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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 The Project

- 1.1.1 The Humber Carbon Capture Pipeline (HCCP) project (hereinafter referred to as the 'Project') is a proposed underground, onshore pipeline with Above Ground Installations (AGIs) and Pump Facility that would transport carbon dioxide produced by industrial projects in the Humber region to secure offshore storage under the North Sea.
- 1.1.2 The Project is defined as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) as it meets the criteria of the Planning Act 2008 (the Planning Act' or 'the Act'), Section 14 (1)(g) and Section 21 (Ref 1.2). 1.2.5. As such, a Development Consent Order (DCO) from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero will be required.
- 1.1.3 The Project comprises the construction, operation and maintenance of the following elements:
- A carbon capture pipeline between the Drax area in North Yorkshire and the coast north of Easington in the East Riding of Yorkshire. Parts of the pipeline would also run through North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire
  - Smaller 'spur' pipelines to the Keadby, Croxton, Killingholme and Salt End areas.
  - A Pump Facility north of Easington, near the coast, to enable the onward transportation of carbon dioxide offshore.
  - Above Ground Installations (AGIs) along the route of the pipeline and required for the operation and maintenance of the pipeline.
  - Other related works, including temporary access roads, highway works, temporary work compounds, work sites and ancillary works.
- 1.1.4 The Humber Carbon Capture Pipeline will need to connect to an offshore pipeline that will take the carbon dioxide to the storage site. However, proposals for connecting the Humber Carbon Capture Pipeline to the Endurance Store in the North Sea, via an offshore pipeline, are not part of this application and will be separately consented.
- 1.1.5 The proposed routing of the pipeline, between the Drax area in North Yorkshire and the coast north of Easington in the East Riding of Yorkshire, and the proposals for AGIs and the Pump Facility have evolved in response to the non-

statutory consultation feedback, ongoing feedback from stakeholders and in response to technical work, surveys and design assessments. We will continue to evolve the design as the project progresses.

1.1.6 Figure 1.1. provides an overview of the project location.



Figure 1-1 – Project Location

1.1.7 The project website [www.nephccp.co.uk](http://www.nephccp.co.uk) provides further background information.

## 1.2 The Applicant

1.2.1 Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited, via Northern Endurance Partnership (NEP), is progressing the Humber Carbon Capture Pipeline (the Project). Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited is the Applicant for this Project.

1.2.2 The Project forms part of the East Coast Cluster (ECC) and is crucial to achieving net zero targets in the Humber, the UK’s most carbon-intensive industrial region.

## 1.3 Purpose and Structure of this Statement of Community Consultation

1.3.1 This Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) has been prepared in accordance with Section 47 ‘Duty to consult local community’ of the Planning Act, and with reference to guidance on pre-application consultation published by the Government and the Planning Inspectorate (otherwise known as ‘PINS’ or ‘the Inspectorate’).

1.3.2 The SoCC sets out how we intend to consult the public and local communities in the vicinity of the Project on our proposed DCO application. It describes the

non-statutory consultation we undertook in Summer 2024, and the statutory consultation we will be conducting from 29 October 2025 to 17 December 2025.

1.3.3 It sets out:

- Information and background on the Project.
- Details of the legal framework for consultation under the Planning Act.
- Our proposed approach to statutory consultation, including consultation on our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), when the consultation will be conducted, who will be consulted, where the consultation will take place and the methods that will be used.
- How we will gather feedback and use it to develop the Project.

## 1.4 Consultation on Draft SoCC

1.4.1 Before publishing this SoCC, we held a formal 28-day consultation on a draft version of this document in accordance with Section 47(2) of the Planning Act. The draft SoCC was shared with the four 'host' local authorities within whose administrative boundary the proposed development shall be located, and their views were requested. This consultation ran from 6 March 2025 to 3 April 2025, and included:

- North Yorkshire Council.
- North Lincolnshire Council.
- East Riding of Yorkshire Council.
- North East Lincolnshire Council.

1.4.2 A formal response was received from each of the four authorities. A summary of the feedback received, and our responses to these comments, can be viewed in Appendix B. Feedback was positive. All authorities agreed that the proposed approach to statutory consultation was acceptable and thorough. Some minor comments and suggestions were made. Appendix B explains how these have been addressed in this final version or provides a reasoned justification for why not.

## **2 Consultation Process**

### **2.1 Development Consent Order (DCO) Process**

2.1.1 As the HCCP project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), we will seek a DCO from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. Before submitting our DCO application, we will be undertaking a statutory consultation as required by the Planning Act.

2.1.2 Once we have submitted the application for a DCO, the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) will appoint an Examining Authority to assess the application. They will then provide a recommendation to the Secretary of State (SoS) who will determine whether to grant development consent for construction of the Project.

### **2.2 Non-Statutory Consultation**

2.2.1 To ensure local communities and relevant stakeholders had an opportunity to comment on our proposals at an early stage, we held a non-statutory consultation on the proposed pipeline corridor and indicative locations for AGIs, Pump Station and temporary construction compounds from 9 July 2024 to 20 August 2024.

2.2.2 The purpose of the non-statutory consultation was to introduce NEP, present the initial plans for the Project and give local communities and interested stakeholders the opportunity to provide early feedback.

2.2.3 This consultation was held at an early stage of the design process, allowing for local knowledge to be considered in the design of the Project. More information on how we consulted and the feedback we received can be found in Appendix A.

### **2.3 Statutory Consultation**

2.3.1 Ahead of our DCO submission, we will undertake a statutory consultation with local communities within the vicinity of the proposals and with local stakeholders as required by Section 42 of the Planning Act and The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the Regulations’).

