u>d
	and the identification and sensitivity of relevant features	this nature. The baseline data, survey methods and assessment methodology used are appropriate and follow standard guidelines. The findings of the sequential and exceptions test are considered to be	ES Chapter 11: Water Environment [APP-053]	The Applicant submitted at Deadline 4 an updated Flood Risk Assessment [REP4-015] and separate Breach Water Level- Depth Technical Note [REP4-024]	
	and receptors suitable.		which address the comments raised by East Lindsey District Council.		
				East Lindsey: <u>Agreed. (ELDC – No further queries in</u> relation to this aspect).	
				Not yet agreed. No major issues have been identified at this stage, however, the following points should be considered in more detail and post-application guestions/commentary could be provided:	
				As there is a significant risk of coastal / tidal flooding to the project, the need to consider emergency planning	
				matters is of key importance. Whilst the FRA mentioned the need for a Flood Warning and Evacuation Plans, there is no detail on what this would entail, including time to onset and depth of flooding	
				entail, including time to onset and depth of nooding related to evacuation. Linked to the above there is no consideration of the differences in flood risk during the construction phase	
				vs the operational phase. As such, there appears to be no cross reference to the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) in the FRA – as a document /	
				mechanism for setting out the measures to be included during the construction phase. The FRA assesses the impact of flooding during the	
				construction and operational phases of the development. However, there is no discussion on the decommissioning phase and reinstatement of land / drainage following completion of the project to ensure	
				there is no long-term impact on flood risk.	
ELDC38	Assessment findings	The conclusions of the Assessment of Effects in chapter 11 – Water Environment of the Environmental Statement [APP-053] during construction, operation and decommissioning are appropriate, and assuming	Chapter 11 – Water Environment of the Environmental	Applicant: Agreed. An updated version of the Environmental Statement Chapter 11: Water Environment [REP2-004] and	<mark>In</mark> Discussion<u>Agree</u>

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		the inclusion of proposed mitigation, are considered not significant in EIA terms.	Statement [APP- 053]	separate Framework Directive [REP2-020] was submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 2.	
				Additionally, the Applicant submitted a separate technical note titled: Royal Haskoning \ East Lindsey District Council Comments on Environmental Impact Assessment - Applicant's Response [REP2-036] submitted at deadline 2.	
				The Applicant submitted at Deadline 4 an updated Flood Risk Assessment [REP4-015] and separate Breach Water Level Depth Technical Note [REP4-024]. These documents address the comments raised by East Lindsey District Council.	
				East Lindsey: <u>Agreed. (ELDC – No further queries in</u> relation to this aspect). Not yet agreed. The assessment includes consideration of impacts to surface water quality, water resources, hydromorphology, flood risk and drainage during construction, operation and decommissioning. Impacts and effects are clearly explained and assessed. Embedded and additional mitigation is comprehensive and it is clear how the mitigation will be secured. In the assessment, clearer links are needed to relevant impacts from Chapter 9, which assesses groundwater features. Overall, residual effects for the proposed development on the Water Environment are minor adverse to negligible and therefore not considered to be significant. It is considered the ES contains adequate information for the Examination Authority to assess the impact of the proposal on water	
ELDC39	Assessment findings	The conclusions of the Cumulative Effects Assessment as detailed in ES Chapter 11 – Water Environment of the Environmental Statement [APP-053] , are appropriate in concluding that the cumulative effects of the Project and other projects are unlikely to be greater than the Project alone.	Chapter 11 – Water Environment of the Environmental Statement [APP- 053]	 environment issues. Applicant: Agreed An updated version of the Environmental Statement Chapter 11: Water Environment [REP2-004] and separate Framework Directive [REP2-020] was submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 2. 	<mark>In</mark> Discussion<u>Agreed</u>
				Additionally, the Applicant submitted a separate technical note titled: Royal Haskoning \ East Lindsey District Council Comments on Environmental Impact	

