



To:

Our Ref: EN070008

Chrysaor Production (UK) Limited
Lincolnshire County Council
Lindsey Marsh Internal Drainage Board

Date: 8 January 2025

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Chrysaor Production (UK) Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Viking CCS Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Project (“the Proposed Development”)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. Following the completion of the Examination on 26 September 2024, the Examining Authority (“ExA”) submitted a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application to the Secretary of State on 5 December 2024. In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has three months to determine the application.
2. Without prejudice to the Secretary of State’s final decision, there are matters on which the Secretary of State would be grateful if the **Applicant, Lincolnshire County Council** (“LCC”) and **Lindsey Marsh Internal Drainage Board** (“Lindsey Marsh IDB”) could provide updates or information as appropriate.

Offshore Elements

3. The Secretary of State notes the suggested wording provided by the Applicant to the ExA for a new Requirement which recognises the interaction between the onshore and offshore consents required for the Proposed Development.
4. **The Applicant** is requested to provide any further comments it may have on the revised wording below:

“(1) No part of the authorised development may commence until details of the following have been submitted to and approved by the Secretary of State –

(a) evidence that a carbon dioxide storage permit for the offshore pipeline and storage works is in place;

(b) evidence of any pipeline works authorisation required by section 14 of the Petroleum Act 1998 for the offshore pipeline and storage works.”

Compulsory Acquisition of Land and Rights

5. The **Applicant, LCC and Lindsey Marsh IDB** are requested to provide an update on whether agreement has been reached and whether compulsory acquisition powers are still sought over the plots in which LCC and Lindsey Marsh IDB have an interest.

Special Category Land

6. In light of the information in section 10.3 of the Statement of Reasons (Revision D), the **Applicant** is requested to comment on whether any amendments to the wording in the draft DCO regarding special category land are required, noting that at present the draft DCO refers only to open space land. If so, the Applicant is requested to set out its proposed amended wording.
7. Responses to the requested information should be submitted by email only to vikingccspipeline@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by **23.59 on 22 January 2025**.
8. Responses will be published on the Viking CCS Carbon Dioxide Pipeline project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN070008> as soon as possible after **22 January 2025**.
9. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State’s consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the Proposed Development or any part of the project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully

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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero