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Dear Mr Johansson,

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) - Section 55

Application by Liverpool Bay CCS Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the HyNet Carbon Dioxide Pipeline

Adequacy of consultation request

I write on behalf of Flintshire County Council in response to your letter dated 3 October 2022 requesting the Council's views on the adequacy of the consultation for the above project to assist in your decision to accept the application for Examination and to help ascertain if the developer has complied with the following duties set out in the Planning Act 2008:

- Duty to consult Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008) section 42
- Duty to consult the local community PA2008 section 47
- Duty to publicise PA2008 section 48

I can confirm that Flintshire County Council received a letter from Liverpool Bay CCS Limited dated 7 February 2022 (attached) providing notification that the statutory consultation under section 42 of Planning Act 2008 commenced from 9 February 2022 to 22 March 2022.

During the statutory consultation period, it is understood that online presentations, and a number of drop in face-to-face events within the vicinity of the proposed development took place, as set out within the project's Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC). Furthermore, throughout the consultation period hard copies of the consultation material were held at deposit locations. Details of the various events were publicised on the project's website:

demonstrating compliance with Section 47 of the PA2008.



County Hall, Mold. CH7 6NB www.flintshire.gov.uk Neuadd y Sir, Yr Wyddgrug. CH7 6NB www.siryfflint.gov.uk It is evident from the Consultation Report and accompanying Appendices, that the comments provided by Flintshire County Council on 7 December 2021, (when commenting on the draft SOCC), have been taken into account when Liverpool Bay CCS have consulted the local community. Having had regard to the information provided, it is considered that the applicants have demonstrated compliance with section 47 of the PA2008 when consulting the local community upon their proposal during the statutory consultation period, and the further three targeted consultations.

Regular meetings have taken place between Flintshire County Council Officers and the project consultants throughout the pre-application process to shape the proposed development and design as set out within the Consultation report and Appendix A.

The Consultation Report and accompanying Appendices set out clearly and logically what comments have been received and indicate where changes to the project have resulted from those responses received, where changes haven't been able to be incorporated and the justification for those decisions.

The Consultation Report and appendices provides details of compliance with Section 48 with a copy of the Section 48 Notice and newspaper published notices as set out in Appendix H.

The Project's consultants have been in regular contact with my officer Hannah Parish, and other specialist officers of the County Council. Flintshire County Council has therefore had a direct input into the shaping of the proposed DCO application. I can therefore confirm that Flintshire County Council has been actively engaging with the applicant through their agents and consultants throughout the pre-application stage of this Project.

In conclusion, the Council is satisfied that the applicant has complied with the legal duty to consult and publicise on the HyNet North West proposal prior to submission of the DCO application, and therefore the Council has no objection to the adequacy of consultation undertaken for the above project.

Yours sincerely

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