


## Public Notices

# Next planning stage for 'fast-tracked' Viking energy project

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The pipeline would stretch from Theddlethorpe to Immingham

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PLANS to store greenhouse gases off the Lincolnshire coast have been submitted to the government.

A notice has been published in this week's local papers that the developers of a so-called 'Carbon Capture and Storage system' have applied to build a 35-mile long pipeline from Immingham to Theddlethorpe.

Viking CCS has asked the government to exempt the project from the planning process using a Development Consent Order (DCO).

Rishi Sunak is known to be in favour of the project and to consider CCS technology to be a vital contributor to net-zero emissions.

The Prime Minister made an announcement on July 31 that the Viking project would be fast-tracked.

The Development Consent Order will allow the developers to install a pipe 24 inches in diameter and 55.5km in length from the Immingham industrial area to a site to the east of Theddlethorpe.

At the coast, close to Swallow Park caravan site and the new Lincolnshire Coronation Coast National Nature Reserve, the new pipeline will be connected to an existing 36-inch offshore pipeline called 'LOGGS' to take the CO<sub>2</sub> out to existing depleted gas fields.

The key parts of their project are:

- The buildings, plant and machinery at Immingham;
- The 55.5km x 24 inch steel pipeline to carry Carbon Dioxide;
- The buildings, plant and machinery at Theddlethorpe;
- The existing 'LOGGS' pipeline;
- Permanent Access to the facilities and the pipeline;
- Mitigation and landscaping works;
- Temporary construction compounds, laydown, parking and staff welfare facilities;
- Temporary access points during construction.

If they get the DCO then the developers won't have to apply for planning permission for:

- the compulsory purchase of land and rights over land that they need;
- the powers to use land permanently and temporarily;
- to access the route of their pipeline;
- to temporarily block or diver footpaths, streets and other rights of way, street works and highway works; and

to ignore or enforce certain laws which they need to use or suppress to complete the project.

At the time of Sunak's announcement in August, local MP Martin Vickers said: "Today's announcement by the Prime Minister that the Viking Carbon Capture project is confirmed as one of the Government recognised clusters is good news for northern Lincolnshire and the wider Humber region with a potential for thousands of jobs both direct and in the supply chain".

Theddlethorpe councillor Travis Hesketh said: "Theddlethorpe residents are very concerned about the safety of this project and I have asked Harbour Energy to meet with residents."

He also raised safety concerns about a 25-metre high eight-storey vent stack on the edge of the Lincolnshire Coronation Coast Nature Reserve.

"We trust that Harbour Energy will engage with the public in a meaningful way and involve the community in their planning decisions to benefit both the climate and the local people."

The plans are available to view at Mablethorpe Library Mondays to Fridays with late opening every Thursday until 6 and at Louth Library Monday to Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, Thursday mornings and late opening until 6pm every Tuesday.

The plans can also be viewed online at: [infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/viking-ccs-pipeline/](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/viking-ccs-pipeline/) and residents can send their comments or objections to the planning inspectorate at: [vikingccspipeline@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:vikingccspipeline@planninginspectorate.gov.uk).

Representations must be received by 23.59 on Monday, January 15, 2024.

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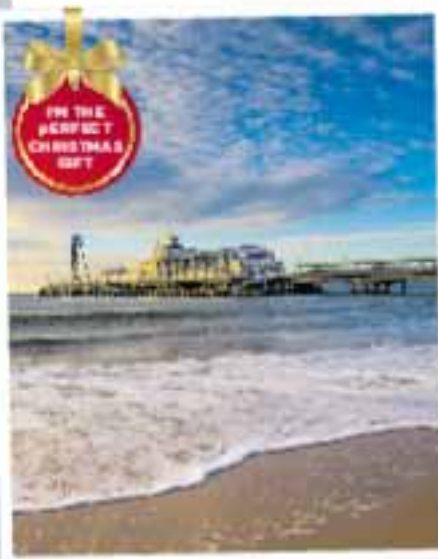
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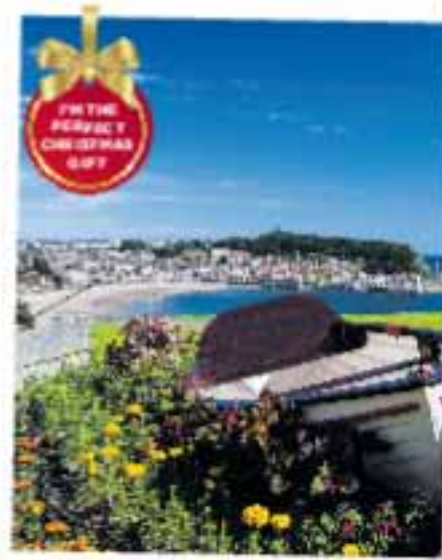
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