

We wish to submit a closing statement on behalf of our client R Caudwell (Produce) Ltd. We initially informed the Viking CCS project back on the 6th October 2022 in the non-statutory consultation phase, that our clients land is subject to an option agreement for a large scale solar development. We have revisited this with the scheme numerous times throughout both the statutory consultation phase and the DCO examination period. This was done to ensure that the Viking CCS scheme made contact with the proposed developers, ensuring that the impact of the pipeline was kept to a minimum in relation to the proposed solar development and subsequently minimise the financial impact to our client.

Having discussed the matter with the solar developers this week, it has been brought to our attention that no contact what so ever has been made. It is imperative that Viking CCS engages with the solar developers as a matter of urgency to ensure that the two projects can co-exist with minimal impact on the solar development.