

INTRODUCTION

HyNet is the UK's leading industrial decarbonisation project which aims to unlock a low carbon future in the North West of England and North Wales by reducing carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from industry and supporting economic growth in the region. As part of the project delivery for a carbon capture and storage (CCS) system to serve the HyNet industrial cluster, three spur pipeline developments are proposed. The spur pipelines will allow for carbon dioxide to be safely transported between industry sites and the CO₂ storage facilities in Liverpool Bay. This factsheet explains how we are working to ensure our proposals benefit the local communities we will be working in.

WHO IS DELIVERING THIS PROJECT?

The HyNet Spur Pipelines are being developed by Liverpool Bay CCS Limited, a member of the Eni SpA group. Eni has been working with the local community on projects to support the natural environment and communities in which we operate for over 25 years. Eni has done this both as a joint venture partner and, more recently, as the sole owner and operator of the Liverpool Bay infrastructure.

Some of the local projects that we have supported include:

DangerPoint: An award-winning centre which offers visitors, particularly schools and organised groups, the opportunity to learn about safety in a fun and interactive way. It was founded by Eni in partnership with North Wales Police and North Wales Fire and Rescue Services. Eni continues to help fund the project and provides the DangerPoint building free of charge.

Land management: Since the mid-1990s, Eni has helped take care of the coastline around Talacre through various initiatives including organising litter picking, reintroducing native species and managing the sensitive dunes environment. Our aim is to protect the environment and biodiversity, contribute to the conservation of the area, and balance environmental protection with the economic benefits to the region through the tourism sector.

Flintshire Rangers: Eni helps to fund the provision of a Coastal Ranger, organised by Flintshire County Council, to help manage the Gronant Dunes and Talacre Warren Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

Environmental education: Through our Environmental Education Programme, Eni offers local schools the opportunity to access free environmental education by supporting visits to the Field Study Centre. This helps children to learn about the environment and wildlife in Talacre and understand the environmental sensitivities of the area, helping to protect it for future generations.

Supporting local tourism: Eni has partnered with various local associations to create bicycle paths, nature trails and heritage attractions in the area.

Talacre Community Centre: Eni helped in developing the Community Centre for Talacre as part of the joint venture partnership behind Liverpool Bay operations.



The award-winning DangerPoint visitor centre - founded, funded and supported by Eni - which provides visitors the opportunity to learn about safety in a fun and interactive way.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THIS INVESTMENT?

Our proposals will create thousands of new construction jobs in the North West of England and North Wales, and will help to protect many more for the future. There will also be greater opportunities for local people, tapping into the area's blend of industrial experience and scientific expertise, which together will create a hotspot for innovation and growth. We will bring opportunities for local people to develop new skillsets and train to work in exciting, world-leading sectors.

To maximise the benefit to local communities, we will continue to work with local suppliers where possible. Our procurement processes will consider suppliers with strong environmental, social and governance (ESG) ratings to ensure that the design and construction of the HyNet Carbon Dioxide Spur Pipelines have minimal environmental and community impact.

WHAT BENEFITS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?

There are a number of benefits for the local community including:

- Education experiences for young people in collaboration with local schools and colleges
- Work experience for those considering their options
- Apprenticeships and future career opportunities
- Community funding for environmental, health and educational initiatives
- Community liason teams
- Volunteering from the project team to help local initiatives

We will provide further information on the Community Benefit Fund, including how local groups and organisations can apply soon.



The Gronant Dunes and Talacre Warren SSSI, where Eni coordinate habitat management and monitoring, and have been working with Natural Resources Wales to invest in restoration works.