



HyNet North West Hydrogen Pipeline

Statement of Community Consultation

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Preface

This document is a revision (revision 2) to the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) prepared and submitted to the relevant Host Authorities in August 2022. This revision reflects the recent death of Her Majesty The Queen and the subsequent decision taken by Cadent to delay that start of statutory consultation until 29 September 2022, on the basis that the Queen was a patron of the Institution of Gas Engineers & Managers and to allow staff and stakeholders to pay their respect

The Consultation ‘unofficially’ launched on 12 September 2022 in order to encourage and accept people’s feedback. Delaying the start of Stage 2 Consultation has resulted in the need to revise the dates, timings and scheduling of the in-person and two online consultation events which will now run from 1 October to 31 October 2022. It has also meant that the close of consultation has been extended until 10 November 2022. Publicity related to the start of consultation has also been revised in terms of its content and timing to commence after the 19th September 2022 Cadent did not send out the Section 42 or Section 46 Letters during the mourning period.

The dates of the revised in-person consultation events are set out in Section 4, Table 4.1 with confirmation on the consultation start and end dates provided in Section 4.2. The overall consultation methodology remains as that which was set out within revision 1 of this document.

It should be noted that due to Royal Mail strikes letters were sent to Persons with Interest in Land prior to the 12 September 2022. Persons with Interest in Land have been contacted to ensure that they are aware that the consultation has been extended.

Due to the amount of advertising Cadent completed and postcards being sent to persons in the consultation zone, prior to the decision to reschedule events, it was decided to continue with the launch of the website which supports the consultation on the 12th September as planned.

To enable the effective communication of the changes to the consultation, the following activities will be undertaken:

- Postcard with new events schedule to be delivered to c.20,000 addresses across the consultation zone by 23 September 2022;
- New posters to be sent to ‘information points’ across the consultation zone with the updated events schedule, with a request for the old posters to be removed;
- Press release announcing the new events schedule to be issued to regional media during the week commencing 19 September 2022;
- Combined section 47 and 48 notice to run on 22 September 2022 –section 48 notice will then run again on 29 September 2022 (the beginning of the ‘official’ 42-day consultation period);
- All stage one participants, website subscribers, MPs and ‘seldom heard’ groups to be contacted on 20 September 2022, notifying them that the events schedule has been updated; and,

- Cadent and its representatives to attend the venues of cancelled events to meet any people that did not receive this message.

Glossary

Term	Description
BEIS	The Department for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy
DCO	Development Consent Order
DLUHC	Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
PA 2008	The Planning Act 2008
PEIR	Preliminary Environment Information Report
PINS	The Planning Inspectorate
SoCC	Statement of Community Consultation
NPS	National Policy Statement
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project

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1. Introduction

1.1 Who is Cadent?

1.1.1 Cadent Gas Limited (hereafter referred to as 'Cadent') owns, operates, and maintains the gas distribution network serving 11 million homes and businesses throughout the North West, West Midlands, East Midlands, South Yorkshire, East of England and North London. In line with this role, Cadent is responsible for the following activities:

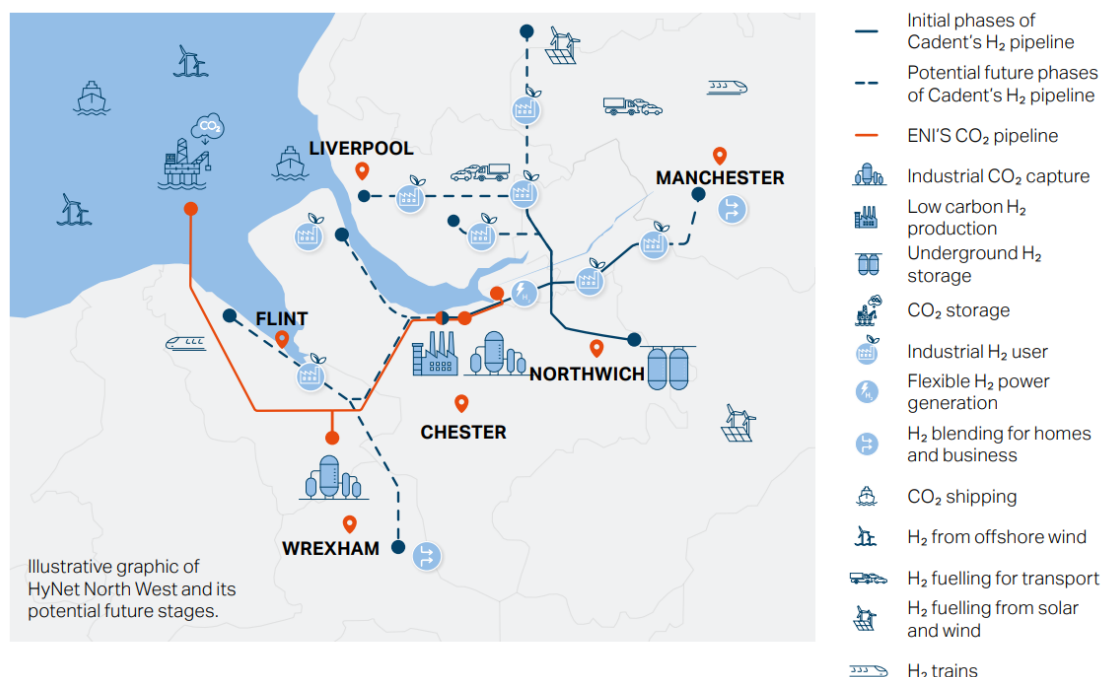
- Looking after the main gas pipe that supplies larger areas, as well as the smaller pipes branching off from it that takes gas to homes and businesses;
- Maintaining, repairing, and replacing gas pipes to ensure the safe and reliable flow of gas now and long into the future;
- Managing the National Gas Emergency Service for all gas customers in the UK. If something goes wrong, Cadent is the first point of call to make sure it is dealt with calmly, quickly and safely;
- Connecting homes and renewable gas suppliers to its network;
- Working with local businesses to expand and develop its network; and,
- Providing extra care for those who might need it in a gas emergency.

1.1.2 Cadent does not produce gas and does not own the gas that flows through its pipes. It is solely responsible for its transportation and distribution.

1.2 Background to the Project

1.2.1 The HyNet North West Hydrogen Pipeline (the Project) aims to deliver hydrogen to multiple industrial users and power generators in the North West. It will also take hydrogen to gas blending points for introduction into the existing gas network, along with connecting to associated hydrogen storage facilities to help balance the supply and demand on the pipeline. The Project Red Line Boundary also known as the Project Preliminary Order Limits can be viewed on the map provided in **Appendix A**.

1.2.2 The Project forms part of the wider HyNet North West decarbonisation project (see **Figure 1.1**) which includes other elements, including a carbon dioxide pipeline, a hydrogen production facility and underground hydrogen storage. These elements are subject to separate consents and applications, including a Development Consent Order (DCO) for a CO₂ pipeline and are not being promoted by Cadent.

Figure 1.1 The wider HyNet North West programme and its potential future phases

1.2.3 Before an application for a DCO is made, Cadent is required to consult with those living in the vicinity of the land proposed for development (under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008)), key local authorities, persons with an interest in the land and prescribed statutory bodies, as well as publicising the proposed application (under Section 48 of the PA 2008). The purpose of this document is to describe the methodology for this consultation.

1.3 Purpose and Structure of this Statement of Community Consultation

1.3.1 It is important to Cadent that our communities (including hard to reach/seldom heard groups), the general public and other stakeholders are involved in the development of the Project. Public consultation helps us to gather feedback and identify key issues of concern, enabling us to address these and improve our proposals. This Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) sets out how we intend to consult the public and local communities in the vicinity of the Project on our proposed DCO application. It sets out:

- Information and background on the project proposals;
- Details of the legal framework for consultation under the PA 2008;
- Our proposed approach to consultation (including Preliminary Environmental Information) such as when the consultation will be conducted, who will be consulted, where the consultation will take place and the methods that will be used; and
- How we will gather feedback and use it to develop the Project.

1.3.2 This SoCC has been prepared in accordance with Section 47 of the PA 2008 in respect of how we will consult persons living in the vicinity of the land. It explains how Cadent will consult the local community on the proposed DCO application. Amongst other matters this document sets out:

- When and where the consultation will be held;
- The information that will be made available during that consultation;
- Who will be consulted; and,
- How the community will be consulted.