- 2.3.2 We will engage with wider organisations and stakeholders that are not identified in the Act or Regulations where relevant.
- 2.3.3 Through our consultation we aim to ensure that local authorities, stakeholders, landowners and communities understand the strategic need for the Project; are well informed about the proposals; and have been given an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed works and their anticipated effects (including around construction stage activity). We will take on board the feedback we receive as part of this consultation and, where appropriate, use this to help refine our proposals ahead of our DCO submission.
- 2.3.4 As part of this, we will engage with the relevant local authorities. We will offer briefings to the members and officers of these authorities to further explain how our proposals interact with the area, and we encourage them to provide feedback.
- 2.3.5 Our statutory consultation will run from 29 October 2025 until 17 December 2025 (49 days). This exceeds the statutory minimum period of 28 days.
- 2.3.6 We will accept all feedback up until 11:59 pm on 17 December 2025. Beyond this time, our communication channels will remain open to enquiries. These include an email address, phone line, and Freepost address.

## **2.4 Statutory Consultation Objectives**

- 2.4.1 It is important to us that the communities, representatives, and technical stakeholders we work with are continually involved in shaping the development of the Project. Through the statutory consultation, our objectives are to:
- Raise awareness about, and understanding of, the Project and our latest project proposals.
  - Explain how plans for the Project have evolved since the non-statutory consultation.
  - Provide clear and concise technical and non-technical preliminary environmental information.
  - Provide a range of opportunities for engagement and feedback on the route, as well as suggestions for impact mitigation, community benefits, and project enhancements.
  - Ensure that comments and feedback received at the consultation have been considered when finalising the DCO application prior to submission.

## 3 What We Will Consult On

- 3.1.1 The Project is classed as an ‘EIA development’ and requires preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.
- 3.1.2 The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and the Environmental Statement (ES) are key components of the EIA process.
- 3.1.3 The statutory consultation provides the opportunity to comment upon the latest project proposals and the PEIR, which describes the preliminary results of the ongoing EIA process.
- 3.1.4 The PEIR describes the Project in detail and provides preliminary environmental information across a range of topics to inform consultation and will include the findings of the environmental surveys and assessments that we have carried out to date. It will allow statutory consultees and members of the public to develop an informed understanding of how the proposals could impact the local environment.
- 3.1.5 Alongside the PEIR, we will also publish a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) which presents a concise overview of the information available in the PEIR in a more accessible format so that it can be understood by a wider audience.
- 3.1.6 As part of the statutory consultation which will run from 29 October 2025 to 17 December 2025, both the PEIR and NTS will be made available on the Project website. The NTS will also be available as hard copy documents in publicly accessible locations (as described in the next chapter).
- 3.1.7 We will seek feedback on the overall Project proposals and the information set out in the PEIR from statutory consultees, community representatives, and the public, with a particular focus on:
- **The proposed pipeline corridor, AGIs and Pump Facility:** At the statutory consultation, feedback will be sought on the proposed route of the pipeline and the proposed location of the AGIs and the Pump Facility. In some instances, we are consulting on multiple options. We will publish maps showing the proposed location of the proposed pipeline and the draft Order Limits in detail.
  - **Traffic, construction compounds, and associated works:** Consideration of the impact of construction traffic was a common theme raised in feedback at the non-statutory consultation. We have since refined

our proposals for routing of construction traffic routes, as well as the placement of construction compounds and other associated infrastructure. The PEIR will contain maps highlighting the proposed routes and options, and outline the steps we will take to ensure impacts from construction traffic are minimised.

- **Initial assessment of the potential effects of the Project.** The PEIR provides preliminary information across a range of topics. We will invite comment on this.

3.1.8 In addition, as part of the statutory consultation we will encourage feedback on:

- **Environmental mitigation and enhancement:** Feedback will be sought on opportunities for environmental enhancements.
- **Community benefits and engagement:** During the non-statutory consultation, we received several suggestions for how the Project could give back to, or add value to, the local community. We are continuing to explore community benefits as part of the proposals for the Project and are inviting people to suggest ideas for local projects or schemes that could be supported.

3.1.9 We will develop and refine the preliminary environmental information having regard to the consultation feedback to produce the Environmental Statement that will accompany the application for the DCO.

## **4 How We will Consult**

4.1.1 We will provide information about the Project at the statutory consultation, and will publicise and seek feedback using a range of methods described below:

### **4.2 Information Postcard**

4.2.1 Postcards will be mailed to addresses within the core consultation zone (as shown in Section 5). This will provide an overview of the Project, inform the local community of the consultation, advertise the in-person information events taking place, signpost to the project website for more information and explain how everyone can have their say.

4.2.2 At the start of consultation, we will inform host authority planning officers and councillors representing wards in the consultation zone that postcards have been issued.

### **4.3 Emails and Letters**

4.3.1 We will send emails and letters to announce the launch of the statutory consultation to our statutory stakeholders, local authorities, and landowners as required under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008. Where relevant, these emails and letters will include copies of the relevant statutory notice.

4.3.2 To ensure the local community is also informed of the consultation, we will contact local businesses, community groups, and elected representatives to notify them of the consultation. This will also include contact with 'Seldom Heard Groups (more details of which can be found in Section 5.5). The notification will include information about ways to provide feedback and about our consultation events.

### **4.4 Consultation Brochure**

4.4.1 A consultation brochure summarising the Project proposals and information contained within the PEIR in simple non-technical language will be produced. The information booklet will be available to view online, at in-person events, information points or by request. We have provided more details of the website, events, information points, and contact lines further on in this chapter.

## 4.5 Feedback Form

- 4.5.1 The feedback form will contain questions to capture feedback on the Project. The feedback form will be available to view and fill out online, at in-person events, at information points or by request.

## 4.6 Posters

- 4.6.1 Posters advertising the public exhibitions will be issued to Parish Councils and information points for display in the local area around the proposed pipeline corridor and any associated infrastructure, including traffic routes.

