

Viking CCS Pipeline Community Bulletin

Examination of our DCO application has begun

Welcome to the second community bulletin for the Viking CCS Pipeline, a new carbon dioxide pipeline between Immingham and Theddlethorpe.

Last November our Development Consent Order (DCO) application was accepted for Examination by the Planning Inspectorate (which oversees the process for nationally significant infrastructure projects (NSIPs) across England and Wales). Anyone interested in the project could register as an Interested Party and submit their views in writing (a 'relevant representation'). The Planning Inspectorate also appointed the 'Examining Authority', the specific inspectors who will examine the application.

The Examination opened on Tuesday 26 March and will last up to six months.



What happens during Examination?

During Examination the Examining Authority reviews the application and asks for responses at a number of deadlines. Harbour Energy, official bodies and anyone who has registered to have their say can comment on the Proposed Development or answer any questions posed by the Examining Authority at each deadline. The process also involves a number of hearings to allow specific issues to be discussed in detail.

Before the examination formally opened, a Preliminary Meeting took place at 10am on Tuesday 26 March, both in-person at Stallingborough Grange Hotel and virtually on Teams. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the arrangements and process for the Examination.

The next day, Wednesday 27 March, the first two Examination hearings took place:

- Compulsory Acquisition
- Issue Specific Hearing on the draft Development Consent Order

Recordings of the Preliminary Meeting and first two hearings are available to watch online:

- The Compulsory Acquisition Hearing was recorded in three parts and can be accessed here: [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#).
- Issue Specific Hearing on the draft Development Consent Order was recorded in two parts and can be accessed here: [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#).

Examination Timeline

The timetable for the examination of our application, including deadlines for submissions and hearing dates can be seen [here](#). The next hearings are expected to be held on w/c 24 June and w/c 29 July and you can register on the project's Planning Inspectorate page to be kept up to date.

What happens after Examination?

Within three months of Examination ending, the Examining Authority will write a recommendation report to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. The Secretary of State has a further three months to decide if development consent should be granted.

For more details on the Planning Inspectorate's role and the process for planning consent for NSIPs, please visit: national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/decision-making-process-guide



Supply chain event

As well as continuing through the consenting process for the pipeline, we are also engaging with the supply chain for both the pipeline and the wider Viking CCS project. We are holding a supply chain engagement event in Hull on 14 May. You can find out more about the event [here](#).



Archaeological trial trenching

Wessex Archaeology is undertaking an archaeological trenching survey for the project. This will give us more understanding of the potential archaeology inside the project boundary. The work started at the end of March 2024 and should take about 3 months. There will be up to five teams of archaeologists working at various points along the route.

Each archaeology team will have a mechanical excavator, a mobile welfare unit, and personal vehicles.

Get in touch

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