1.3.3 This SoCC has been prepared with reference to guidance by the Government, PINS advice notes and each local planning authorities' Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

1.4 Local Planning Authorities

1.4.1 The Project will be located within the administrative boundary of the following local authorities that have land within the Preliminary Order Limits (the "host authorities"):

- Cheshire East Council;
- Cheshire West and Chester Council;
- Halton Borough Council;
- St Helens Borough Council;
- Trafford Council; and
- Warrington Borough Council.

1.4.2 Section 47(2) of the Act provides that before preparing the SoCC, Cadent must consult each host authority about what is to be included within the SoCC. In accordance with the Act, each host authority was consulted as part of the development of the SoCC and their views taken into consideration as part of a 28-day consultation period which ran from 21 June 2022 to 22 July 2022. A summary of the comments received and the response to these comments are provided in **Appendix E**. The responses were shared with each host authority for a further week long consultation period between 10 August 2022 to 17 August 2022. No comments were received from the host authorities in response to this consultation.

1.4.3 Subsequent to the finalisation of the SoCC (revision 1) the death of Her Majesty The Queen led to a delay to the start of statutory consultation. This required an amendment to the SoCC (revision 2) to reflect the implications of postponement. These amendments were discussed with the host authorities on a joint call held on 16 September 2022. This was followed by a reissue of the SoCC (revision 2). No comments were received in response to the amendments made.

1.5 Marine Management Organisation

- 1.5.1 Section 4.10 of the Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) outlines that the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) should be consulted to ensure that their requirements for licenses are met with regard to impacts upon the marine environment.
- 1.5.2 A pipeline spur is required on the North Corridor, near to Micklehead Green (south of St Helens). This will connect to the pipeline network via the Clock Face and Burtonwood HAGI Search Areas, which may include a crossing of the River Mersey, where it is located within the MMO's jurisdiction.
- 1.5.3 As the Project could therefore affect a marine area, a marine license could be required and included in the DCO. However, following consultation with the MMO it is likely that an exemption for a trenchless crossing will be possible.

2. The Project

2.1 The Project

- 2.1.1 Cadent intends to make an application to the Secretary of State for a DCO for a hydrogen pipeline network and associated infrastructure. This will safely transport low carbon hydrogen, primarily produced by Vertex Hydrogen at the Stanlow Manufacturing Complex near Ellesmere Port to various industrial organisations. Cadent is in active discussions with other green hydrogen producers, in proximity to Stanlow, in relation to transporting additional hydrogen gas. Infrastructure to support such additional source would be considered outside the Project described and associated DCO.
- 2.1.2 The intention is for the Pipeline to also transport hydrogen to potential blending stations in Warburton and Partington (near Manchester) where it will be blended into the existing gas network to heat homes and businesses. The Project will also link to underground hydrogen storage facilities in Cheshire that will be used to balance supply and demand.
- 2.1.3 The Project is expected to comprise the following elements:
- The construction, operation and maintenance of approximately 125 kilometres of new pipeline to distribute hydrogen;
 - Smaller pipelines (spurs) branching off from the main pipeline route to provide connections to specific industrial users in the region, identified as part of the Project;
 - Ten Hydrogen Above Ground Installations (HAGIs) and two Block Valve Installations (BVIs) required to control the flow and pressure of hydrogen at key points along the proposed pipeline. (Our proposals at consultation will include a number of location options for this infrastructure);
 - Measures for avoiding, minimising and/or mitigating adverse environmental effects likely to arise in connection with the construction and operation of the Project;
 - Other related works, for example, temporary access roads, highway works, temporary works compounds, work sites and ancillary works; and
 - Compulsory acquisition of land, including interests in land, rights over land and imposition of restrictions, powers to override, suspend or extinguish rights over land and powers for the temporary use of land.
- 2.1.4 In some locations options have been identified for the routing of the pipeline and/or the location of the HAGIs/BVIs. These typically comprise areas where constraints are present such as river or major road crossings. The preferred route and alternative options will be made clear on the consultation plans.
- 2.1.5 The proposed pipelines would vary in diameter between approximately six inches and 42 inches dependent on which route or spur they are on. Two main types of pipeline materials are expected to be used, Carbon Steel (CS) and Polyethylene

(PE). The Pipeline would be buried along the entire route apart from at locations where HAGIs and BVIs are required.

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The indicative pipeline centre line will be subject to review and potential modification following stakeholder engagement, consultation, engineering and environment assessment, further design development and survey work.