## 4.7 Website

- 4.7.1 The website [www.nephccp.co.uk](http://www.nephccp.co.uk) will contain information about the Project, consultation events and frequently asked questions. It will host the PEIR and NTS, the SoCC, and other consultation documents, alongside an online version of the feedback form and interactive map that will be available for use.
- 4.7.2 The website will also be updated to include the press release for the statutory consultation and will continue to have a 'register for updates' feature where people can sign up to receive email updates about the Project.

## 4.8 Public Events

- 4.8.1 Anyone with an interest in the Humber Carbon Capture Pipeline (HCCP) Project is welcome to attend in-person events. Attendees will be able to ask questions about the Project. The ways to provide feedback will be presented, with feedback forms available at the events.
- 4.8.2 We will hold 13 in-person events in the area around the proposed pipeline corridor, and two online webinars. The in-person events will be held as shown in Table 4.1.
- 4.8.3 Events are scheduled at a variety of times and on both weekdays and weekends to enable people with different time commitments to attend.
- 4.8.4 The list of statutory consultation events follows the successful format used at non-statutory stage, with the following enhancements and amendments:
- Following feedback received at the non-statutory consultation, which highlighted that there is an interest in the Project in South Ferriby and

Burton Upon Stather, we plan to hold statutory consultation events at South Ferriby Village Hall and Burton Upon Stather Village Hall.

- At non-statutory consultation we held an event in Goxhill but not East Halton. Residents from East Halton have shown significant interest in the project and therefore for statutory consultation we plan to host an additional event in East Halton.
- At non-statutory stage our event was held in Paull. For statutory consultation we have selected Thorngumbald due to venue accessibility.

4.8.5 Exhibition panels and plans will be shown at events containing information about the Project and the ways to provide feedback.

*Table 4-1 – Planned In-Person Consultation Events*

Location	Date and Time
East Halton Village Hall, East Halton, Immingham DN40 3NL	Tues 11 November 3-7pm
Goxhill Memorial Hall, 65 Chapel Street, Goxhill, Barrow-upon-Humber DN19 7JJ	Weds 12 November 2-6pm
South Killingholme Community Centre, Moat Lane, South Killingholme, Immingham DN40 3EU	Fri 14 November 3-7pm
Wootton Village Hall, Swallow Lane, Wootton, Ulceby DN39 6SG	Sat 15 November 10am-2pm
Easington Community Hall, The Square, Easington, East Yorkshire HU12 0TU	Fri 21 November 3-7pm
Thorngumbald Village Hall, 168 Main Rd, Thorngumbald, Hull HU12 9NG	Sat 22 November 10am-2pm
South Ferriby Village Hall, Horkstow Road, South Ferriby, Barton-upon-Humber DN18 6HS	Mon 24 November 3-7pm

Location	Date and Time
Garthorpe Village Hall, Shore Road, Garthorpe, Scunthorpe DN17 4AD	Tues 25 November 3-7pm
West Halton Village Hall, Coleby Road, West Halton, Scunthorpe DN15 9AP	Thurs 27 November 3-7pm
Burton upon Stather Village Hall, Todds Ln, Burton upon Stather, Scunthorpe DN15 9DP	Fri 28 November 3-7pm
Drax Village Hall, 38 Castle Hill Lane, Drax, Selby YO8 8NP	Tues 2 December 3-7pm
Crowle Community Hall, Woodland Avenue, Crowle, Scunthorpe DN17 4LL	Fri 5 December 3-7pm
Rawcliffe Village Hall, Station Road, Rawcliffe, Goole DN14 8QR	Sat 6 December 10am-2pm

4.8.6 In addition, two live online events will be held (one afternoon, one evening) and will consist of a presentation followed by a question-and-answer session. Participants will be asked to register for these events on the Project website:

*Table 4-2 – Online Webinar Events*

Webinar	Date and Time
NEP Humber Carbon Capture Pipeline: statutory consultation webinar	Tues 18 November 1-2pm
NEP Humber Carbon Capture Pipeline: statutory consultation webinar	Weds 10 December 6-7pm

4.8.7 Should an event need to be cancelled or rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances, we will seek to alert people as early as possible by updating the website [www.nephccp.co.uk](http://www.nephccp.co.uk) and sending emails to the Parish Councils contacted at the launch of consultation.

## 4.9 Statutory Notices

4.9.1 We will publish statutory notices in local and national newspapers providing details about the consultation, as required by Section 47 and Section 48 of the Planning Act. The notices will be published in one or more local newspapers for two consecutive weeks, and a national newspaper and the London Gazette for one week, as shown in Table 4.3.

4.9.2 The Yorkshire Post will be used for both Section 47 and Section 48 notices. The coverage area of The Yorkshire Post is shown below. The entire route of the Project is within the Yorkshire Post's coverage area. The Yorkshire Post is published in Leeds by Johnston Press and is a daily newspaper that covers North Yorkshire, West Riding, Hull & East Riding, North Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire.

