

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

**Response to the Examining Authority's second written questions (ExQ2) issued  
on 12 August 2024**

**Prepared by North Lincolnshire Council (NLC)**

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**Q2.1. General and Cross-topic Questions**

**Planning Permissions**

Question to	Question	NLC Response
2.1.1 Relevant Local Authorities	<b>Phillips 66 Limited and VPI Immingham LLP</b> Please provide an update, including a likely decision date (if not already decided) for the planning applications by Phillips 66 Limited and VPI Immingham LLP for the carbon capture plant for their respective businesses.	The application by Phillips 66 (PA/2023/422) was determined by the LPA on 05/08/2024, with planning permission being granted subject to conditions. The application by VPI Immingham LLP (PA/2023/421) has not yet been determined. The LPA are awaiting the completion of a Section 106 agreement before they are able to issue a decision on the application. It is currently anticipated that the S106 agreement will be finalised within the next month, at which time a decision will be issued.

**Q2.2. Air Quality and Emission**

**Climate Change / Assessments and Calculations**

2.4.1 All Local Authorities	<b>Updated ES Chapter 15</b> The Applicant revised Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter 15 on Climate Change at Deadline 4 [REP4-029] answering requests for information. 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?	NLC has no concerns or observations to raise.
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<p><b>1.2.6</b> All Local Authorities</p>	<p><b>Climate Resilience</b> 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>	<p>NLC has no concerns regarding climate change resilience and is content that the assessment provided in this regard is robust.</p>
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**Q2.7 Draft Development Consent Order**

**Interpretation and Articles**

<p><b>2.7.2</b> All Local Authorities</p>	<p><b>ExA Schedule of Changes to the Development Consent Order</b> 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>	<p>NLC have no concerns in this regard. The proposed changes are considered to be acceptable.</p>
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**Q2.8 Ecology and Biodiversity**

**Ecology**

<p><b>2.8.2</b> Local Authorities</p>	<p><b>Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)</b> 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?</p>	<p>NLC acknowledge that the delivery of BNG is not a mandatory requirement for NSIPs. However, this is proposed to become mandatory from November 2025. Section 4.6 of NPS EN-1 advises that energy NSIP proposals should seek to deliver net gains for biodiversity and the wider environment where possible. In addition policy CS17 of the North Lincolnshire Core Strategy seeks to deliver biodiversity enhancement in all new developments. Therefore, whilst not mandatory at this time, there is very clear policy support for the provision of BNG net gain in new developments at both</p>
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			the national and local level and as such NLC are of the view that a Requirement to secure such net gain would be appropriate in this instance.
<b>2.8.3</b>	Local Authorities	<b>BNG Details</b> 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?	The OLEMP does not make any recommendations for sites in North Lincolnshire (See Landscape Plans- Appendix A). On that basis, we have no further comments to make. The main site in North Lincolnshire will be influenced primarily by the proposals for the VPI Carbon Capture project.

**Q2.13. Landscape and Visual Amenity**

**Character and appearance of the countryside**

<b>2.13.2</b>	Local Authorities	<b>OLEMP strategy</b> 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?	NLC are content that the landscaping strategy, planting strategy and replacement/ compensatory landscape proposals, as set out in the OLEMP are broadly acceptable.
<b>2.13.3</b>	Local Authorities	<b>Reinstatement of land and landscape</b> 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?	NLC have no concerns in this regard. The OCEMP and OLEMP are considered to provide sufficient reassurance with respect to the reinstatement of land and landscape.

**Q2.17 Waste and Minerals**

**Waste**

<b>2.17.1</b>	Local Authorities	<b>Revised ES Chapter 18</b> 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 aware of, or have any/ all issues been resolved? Explain with reasons.	NLC has no outstanding concerns or observations in respect of waste matters.
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