3. The Planning Process

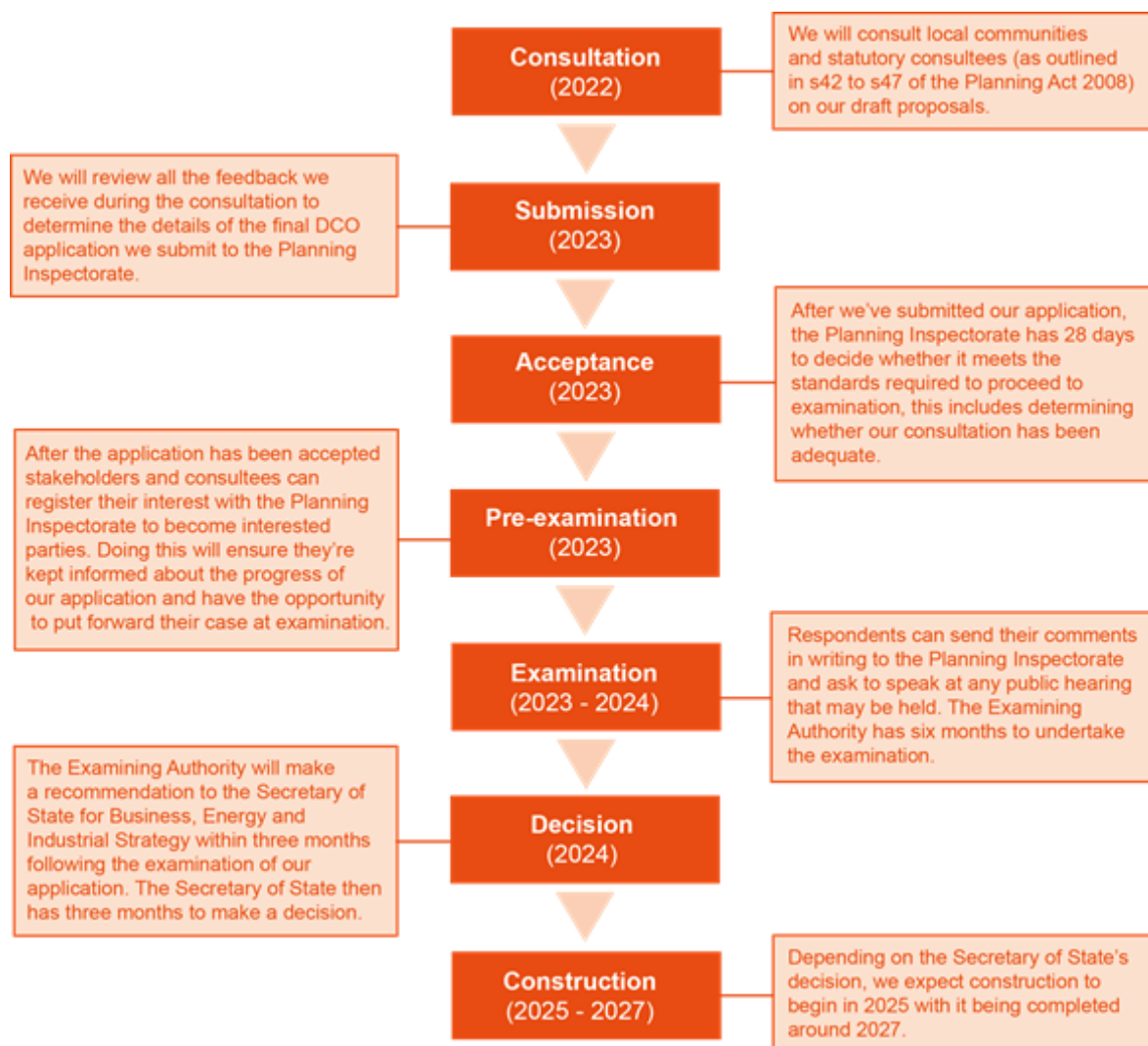
3.1 Development Consent Order

- 3.1.1 Cadent is a gas transporter for the purposes of the PA 2008. The Project would be defined as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under Part 14(1)(f) ('the construction of a pipe-line by a gas transporter') of the Planning Act 2008² (as amended) if it blended gas into the existing gas network. However, given ongoing regulatory uncertainty as to whether the Project will include blending into the gas network Cadent has obtained a section 35 direction dated 05 July 2022 from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy confirming that the Project (save for the pipeline spurs) is of national significance and is to be treated as development for which development consent is required.
- 3.1.2 The Applicant intends to submit an application for an order granting development consent for the Project pursuant to the Planning Act 2008; this application is likely to include the pipeline spurs as associated development. The application will comprise details of all development proposals and will be accompanied by an ES conforming to the EIA Regulations. A DCO granted by the Secretary of State for BEIS is therefore required to authorise construction and operation of the Project. Before a DCO application is submitted, the proposed application must be consulted on and publicised in accordance with specific requirements contained in Sections 42 to 50 of the PA 2008, and as informed by the "Planning Act 2008: guidance on the pre-application process", published by the Department for Communities and Local Government (2015) (the DCLG Guidance).
- 3.1.3 After the DCO application has been submitted, the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), will decide on behalf of the Secretary of State for BEIS, if it can be accepted for examination. As part of this decision-making process, consideration will be given to any responses provided by local planning authorities on the adequacy of consultation undertaken by Cadent.
- 3.1.4 If accepted, PINS will examine the application on behalf of the Secretary of State for BEIS via a specially appointed Examining Authority. Following the Examination, the Examining Authority will make a written recommendation to the Secretary of State for BEIS, who will then decide whether or not to make the DCO.
- 3.1.5 The Energy National Policy Statements (NPS) will be considered material (which, at the time of publication, are EN-1 and EN-4), as set out in the S35 Direction issued by BEIS. The relevant NPSs set out the Government's objectives and policies for energy-related nationally significant projects. Further information about these is available online¹.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-policy-statements-for-energy-infrastructure>

- 3.1.6 Non-statutory consultation (Stage One Consultation) was undertaken between 26 January 2022 and 11 March 2022 and a Consultation Feedback Report detailing this process is available on the project website.
- 3.1.7 More details regarding the DCO process and Cadent's proposed timescales for the Project are set out at **Figure 3.1** below. Further information on the DCO process can be found on the National Infrastructure Planning website² or by telephone on 0303 444 5000.

Figure 3.1 Project timeline



² <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

3.2 Environmental Information

- 3.2.1 The Project is classified as an ‘Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development’ as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the ‘2017 EIA Regs’). This is because it falls within the provisions of Schedule 1(16)(a) as the pipeline for transporting hydrogen will have a diameter of more than 800 millimetres and a length of more than 40km.
- 3.2.2 A Scoping Report and request for an EIA Scoping Opinion was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 26 January 2022 and a Scoping Opinion was received on 8 March 2022. An EIA is being undertaken to ensure the likely significant effects of the Project are understood and that the appropriate mitigation of those effects is put in place. The results of the EIA will be set out in an Environmental Statement that will accompany the DCO application.
- 3.2.3 In accordance with the requirements in Regulation 12 of the 2017 EIA Regs, the preliminary results of the EIA will be presented in a ‘Preliminary Environmental Information Report’ (PEIR) during our statutory Stage Two Consultation on the proposed application. We will publicise and consult on the PEIR and will be seeking comments on the information contained in it through the approaches set out in Section 4 of this SoCC.

3.3 Legal Requirement to Consult

- 3.3.1 Sections 42 to 50 of the PA 2008 set out the requirements for statutory pre-application consultation in relation to a proposed application for a DCO.
- 3.3.2 Under the PA 2008, and as set out in the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 (2009 Regulations), Cadent is required to consult the following organisations and individuals about the proposed application:
- Prescribed statutory consultees (as set out in Schedule 1 of the 2009 Regulations);
 - Each local authority in whose area the Project is located and their neighbouring local authorities (as determined in accordance with Section 43 of the PA 2008);
 - Owners, occupiers and others with an interest in the land on which the Project is located (being Category 1 and Category 2 persons under Section 44 of the PA 2008);
 - Owners and occupiers of land who Cadent considers would or might be entitled to make certain types of land compensation claim as a result of the implementation of the DCO (being Category 3 persons determined in accordance with Section 44 (4) to (6) of the PA 2008); and
 - Local communities in the vicinity of the Project.
- 3.3.3 Section 47 of the PA 2008 requires Cadent to prepare a statement in the form of a SoCC setting out how it proposes to consult local communities in the vicinity of the Project about the proposed DCO application.

- 3.3.4 This SoCC has been prepared for the purposes of the Stage Two Consultation in accordance with the requirements of the PA 2008 and taking account of the Department for Levelling Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC) guidance (as required by Section 50 of the PA 2008) and best practice.
- 3.3.5 Under Section 47 of the PA 2008 we are required to consult on the contents of the draft SoCC with host local authorities, i.e. local planning authorities, for the area within which the land for the Project is located.
- 3.3.6 Cadent is legally obliged to take account of the feedback received (**Appendix E**) in relation to consultation on the draft SoCC prior to finalising and adopting the SoCC. The Stage Two Consultation must then be carried out in accordance with the proposals in the adopted SoCC.
- 3.3.7 The SoCC must be made available for inspection by the public in a convenient manner for people living in the vicinity of the Project.³ We are also required to publish a notice in a local newspaper which states where the SoCC may be inspected.
- 3.3.8 Section 48 of the PA 2008 requires the proposed application for development consent to be publicised in local and national newspapers and for Cadent to invite responses on the proposals. We are publishing the notice of the proposed application at the same time as undertaking our statutory consultation with local planning authorities, statutory consultees, owners and occupiers of land and the general public in respect of the Project.
- 3.3.9 Section 49 of the PA 2008 requires Cadent to have regard to the responses to consultation and publicity when deciding on the form and content of its application for the Project. Details of the regard given to consultation feedback will be presented in the Consultation Report, which accompanies the DCO application.

³ In line with changes to certain publicity requirements introduced by the Infrastructure Planning (Publication and Notification of Applications etc.). (Amendment) Regulations 2020, the SoCC will be made available for inspection online on the Project website.

4. Our Approach to Consultation

4.1 Purpose and Objectives

- 4.1.1 It is important to Cadent that our communities, the general public and other stakeholders continue to be involved in the development of the Project. Public consultation helps us to gather feedback and identify key issues of concern, enabling us to address these and improve our proposals. Public engagement will continue into the construction phase so that we can ensure communities are informed of our activities.
- 4.1.2 Our objectives for the Stage Two Consultation are to:
- Raise awareness about the Project and provide the community and other stakeholders with the opportunity to understand, comment on and influence the proposals, including the proposed pipeline route;
 - Provide clear and concise technical and non-technical information on the Project;
 - Help local people understand the potential nature and local impact of the Project;
 - Provide a range of opportunities for people to engage with the Project and provide comments and feedback; and
 - Ensure that comments and feedback have been taken into account in finalising the DCO application prior to its submission.
- 4.1.3 Given the scale and complexity of the Project and taking into account best practice plus DCLG Guidance on pre-application consultation, we are undertaking a two-stage consultation.
- Stage One Consultation - Non-Statutory Consultation: The first non-statutory consultation (Stage One Consultation) on the emerging plans and preferred route corridors for the Project took place between 26 January 2022 and the 11 March 2022. The consultation was undertaken at a formative stage in the project development process, to provide consultees with an early opportunity to influence the proposals while options were still undergoing consideration.
 - Stage Two Consultation - Statutory Consultation: The second stage of consultation will comprise the statutory consultation on our proposed application in accordance with the requirements of the PA 2008. This section of the SoCC outlines how we intend to carry out this consultation.
- 4.1.4 The Stage One Consultation has also informed the approach to the Stage Two Consultation.

4.2 When will the Stage Two Consultation take place?

- 4.2.1 The Stage Two Consultation was due to take place over a 42 day period from the 12 September 2022 to 24 October 2022. Following the need to amend the dates for the consultation as identified in the Preface to this document, the Stage 2 Consultation will now take place for 43 days from Thursday 29 September 2022 to Thursday 10 November 2022. This exceeds the statutory minimum period of 28 days for statutory consultation specified by the PA 2008.
- 4.2.2 All consultation responses should be received by 11.59pm on 10 November 2022. This deadline will be made clear on the literature and other documents relating to the consultation. Postal responses received after this date with a date stamp on or before 24 October 2022 will be accepted. We cannot guarantee that other responses received after this date will be taken into consideration.
- 4.2.3 We will closely monitor and consider government advice and guidance regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing, particularly in relation to public events and meetings. We will also be mindful of other external consultations taking place to minimise any potential confusion or consultation fatigue. A priority is ensuring that there is a clear definition of this project in relation to the wider HyNet programme.

