



## Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power

# Draft Statement of Common Ground between Uniper UK Limited and Eni UK Limited

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of this Document

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared to support the application (the Application) for the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power Project (the Proposed Development) made by Uniper UK Limited (the Applicant). The Application was submitted to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order (DCO) (the Order) under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 in July 2025. The Application was accepted for examination on 28 August 2025, and the Examination commenced on 13 January 2026.
- 1.1.2 This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere within the Application documents.
- 1.1.3 SoCGs are an established means in the planning process of allowing all parties to identify and so focus on specific issues that may need to be addressed during the examination. This SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority (ExA) where agreement has been reached between the parties and where matters are under discussion or where agreement has not been reached. The SoCG will be progressed during the pre-examination and examination periods to reach a final position between the Parties and to clarify if any issues remain unresolved. This SoCG will be revised and updated as appropriate and/or required by the ExA at relevant examination deadlines.
- 1.1.4 This SoCG has been shared with Eni UK Limited (Eni) in draft ahead of submission of the Application. Whilst comments were shared by Eni ahead of submission, these were not included within the submission draft. However, through ongoing engagement, comments have now been incorporated from Eni and this SoCG reflects inputs from both parties.

## 1.2 Parties to this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.2.1 This SoCG has been prepared between (1) the Applicant and (2) Eni (jointly referred to as the Parties) for Deadline 3 of the Examination.

### The Applicant:

- 1.2.2 The Applicant is a UK-based company, wholly owned by Uniper SE (Uniper) through Uniper Holding GmbH. Uniper is a European energy company with global reach and activities in more than 40 countries. With around 7,500 employees, the company makes an important contribution to security of supply in Europe, particularly in its core markets of Germany, the UK, Sweden, and the Netherlands. In the UK, Uniper owns and operates a flexible generation portfolio of power stations, a fast-cycle gas storage facility and two high pressure gas pipelines, from Theddlethorpe to Killingholme and from Blyborough to Cottam.
- 1.2.3 Uniper is committed to investing around €8 billion (~£6.9 billion) in growth and transformation projects by the early 2030s and aims to be carbon-neutral by 2040. To achieve this, the company is transforming its power

plants and facilities and investing in flexible, dispatchable power generation units. Uniper is one of Europe's largest operators of hydropower plants and is helping further expand solar and wind power, which are essential for a more sustainable and secure future. Uniper is gradually adding renewable and low-carbon gases such as biomethane to its gas portfolio and is developing a hydrogen portfolio with the aim of a long-term transition. The company plans to offset any remaining CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by high-quality CO<sub>2</sub>-offsets.

#### Eni:

- 1.2.4 Eni is an energy company operating in the UK. Inter alia, it owns and operates a number of existing pipelines across England and Wales.
- 1.2.5 Eni has existing gas apparatus within or adjacent to the Order limits for the Proposed Development and will act as an 'undertaker' for the purposes of works to its apparatus as part of the Proposed Development. Some of the existing apparatus will be decommissioned, which work will be carried out by Eni. Existing pipeline sections are to be re-purposed for use for carbon dioxide transportation; those pipelines will be transferred by Eni to Liverpool Bay CCS Limited, which is the company holding a carbon dioxide transport and storage licence under the Energy Act 2023.

## 1.3 The Proposed Development

- 1.3.1 The Applicant is seeking a DCO for the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of a proposed low carbon Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) Generating Station fitted with Carbon Capture Plant (CCP) (the 'Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power (CQLCP) Abated Generating Station') and supporting infrastructure (collectively 'the Proposed Development').
- 1.3.2 The CQLCP Abated Generating Station would comprise up to two CCGT with CCP units (and supporting infrastructure) achieving a net electrical output capacity of more than 350 megawatts (MW; referred to as MWe for electrical output) and up to a likely maximum of 1,380 MWe (with CCP operational) onto the national electricity transmission network.
- 1.3.3 The Proposed Development would make use of CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage networks owned and operated by Liverpool Bay CCS Limited, that will transport CO<sub>2</sub> captured from existing and new industries in North Wales and North-West England, for offshore storage. The captured CO<sub>2</sub> will be permanently stored in depleted offshore gas reservoirs in Liverpool Bay.
- 1.3.4 For the purposes of the electrical connection, National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET), which builds and maintains the electricity transmission networks, is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the existing 400 kV NGET Substation.
- 1.3.5 A description of the Proposed Development, including details of maximum parameters, is set out in **Chapter 4: The Proposed Development of the Environmental Statement (ES) (EN010166/APP/6.2.4)**. At this stage in the development, the design of the Proposed Development incorporates a necessary degree of flexibility to allow for ongoing design development.

## 1.4 Terminology

1.4.1 Section 3 summarises the issues that are 'agreed', 'not agreed' or are 'under discussion'.

1.4.2 These terms are used as follows:

- "Agreed" indicates where the issue has been resolved;
- "Under discussion" indicates where these points will be the subject of ongoing discussion wherever possible to resolve, or refine, the extent of disagreement between the parties; and
- "Not Agreed" indicates a final position where the Parties have agreed to disagree.