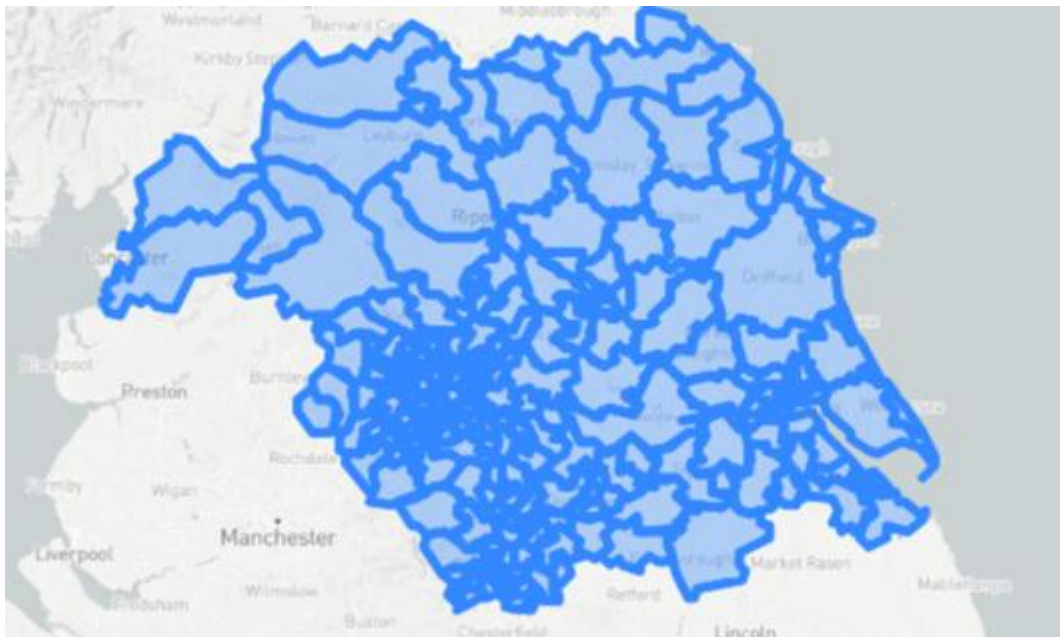


Figure 4-1 – The Yorkshire Post Coverage Area

Table 4-3 – Statutory Notices

S47 Notice	S48 Notice
Yorkshire Post (2x)	Yorkshire Post (2x)
Scunthorpe Telegraph (2x)	Scunthorpe Telegraph (2x)
Grimsby Telegraph (2x)	Grimsby Telegraph (2x)
	A national newspaper, e.g. The Guardian
	London Gazette
	Lloyds List
	The Fishing News

## 4.10 Media Releases and Advertisements

4.10.1 In addition to publishing Section 47 and 48 Notices, we will place advertisements in local and regional media outlets to promote the consultation and consultation events.

4.10.2 Media releases will be issued to outlets covering North Yorkshire, East Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire.

4.10.3 Advertisements will be placed with:

- Yorkshire Post.
- Grimsby Telegraph.
- Lincolnshire Today.
- Digitally via Google (explained in further detail below).

4.10.4 We will also issue press releases to regional press outlets and relevant trade titles, including:

- Goole Times.
- Yorkshire Post.
- Scunthorpe Telegraph.
- Hull Daily Mail.
- Grimsby Telegraph.
- Hornsea and Holderness Gazette.
- Lincolnshire Today.
- Pontefract and Castleford Express.
- Selby Times.

- The Northern Echo.
- BBC Look North.
- BBC Radio Lincolnshire.
- BBC Look North.
- Beverley FM (local radio station for Beverley and surrounding area in East Riding of Yorkshire).
- YO1 Radio (York and North Yorkshire).
- BBC Radio York.

## 4.11 Google Advertising

4.11.1 Online Google search advertising will be used to further publicise the consultation. These are adverts that appear on Google’s search engine results pages when users search for keywords relating to the Humber Carbon Capture Pipeline. The advertising will be geographically targeted to North Yorkshire, East Riding of Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire, and to specific search terms relating to low carbon and carbon capture developments.

## 4.12 Information Points

4.12.1 Information points will be set up in community spaces nearby the proposed pipeline corridor. The information points will hold copies of consultation materials, including hardcopy feedback forms and the consultation information booklet. A copy of the SoCC will also be available for inspection.

4.12.2 A list of the information points will be published on the consultation website, with addresses and opening times provided. It will also be noted that opening times should be checked with the venues before visiting.

*Table 4-4 – Information Point Locations*

Location	Address
Crowle Community Library / Community Hub	Crowle Community Hub, The Market Hall, Market Place, Crowle, North Lincolnshire DN17 4LA
West Marsh Community Centre	Beeson Street, Grimsby, North East Lincolnshire, DN31 2QH
Immingham Library	Immingham Library, Civic Centre, Pelham Road, Immingham DN40 1QF

Location	Address
Brigg Library	Brigg Community Hub, The Angel, Market Place, Brigg, North Lincolnshire DN20 8LD
Barton Library	Baysgarth Community Hub, Baysgarth Park, Brigg Road, Barton upon Humber, North Lincolnshire DN18 5DT
Goxhill Library	The Parish Room, Howe Lane, Goxhill, Barrow-upon-Humber, North Lincolnshire DN19 7HS
Winterton Library	54 West Street, Winterton, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire DN15 9QF
Broughton Library	The Ivan Glover Library, 59 High Street, Broughton, Brigg, North Lincolnshire DN20 0JX
Goole Library	Carlisle Street, Goole DN14 5DS
Hedon Library	31 St Augustine's Gate, Hedon, Hull HU12 8EX
Howden Library and Customer Service Centre	69 Hailgate Howden, DN14 7SX
Snaith Library	27-29 Market Place, Snaith, Goole DN14 9HE
Withernsea Library	Queen Street, Withernsea HU19 2HH
Selby Library	52 Micklegate Street, Selby YO8 4EQ
Scunthorpe Central Library (added in line with North Lincolnshire Council's feedback)	Scunthorpe Central, Carlton Street, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire DN15 6TX

- 4.12.3 After the SoCC consultation was held with local authorities (ending 3 April 2025), and before the launch of the Statutory Consultation (29 October 2025), Grimsby Central Library (DN31 1HG) informed us that they would be temporarily closed for several months, including during the statutory consultation period. To ensure there will still be an information point in Grimsby, West Marsh Community Centre will hold copies of the consultation materials instead.