4.3 Who will we Consult?

- 4.3.1 The Stage Two Consultation will be open to anyone that has a view that they wish us to consider (as has been the case for the Stage One Consultation).
- 4.3.2 A Consultation Zone (see **Appendix B**) has been developed based on the Project's initial route corridors which were used to inform the zone at Stage One. We have then reviewed these initial route corridors to ensure that they extend a minimum of 300m from where we are considering locations for our above ground installations (HAGIS and BVIs). They have been extended where this was not the case. Similarly, for the pipeline and other temporary works including construction compounds and access points, the zone has been extended to ensure that it is a minimum of 200m from where we might choose to locate them.
- 4.3.3 The Consultation Zone has also been extended to include the community of Elton, and the western extent of Moulton in response to feedback from the host authorities (**Appendix E**). The Consultation Zone has also been increased to include additional properties in Frodsham.
- 4.3.4 To ensure that all those consulted during the Stage One Consultation are notified of the Stage Two Consultation, and information relating to project changes, the Zone has been further extended to include the route corridors identified at the previous stage of consultation. Consultees in this area will have the opportunity to comment on the updated proposals.
- 4.3.5 Cadent recognises that there may be interest in the Project beyond the Consultation Zone. The Project will therefore be promoted digitally and in print, with press releases and advertising, via media outlets whose reach extends beyond the Consultation Zone. All information will also be available on the

Project's website to all consultees who wish to visit, unrestricted by geographic location.

4.3.6 As outlined in Section 3 of this SoCC, at the same time as consulting the local community we will consult a wide range of statutory consultees on the Project, in accordance with Section 42 of the PA 2008. These include:

- Host and neighbouring local authorities;
- Prescribed consultees (such as Natural England and Environment Agency); and
- People with an interest in land that might be affected by the proposals.

4.3.7 A copy of the Section 48 notice will also be sent to all "consultation bodies" in accordance with Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations.

Local Community

4.3.8 We will undertake the Stage Two Consultation with the local community. This will include those living in the vicinity of the Project, businesses and non-residential properties near the proposals (see Section 4.4 of this SoCC). Cadent will also consult with local and special interest groups that may have an interest in the Project (see **Appendix C**).

4.3.9 We will design the consultation process and all associated materials and communications to be accessible and inclusive, enabling all sections of the community the opportunity to participate.

4.3.10 We understand that some individuals and groups in the community may be more challenging to reach and their views, therefore, harder to obtain. This understanding has underpinned our approach to consultation, including enquiring with these groups on additional activities that may be required. Further information on our approach to hard to reach/seldom heard groups is outlined in Section 4.5 of this SoCC.

Wider Stakeholders

4.3.11 In addition to consultees prescribed under sections 42, 44 and 47 of the PA 2008, we have identified a number of individuals and organisations with whom we will voluntarily consult. These include:

- Bodies and individuals who are not defined as prescribed consultees in Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended). This includes local bodies and technical consultees such as local Wildlife Trust, the National Trust and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB); and
- Ward Councillors and MPs in relevant areas.

4.3.12 A proposed list of the wider stakeholders to be consulted will be continually reviewed alongside discussions with the local authorities with consideration of hard to reach/seldom-heard groups and consultation feedback. This is to ensure

that anyone who requests to be included as a consultee has the same opportunity to provide feedback as those prescribed by legislation.

4.4 How we will consult

- 4.4.1 Cadent will consult using a variety of methods, designed to allow people to engage with the Project in a way that suits them and to make providing feedback to the Stage Two Consultation as easy and accessible as possible.

Project postcard

- 4.4.2 At the start of the Stage Two Consultation, a postcard notifying consultees about the consultation and that our design has been updated will be issued to everyone in the Consultation Zone. This will provide a brief summary of the Project and details of the consultation, including how to provide feedback and where more information can be accessed.

Project website

- 4.4.3 The dedicated Project website (www.hynethydrogenpipeline.co.uk) will continue to be the primary focal point to access information about the Project. It will be fully updated to include details of the Project and the Stage Two Consultation.
- 4.4.4 All information will be written in non-technical language, supplemented with visual materials, to help explain the Project. The website will make clear how people can take part in the consultation, including an interactive feedback map and online feedback form.
- 4.4.5 Following the close of the Stage Two Consultation, the website will continue to provide a library of documents that were available during the consultation but clearly indicate that the period to provide feedback has closed.

Consultation documents

- 4.4.6 For the Stage Two Consultation, we will provide documents, maps and plans to detail the nature and location of the Project. These documents will be designed to assist those who wish to comment on the Project, and will include:
- Consultation Brochure - This non-technical document will summarise the elements of the Project, including maps, along with information on its potential effects. It will also provide a clear description of how people can provide feedback into the consultation;
 - Feedback Form – A feedback form will be provided for anyone wishing to respond, highlighting the specific matters we are seeking feedback on. The form will be capable of being completed by hand (and returnable using the 'Freepost' address) or online via the Project website;
 - Design Evolution Report (DER) – Details of the routeing process/options undertaken to date; and

- Environmental assessments – This will comprise the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and supporting documentation which outline the assessments carried out to date, what we propose to construct and where, and the decisions made in developing our proposals.

4.4.7 All consultation documents will be available on the project website from the start of the consultation period, with hard copies available on request from the project team and provided for reference at in-person events.

4.4.8 Requests for hard copies of the technical documents will be considered on a case-by-case basis. To cover printing costs a reasonable copying charge may apply (up to a maximum of £150 for one full suite of documents) to be paid for by the recipient. These can be requested using the contact details at the end of this SoCC.

In-person consultation events

4.4.9 We will hold nine consultation events in publicly accessible venues across the Project area. Events will take place at the venues set out in Table 4.1 between 1 October 2022 and 31 October 2022. Events will typically be four hours long. The venues that have been selected have taken reasonable steps to provide access for disabled people and are known to local communities in the vicinity of the Project. Many of the venues were utilised for the Stage One Consultation events.

4.4.10 Members of the Project team will be available to answer questions about the proposals, assist with the interpretation of materials and provide guidance on the completion of feedback forms.

4.4.11 If government advice or local circumstances change as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and it is necessary to adjust the approach to public exhibitions, we will engage with the host local authorities to agree suitable alternative arrangements; such as further digital consultation events/activities.

Table 4.1 In-person consultation events

Exhibition Venue	Date and Time	Address
The Milner Church Institute	Saturday 1 October 2022 10am to 3pm	Runcorn Road, Moore, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA4 6TZ
Whitley Village Hall	Wednesday 12 October 2022 3:30pm to 7:30pm	Village Lane, Higher Whitley, Warrington WA4 4EJ
Frodsham Community Centre	Thursday 13 October 2022 10am to 1pm	Fluin Lane, Frodsham WA6 7QN
Fuse ROC Centre	Tuesday 18 October 2022 10am to 1pm	Warburton Lane, Partington, Manchester M31 4BU
Anderton Village Hall	Tuesday 18 October 2022 3pm to 7pm	New Road, Anderton, Northwich CW9 6AE

Exhibition Venue	Date and Time	Address
St Stephen's Church Hall	Wednesday 19 October 2022 10am to 1pm	Main Road, Moulton, Northwich CW9 8PL
Warrington Football Club	Wednesday 19 October 2022 3pm to 7pm	Cantilever Park, Common Lane, Warrington, Cheshire WA4 2RS
Thatto Heath Library	Friday 28 October 2022 10am to 1pm	Thatto Heath Road, St Helens, Saint Helens, WA10 3QX
High Legh Village Hall	31 October 2022 9.30am to 12.30pm	West Lane, High Legh, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6LR

- 4.4.12 If the need arises to cancel the use of consultation event locations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all consultation materials will remain available on the project website.
- 4.4.13 Should any in-person events need to be cancelled for any reason, the most appropriate mitigation would be identified on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the relevant Local Planning Authorities. This would typically involve expanding the number of online events, as an efficient way of replacing the in-person events.

Online virtual exhibition space and online events

- 4.4.14 In addition to the in-person consultation events, we will provide a virtual exhibition space, accessed via the project website. This will allow consultees to view and access the materials provided at the in-person exhibition events and submit their feedback.
- 4.4.15 To provide a further opportunity for those who may not be able to attend in person events but want to ask questions of the project team, the Project will also hold two online events. Consultees will be able to register to attend on the project website. These events will consist of a presentation from the project team and an opportunity to ask members of the project team questions.
- 4.4.16 Online Event 1 will take place Tuesday 4 October 2022 6pm to 7pm.
- 4.4.17 Online Event 2 will take place Thursday 20 October 2022 6pm to 7pm.

