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The Secretary of State,
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Dear Secretary of State,

Liverpool Bay CCS Limited's (LBCCS) submission in response to Secretary of State's (SoS) request for information relating to the Frodsham Solar Development Consent Order Application (DCO) (PINS Reference: EN010153)

We write in response to the Department for Energy Security & Net Zero's (DESNZ) letter of 25 August 2026. The SoS will be aware that as a result of the designation by DESNZ on 5 August 2025 of the Runcorn Carbon Capture Project as a "Standby Project", the related Runcorn Spur Pipeline has been descoped from LBCCS's Approved Project Development Plan (a part of its Economic Licence) following Ofgem's Final Determination dated 29 July 2026 regarding a Change in Scope submission submitted by LBCCS. The descoping arrangements outlined in the Final Determination include requirements on LBCCS to continue to pursue planning approval for the Runcorn Spur Pipeline and to continue to engage with Frodsham Solar Ltd (the Applicant) in respect of its DCO. This submission is consistent with these requirements.

LBCCS has continued to liaise with the Applicant throughout the post-Examination period and can confirm that no further progress has been made with regard to Protective Provisions. The outstanding matters noted in LBCCS's submission at Deadline 6 [REP6-053] and matters marked as being "under discussion" in the draft Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) between LBCCS and the Applicant submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 7 [REP7-031] remain unresolved.



LBCCS requests that the Protective Provisions submitted by it at Deadline 7 [REP7-046] are included within any made development consent order. The reasons for the inclusion of these Protective Provisions are set out in [REP6-053] and in row 13 of Table 2 of [REP7-031].

In addition to the above, LBCCS would like to provide an update on the position of the Runcorn Carbon Dioxide Spur Pipeline Proposed Development ('Runcorn Spur Pipeline') planning application made to Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWCC) (Application ref: 25/02108/FUL) and Halton Borough Council (HBC) (Application ref: 25/00293/FULEIA).

The extent of overlap between the Runcorn Spur Pipeline and the DCO is where the projects interact with the proposed Non-Breeding Bird Mitigation Area (NBBMA) associated with the DCO as well as the Solar Array Development Area in Cells 1 and 2.

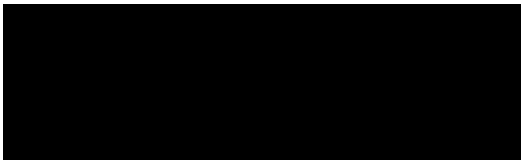
The current position of the Runcorn Spur Pipeline planning application following LBCCS's submission at Deadline 6 [REP6-053] is as follows:

- LBCCS has proactively and positively engaged with Natural England (NE) during the post-Examination period and NE have recently (21 August 2026) withdrawn their holding objection. NE has requested minor updates to the Habitats Regulations Assessment submitted with the Runcorn Spur Pipeline planning application, which are being progressed.
- LBCCS has continued to engage with CWCC during the post-Examination period and a consultation response from the CWCC Natural Environment Officer remains outstanding. Given the withdrawal of the holding objection from NE, LBCCS expects the application to be progressed by CWCC in accordance with its normal processes in the forthcoming weeks.



Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,



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