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				Assessment - Applicant's Response [REP2-036] submitted at deadline 2.	
				The Applicant submitted at Deadline 4 an updated Flood Risk Assessment [REP4-015] and separate Breach Water Level Depth Technical Note [REP4-024]. These documents address the comments raised by East Lindsey District Council.	
				East Lindsey: <u>Agreed. (ELDC – No further queries in</u> relation to this aspect). Not yet agreed see comments above.	
ELDC40	Securing mitigation	All relevant mitigation measures specified in chapter 11 – Water Environment of the Environmental Statement [APP-053] are adequately secured through the draft Construction Environmental Management Plan CEMP [APP-068]. The proposed mitigation is appropriate for managing construction and post construction impacts from the Project. Requirement 5 of the DCO [AS-008] requires that the CEMP must be prepared and approved before commencement of development.	Chapter 11 – Water Environment of the Environmental Statement [APP- 053] Chapter 11 – Water Environment of the Environmental Statement [APP- 053] Construction Environmental Management Plan. [APP-068] Draft DCO [AS- 008]	 Applicant: Agreed. An updated version of the Environmental Statement Chapter 11: Water Environment [REP2-004] and separate Framework Directive [REP2-020] was submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 2. Additionally, the Applicant submitted a separate technical note titled: Royal Haskoning \ East Lindsey District Council Comments on Environmental Impact Assessment - Applicant's Response [REP2-036] submitted at deadline 2. The Applicant submitted at Deadline 4 an updated Flood Risk Assessment [REP4-015] and separate Breach Water Level Depth Technical Note [REP4-024]. These documents address the comments raised by East Lindsey District Council. East Lindsey: Agreed. (ELDC – No further queries in relation to this aspect). Not yet agreed see comments above. 	In DiscussionAgreed
Historic Envir	onment				
ELDC41	Assessment Methodology	The approach used for the assessment for the Historic Environment (chapter 8) reported in the Environmental Statement [APP-050] follows standard best practice.	PDAS Section 7.22 [APP-129]	Applicant: The methodology for the assessment of Historic Environment is considered appropriate and includes the necessary receptors and baseline data.	Agreed
		The baseline data, survey methods and assessment methodology used are appropriate and follow standard guidelines.	ES Chapter 8: Historic Environment [APP-050]	East Lindsey: Agreed.	

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ELDC42	Data collection, methods, baseline data and the identification and sensitivity of relevant features and receptors	Chapter 8 Historic Environment [APP-050] presents an assessment of the likely significant effects of the proposed development on the historic environment and concludes that the operation of the Theddlethorpe Facility (option 2) would result in a significant adverse effect on the setting of one designated heritage asset (the grade II listed Ashleigh Farm). The assessment concludes that this effect would occur during the operational lifetime of the Proposed Development and that decommissioning of the Theddlethorpe Facility would reverse this effect. The assessment of compliance with planning policy in section 7.22 of the PDAS [APP-129] concludes that in accordance with national policy, the benefits of the Proposed Development to the public outweigh the less than substantial harm caused to the grade II listed Ashleigh Farm.	PDAS Section 7.22 [APP-129] ES Chapter 8: Historic Environment [APP-050]	Applicant: the Applicant considers that a robust assessment has been carried out of the potential impacts of the Proposed Development and that the public benefits of the development outweigh any harm to heritage assets. East Lindsey: Agreed.	Agreed
ELDC43	Assessment findings	The conclusions of the Assessment of Effects in Chapter 8 Historic Environment [APP-050] , are appropriate in identifying and assessing the significance of (in EIA terms) and effects of change resulting from the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Project on receptors. In accordance with the impact assessment's methodology, effects which have been assessed to be 'moderate' or 'major' are considered significant in EIA terms. The impact assessment concluded that potential significant effects (in EIA terms) may occur during the construction phase on buried archaeological remains at Roxton and Greenlands Farm, the views of Grade II* listed Church of St Edmund, the setting of the Grade II Listed Manor House at Barnoldby le beck, and temporary changes to the setting of the Grade II Listed Ashleigh Farm and Dicote House during construction in respect of Theddlethorpe Option 2. During the operational phase, potential significant effects could occur on the setting of the Grade II Listed Ashleigh Farm as a result of Theddlethorpe Facility Option 2. Beyond these receptors, assuming the inclusion of embedded mitigation measures, effects on the historic landscape would not be considered significant in EIA terms.	Chapter 8 – Historic Environment [APP- 050]	 Applicant: Agreed. <u>The Applicant acknowledges the information provided below by East Lindsey.</u> East Lindsey: Agreed with regard to the development within the East Lindsey District. Section 5 and Theddlethorpe Facility Option 2 interferes with one designated heritage asset, this is GII listed Ashleigh Farm. As it is within the immediate setting, then appropriate measures should be taken to ensure the machinery involved in the works in no way impart damage on the land curtilage to the LB. All trenches shall be made good to appear as they did before the works commenced. It is stated that these are of a temporary nature, therefore it is considered there would be less than significant harm here. Several nondesignated heritage assets have been identified. These are Dicote House, The Poplars, Lordship Farm, Grange Farm and Little Dams. Similarly to before, it states that any impact on these assets will be temporary. The trenches will be excavated and backfilled, therefore the works would have a neutral impact. This is deemed acceptable; all trenches should be made good once works are completed. It is stated that the new block valve stations would not fall within the setting of any designated or non-designated built heritage assets. 	In DiscussionAgreed