Information points

- 4.4.18 During the consultation, hard copies of the Consultation Brochure and the PEIR Non-Technical Summary (NTS) will be available for inspection from the following publicly accessible locations:

Table 4.2 Information points

Information points	Address	Opening Times
Chester Lane Community Centre	Four Acre Lane, St Helens, WA9 4DE	Monday: 10am to 7pm Tuesday: 10am to 5pm

Library		Wednesday: CLOSED Thursday & Friday: 10am to 5pm Saturday: 10am to 1pm Sunday: CLOSED
Frodsham Library	Princeway, Frodsham, WA6 6RX	Monday to Friday: 9am to 6pm Saturday: 9:30am to 1pm Sunday: CLOSED
Grappenhall Library	Victoria Avenue, Grappenhall, Warrington WA4 2PE	Monday & Tuesday: 2pm to 6pm Wednesday: CLOSED Thursday & Saturday: 10am to 1pm Friday & Sunday: CLOSED
Knutsford Library	Toft Road, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 0PG	Monday: 9am to 5pm Tuesday: 9am to 7pm Wednesday: 9am to 1pm Thursday: 9am to 7pm Friday: 9am to 5pm Saturday: 9am to 1pm Sunday: CLOSED
Northwich Library⁴	Witton Street, Northwich CW9 5DR	Monday to Wednesday: 9am to 5pm Thursday and Friday: 9am to 7pm Saturday: 9am to 1pm Sunday: CLOSED
Partington Library	Central Road, Partington, Manchester M31 4FY	Monday: 10am to 5pm Tuesday: 10am to 5pm Wednesday: CLOSED Thursday: 10am to 5pm Friday: 10am to 5pm Saturday: 10am to 4pm Sunday: CLOSED
Rainhill Library	View Road, Rainhill, Prescott L35 0LE	Monday: 10am to 7pm Tuesday: 10am to 5pm Wednesday: CLOSED Thursday: 10am to 5pm Friday: 10am to 5pm Saturday: 10am to 1pm Sunday: CLOSED
Runcorn Old Town Library	Granville Street, Runcorn WA7 1NE	Monday: 10am to 5pm Tuesday: 10am to 6pm Wednesday: CLOSED Thursday: 9.30am to 5pm Friday: 10am to 5pm Saturday: 10am to 2:30pm Sunday: CLOSED
St Helens Library	The World of Glass,	Monday: 10am to 7pm

⁴ Northwich Library is closed until 24 September 2022. Documents will be displayed at this location from this date. A further Information Point (Weaverham Library) has been included within this locality as an alternative place to view documents.

	Chalon Way East, St Helens WA10 1BX	Tuesday: 10am to 5pm Wednesday: 10am to 1pm Thursday: 10am to 5pm Friday: 10am to 5pm Saturday: 10am to 1pm Sunday: CLOSED
Thatto Heath Library	Thatto Heath Road, St Helens, WA10 3QX	Monday: 10am to 7pm Tuesday: 10am to 1pm Wednesday: CLOSED Thursday: 1pm to 5pm Friday: 10am to 5pm Saturday 10am to 1pm Sunday: CLOSED
Weaverham Library	Russet Rd, Weaverham CW8 3HY	Monday: 9.30am to 1pm, 2pm to 7pm Tuesday: 9.30am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm Wednesday: 9.30am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm Thursday: 9.30am to 1pm, 2pm to 7pm Friday: 9.30am to 1pm, 2pm to 7pm Saturday 9.30am to 1pm Sunday: CLOSED
Warrington Library	Golden Square, Sankey Street, Warrington WA1 1TD	Monday & Tuesday: CLOSED Wednesday: 10am to 4:30pm Thursday: 10am to 4:30pm Friday: 10am to 4:30pm Saturday: 10am to 4:00pm Sunday: 11am to 3:00pm

4.4.19 If the need arises to cancel the use of information points due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all consultation materials will remain available on the project website.

Publicity and advertising

4.4.20 In addition to the project postcard (see **paragraph 4.4.2**), we will undertake the following steps to promote the consultation widely and ensure that as many people as reasonably practicable, including those that visit the area but do not live within it, are aware of the consultation.

Publication of statutory notices

4.4.21 At the start of the Stage Two Consultation, Cadent will publish statutory notices (as outlined in Section 3 of this SoCC) in local and national newspapers providing details about the consultation, as required by Section 47 and Section 48 of the PA 2008.

Press releases

4.4.22 Three press releases will be issued to the local media during the consultation.

4.4.23 The first press release will be issued by 22 September 2022. It will announce that “consultation is open” and set out key information on what the consultation will cover and how the local community can get involved and provide feedback.

- 4.4.24 The second press release will be issued in the middle of consultation. It will include raise awareness of the upcoming deadline for feedback and encourage the local community to take part.
- 4.4.25 A final press release will be issued after the close of consultation. This will confirm that the consultation is now closed and will thank the local community for taking part.

Email notification

- 4.4.26 Notification of the consultation will be issued by email to all prescribed consultees (i.e. those identified in Schedule 1 of the 2009 Regulations) at the start of the consultation period, along with all stakeholders who have registered for email updates through the project website. This includes all host authorities.

Posters

- 4.4.27 Where an in-person consultation event venue is located outside of the Consultation Zone, posters advertising these events will be placed in the local area.

Press advertisements

- 4.4.28 An advertising campaign will take place across regional print media, online regional platforms, Google Ads, Spotify and social media in the week of consultation launch. This will include publishing adverts in the publications set out below in **Table 4.3** to raise awareness of the consultation and encourage people to provide feedback.

Table 4.3 Press advertisements

Publications
Knutsford Guardian (print)
Northwich Guardian (print)
Warrington Guardian (print)
Liverpool Echo (online)
Chester Standard (print and digital)
St Helens Star (print and digital)
Reach plc publications (including Manchester Evening News and Liverpool Echo) (digital)

Project contact team

- 4.4.29 A dedicated contact number (0800 860 6261) will be provided for the duration of the Stage Two Consultation. This was previously used successfully during the

Stage One Consultation. Contact details will be publicised in all consultation materials.

4.4.30 Consultees will be able to call the contact team to discuss the Project, leave a message or request hard copies of documents. We aim to respond to all queries relating to the consultation and the Project promptly and within a reasonable timeframe.

4.4.31 The dedicated contact email address previously available during the Stage One Consultation ‘info@hynethydrogenpipeline.co.uk’ will also be provided for the Stage Two Consultation for queries.

4.5 Hard to reach/Seldom heard groups

4.5.1 Cadent recognises that some consultees will be unable to participate in the consultation without assistance and will ensure that all members of the community can participate and are not disadvantaged in the consultation process. To enable this, we will:

- Ensure all exhibition venues selected have taken reasonable steps to provide access for disabled people;
- Utilise local venues known to be used and accessible by hard-to-reach/seldom heard groups where possible;
- Provide translation services where appropriate, on request; and
- Publish the consultation brochure in large copy print, audio or Braille on request.

4.5.2 Cadent has also identified a number of gatekeeper organisations, that represent individuals or groups that may need additional activities to take part in the consultation (see Appendix D). The Project will email these groups four weeks in advance of the consultation launch to give sufficient time for these organisations to reach individuals and groups, and to define additional support required.

5. How to Respond to the Consultation

5.1 Response Channels

- 5.1.1 In accordance with Section 49 of the PA 2008, we are committed to recording, analysing and demonstrating how we will have regard to comments received during the Stage Two Consultation. There will be a number of ways for people to submit feedback during the Stage Two Consultation, all of which will be signposted in the relevant consultation materials. Feedback will be able to be submitted through:
- Interactive map on the Project website;
 - Online feedback form on the Project website;
 - Paper feedback forms available on request and at in-person events, and can be submitted via the Freepost address or by email;
 - Email: info@hynethydrogenpipeline.co.uk; and
 - Letter: FREEPOST HYNETH NWHP.
- 5.1.2 All responses received during the Stage Two Consultation period will be analysed and considered in the development of the DCO application for the Project. Verbal feedback will not be accepted except where necessary to recognise an individual's particular exceptional circumstances, which would otherwise stop their view from being considered. Feedback submitted on social media will not be accepted.
- 5.1.3 The Stage Two Consultation was due to take place over a 42 day period from the 12 September 2022 to 24 October 2022. Following the need to amend the dates for the consultation as identified in the Preface to this document, the Stage 2 Consultation will now be held from Thursday 29 September 2022 to Thursday 10 November 2022. and the deadline for comments will be 11.59 on 10 November 2022.
- 5.1.4 Any personal data received as part of the consultation or as part of the consultation process will be stored and protected as per relevant data protection requirements as set out in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). No personal details will be used or published in any materials produced in support of the Project. Details of this information are provided on the project website.