## 2. Record of Engagement

2.1.1 A summary of all meetings and correspondence that has taken place between the Parties in relation to the Application is outlined in **Table 1**. This includes email correspondence between the Parties to discuss sharing of information, arrangement of meetings and where appropriate to comment on draft documentation. **Table 1** reflects the key meetings and emails of note.

**Table 1: Record of Engagement**

Date	Form of Correspondence and Attendees	Key Topics Discussed and Key Outcomes
3 March 2025	Email between the Applicant and Eni	Arrangement of introductory meeting.
17 March 2025	Meeting between the Applicant and Eni	Introductory meeting for Eni to consider demolition approach for their assets on site.
15 May 2025	Meeting between the Applicant and Eni	Discussion of proposed demolition scope.
22 May 2025	Email between the Applicant and Eni	Email to share slides from introductory meeting.
15 July 2025	Email between the Applicant and Eni	Discussion of technical topics around the demolition proposal.
25 July 2025	Email from the Applicant's solicitors to Eni's solicitors	Sharing version of protective provisions to be placed on face of Draft DCO.
11 November 2025	Meeting between the Applicant and Eni (and Liverpool Bay CCS Limited (LBCCS))	Discussion of proposed demolition activities for the Eni assets.
15 December 2025	Meeting between the Applicant and Eni (and LBCCS)	Discussion of compulsory acquisition approach in the Repurposed and Proposed CO2 Corridors.
17 December 2025	Meeting between the Applicant and Eni (and LBCCS)	Discussion of proposed demolition schedule for the Eni Gas Reception facility and associated pipeline.

21 January-12 February 2026	Emails between Eni's solicitors and the Applicant's solicitors	Emails on a Protocol for engagement during the Examination.
26 January 2026	Meeting between the Applicant and Eni (and LBCCS)	Continuation of discussion of proposed demolition schedule for the Eni Gas Reception facility and associated pipeline.
3 February 2026	Email from Eni's solicitors to the Applicant's solicitors	Issuing a response on the draft protective provisions and cooperation agreement HoTs.
24 February 2026	Email from the Applicant's solicitors to Eni's solicitors	Returning the draft protective provisions.
25 February 2026	Meeting between the Applicant and Eni (and LBCCS)	Discussion of proposed issue of notification of demolition liabilities.

### 3. Areas of Discussion between the Parties

3.1.1 Table 2 below details the areas of discussion and matters that are agreed, under discussion and not agreed between the Parties.

**Table 2: Areas of discussion between the Parties**

Ref.	Subject	Relevant Application Document	Applicant Position	Eni Position	Status	Likelihood of resolution
1	Protective Provisions	<b>Draft DCO (EN010166/APP/3.1)</b>	The Draft DCO should include specific provisions for the protection of Eni.	The Draft DCO should include specific provisions for the protection of Eni as regards existing assets and infrastructure.	Agreed	N/A
2	Protective Provisions	<b>Draft DCO (EN010166/APP/3.1)</b>	The form of protective provisions currently included in the Draft DCO is under discussion with Eni.	The form of protective provisions currently included in the Draft DCO is under discussion. Eni requires the protective provisions to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restrictions on the Applicant so that it cannot undertake works to interfere with or operate Eni's existing infrastructure and assets; and</li> <li>• Restrictions on the Applicant so it cannot carry out Eni Works (i.e. the demolition of the existing Eni AGI and associated site works).</li> </ul>	Under discussion	High
3	Authorised Development	<b>Draft DCO (EN010166/APP/3.1)</b>	The description of the authorised development in Schedule 1 of the <b>Draft DCO (EN010166/APP/3.1)</b> is agreed.	The description of the authorised development in Schedule 1 of the <b>Draft DCO (EN010166/APP/3.1)</b> is agreed.	Agreed	N/A
4	Land acquisition	<b>Land Plans (EN010166/APP/2.2)</b> <b>Book of Reference (EN010166/APP/4.1)</b>	The Applicant's approach to land acquisition is required for the delivery of the Proposed Development.  The Applicant is progressing a change to the compulsory acquisition powers sought over the Proposed CO2 Corridor to reflect requests made by Eni. Details of the changes proposed are set out in the <b>Change Notification [AS-006]</b> .	Eni has made some requests for changes which are being considered by the Applicant. Once these changes have been made, Eni considers this issue will be resolved, subject to the protective provisions being agreed and a cooperation agreement being entered into.	Under discussion	High
5	DCO Articles and Requirements	<b>Draft DCO (EN010166/APP/3.1)</b>	The Draft DCO includes articles and requirements which are appropriate for the Proposed Development.  The Applicant is liaising with Eni regarding how discharge of the requirements will be managed for each party's respective works under the Draft DCO.	The Applicant's approach to requirements in the Draft DCO is not agreed at this time.  The requirements need to be allocated between the Applicant and Eni and be proportionate to the works each party will undertake under the Draft DCO.  Eni has been discussing the requirements which are included in the Draft DCO with the Applicant to ensure that they are relevant and proportionate to the Eni works.	Under discussion	High

## 4. Approvals

### 4.1 The Applicant

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4.2 Eni UK Limited

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