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		No potential significant effects were identified in the decommissioning phase.		ELDC CD – Noted Option 2 now removed.	
ELDC44	Securing mitigation	 All relevant mitigation measures specified in chapter 8 – Historic Environment [APP-050]. This includes the preparation and implementation of a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for an archaeological ground investigation to confirm the presence or absence of buried archaeology. The proposed mitigation is considered to be appropriate and is secured by requirement 10 of the DCO [AS-008] which requires a written scheme of investigation to be prepared and implemented for areas of archaeological interest. The additional mitigation outlined in chapter 8 – Historic Environment [APP-050] will secured through the draft Construction Environmental Management Plan CEMP [APP-068]. The need to prepare the CEMP is secured by Requirement 5 of the DCO [AS-008] requires that the CEMP must be prepared and approved before commencement of development. 	Chapter 8 – Historic Environment [APP- 050] Construction Environmental Management Plan. [APP-068] Draft DCO [AS- 008]	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: We would adopt the position of the Lincolnshire County Council in this matter.	In Discussion
ELDC45	Assessment findings	The conclusions the Assessment detailed in ES Chapter 8 – Historic Environment [APP-050] , are appropriate in concluding that the cumulative effects of the Project and other projects are unlikely to be greater than the Project alone.	Chapter 8 – Historic Environment [APP- 050]	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: Agreed.	In DiscussionAgreed
Agriculture a	and Soils				
ELDC46	Data collection, methods, baseline data and the identification and sensitivity of relevant features and receptors	The baseline information used in the assessment for the Agriculture and Soils assessment in Chapter 10 of the ES [APP-052] is appropriate for the purposes of assessment.	Chapter 10 Agriculture and Soils [APP-052] and appendices	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: Agreed.	Agreed
ELDC47	Assessment Methodology	The approach used for the assessment of Agriculture and Soils (chapter 10) of the Environmental Statement [APP-052] follows standard best practice. The baseline data, survey methods and assessment methodology used are appropriate and follow standard guidelines.	Chapter 10 Agriculture and Soils [APP-052] and appendices	Applicant: the methodology for the assessment of potential impacts on agricultural land is considered appropriate and includes the necessary receptors and baseline data. East Lindsey: Agreed. The baseline environment has been informed by a range of appropriate data sources, both publicly available and purchased datasets. A	Agreed