## 4.13 Contact Lines

- 4.13.1 You can get in touch with members of our community relations team using any of the communication lines listed below. Through these channels you will be able to speak to a member of the consultation team to ask questions, request information (including in alternative formats) and provide feedback.
- 4.13.2 Should documents in large print or audio be required, please contact us at the details provided below:
- 4.13.3 Phone: 0800 024 1436 (open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm). This phone line has a voicemail service for out of hour calls.

**Email:** [info@nephccp.co.uk](mailto:info@nephccp.co.uk)  
**Web:** [www.nephccp.co.uk](http://www.nephccp.co.uk)  
**Post:** **FREEPOST NEP HCCP**

## 5 Who We Will Consult with

- 5.1.1 The statutory consultation stage has been designed to engage with stakeholders along the route and in the surrounding areas who may be most affected by the Project.

### 5.2 Core Consultation Zone

- 5.2.1 Due to the linear nature of the HCCP proposals, our core consultation zone will comprise an area 500 meters each side of the draft Order Limits (which include the proposed above ground installation (AGI) locations, Pump Facility, access roads and the proposed temporary construction compound locations). This area will be adjusted to include whole settlements (to avoid a situation whereby some residents receive notification of the consultation, and some do not).
- 5.2.2 Residential and commercial properties within the core consultation zone will directly receive the consultation postcards (as set out in Section 4 of this SoCC).
- 5.2.3 Figures 5.1 to 5.4 highlight the consultation zone.



Figure 5-1 – 500m Core Consultation Zone

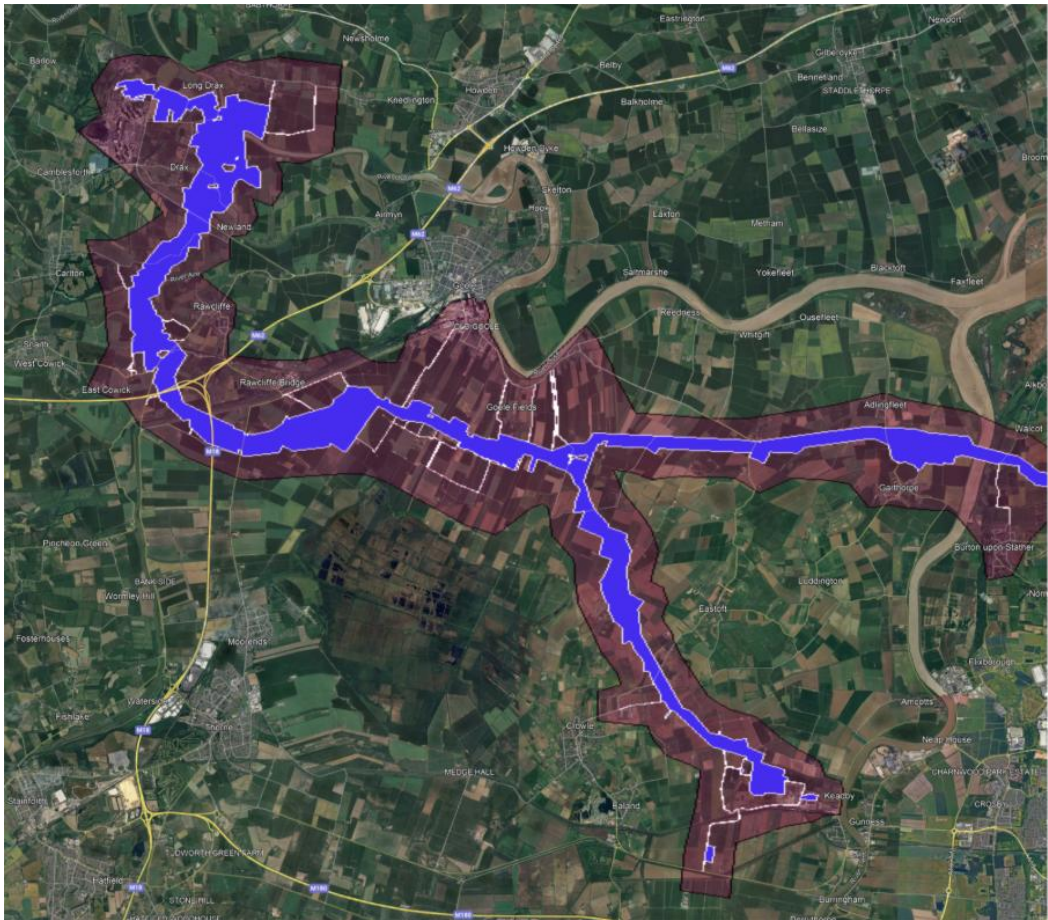


Figure 5-2 – 500m Core Consultation Zone (Drax to the River Trent)



Figure 5-3 – 500m Core Consultation Zone (River Trent to the Northern Bank of the Humber Estuary)



*Figure 5-4 – 500m Core Consultation Zone (Northern Bank of the Humber Estuary to the Coast North of Easington)*

- 5.2.4 We have been conscious that people in this area have been engaged on a range of previous projects of a similar nature. Steps have and will continue to clearly distinguish HCCP from any other past or present projects of a similar nature.
- 5.2.5 If the proposed pipeline corridor boundary or any associated developments (i.e., compounds, access roads, Above Ground Installations) are reduced, expanded or relocated ahead of the statutory consultation, the core consultation zone will be adjusted to maintain the 500 meters minimum zone. In addition to this, the consultation zone will be adjusted to encompass full settlements, rather than dividing them based on the 500m radius.

