

Subsequent to our submission dated 27 January 2025 where United Utilities Water Limited (UW) registered a formal objection to the proposed DCO, we wish to confirm that dialogue has commenced regarding the negotiation of Protective Provisions. The Applicant provided UW with their comments on the draft Protective Provisions on 24 June 2025 and UW has returned comments on 7 July 2025. Current points of negotiation include various drafting points such as notification requirements and approval mechanisms. The basis for the Protective Provisions for United Utilities Water Limited is those which have been agreed on other National Significant Infrastructure Projects notably the Hynet Co2 pipeline. Whilst UW is prepared to consider minor drafting amendments to these Protective Provisions, we do not consider it necessary to deviate from established Protective Provisions which have been agreed on similar linear projects. Aside from agreement on Protective Provisions, UW has received no response regarding the matters outlined in our previous submissions and summarised in our submission dated 27 January 2025. As such, we retain a position of Objection.