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				conservative approach has been adopted with regards to subdividing Grade 3 agricultural land into Grades 3a (considered Best and Most Versatile (BMV)) and 3b (non-BMV) based on the likelihood of BMV land being present. This approach was supported by the review of aerial imagery. In their Scoping Opinion, Natural England commented that it may be necessary for an Agricultural Land Classification survey to be undertaken to confirm potential impacts on BMV agricultural land. A commitment has been made for targeted detailed post-consent surveys to be undertaken with the results of the survey incorporated into a Soil Management Plan. This approach is considered appropriate.	
ELDC48	Assessment findings	 The conclusions of the Assessment of Effects in chapter 10 – Agriculture and Soils [APP-052], are appropriate in identifying and assessing the significance of (in EIA terms) and effects of change resulting from the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Project on agricultural land. In accordance with the impact assessment's methodology, effects which have been assessed to be 'moderate' or 'major' adverse are considered significant in EIA terms. No significant effects were identified for agricultural receptors within the ELDC local authority area. 	Chapter 10 Agriculture and Soils [APP-052] and appendices	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: Agreed. The impact assessment considered the potential impacts on agricultural land and soil resources. The potential impacts to the identified receptors are clearly and robustly assessed during the construction phase. It is noted that potential impacts associated with the decommissioning of the pipeline would be similar in nature to those during construction, as such a separate assessment has not been included within the chapter.	Agreed
ELDC49	Assessment findings	The conclusions of the Cumulative Effects Assessment as detailed in ES Chapter 10 – Agriculture and Soils [APP-052] , are appropriate in concluding that the cumulative effects of the Project and other projects are unlikely to be greater than the Project alone.	Chapter 10 Agriculture and Soils [APP-052] and appendices	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: Agreed.	In Discussion<u>Agreed</u>
ELDC50	Securing mitigation	All relevant mitigation measures specified in the Agriculture and Soils assessment in Chapter 10 of the ES [APP-052] are adequately secured through the draft Construction Environmental Management Plan CEMP [APP-068]. The proposed mitigation is appropriate for managing construction and post construction impacts from the Project on Noise and Vibration receptors Requirement 5 of the DCO [AS-008] requires that the CEMP must be prepared and approved before commencement of development.	Chapter 10 Agriculture and Soils [APP-052] and appendices Construction Environmental Management Plan. [APP-068] Draft DCO [AS- 008]	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: Agreed. The chapter outlines the embedded and additional mitigation measures applicable to the receptors identified within the chapter. These are clearly labelled to allow for cross referencing to associated documents. With these measures in place, the residual effect on receptors is considered to be not significant. The exception to this is an area of Grade 2 BMV land (0.2ha) associated with the Theddlethorpe facility which will be located within the East Lindsey District Council area that would be permanently lost as a result of the pipeline, this represent a moderate adverse residual effect that	In DiscussionAgreed

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				cannot be further mitigated against. This is considered to be a fair interpretation of this anticipated result.	
Biodiversity	Net Gain				
ELDC51	Approach to assessment of BNG	The approach to Biodiversity Net Gain, as presented in the Draft Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy [APP-126] , provides an appropriate approach to consideration of net gain within the Projects.	Draft Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy [APP-126]	 Applicant: Agreed. Opportunities to deliver the agreed voluntary BNG commitments are currently being explored by the Applicant and discussions have taken place with numerous parties, including Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. East Lindsey: Agreed. BNG is not yet mandatory, but will be by November 2025, which aligns with the proposed construction start date for the proposed development (late 2025). We note that the Applicant has committed to providing 10% BNG (for the permanent habitat losses at the Immingham Facility, Theddlethorpe Facility, and Block Valve Stations), which is welcomed. See comments in the Ecology and Biodiversity section above. 	In DiscussionAgree
ELDC52	Approach to assessment of BNG	The assessment methodologies used for the Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment, as presented in the Initial Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment [APP-125] , provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts of the Projects.	Initial Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment [APP- 125]	Applicant: Agreed. Opportunities to deliver the agreed voluntary BNG commitments are currently being explored by the Applicant and discussions have taken place with numerous parties, including Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. East Lindsey: Agreed – see comments above. See comments in the Ecology and Biodiversity section above	In Discussion <u>Agree</u>
Cumulative	Impacts				
ELDC53	Assessment Methodology	The list of developments included in the cumulative impact assessment in chapter 20 of the Environmental Statement [APP-062] is adequate and suitable for the purposes of the assessment.	Chapter 20 - Cumulative impact assessment in the Environmental Statement [APP- 062].	Applicant: Agreed East Lindsey: Agreed.	Agreed
Planning po	licy matters				
ELDC54	Need	The Proposed Development will reduce CO2 emissions to atmosphere and will help the Government to meet the legally binding target for reduce greenhouse gas	PDAS Section 5 [APP-129]	Applicant: Agreed that there is a demonstrated need for the development to reduce CO2 emissions and assist the government in achieving Net Zero by 2050.	Agreed

