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Dear ████████,

Re: Application by Peak Cluster Limited (the applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Peak Cluster CCS Pipeline (the proposed development)

MOD Safeguarding – SOSA (Site outside of statutory safeguarding areas)

Peak Cluster Limited (The applicant) has requested for scoping opinion on the proposed section 36 application for an Order granting Development Consent for the Peak Cluster CCS Pipeline (the proposed development)

Thank you for consulting the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in relation to the scoping opinion for the above-named development.

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) Safeguarding Team represents the MOD as a consultee in UK planning and energy consenting systems to ensure that development does not compromise or degrade the operation of defence sites such as aerodromes, explosives storage sites, air weapon ranges, and technical sites or training resources such as the Military Low Flying System.

This application involves The Peak Cluster CCS Pipeline, a nationally significant infrastructure project as defined in sections 14 and 21 of the Planning Act 2008 for which a Development Consent Order (DCO) is sought, anticipated to comprise works including: Breedon Capture Facility; Tarmac Capture Facility; Buxton Lime Capture Facility; Holcim Capture Facility; Peak Cluster Pipeline; AGIs; BVSSs; Coastal AGI; Coastal AGI to MLWS Pipeline(s); Works required for construction and operation including, but not limited to, construction compounds, temporary construction access,

permanent access and environmental mitigation and Other ancillary works, such as utilities diversions and cathode protection. The development has been assessed using location data provided in the developer's documents 'Peak Cluster EIA Scoping Report Volume 2 dated January 2026.

The principal safeguarding concern of the MOD with this development is the erection of the proposed stacks within the Low Flying Area 8 (LFA 8) as they have the potential to create a physical obstruction to aircraft.

Low Flying Area

The development falls within Low Flying Area 8 (LFA 8), an area within which fixed wing aircraft may operate to conduct low level flight training. The addition of the proposed stacks which may be of a tall or narrow profile in this locality has the potential to introduce a physical obstruction to low flying aircraft operating in the area.

To address this impact, and given the location and scale of the development, the MOD would likely require conditions to any consent granted by the Planning Inspectorate requiring that the development is fitted with aviation safety lighting and that sufficient charting data is submitted to ensure that structures can be accurately charted to allow deconfliction with air users.

Summary

The principal safeguarding concerns of the MOD with respect to the proposed stacks as they have the potential to introduce a physical obstruction to air traffic movements.

The MOD must emphasise that the advice provided within this letter is in response to the information detailed in the developer's documents titled 'Peak Cluster EIA Scoping Report Volume 2' dated January 2026. Any variation of the parameters (which include the location, dimensions, form, and finishing materials) detailed may significantly alter how the development relates to MOD safeguarding requirements and cause adverse impacts to safeguarded defence assets or capabilities. In the event that any amendment, whether considered material or not by the determining authority, is submitted for approval, the MOD should be consulted and provided with adequate time to carry out assessments and provide a formal response.

I hope this adequately explains our position on the matter. If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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