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**HyNet North West  
Hydrogen Pipeline**

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Dear Ms Norris

## **Cadent Gas Limited's HyNet North West Hydrogen Pipeline**

### **Notification under S46 of the Planning Act 2008**

In accordance with Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008, detailed below is the required information as supplied to prescribed consultees complying with Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008, in relation to Cadent Gas Limited's (Cadent) proposed HyNet North West Hydrogen Pipeline ("the Project").

Cadent is proposing to make an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) in respect of the Project under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008. A Section 35 direction has recently been provided by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), which determines the Project's status as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). The DCO application will be processed and examined by the Planning Inspectorate who will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). The final decision on the DCO application is made by the Secretary of State for BEIS.

The DCO application will seek powers for Cadent to construct, operate and maintain the Project. It will also seek the compulsory acquisition of land and rights over land, including rights to use land, for the Project together with temporary possession of land.

Cadent is the UK's largest gas distribution network, bringing gas to 11 million homes and businesses throughout the North West, West Midlands, East Midlands, South Yorkshire, East of England and North London. Cadent is the named applicant for this Project.

The Project includes the construction, operation and maintenance of up to 125km of new pipelines to distribute hydrogen to industry, power stations and locations on the existing natural gas network in the North West, where hydrogen could potentially be blended with natural gas. The pipeline network would connect to a newly constructed Hydrogen Production Plant at the Vertex Hydrogen site, as the initial source of hydrogen for onward distribution through the network, as well as to a proposed underground Hydrogen Storage Facility.

A Central Hub connects the four main pipeline corridors that stretch across Cheshire, Warrington, parts of Merseyside and Greater Manchester in all four compass directions. Branching off from each main corridor there would be spurs - smaller pipelines - that provide connections to some of the customers identified as part of the Project. The pipeline would be buried below the ground along the

entire route, apart from short sections within secure compounds at locations where Hydrogen Above Ground Installations (HAGIs) and Block Valve Installations (BVIs) are required.

The Project comprises:

- an onshore network of new pipelines to transport low carbon hydrogen from a Hydrogen Production Plant in Cheshire, to industrial customers, and for potential blending into the existing natural gas network in the North West;
- a number of HAGIs and BVIs to allow sections of the pipeline to be isolated for maintenance;
- areas of mitigation, restoration and/or reinstatement; and
- further development to enable the construction of the Project, for example, construction sites, lay-down areas and site access.

The DCO application will also cover:

- operation and maintenance and decommissioning of the Project;
- the compulsory acquisition of land including rights in or over land required for the purposes of the Project, land required to facilitate or is incidental to the Project;
- the application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project including that relating to the compulsory acquisition of land; and
- further provisions, permissions or consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

Following Queen Elizabeth II's passing and the national mourning period changes were made to the start of Cadent's consultation. A description of changes that were made to the statutory consultation process initially proposed for the Project, is provided in a preface to the Statement of Community Consultation [REDACTED]

The following documents were made available on Cadent's project website

[REDACTED] on the 12 September 2022. For the purpose of complying with Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 they will be distributed to consultees on the 29 September 2022 and include:

- *Statutory Consultation: Consultation Brochure*, which outlines the Project, consultation activities and summarises the technical documents that have been made available for consultation and where these can be viewed ;
- *Statutory Consultation: Feedback Form*, which provides a structured method for consultees to provide their feedback;
- *Statement of Community Consultation*, sets out how we will consult local communities during our statutory consultation;
- *Consultation feedback form*, to help people give feedback. This is also available in a digital format on the Project's website;
- *Consultation poster*, explains how people can get involved, attend an event and how to give feedback;
- A copy of the *notice* published in accordance with Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 11 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009.;
- *Preliminary Environmental Information Report (full version available on the Knowledge Hub)*, which summarises the potential environmental effects of the Project; and
- *Design Evolution Report*, provides background to the project and describes the different options and alternatives.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') development for the purposes of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. We are therefore consulting on the potential environmental effects of the Project and if consultees have suggestions for reducing these effects. This information is in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report

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 (PEIR), a website link to which will be provided to consultees for the purpose of complying with  
 Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008.



