

Liverpool Bay CCS Limited (LBCCS) is leading the development of a carbon dioxide transportation and storage system to decarbonise the north west of England and north Wales. As part of one of the UK's leading industrial decarbonisation projects, we are unlocking a low carbon future by reducing carbon dioxide emissions from industry and supporting economic growth in the region.

Welcome to our September 2025 newsletter

In this month's newsletter we're sharing the latest updates on the Protos (West AGI) Spur Pipeline and the Point of Ayr planning applications, including the start of decommissioning and site preparation works at the Point of Ayr terminal.

You'll also find news about a new feature on our website, details of upcoming community information events and a spotlight on the community work our Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contractor United Infrastructure (UI) has delivered with Sandycroft Community Hub and Pantry.

Finally, we're pleased to introduce Mike Cobble, a key member of the UI team working on the project.

To keep up to date with all the latest information, please visit the [HyNet Hub](#).

The planning application for Protos (West AGI) Spur Pipeline has been approved



Map of the red line boundary for the Protos (West AGI) Spur Pipeline

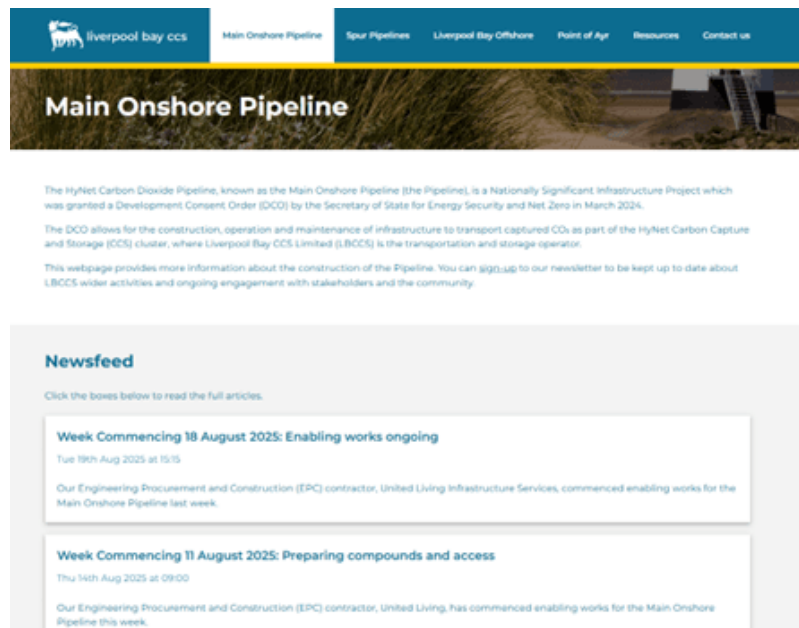
In August 2025, the planning application for the Protos (West AGI) Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) Spur Pipeline was approved by Cheshire West and Chester Council's (CWCC) Planning Committee. The Protos (West AGI) Spur Pipeline will connect the Encyclis Protos Energy Recovery facility to the Ince Above Ground Installation (AGI).

The planning permission includes the construction of the new CO₂ spur pipeline and AGI to serve future emitters in the Protos Energy Recovery facility.

Following approval, the next steps will be to discharge the planning conditions attached to this planning permission in advance of construction which is due to start in Summer 2026.

You can find more information about the planning application on CWCC's public access planning portal by searching the reference number: **25/00952/FUL**

Main Onshore Pipeline works begin – keep updated through our newsfeed



The screenshot shows the website for the Liverpool Bay CCS Main Onshore Pipeline. The header includes the Liverpool Bay CCS logo and navigation links: Main Onshore Pipeline, Spur Pipelines, Liverpool Bay Offshore, Point of Air, Resources, and Contact us. The main heading is "Main Onshore Pipeline" over a background image of a pipeline in a field. Below this, a paragraph states: "The HyNet Carbon Dioxide Pipeline, known as the Main Onshore Pipeline (the Pipeline), is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project which was granted a Development Consent Order (DCO) by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero in March 2024. The DCO allows for the construction, operation and maintenance of infrastructure to transport captured CO₂ as part of the HyNet Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) cluster, where Liverpool Bay CCS Limited (LBCCS) is the transportation and storage operator. This webpage provides more information about the construction of the Pipeline. You can sign up to our newsletter to be kept up to date about LBCCS wider activities and ongoing engagement with stakeholders and the community."