6. What Happens Next

- 6.1.1 Once the Stage Two Consultation has closed, we will collate and analyse all the responses received. We will carefully consider all the issues raised and will take account of this feedback when finalising our DCO application.
- 6.1.2 A Consultation Report will be included in our DCO application, listing the issues raised in the consultation and our response to them. The responses received or extracts of them may be published with personal details redacted. The Consultation Report will be prepared in accordance with Section 37(3)(c) of the PA 2008 and other relevant legislation. It will report on both the Stage One and Stage Two consultations to demonstrate how all statutory requirements relating to consultation and publicity have been met, how DCLG Guidance has been taken into account, and how the feedback received has influenced the application.
- 6.1.3 If, because of the feedback received, the proposals for the Project change to the extent that it is necessary to undertake further geographically targeted engagement, this would be undertaken, where relevant, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC. The timetable and programme for the engagement would be publicised in the affected area via methods judged to be most appropriate by Cadent.
- 6.1.4 We will continue to update the public and other stakeholders on our proposals at appropriate milestones throughout the Project, primarily through our project website and engagement activities.

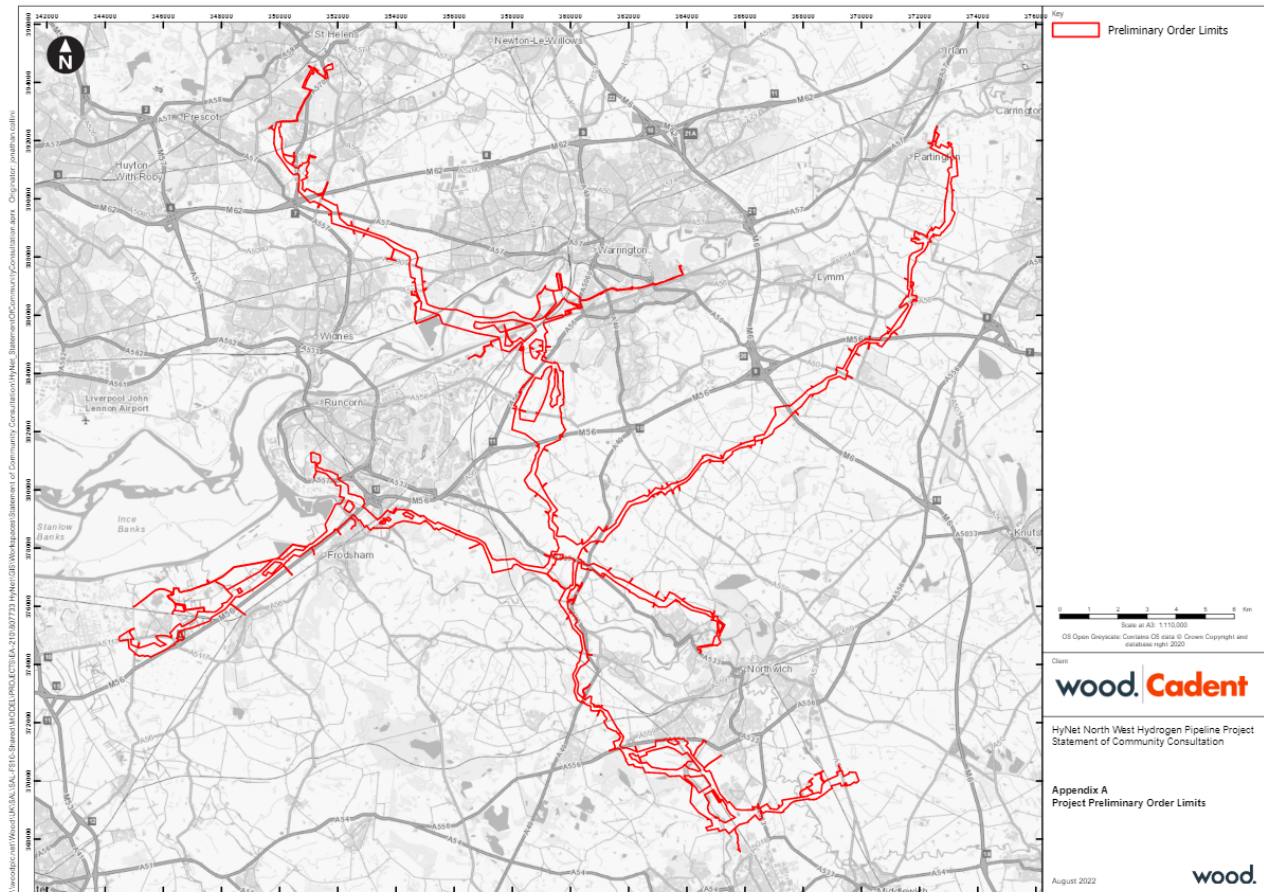
7. Further Information

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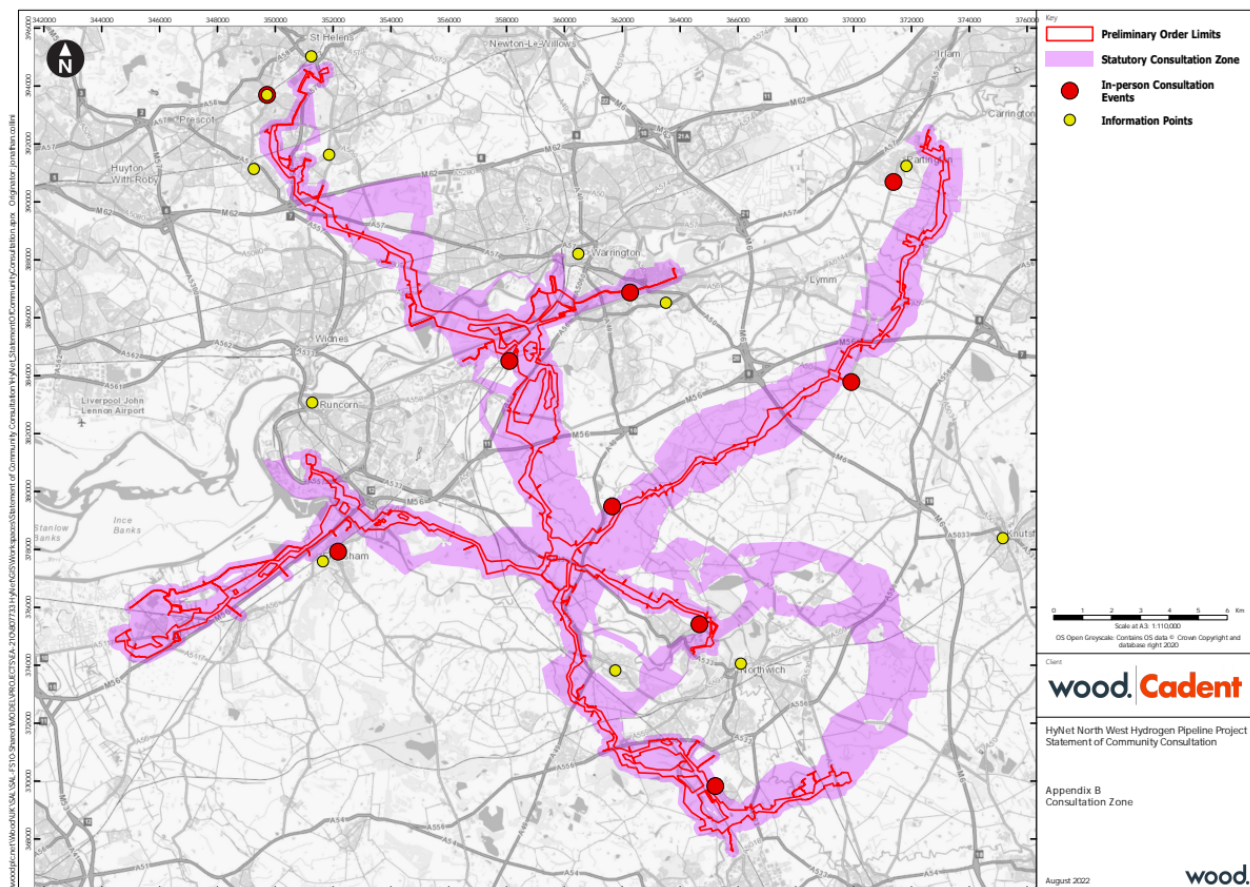
If you want to know more about the Project or would like to request copies of the project's consultation documents, you can:

- Visit our website www.hynethydrogenpipeline.co.uk;
- Email us at info@hynethydrogenpipeline.co.uk; and,
- Call our freephone number on 0800 860 6261 (open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm).

