

Viking CCS Pipeline

8.8 Statement of Common Ground – Centrica – Revision A (Clean)

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This Draft Statement of Common Ground has been agreed between Chrysaor Production (UK) Limited and Centrica on the day specified below

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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 Centrica plc (Centrica) 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 Centrica 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 Centrica

- 1.2.1 Centrica is an energy and services company with its principal activity the supply of electricity and gas to consumers in the United Kingdom and Ireland.
- 1.2.2 It is the largest supplier of gas to domestic customers in the United Kingdom, and one of the largest suppliers of electricity, operating under the trading names Scottish Gas in Scotland, British Gas in England and Wales and Phoenix Gas in Northern Ireland.
- 1.2.3 Centrica is a statutory consultee for the proposed Viking CCS pipeline under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008.

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 Centrica has specifically identified the CES+ Condensate pipeline, which runs between Easington and Immingham that is either within, or in close proximity to, the proposed Order Limits.
- 1.3.4 The CES+ Condensate pipeline is located under or immediately adjacent to Rosper Road, on the eastern boundary of the proposed Immingham Facility site.
- 1.3.5 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** below.

Table 2-1 Record of meetings and correspondence with Centrica.

Date of meeting/ correspondence	Description of meeting/correspondence
11 th January 2024	Relevant Representations submitted
18 th January 2024	Email correspondence on Centrica Relevant Representation and acknowledgement of LSBUD completion as per Centrica request.
19 th January 2024	Email correspondence regarding DCO Application acceptance and draft SoCG.
31 st January 2024	Email correspondence on agreement to proceed with SoCG
16 th February 2024	Email correspondence and issue of draft SoCG
13 th March 2024	Email correspondence broadly in agreement however awaiting technical internal review by Centrica.
21 st March 2024	Email correspondence on progress of SoCG
15 th April 2024	Email correspondence on progress of SoCG
18 th April 2024	Email correspondence on delay in progressing SoCG within Centrica
13 th May 2024	Email correspondence on progress of SoCG within Centrica
20 th May 2024	Email correspondence and notification that it may be difficult to agree a SoCG due to difficulty in obtaining feedback from Centrica. Issue raised with Harbour legal representatives to pursue.
May – August 2024	On going dialogues on protective provisions between both parties

3 Position of the Parties

3.1.1 Table 3-1 sets out the position of the parties relating to the following topics:

- Protective Provisions

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 are no significant disagreement such that the matter is considered closed.
Not agreed - no material impact	The matter is not agreed between the parties; however the outcome of the approach taken by the Applicant or Centrica is not considered to result in a material impact to the assessment conclusions. Discussions on this matter have concluded.
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 Centrica 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	Agreed / Not Agreed
General Matters					
CEN1	Engagement	The pre-application engagement undertaken by the applicant has been proactive and professional.	N/A	ApplicantApplicant has engaged with Centrica in a proactive and professional manner during the pre-application period. CEN:	Agreed
CEN2	Project Information	Details of the project, including its need, have been provided.	N/A	Applicant: Project information was notified through statutory consultation and correspondence during pre-application period. CEN:	Agreed
Protective Provisions					
CEN3	Protective Provisions	The protective provisions included in Part 1, Schedule 9 of the draft DCO (Revision A) [AS-008] ensure that appropriate protection and safeguarding measures Centrica’s assets and interests are in place. Both parties agree that appropriate protection is in place for Uniper and that Centrica will not suffer serious detriment to the carrying on of its undertaking as a result of the Project.	N/A	Applicant: Agreed CEN:	In Discussion

4 References

There are no documents referenced at present.