The "Newsfeed" section is titled "Newsfeed" and includes the instruction "Click the boxes below to read the full articles." It contains two article boxes:

- Week Commencing 18 August 2025: Enabling works ongoing**
Tue 19th Aug 2025 at 15:15
Our Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) contractor, United Living Infrastructure Services, commenced enabling works for the Main Onshore Pipeline last week.
- Week Commencing 11 August 2025: Preparing compounds and access**
Thu 14th Aug 2025 at 09:00
Our Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) contractor, United Living, has commenced enabling works for the Main Onshore Pipeline this week.

Main Onshore Pipeline Newsfeed

As construction begins on the Main Onshore Pipeline (also known as the HyNet Carbon Dioxide Pipeline) we've launched a dedicated newsfeed to keep you informed about progress on the ground.

This newsfeed will feature regular updates from our EPC contractor, UI, covering the latest developments, key milestones and ongoing works. You'll also find information about upcoming community events.

The newsfeed is available at: hynethub.co.uk/mainonshorepipeline

Planning application submitted for Point of Ayr Cable Route Foreshore Works



Point of Ayr Lighthouse

The planning application for the proposed realignment of the Point of Ayr Cable Route Foreshore Works was submitted to Flintshire County Council (FCC) in August 2025.

This follows a period of statutory Pre-Application Consultation (PAC), which ran from 16 June to 14 July 2025. We carefully considered all feedback received from stakeholders during this time and responded to any issues raised in the PAC Report, which was submitted with the final planning application.

The planning application is currently being determined by FCC's planning officers, who will assess the submitted materials and make a recommendation to either grant or refuse permission. The final decision will be made by the Planning Committee, which is composed of local councillors. We anticipate a decision later in 2025.

If approved, construction is expected to begin in spring 2026.

As FCC has validated the planning application, you have the opportunity to view and comment on the application directly to the Council by visiting its [Public Access Website](#) and searching the reference number: **FUL/000705/25**

For more details about the Proposed Development, visit our [Point of Ayr webpage](#) on the HyNet Hub. If you have any questions or would like to get in touch, please email us at hello@hynethub.co.uk.

Works at Point of Ayr Terminal begin this month



Point of Ayr Terminal

Decommissioning and site preparation works have begun at the Point of Ayr terminal and surrounding Colliery area this month. This work marks a key step in preparing the terminal for future CO₂ transportation and storage operations, ensuring it is ready for the equipment to transport and store CO₂ offshore.

You may notice some increased activity on site, including higher noise levels and more vehicle movements. All work will be carried out within permitted hours:

Monday to Friday: 8am – 6pm

Saturday: 8am – 1pm

These works follow planning consent granted by FCC in January 2024 and are part of the wider Liverpool Bay Transportation and Storage project to serve the HyNet Industrial Cluster, supporting the UK and Welsh Governments' Net Zero targets.

We're committed to keeping residents informed throughout the project. For updates and to sign up for our newsletter, please visit hynethub.co.uk.

Investing in Sandycroft Community Hub and Pantry



New shed and paved area provided to Sandycroft Community Hub and Pantry

As part of our commitment to the communities in which we operate, UI, on behalf of LBCCS and the Liverpool Bay CO₂ Transport and Storage (T&S) Project, has been working to deliver benefits to these communities.

This includes the recent support provided to Sandycroft Community Hub and Pantry to expand its outdoor storage space. Through this project, the UI team cleared an overgrown section of the garden and provided a new shed to make room for the essential items it needs to continue supporting the local community.

The shed will provide space to store the lawnmower and equipment for the maintenance of the garden and food pantry.

Community information events for the Main Onshore Pipeline



Image of information event held for the Runcorn CO₂ Spur Pipeline Proposed Development

Starting this month, we will be hosting monthly community information events offering all stakeholders the opportunity to speak directly with LBCCS and UI about the works supporting the delivery of the Main Onshore Pipeline.

The first event will be held on **Tuesday, 23 September 2025 between 4pm and 7pm at the Mollington Banastre Hotel, CH1 6NN**. Events will alternate monthly between sites in England and Wales. Full details of the events will be published in advance on the newsfeed available at: hynethub.co.uk/mainonshorepipeline.