## **5.3 Wider Consultation Area**

- 5.3.1 We recognise that there may be some interested individuals or parties who do not fall within the 500m core consultation zone. We are committed to ensuring that these interested parties can view our proposals, give feedback and engage with the Project. We will publicise the consultation outside of the core consultation zone through placing advertisements in local print media, issuing posters (see Section 4), and through targeted online Google advertising. This will be targeted to the local area around the proposed pipeline corridor and any associated infrastructure, including traffic routes.

5.3.2 Those interested in the Project can be kept updated of our progress at key milestones by using the online registration form at [www.nephccp.co.uk](http://www.nephccp.co.uk). This will be made available over the course of the statutory consultation.

## **5.4 Engagement with Elected Representatives**

5.4.1 For the start of consultation, elected representatives (District and County Council members, Parish Councils (including Habrough Parish Council and Immingham Town Council who were highlighted as important consultees in feedback provided on the draft SoCC), Members of Parliament) representing wards, parishes and constituencies that lie within the core consultation zone boundaries will be notified of the consultation and offered a briefing. Notification of elected representatives will either be undertaken directly by the project team or via contact with their local authorities.

## **5.5 Seldom Heard Groups and Community Organisations**

5.5.1 We are committed to ensuring the consultation process and associated communications reach a diverse demographic along the proposed pipeline corridor. A range of seldom heard groups, individuals and those that seek to represent them will be notified of the consultation.

5.5.2 These include but are not limited to:

- The elderly.
- Young people.
- People with visual impairments.
- People who may face difficulties accessing resources (e.g., those with dyslexia, those with learning difficulties etc.).
- People with deafness or hard of hearing.
- Minority ethnic groups.

5.5.3 For the non-statutory consultation, the seldom heard groups contacted were identified by undertaking an audit of these groups and then by emailing them at the non-statutory consultation. For the statutory consultation, a review of our existing contacts will be made with outreach being undertaken to any new relevant stakeholders.

5.5.4 A list of seldom heard groups to be notified of the statutory consultation can be found in Appendix C.

- 5.5.5 Requests for specific consultation activity to cater for members of seldom heard groups will be agreed and planned with any organisations that request extra support. Consultation documents can also be requested in an accessible format for those with visual and/or hearing impairments.
- 5.5.6 Where email addresses are available, seldom heard groups and community organisations will be contacted by email at the launch of the statutory consultation.

## 6 How to Respond to the Consultation

### 6.1 Response Channels

6.1.1 In accordance with Section 49 of the Planning Act, we are committed to recording, analysing and demonstrating how we will have regard to comments received during our statutory consultation. A number of ways will be made available for people to submit their feedback, including through:

- Using the **online feedback form** on the Project website at [www.nephccp.co.uk](http://www.nephccp.co.uk)
- The **online interactive map**, also on the website.
- Paper **feedback forms** available at in-person events, at information points, and on request. These can be submitted via the Freepost address or by emailing the project inbox.
- **Emailing** the [info@nephccp.co.uk](mailto:info@nephccp.co.uk) address.
- **Freepost** to FREEPOST NEP HCCP
- **Landowners** have specific contact channels through our land agents, Dalcour Maclaren.

6.1.2 The ways to provide feedback, as illustrated above, will be publicised in our consultation materials and website.

6.1.3 All responses received during the statutory consultation period will be considered in the development of the DCO application for the Project. Written responses will be formally considered and analysed within the Consultation Report that will be submitted as part of the application. Substantive points raised verbally with the Project team at the consultation events will also be separately noted and considered. However, respondents will be encouraged to also submit written feedback to ensure points raised are captured as accurately as possible. Feedback submitted on social media will not be accepted.

6.1.4 Any personal data received as part of the consultation or as part of the consultation process will be stored and protected as per relevant data protection requirements as set out in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). No personal details will be used or published in any materials produced in support of the Project. Details of this information are provided on the project website at: [www.nephccp.co.uk/privacy/](http://www.nephccp.co.uk/privacy/)

# 7 Project Timeline and Next Steps

## 7.1 The DCO Process

7.1.1 After the statutory consultation has concluded, the DCO application will go through the following stages:

- **Submission:** Feedback from the consultation will be collated and considered and will help inform the final details of the DCO application that will then be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. A consultation report will be submitted with the DCO application showing how the Applicant has had regard to consultation responses.
- **Acceptance:** The Inspectorate has 28 days to determine whether the submitted DCO application meets the required standards to proceed to examination.
- **Pre-examination:** If the DCO application is accepted by the Inspectorate, stakeholders can register as an interested party and submit representations, keeping them up to date on progression of the application and providing opportunities for involvement.
- **Examination:** An inspector or a panel of inspectors from the Inspectorate, each appointed by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, then has six months to examine the application. During this time, members of the public can submit further comments in writing and request to speak at public hearings.
- **Decision:** Within three months of the end of the examination, the inspector(s) must submit a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, who then has a further three months to make a decision.
- **Post-decision:** Once the decision has been made there is a right to a legal challenge.

