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Ref: PF.2.2

TBC

Dear Charlie,

**Full planning application for the Point of Ayr (PoA) Cable Route Foreshore Works, located to the north-west of the PoA Gas Terminal, Flintshire.**

On behalf of Liverpool Bay CCS Limited (LBCCS) (the “Applicant”), a member of the Eni SpA group, please find enclosed a full planning application for the installation of an underground section of Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) conduit under Gronant Dunes originating from the HDD Entry Pit (consented under FUL/000246/23), to a buried HDD Exit Pit at the Mean High Water Spring (MHWS) line, and burial of a combined electrical and fibre optic cable across Talacre Beach and Foreshore to the Mean Low Water Spring (MLWS) line, located to the north-west of the Point of Ayr (PoA) Gas Terminal (“the Proposed Development”).

The full planning application was submitted via Planning Portal Wales on TBC under reference PP-14040832. The application fee of TBC has been paid by WSP on behalf of the Applicant to Flintshire County Council (FCC) as the Local Planning Authority.

The Proposed Development forms part of the wider Liverpool Bay CO<sub>2</sub> Transportation and Storage infrastructure to serve the wider HyNet North West project. HyNet is a low carbon hydrogen and carbon capture, transport and storage project that will unlock a low carbon economy for the North West of



England and North Wales and put the region at the forefront of the UK's drive to Net Zero.

The Proposed Development is seeking re-authorisation of the cable route element of the works consented under application reference no: FUL/000246/23 granted in May 2024 ("the Consented Development") but on a new alignment that is approximately 250m further east along Talacre beach.

The proposed realigned route, in its entirety, will start from the original HDD entry pit location as specified in the Consented Development creating a more direct path, in an approximate north-westerly direction, under the dune system, and across Talacre Beach, and the Welsh Channel, to the gap between the sand banks to the east of West Hoyle Spit and onwards to the New Douglas Offshore Platform.

The project programme for the Proposed Development is driven by the limited availability of the cable laying vessel, which is only accessible between March and August 2026. To align with this programme, the Applicant must commence preparatory works, such as Horizontal Directional Drilling by February 2026. Given these time constraints, the Applicant requests FCC for a timely determination of this planning application. The Applicant would also like to draw attention to Natural Resources Wales' (NRW) decision on 22 May 2025 to grant the Applicant's Marine Licence Application (CML2365), which consents the proposed realigned route within NRW's jurisdiction i.e. past the Mean Low Water Springs (MLWS) mark.

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Opinion under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017 ("the EIA Regulations") was obtained from FCC on 30 May 2025 which confirmed that an EIA is not required for the Proposed Development.

This application is accompanied by the following supporting documents and plans, which have been submitted electronically via Planning Portal Wales:

## DOCUMENTS

- Covering Letter (document reference: PF.2.1)



- Application Form (document reference: PF.2.2)
- Copy of Article 10 Notice 1 (document reference: PF.2.4)
- Copy of Article 10 Notice 1 Cover Letter (document reference: PF.2.5)
- Planning, Design and Access Statement (PDAS) (document reference: PF.2.11)
- Pre-application Consultation (PAC) Report (document reference: PF.2.12)
- Environmental Studies Report (document reference: PF.3.2)
  - Cultural Heritage;
  - Biodiversity; and
  - Arboriculture.
- Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) (document reference: PF.3.4)
- Water Framework Directive Assessment (document reference: PF.3.5)
- Net Benefit for Biodiversity (NBB) and Green Infrastructure Statement (document reference: PF.3.6)
- Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) (document reference: PF.3.7)

## PLANS

- Site Location Plan (drawing reference: UK0029984.4176-PF.2.7-SLP-Sheet1)
- Existing Cable Route Foreshore Works Site Plan (drawing reference: UK0029984.4176-PF.2.8-LAY-Sheet1)
- Proposed Cable Route Foreshore Works Site Plan (drawing reference: UK0029984.4176-PF.2.9-LAY-Sheet1)
- For Information Only: Site Location Plan - Proposed and Consented Development (drawing reference: UK0029984.4176-PF.2.11-SLP-Sheet1)

The Proposed Development includes use of the foreshore for carrying out works associated with the development. The foreshore is owned by The Crown Estate and is therefore defined as Crown land in accordance with section 293 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The Applicant accordingly hereby states for the purposes of regulation 6(a) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 that the application includes Crown land.



We trust the information provided is sufficient to determine the planning application. If you have any queries, please contact our Planning Agent (WSP) as follows:

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Yours sincerely,

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