



## Meeting note

<b>Project name</b>	Viking CCS Pipeline
<b>File reference</b>	EN070008
<b>Status</b>	<b>Final</b>
<b>Author</b>	The Planning Inspectorate
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<b>Meeting with</b>	Chrysaor Production (UK) Limited
<b>Venue</b>	Microsoft Teams
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Project Update Meeting
<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees

### Summary of key points discussed, and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

### Project update

The Applicant summarised the Development Consent Order (DCO) application and provided information on the progress since the last project update meeting in March 2023. The Applicant stated that it was in negotiations with several local companies/emitters and Bp had taken a 40% non-operated share in the project. Chrysaor Production (UK) Limited will be the applicant for the DCO and subsidiary managing the Proposed Development.

The Applicant stated that the Environmental Statement was being compiled, and the Work and Land Plans were being prepared. Additional targeted consultation took place during April/May 2023 due to red line boundary changes, and the Consultation Report, the DCO and the Explanatory Memorandum were being finalised.

The Applicant highlighted that following consultation responses, 33% of the public were supportive, 53% neutral and 14% opposed to the Proposed Development. The main concerns related to the route of the pipeline, traffic management and safety issues.

The Inspectorate enquired whether West Burton B, and other industrial emitters, would be connected to the proposed pipeline, following recent announcements on the Applicant's website. The Applicant responded that this DCO application was to connect Immingham to Theddlethorpe. Those emitters to the west and south west of the pipeline do not form part of the DCO application but there is potential for future expansion.

The Applicant confirmed that the DCO application was on track for an August 2023 submission and its timeline was ultimately driven by completing construction in 2027.

The Inspectorate requested to be kept informed approaching the submission date and enquired whether draft documents would be submitted in advance. The Applicant responded that it would confirm later whether this can be included in its schedule.

The Applicant queried as to how complete the draft documents should be if submitted for review. The Inspectorate advised that it depended on the type of document, e.g. the draft DCO should be more than just excerpts, and any review period would be 6-8 weeks.

## **Environment update**

The Applicant stated that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) related surveys progressed well, as follows:

- most ecology surveys were complete;
- geophysical surveys continue and targeted trial trenching (to inform the Written Scheme of Investigation) was being consulted on;
- some additional traffic surveys were being undertaken over next two weeks;
- arboricultural survey of whole route was completed;
- survey results were being used to calculate the Biodiversity Net Gain target;
- two main badger setts on the route - mitigation options have been identified for inclusion in the DCO, and potential artificial sett location options identified. Discussions with landowners were ongoing.

The Inspectorate advised that confidential annexes (e.g, regarding badger setts) should be marked clearly on submission, so that those won't be published on the project website.

The Applicant highlighted the key actions to note:

- meeting arranged with Natural England; to discuss the proposed new Lincolnshire Coast National Nature Reserve;
- further meeting with the Environment Agency arranged to discuss Flood Risk Assessment matters;
- update meeting with National Highways and Local Highways Authorities were being arranged;
- regular meetings were held with Historic England and local curators to update them on survey findings; and
- production of Environmental Statement and other supporting environmental reports to support the DCO application commenced taking on board feedback from both the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and the Scoping Report.

The Inspectorate enquired regarding engagement with the Health & Safety Executive. The Applicant responded that discussions and workshops had taken place.

## **Additional consultation on design refinements**

The Applicant stated that additional, targeted consultation took place between 14 April - 14 May 2023. The Applicant sought feedback on design revisions including small additions to the draft Order Limits and changes in location of a Block Valve Station and bellmouth junctions.

The consultation materials included a booklet and updated interactive map. The feedback channels used were emails, freepost and telephone.

The consultation targeted (via email & post) planning officers at host local authorities, Lincolnshire County Council elected members, Parish Councils, other prescribed consultees and statutory undertakers, residents in the vicinity of the design refinements, existing and newly identified Persons with Interests in Land (PILs).

The Applicant specified that 78 responses to consultation were received: 35 from members of the public, 24 from prescribed consultees and 19 from PILs. The feedback focused on the following areas: the use of land west of the former Theddlethorpe Gas Terminal, North of Grimoldby, Near Louth Water Treatment Works and West of Aylesby.

The Applicant highlighted that the general comments addressed the pipeline and route, including the vent stack, construction impacts, consultation information, safety and route suggestions.

## **Land Referencing and Acquisition**

The Applicant provided the following update:

- Approximately 700 land plots within the draft order limits were identified at this stage;
- Approximately 154 freehold landowners which has generated approximately 200 land interests to hold discussions / negotiations regarding acquiring land by agreement;
- Crown Land is present at Immingham and Theddlethorpe (2 areas);
- Special Category land is present in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Lincolnshire Wolds);
- Land Plans were being prepared and were substantially complete;
- The Book of Reference was being prepared with plot descriptions; and
- The Schedule of Negotiations was being prepared to include land interests. Negotiations with Land Interests was due to start imminently following update to Land Plans.

The Inspectorate enquired about the discussions with the Crown Estate. The Applicant confirmed that a meeting was due to take place soon.

## **AOB**

The Inspectorate advised that the application submission should be via file sharing websites, that can be trialled in advance. The Inspectorate advised that, looking forward, venues and Audio-Visual companies should be considered in due course.

The Inspectorate confirmed that the project website would be updated to indicate the likely submission date in August 2023.