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		emissions and achieve Net Zero by 2050 as set out in the Climate Change Act 2008 Order 2019.		East Lindsey: Agreed.	
ELDC55	Good Design	The Planning Design and Access Statement [APP-129] and ES Chapter 2: Design Evolution and Alternatives [APP-044] set out clearly the overarching design principles/objectives considered by the Applicant and how their design has been refined pre-application. These demonstrate good practice (including safety) and demonstrate Good Design.	ES Chapter 2: Design Evolution and Alternatives [APP-044] PDAS Section 5 [APP-129]	Applicant: Agreed that the Proposed Development accords with the principles of good design. East Lindsey: Agreed.	Agreed
General					
		No areas of common ground to agree at this time			Agreed

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Annex A Noise and Vibration Matters

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ELDC56	Construction noise assessment criteria	Inadequate justification of construction noise assessment criteria, disregarding low baseline sound levels in rural areas.	Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP-055]. Viking CCS Pipeline Environmental Impact Assessment Report Review [REP1-057]	Applicant: A meeting with ELDC and RH was undertaken on 7th July 2024 to discuss the construction noise assessment criteria. The Technical Note on Noise Assessment [REP4-047] contains the minutes (as agreed with ELDC and RH) of the meeting in Appendix A where an approach to construction noise assessment criteria was agreed.	Agreed
ELDC57	Construction noise assessment criteria	Construction noise assessment criteria require clarification.	Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP-055]. Viking CCS Pipeline Environmental Impact Assessment Report Review [REP1-057]	Applicant: A meeting with ELDC and RH was undertaken on 7th July 2024 to discuss the construction noise assessment criteria. The Technical Note on Noise Assessment [REP4-047] contains the minutes (as agreed with ELDC and RH) of the meeting in Appendix A where an approach to construction noise assessment criteria was agreed.	Agreed

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ELDC58	Construction noise calculations	Construction noise predictions have not considered potential worst-case and appear to disregard facade reflections.	Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP-055]. Viking CCS Pipeline Environmental Impact Assessment Report Review [REP1-057]	Applicant: This point has been addressed in Royal Haskoning \ East Lindsey District Council Comments on Environmental Impact Assessment - Applicant's Response [REP2-036].	Agreed
ELDC59	Duration of effect	In determining whether construction noise effects are potentially significant, it would be helpful to provide information on the duration of potential impacts.	Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP-055]. Viking CCS Pipeline Environmental Impact Assessment Report Review [REP1-057]	Applicant: The Technical Note on Noise Assessment [REP4-047] contains information on the duration of potential construction noise effects.	Agreed
ELDC60	Mitigations measures	The construction noise assessment identifies potentially significant effects but the required attenuation is not known; hence, it cannot be known whether the proposed mitigation measures	Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP-055]. Viking CCS Pipeline Environmental Impact Assessment Report Review [REP1-057]	Applicant: Following the submission of Technical Note on Noise Assessment [REP4-047], a meeting will be arranged with ELDC and RH to discuss mitigation	In discussion

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		are sufficient to mitigate the effects to a non-significant level.			
ELDC61	Noise level parameter	The noise level parameter used in the operational noise assessment methodology section is inconsistent. Any changes to this parameter may require the assessment to be revised.	Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP-055]. Viking CCS Pipeline Environmental Impact Assessment Report Review [REP1-057]	Applicant: This point has been addressed in Royal Haskoning \ East Lindsey District Council Comments on Environmental Impact Assessment - Applicant's Response [REP2-036].	Agreed
ELDC62	Non-residential receptors	The assessment method for impacts on non-residential receptors requires revision to include criteria for omitted receptor types.	Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP-055]. Viking CCS Pipeline Environmental Impact Assessment Report Review [REP1-057]	Applicant: This point has been addressed in Royal Haskoning \ East Lindsey District Council Comments on Environmental Impact Assessment - Applicant's Response [REP2-036].	Agreed

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ELDC63	Compound noise effects	Potential noise effects from the use of the Southern construction compound require assessment, along with whether the compounds will be used at night. Night- time noise from the Northern Compound (if present) should also be assessed.	Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP-055]. Viking CCS Pipeline Environmental Impact Assessment Report Review [REP1-057]	Applicant: This point has been addressed in Royal Haskoning \ East Lindsey District Council Comments on Environmental Impact Assessment - Applicant's Response [REP2-036].	Agreed
ELDC64	Venting noise impacts	The assessment of maintenance venting impacts should be moved to the operational assessment section.	Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP-055]. Viking CCS Pipeline Environmental Impact Assessment Report Review [REP1-057]	Applicant: This will be picked up is an updated version of Chapter 13 is deemed necessary	Agreed

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ELDC65	Maintenance noise effects	The operational noise assessment methodology should be updated to describe the method and noise level parameters used for assessment of effects during maintenance.	Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP-055]. Viking CCS Pipeline Environmental Impact Assessment Report Review [REP1-057]	Applicant: This point has been addressed in Royal Haskoning \ East Lindsey District Council Comments on Environmental Impact Assessment - Applicant's Response [REP2-036].	Agreed
ELDC66	Monitoring and maintenance procedures	Further details are needed on the monitoring and calculation procedures, along with any required mitigation, to ensure that residual effects from maintenance venting noise will be not significant.	Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP-055]. Viking CCS Pipeline Environmental Impact Assessment Report Review [REP1-057]	Applicant: This point has been addressed in Royal Haskoning \ East Lindsey District Council Comments on Environmental Impact Assessment - Applicant's Response [REP2-036].	Agreed
ELDC67	Construction traffic	The discrepancy between Appendix 15.3 and the Chapter in terms of the additional construction traffic to be introduced requires rectification.	Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP-055]. Viking CCS Pipeline Environmental Impact	Applicant: This point has been addressed in Royal Haskoning \ East Lindsey District Council Comments on Environmental Impact Assessment - Applicant's Response [REP2-036].	Agreed

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			Assessment Report Review [REP1-057]		
ELDC68	Construction traffic	Further quantitative evidence is required to assess the effects of construction road traffic noise on roads with low traffic flows.	Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP-055]. Viking CCS Pipeline Environmental Impact Assessment Report Review [REP1-057]	Applicant: This point has been addressed in Royal Haskoning \ East Lindsey District Council Comments on Environmental Impact Assessment - Applicant's Response [REP2-036].	Agreed
ELDC69	Section 61	It is not clear which of the construction works will be included in a section 61 consent application.	Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP-055]. Viking CCS Pipeline Environmental Impact Assessment Report Review [REP1-057]	Applicant: This point was addressed in a meeting with ELDC and RH was undertaken on 7th July 2024 to discuss the construction noise assessment criteria. The Technical Note on Noise Assessment [REP4-047] contains the minutes (as agreed with ELDC and RH) of the meeting in Appendix A where it was agreed that the Section 61 would not be a means to secure mitigation.	Agreed

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ELDC70	HDD works	The distance to the night-time SOAEL from HDD works is inconsistent between the assessment and mitigation sections.	Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP-055]. Viking CCS Pipeline Environmental Impact Assessment Report Review [REP1-057]	Applicant: This typo has been addressed (changed from 200m to 280m) in the updated Draft Construction Environmental Management Plan [REP4-028]	Agreed
ELDC71	Screening	The discussion of screening in the residual effects contradicts that proposed in the mitigation section.	Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP-055]. Viking CCS Pipeline Environmental Impact Assessment Report Review [REP1-057]	Applicant: This point has been addressed in Royal Haskoning \ East Lindsey District Council Comments on Environmental Impact Assessment - Applicant's Response [REP2-036].	Agreed
ELDC72	All reasonable measures	It is not agreed that all reasonable measures have been implemented to control construction noise impacts.	Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement [APP-055]. Viking CCS Pipeline Environmental Impact Assessment Report Review [REP1-057]	Applicant: Following the submission of Technical Note on Noise Assessment [REP4-047], a meeting will be arranged with ELDC and RH to discuss mitigation	In discussion