If you have any questions before the events or can't attend, please contact us at hello@hynethub.co.uk or through the HyNet Hub contact us form at hynethub.co.uk/contactus.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our community information events and answering any questions you may have regarding the Main Onshore Pipeline.

Meet the team... Mike Cobble



Mike Cobble, Director of Major Projects

1. Please tell us about your role on the Liverpool Bay T&S Project

UI has been appointed as the EPC Contractor for the Main Onshore Pipeline as part of the Liverpool Bay CO₂ T&S Project. At UI, I am the Director of Major Projects responsible for the management of all Major Projects in the business. For the Main Onshore Pipeline, I act as the Project Director.

2. What does a typical day of working on the Liverpool Bay T&S Project look like for you?

As a project organisation we are transitioning from mobilisation to delivery phase. We have been working for around nine months on engineering and procurement and are just beginning to commence the construction phase of the project. With the change in phase comes a change of focus and mindset that we are working to embed in an evolving team.

My typical day is spent working with the team to prepare for the next phase of the works. This also involves engaging with multiple stakeholders including LBCCS, the Local Authorities (CWCC and FCC), as well as environmental bodies, public organisations and the local community.

3. What are the most rewarding and challenging aspects of your role?

The most rewarding part of any job is completing construction and commissioning. Turning ideas into action and the completion and handover of a finished project is the reward we are all working together to achieve. Challenges are everywhere in the early stages of a project. Working together with project teams to find a pathway through these challenges and deliver an infrastructure project is the most rewarding aspect of my role.

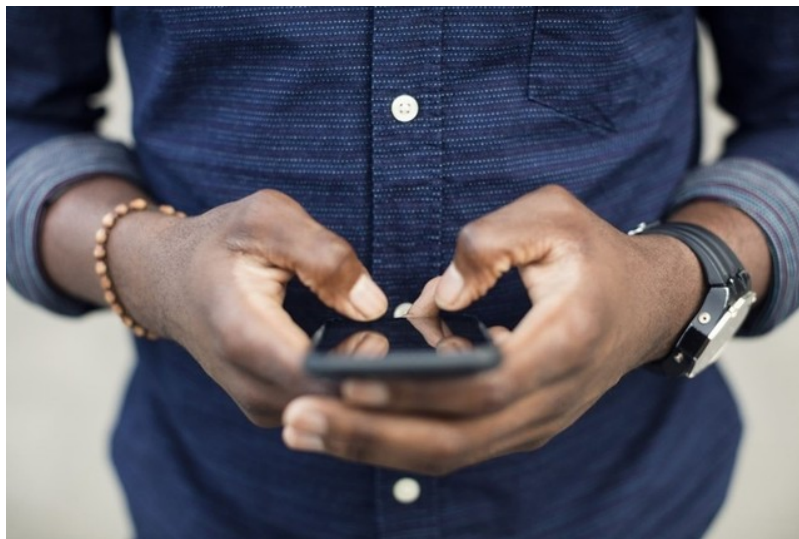
4. What inspired you to pursue a career in the construction industry?

I am from a family that are all involved in agriculture and construction, it was inevitable that I would end up in one or the other eventually. I found my way into pipeline construction by accident taking a role as a summer job as a pipeline surveyor on the Hatton to Silk Willoughby pipeline for Laing in 1998. As a young man with an ambition for adventure and travel, I soon realised the pipeline industry would provide me with the opportunity to work all over the world, and I have never looked back. Now those people and colleagues that I have travelled and worked with provide an extended family to me and the camaraderie that develops on projects and the friends that are made is what keeps us coming back for more.

5. What are your hobbies and interests outside of work?

I work away from home during the week and generally only see my family at weekends. It is a pattern that can be challenging but for many of us it is something we have only ever known. I try to ensure that when I am away from work the focus of my hobbies and interests are very much aligned to my family, fortunately they like eating and drinking as much as I do!

Stay connected



If you have any comments or questions, or would like us to feature a specific topic in our next newsletter, please get in touch by emailing hello@hynethub.co.uk or through the HyNet Hub contact us form at hynethub.co.uk/contactus.

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