Appendix A Project Preliminary Order Limits



Appendix B Consultation Zone



Appendix C Local & Special Interest Groups

Local & Special Interest Groups
Age UK Cheshire
Altrincham & Bowdon Civic Society
Bowdon Conservation Group
British Horse Society
British Trust for Ornithology
Changing Lives in Cheshire
Cheshire and Warrington LEP
Cheshire Brine Subsidence Compensation Board
Cheshire Wildlife Trust
Country Landowners Association (CLA)
CPRE
Deafness Support Network
FOAM (Friend of Anderton and Marbury)
Friends of Carrington Moss
Greater Manchester Ecology Unit
Greater Manchester Local Record Centre
Groundwork Cheshire
Hale Civic Society
Little Bollington Parish Council
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership
Merseyside BioBank
Mid Cheshire Against HS2
National Farmers Union (NFU)
National Trust
North West Business Leadership Team

Northwich Rotary
Peak and Northern Footpaths Society
Positive Partington
Ramblers Association
rECOrd – Biodiversity Information Centre for Cheshire, Halton, Warrington and Wirral
RSPB
Sale Civic Society
St Helens Chamber
The Mersey Forest
The Wirral and Cheshire Badger Group
Trafford Cycle Forum
Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and South Merseyside
Winnington Park Rec Club
Woodland Trust

Appendix D Hard to Reach/Seldom Heard Groups

Hard to Reach/Seldom Heard Groups

Age UK Mid Mersey Hubs
Age UK Trafford
Baobab
Brightlife Cheshire: By Older People for Older People
Buzz Youth Activity Group
Caring Connections
ChAPS
CHAWREC- Cheshire race and equality centre
Cheshire Community Foundation
Cheshire East Learning Disabilities Partnership Board
Cheshire West Community Access Team
Children in Care Council – Warrington
Community Integrated Care – Widnes
Cross Roads Together Young Carers Forum
CWAC - The Early Help Schools and Partnership Team
CWAC - Young People's Service
Cheshire West Specialist Learning Disability Service
Deafness Resource Centre
DM Disabled People's Panel
FitzRoy Trafford
Friends, families and travellers
Fusion Inclusion
Gypsy Traveller Liaison Officer
Halton Adults with learning disabilities support
Halton Council - Post 16 Education and Training Team
Halton Council -Community and Day Centres

Halton OPEN
Halton Send Partnership
Halton Youth Cabinet
IMPACT Youth Council – Warrington
John Moores Foundation
Latchford Community Hub
Link Up Club
MacIntyre Great Communities
MALs Merseyside
MerseyCare - Learning disability community team
Merseyside Polonia
Mission in the Economy
National Autistic Society – Cheshire
O.C.E.A.N - Organising and Caring for Ethnic and All Nations (Cheshire)
OLCOTWISH C.I.C (Cafe Laziz)
Park Farm Community Centre
Person Shaped Support (St Helens)
Refugee Action
RNIB North West
SEND youth club for young people with disabilities
Space4Autism
St Helens Council - 'Day Opportunities'
St Helens Council - 'The Visual Impairment Team'
St Helens Youth Council
SUSO
The ADHD Foundation
The Cheshire East Local Offer
The SEND team
The Unity Centre
The Welcome - Connected Communities Centre

Trafford Deaf Partnership
Trafford Sensory Services Team for Adults
Umbrella Halton
Vee's Place
Vesta
Warrington Community Living Domiciliary/Supported Living Network
Warrington Joint Autism and Learning disability partnership
Warrington Speak Up
Warrington Voluntary Action
Warrington Youth Club
WECA- Warrington Ethnic Community Association
Welcome to SHADDA – the St Helens and District Dyslexia Association
Wishing Well Project
YAZ (Youth Action Zone) St Helens

Appendix E LPA SoCC Responses

Request Ref	Request	Project Response
Warrington Borough Council		
WBC1	The following groups should be included within prescribed consultees: •Environment Agency •Historic England •HSE •National Highways •Natural England •Sport England	The statutory consultation will be carried out in line with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008, including consulting with the relevant prescribed consultees. This will include the prescribed consultees listed by Warrington Borough Council.
WBC2	The following should also be consulted: •Canal and River Trust •Greater Manchester Ecology Unit •Parish councils in the affected area •United Utilities •Wirral and Cheshire Badger Group	The Canal and River Trust, United Utilities and the relevant Parish Councils are prescribed consultees and will be consulted in line with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008. The Greater Manchester Ecology Unit and the Wirral and Cheshire Badger Group will be defined as wider stakeholders and consulted as part of the statutory consultation.
WBC3	An in-person consultation event should also take place in central Warrington for those potentially impacted without access to private vehicles as there is a significant distance between the closest Warrington event venue and the St Helens one	As part of the statutory consultation, Cadent is undertaking a range of consultation activities to ensure all of the people interested in the Project have an opportunity to be involved in the consultation. Consultation events are one of these mechanisms and have been located in those areas closest to the route of the proposed pipeline and within the consultation zone. Specifically, an event will take place in Warrington close to the proposed spur location and another event will take place on the Warrington/Runcorn Border at Moore. All venues that have been selected are well known to the local community and, where possible, are near to public transport links. In addition to the in person consultation events consultees will be able to view consultation material online via the project website, and through virtual exhibitions. A number of online events will also be held to allow consultees a further opportunity to ask questions of the project team. It is also possible to take part fully in the consultation without attending an event. All information will be available on the project website and a phonenumber (9-5, Mon-Fri) and email address will be available for people to contact the project team. The project website will include a virtual exhibition room, set up like an in-person event.

As a result, we are not proposing to add a further in person consultation event in central Warrington.

WBC4 Confirmation that in the event that in-person events are cancelled, they would be replaced with virtual events?

People are able to take part fully in the consultation without attending an in-person event. All information will be available on the project website and a phoneline (9-5, Mon-Fri) and email address will be available for people to contact the project team. The project website will include a virtual exhibition room, set up like an in-person event. We will also be holding two online events.

Should any or all in-person events need to be cancelled for any reason, the most appropriate mitigation would be identified on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the relevant Local Planning Authorities. This would typically involve expanding the number of online events, as an efficient way of replacing the in-person events.

WBC5 WBC would also recommend that the following should also be consulted:
•Warrington Borough Council's Employment Development Team

Cadent welcome the opportunity to engage with Warrington Borough Councils Employment Development team and request for Warrington Borough Council to provide the appropriate email address. Cadent request that the LPA co-ordinates comments from their various departments into a single response.

Chester West and Chester Borough Council

CWAC1 In respect the definition of consultation zones, the widened zones around the HAGIs and Block Valves are welcomed however it is recommended that this should also include construction compounds and their access points. It is also questioned if the 100m consultation zones around the pipe are appropriate. Such a narrow zone has the potential to miss parts of nearby communities which could be indirectly impacted by the development such as the villages of Elton and Moulton and areas of Barnton. It is therefore questioned whether the consultation zone purely based upon the initial scoping corridors would be appropriate? It is advised that further detail / reasoning is provided as to the selection of the consultation zone, based upon the direct and indirect effects of the project on the community, including disruption as a result of the construction operations as well as the impacts that the pipeline might have when installed.

The Scoping Corridors and initial Red Line Boundary were used to define the Consultation Zone because they formed the basis of the Consultation Zone for the Non-Statutory Consultation. As such, Cadent wanted to ensure that all those consulted during the Non-Statutory Consultation have the opportunity to find out more about the Project and provide further feedback. In areas where the proposed pipeline route is in proximity to the edge of the Scoping Corridor, a buffer is proposed to ensure that those potentially affected by the Project are also directly notified of the consultation.

In response to the feedback received, Cadent is proposing to extend the Consultation Zone from 100m to 200m for the pipelines and other temporary works for additional areas added to the initial consultation zone. This includes the construction compounds and their access points.