7.1.2 Key dates in the current programme are summarised below:

**July / August 2024** - Non-statutory consultation

**August 2024** - Onsite surveys began

**Early 2025** - EIA scoping

**October to December 2025** - Statutory consultation (including publication of PEIR)

**Early 2027** - DCO submission

**2027 to 2028** – DCO examination, recommendation and decision

**2029** - Construction anticipated to begin

## **7.2 Following Statutory Consultation**

- 7.2.1 The Applicant will consider the written consultation responses received including feedback forms, emails to [info@nephccp.co.uk](mailto:info@nephccp.co.uk) and letters sent to the Freepost address at FREEPOST NEP HCCP. Details of all consultation responses and how they have been addressed will be included in the Consultation Report that will be submitted to the Inspectorate as part of the DCO application.
- 7.2.2 The Consultation Report will be a public document, but personal information will not be shared publicly unless specifically requested by the Inspectorate. Our privacy policy for the Project can be found at [www.nephccp.co.uk](http://www.nephccp.co.uk).
- 7.2.3 The ES, which will also be submitted as part of the DCO application, will further develop the PEIR to progress full assessments of all the environmental topics, and to factor in the feedback and responses we receive on the PEIR at statutory consultation. The ES will also outline any changes made to the Project following statutory consultation and any environmental mitigations that are required as a result of this.
- 7.2.4 If, because of the feedback received, proposals for the development change to the extent that it is necessary to undertake further geographically targeted consultation, this would be undertaken, where relevant, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC. The timetable and programme for the consultation would be publicised in the affected area via methods judged to be most appropriate by the Applicant.
- 7.2.5 We will continue to update the public and other stakeholders on the proposals at appropriate milestones, primarily through the website [www.nephccp.co.uk](http://www.nephccp.co.uk) and engagement activities such as briefings with political and technical stakeholders.

# Appendix A

## Non-Statutory Consultation Summary

A summary of how we conducted the non-statutory consultation, and the feedback we received, has been summarised below.

### How we Consulted

- A consultation postcard delivered to around 4,940 addresses giving information about the consultation and the events taking place. A consultation zone was defined as comprising all residential and commercial addresses within 500m of the route corridor, including associated spurs and compound areas.
- The project website [www.nephccp.co.uk](http://www.nephccp.co.uk) was updated with information and a copy of the non-statutory consultation materials.
- Emails were sent to parish councils, elected representatives, local residents, seldom heard groups and local interest groups.
- Adverts were placed in the regional/local press in print and digitally.
- In-person and online events held where people could meet the Applicant and the professional team and ask questions. In total, 395 people attended our events (see Table 1).
- A feedback form available online, at events and by request was produced.
- A ‘digital first’ approach was taken to make the consultation as accessible as possible. Online activities were emphasised, with online materials being optimised to support access from mobile devices as well as computers. The NEP also recognised that many would prefer to engage in person or via analogue methods, and facilitated this through having in-person events, paper feedback forms, and hardcopy materials sent to information points.

Table A1-1 – List of Non-Statutory Consultation Events and Attendance

Location	Date and Time	Attendance
West Halton Village Hall, Coleby Road, West Halton, Scunthorpe DN15 9AP	Tuesday 16 July 2024 4-8pm	66
Goxhill Memorial Hall, 65 Chapel Street, Goxhill, Barrow-upon-Humber DN19 7JJ	Wednesday 17 July 2024 4-8pm	86

Location	Date and Time	Attendance
Easington Community Hall, The Square, Easington, East Yorkshire HU12 0TU	Thursday 18 July 2024 4-8pm	15
Rawcliffe Village Hall, Station Road, Rawcliffe, Goole DN14 8QR	Saturday 20 July 2024 10am-2pm	18
Drax Village Hall, 38 Castle Hill Lane, Drax, Selby YO8 8NP	Monday 22 July 2024 4-8pm	32
Paull Village Hall, 67 Main Street, Paull, Hull HU12 8AW	Wednesday 24 July 2024 4-8pm	28
South Killingholme Community Centre, Moat Lane, South Killingholme, Immingham DN40 3EU	Thursday 25 July 2024 4-8pm	46
Wootton Village Hall, Swallow Lane, Wootton, Ulceby DN39 6SG	Saturday 27 July 2024 10am-2pm	41
Crowle Community Hall, Woodland Avenue, Crowle, Scunthorpe DN17 4LL	Tuesday 30 July 2024 4-8pm	22
Garthorpe Village Hall, Shore Road, Garthorpe, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire DN17 4AD	Wednesday 31 July 2024 4-8pm	21
Online Webinar	Tuesday 6 August 2024 6-7pm	20

## Feedback Response

Feedback for the non-statutory consultation was sought for the three sections of the proposed pipeline corridor and the Above Ground Installations (AGIs) proposed on them:

- Section 1: Drax to the eastern bank of the River Trent
- Section 2: River Trent to the northern bank of the River Humber
- Section 3: Northern bank of the River Humber to north of Easington.

We also requested feedback on the Project generally, on how we could contribute to the local community, our approach to consultation, and any other issues we should be aware of.

In total, 109 pieces of feedback were received to the non-statutory consultation. Of these:

- 37 pieces were received by email
- 10 pieces received via the interactive map
- 43 received by online feedback form
- 19 received as hardcopy feedback forms.

Key themes raised in feedback from the non-statutory consultation included:

- Expressions of support for decarbonisation and the Project
- Road usage and traffic concerns and considerations, including:
  - o Usage and volumes of heavy vehicles
  - o Construction traffic routeing
  - o Suitability of the road network, particularly local roads in the East Halton and Goxhill area, for construction traffic
  - o Traffic impact specific to installation of the pipeline under the Humber Estuary
- Suggestions around the proposed route corridor and location of proposed AGIs
- Concerns around interaction of the project with communities, land, and property
- Concerns around impact of the pipeline on flooding and drainage
- Comments relating to the consultation and engagement process
- Wider questions and concerns around Carbon Capture and Storage.

Feedback from the non-statutory stage of consultation was considered when refining the Project proposals that will be presented at the statutory consultation. A summary of the themes and issues raised will be available to view in more detail within our non-statutory consultation feedback report, available at [www.nephccp.co.uk](http://www.nephccp.co.uk) (this will be published as part of the statutory consultation process). This includes information on how feedback has been incorporated into the design.