Hyperlinks to the above documents are also being provided to the Secretary of State with this notice, in accordance with the requirements of Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008. They are available for the Planning Inspectorate to view and download now on this webpage:



The Statutory Consultation Brochure and PEIR Non-Technical Summary will also be available, for the duration of the consultation, at the below reference locations.

Reference location	Opening Times
<b>Frodsham Library</b> Princeway, Frodsham, WA6 6RX	Mon-Fri: 09:00-18:00, Sat: 09:30-13:00, Sun: Closed
<b>Grappenhall Library</b> Victoria Avenue, Grappenhall, Warrington WA4 2PE	Mon: 14:00-16:00, Tues: Closed, Weds-Thurs: 10:00-12:00, Fri: Closed, Sat: 10:00-12:00, Sun: Closed
<b>Northwich Library</b> Witton Street, Northwich CW9 5DR	Mon-Weds: 09:00-17:00, Thurs-Fri: 09:00-19:00, Sat: 09:00-13:00, Sun: Closed  <i>Northwich Library is closed for building work, expected to re-open 24 September 2022. Documents will be displayed at this location when it re-opens.</i>
<b>Partington Library</b> Central Road, Partington, Manchester M31 4FY	Mon-Tues: 10:00-17:00, Weds: Closed, Thurs-Fri: 10:00-17:00, Saturday: 10:00-16:00, Sun: Closed
<b>Rainhill Library</b> View Road, Rainhill, Prescott L35 0LE	Mon: 10:00-19:00, Tues: 10:00-17:00, Weds: Closed, Thurs-Fri: 10:00-17:00, Sat: 10:00-13:00, Sun: Closed
<b>Runcorn Old Town Library</b> Granville Street, Runcorn WA7 1NE	Mon: 10:00-17:00, Tues: 10:00-18:00, Weds: Closed, Thurs: 09:30-17:00, Fri: 10:00-17:00, Sat: 10:00-14:30, Sun: Closed
<b>St Helens Library</b> The World of Glass, Chalon Way East, St Helens WA10 1BX	Mon: 10:00-19:00, Tues: 10:00-17:00, Weds: 10:00-13:00, Thurs-Fri: 10:00-17:00, Sat: 10:00-13:00, Sun: Closed
<b>Warrington Library</b> Golden Square, Sankey Street, Warrington WA1 1TD	Mon-Tues: Closed, Weds-Fri: 10:00-16:30, Sat: 10:00-16:00, Sun: 11:00-15:00
<b>Knutsford Library</b> Toft Rd, Knutsford WA16 0PG	Mon: 09:00-17:00, Tues: 09:00-19:00, Weds: 09:00-13:00, Thurs: 09:00-19:00, Fri: 09:00-17:00, Sat: 09:00-13:00
<b>Thatto Heath Library</b> Thatto Heath Road, St Helens, WA10 3QX	Mon: 10:00-19:00, Tues: 10:00-13:00; Weds: Closed, Thurs: 13:00-17:00, Fri: 10:00-17:00, Sat: 10:00-13:00
<b>Chester Lane Library</b> Four Acre Lane, St Helens, WA9 4DE	Mon: 10:00-19:00, Tues: 10:00-17:00, Weds: Closed, Thurs: 10:00-17:00, Fri: 10:00-17:00, Sat: 10:00-13:00
<b>Weaverham Library</b> Russet Road, Weaverham, CW8 3HY	Mon: 09:30-13:00 and 14:00-19:00, Tues-Weds: 09:30-13:00 and 14:00-17:00, Thurs-Fri: 09:30-13:00 and 14:00-19:00, Sat: 09:30-13:00

(Opening times correct September 2022)

**The consultation will run from 12 September 2022 to 23:59 on 10 November 2022.** Responses must be received by the closing date.

Also attached for information:

- Copy of email to be sent to prescribed bodies under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008, other than persons under Section 43 and 44;
- Copy of email to be sent to local authorities under Section 43 of the Planning Act 2008;
- Copy of email sent to persons under Section 44 of the Planning Act 2008; and

Should you have any queries, or wish to discuss these documents or any matter to which they relate, please contact me directly on: [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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