

Application for Viking CCS onshore CO₂ transportation pipeline accepted for examination by Planning Inspectorate

Harbour Energy, operator of the Humber-based Viking CCS CO₂ transportation and storage network, is pleased to announce that the Planning Inspectorate has accepted for examination its application to build the Viking CCS onshore CO₂ transportation pipeline.

This is the next stage in the process to acquiring a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the pipeline, a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), and follows a comprehensive programme of consultation and engagement with stakeholders and local communities.

The 55-kilometre onshore pipeline will transport captured CO₂ from the Immingham industrial area to the former Theddlethorpe Gas Terminal site on the Lincolnshire coast. From Theddlethorpe, the CO₂ will be transported 140km to the depleted Viking gas fields, 2.7 km beneath the seabed, for secure permanent storage.

The Viking CCS onshore pipeline is a key component in the infrastructure needed to decarbonise and rejuvenate the industries of the Humber, which is expected to make a material contribution to the UK's net zero emissions targets.

Viking CCS Project Director Graeme Davies said:

“This is another critical step forward towards delivering our Viking CCS project, which will create thousands of jobs in the Humber region and is targeting 10 million tonnes per annum of CO₂ emissions reduction by 2030, vital for the UK to deliver its climate ambitions.”

The project and its members represent a major job creation opportunity for the Humber region, potentially unlocking up to £7 billion of investment across the full CO₂ capture, transport, and storage value chain over the next decade, and creating over 10,000 direct and indirect jobs during construction.

Documents can be accessed at

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/viking-ccs-pipeline/>