# Appendix B

## Summary of Local Planning Authority Feedback on the Draft SoCC

Stakeholder	Date Received	Comment on draft SoCC	Response
North East Lincolnshire Council	11/03/2025	I can confirm that NELC have reviewed the SoCC and are largely happy with its details and contents. We would welcome ongoing consultation with Immingham Town Council and Habrough Parish Council. You may also wish to consider holding an event within one of these areas also.	<p>Immingham Parish Council and Habrough Parish Council will be consulted as part of the statutory consultation. In response to this feedback, Section 5.4 of the SoCC was amended to directly reference Immingham Parish Council and Habrough Parish Council.</p> <p>Feedback about hosting events in Immingham and Habrough was considered. It was decided that the proposed event in South Killingholme would be sufficient. The South Killingholme event was well attended at the non-statutory consultation, and would be in close proximity to Immingham and Habrough (being approximately a mile from both settlements).</p>

Stakeholder	Date Received	Comment on draft SoCC	Response
North Yorkshire Council	13/03/2025	<p>North Yorkshire Council are supportive overall of the approach set out in the Statement of Community Consultation in relation to how it is intended to consult the public and local communities in the vicinity of the Project on the proposed DCO application.</p> <p>We would query when the briefings to Members and Officers of host Authorities in relation to the Statutory Consultation would take place. Ideally this would be either just before the start of, or early on in, the Statutory Consultation period so Members and Officers can be fully informed of the proposals in the event of local residents raising queries with them.</p>	<p>Paragraph 5.4.1 of the SoCC has been amended to note that elected representatives will be notified of the consultation and offered a briefing 'for the start of consultation'.</p> <p>Paragraph 5.4.1 has also been amended to note that elected representatives will be contacted either directly by the project team or via contact with their local authorities.</p>
North Lincolnshire Council	03/04/2025	<p>Having reviewed the draft Statement of Community Consultation I can confirm that the proposed approach to consultation and publicity is acceptable. In particular, I can confirm that the venues selected for in-person events are considered to be appropriate and</p>	<p>Comment noted. Events will be held in line with the SoCC, and the Scunthorpe Telegraph will be sent a copy of the press release at the launch of the statutory consultation.</p>

Stakeholder	Date Received	Comment on draft SoCC	Response
		<p>it is noted that these events will be scheduled at a variety of times, across weekends and weekdays, which will hopefully enable maximum participation and this is welcomed. The most relevant local newspaper is the Scunthorpe Telegraph, which has been identified within the list of media outlets within the SoCC.</p>	
<p>North Lincolnshire Council</p>	<p>03/04/2025</p>	<p>With regards to the list of Information Point locations where hard copies of the documents will be displayed, whilst I have no objection to the venues identified, I would advise that consideration should be given to adding Scunthorpe Central Library to this list. Whilst it is located some distance from the indicative pipeline corridor, this is the main library and information point within North Lincolnshire and is located adjacent to our main council offices.</p>	<p>Table 4.3 of the SoCC has been amended to include Scunthorpe Central Library.</p>

Stakeholder	Date Received	Comment on draft SoCC	Response
North Lincolnshire Council	03/04/2025	It is also noted that it is intended to offer briefings to local elected members as part of the statutory consultation process and this is also welcomed.	<p>Comment noted. Briefings will be offered to District and County Council members, Parish Councils (including Habrough Parish Council and Immingham Town Council), and Members of Parliament.</p> <p>In line with North Yorkshire Council's feedback, Paragraph 5.4.1 of the SoCC has been amended to note elected representatives will be notified 'for the start of consultation'.</p>

Stakeholder	Date Received	Comment on draft SoCC	Response
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	06/05/2025 (late feedback)	I can confirm that ERYC are in agreement with the contents of the Statement of Community Consultation for this project. All key stakeholders and groups appear to have been sufficiently addressed through appropriate media and the blended approach of in-person and online forums for members of the public to attend is welcomed, particularly as these cover an appropriate buffer zone surrounding the pipeline corridor and areas surrounding the AGIs.	Comment noted. Key stakeholders and groups will be consulted in line with the approach suggested in the SoCC.

# Appendix C

## Seldom Heard Groups

- Youth Work Unit – Yorkshire and the Humber CIO.
- East Riding Young Farmers.
- Barnardos.
- Humber Youth Action Group.
- Youth Voice Yorkshire & Humber.
- The Youth Association.
- New Life Support.
- British Youth Council (Yorkshire and Humber).
- North Yorkshire Youth.
- TYLER - The Young Leaders of East Riding.
- Targeted Youth Support - Hull City Council.
- Lincolnshire Youth Council.
- North Lincolnshire Youth Council and Young Voice.
- Humber Local Resilience Forum.
- North Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum.
- South Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum.
- North Lincolnshire Residents' Panel.
- Selby Advice.
- East Riding Voluntary Action Services.
- North Lincolnshire Alliance Volunteer Hub.
- Grimsby and Cleethorpes Yacht Club.
- Humber Yawl Club.
- East Riding FA.
- Kelsey Gardens.
- PB Lakes.
- Totleys Equestrian Centre.
- Path Yorkshire.
- Levelling the Playing Field.
- Hull Ethnic Minorities Community Centre.
- Solace.
- Open Door North East.
- Humber All Nations Alliance.
- East Riding of Yorkshire Council – Gypsy & Traveller Service.
- Council For Disabled Children.
- Kids Yorkshire and The Humber.
- Age UK Hull.
- Stonewall Yorkshire and Humber.

- Pride in Hull.
- Hull and East Riding LGBTQIA+ Forum.
- TPSG Hull.
- Trans Active.
- Learnest.
- Trans Youth Hull.
- The Parish Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul Drax.
- St John's Goole.
- The Parish Church of Saint John The Evangelist, Brigg.
- St Nicholas Church.
- All Saints, Winterton.
- Hindu Cultural Society.
- Hull Hebrew Congregation.
- Grimsby Central Mosque.
- Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK.
- Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership.
- Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust.

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