In response to Chester West and Chester Borough Council, the Consultation Zone has

also been expanded to include the community of Elton, and the western extent of Moulton. This extension will mean that these additional consultees will receive a project postcard notifying them about the consultation.

No changes have been made to the Consultation Zone near Barnton as the works in this area are limited to the more minor spurs and therefore the extent of the direct and indirect impacts is expected to be limited. However, we will provide posters to community locations in this area.

The definition of the Consultation Zone does not preclude those outside of the Zone from participating in the consultation, and the SoCC outlines a variety of ways in which the consultation will be advertised, both online and in print to raise awareness in the local community and encourage consultees to provide feedback. In addition to these measures, where an in-person consultation event venue is located outside of the Consultation Zone, posters advertising these events will be placed in the local area.

CWAC2 In respect the scope of local community and wider stakeholders for assistance please find attached Hynet Consultation Document provided by the Council's Localities team providing a list of relevant organisations and persons which are advised be included in the consultation process.

The local community and wider stakeholders identified by Chester West and Chester Borough Council will be consulted as part of the statutory consultation.

CWAC3 Use of online virtual exhibitions are welcomed – It is recommended that a number of events are held at various times to account for working families and harder to reach groups.

Cadent agrees that it is important that people are given a wide range of ways to engage with the consultation.

The in-person consultation events and the online events are being scheduled on a range of days and in different time slots, to allow people greater opportunity to attend.

People are able to take part fully in the consultation without attending an event. All information will be available on the project website and a phoneline (9-5, Mon-Fri) and email address will be available for people to contact the project team. The project website will include a virtual exhibition room, set up like an in-person event.

CWAC4 The proposed Locations for Information Points at Frodsham and Northwich Library are supported. The use of press / newspaper advertisements and press releases as proposed are supported.

Noted.

CWAC5	It is advised that consideration is made as to the utilisation of social media (especially to reach younger groups of the community).	Cadent will be promoting the consultation through its existing social media channels. We will also be using digital advertising via Google and Spotify, partly as a tool for engaging younger audiences. They would be happy to work with the local authority to explore how content could be provided to for its own channels as well.
CWAC6	The use of in person events at Frodsham Community Centre, Moulton Village Hall, Anderton Village Hall and Whitley Village Hall are welcomed, however, for the above-mentioned reasons it is also recommended that consideration be made to hold additional in person events at other affected settlements including the village of Elton.	The Consultation Zone has been expanded to include Elton and Frodsham. The people in these communities will be notified of the statutory consultation via a Project Postcard. Since our stage one consultation, we have added an in-person event in Frodsham, to provide a location in the western part of the project area. Cadent is not proposing to hold further in-person events in the Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council area in addition to those already defined because there are a number of ways in which people can participate in the consultation. All information will be available on the project website and a phoneline (9-5, Mon-Fri) and email address will be available for people to contact the project team. The project website will include a virtual exhibition room, set up like an in-person event.
CWAC7	The proposed approach to reaching those hard-to-reach groups is supported. It is advised that this includes reaching out to young persons, including schools and collages etc. (eg by the use of social media and / or presentations at these locations).	Cadent will utilise the gatekeeper organisations listed in Appendix D of the SoCC to identify hard to reach/seldom heard groups including young persons and will engage with those identified at an early stage. Emails to the gatekeeper organisations will be sent four weeks in advance of the launch of consultations to give sufficient time for these organisations to reach individuals and groups, and to define additional support required. Cadent will be promoting the consultation through its existing social media channels. We will also be using digital advertising via Google and Spotify, partly as a tool for engaging younger audiences.
Halton Borough Council		
HB1	Press notice in Runcorn and Widnes World recommended or Runcorn Weekly news.	A press release will be issued to Runcorn and Widnes World, and the Runcorn Weekly news.
HB2	Address of consult venue in Moore should be changed to Runcorn not Warrington (Table 4.1)	The address listed in Table 4.1 of the SoCC will be changed to Runcorn.

HB3	Parish Councils should be included in a list	The relevant Parish Councils defined as prescribed consultees in accordance with the Planning Act will be consulted as part of the statutory consultation.
HB4	Daresbury Councillors should be contacted directly with info: here	The Daresbury Councillors defined as wider stakeholders will be contacted via the details provided.
Cheshire East Council		
CEC1	In respect the definition of consultation zones, the Council consider that the 100m consultation zones around the pipe should be widened to ensure nearby communities which could be indirectly impacted by the development are included.	In response to the feedback received, Cadent is proposing to extend the Consultation Zone from 100m to 200m for the pipelines and other temporary works for additional areas added to the initial consultation zone. This includes the construction compounds and their access points. The definition of the Consultation Zone does not preclude those outside of the Zone from participating in the consultation, and the SoCC outlines a variety of ways in which the consultation will be advertised, both online and in print to raise awareness in the local community and encourage consultees to provide feedback. In addition to these measures, where an in-person consultation event venue is located outside of the Consultation Zone, posters advertising these events will be placed in the local area.
CEC2	In respect the scope of local community and wider stakeholders, we would add the following Parish Councils: •Plumley Toft and Bexton •Tabley •Pickmere •High Legh •Aston by Budworth •Millington •Agden •Little Bollington*	Cadent will carry out its statutory consultation in line with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008, including consulting with the relevant parish councils who are prescribed consultees. This will include all of the parish councils / meetings listed by Cheshire East Council. *It should be noted that the Reg 11 List defines Little Bollington Parish Meeting as a non-prescribed consultee as it is a Parish Meeting rather than a Parish Council.
CEC3	Ward Councillors Chelford Ward: Marc Asquith. Email: marc.asquith@cheshireeast.gov.uk High Legh Ward: Kate Parkinson Email: kate.parkinson@cheshireeast.gov.uk	Cadent will consult with a wide range of stakeholders as part of its second consultation, including ward members representing affected communities, defined as wider stakeholders. This will include both ward members highlighted by Cheshire East Council.
CEC4	We note that the locations for Information Points do not include any libraries within Cheshire East in proximity to the route of the scheme. We would recommend these of Knutsford Library.	Cadent will include Knutsford Library as an information point for the statutory consultation.
St Helens Borough Council		

SHC1	Individuals / organisations who made comments in response to the Stage One Consultation should also be notified of the consultation, even where they are not located within the consultation zone. The fact they have made the effort to make a consultation response at the first stage indicates they have an interest in the project, so they should be kept informed and engaged, along with everyone else in the consultation zone.	The individuals / organisations who provided feedback at the Stage One Consultation will be notified of the statutory consultation where such respondents provided their contact details and consented to being contacted regarding updates to the Project. This facility was included at the first stage of consultation to allow the Project to keep respondents up to date as it developed.
SHC2	The in-person consultation events should also include Chester Lane Community Centre Library and Thatto Heath Library. They are relevant venues given the route of the proposed project. If booked in an appropriate timescale, these locations should be available.	Cadent is not proposing to hold further in-person events in the St Helens Borough Council area in addition to those already defined because there are a number of ways in which people can participate in the consultation. All information will be available on the project website and a phoneline (9-5, Mon-Fri) and email address will be available for people to contact the project team. The project website will include a virtual exhibition room, set up like an in-person event. Cadent has reviewed the venues suggested by St Helens Borough Council and considers Thatto Heath Library to be a more suitable venue to the one initially identified (World of Glass), as it is closer to residential properties in proximity to the proposed pipeline route. It is also noted that only a small number of attendees visited the World of Glass event. Cadent will therefore explore using this as the venue for its statutory consultation event.
SHC3	The information points should also include Chester Lane Community Centre Library and Thatto Heath Library.	Cadent will include Thatto Heath Library and Chester Lane Community Centre Library as information points.
SHC4	Press releases should also include industry media, for the wider area, ie. Place North West.	A press release will be issued to Place North West.
SHC5	Press advertisements and releases (and any other activities including publications) must include the St Helens Star.	A press advert will be placed in the St Helens Star and they will receive a press release.
SHC6	Only emailing the 'gatekeeper organisations' at the launch of consultation to ask what additional activities may be required to reach individuals and groups in need of additional support may not be effective in giving those individuals and organisations sufficient time to engage meaningfully by the time such activities are planned and have been run. Emails to the 'gatekeeper organisations' should be sent in advance of the launch of consultation to give sufficient time for needs to be understood and planned in properly.	Emails to the gatekeeper organisations will be sent four weeks in advance of the launch of consultations to give sufficient time for these organisations to reach individuals and groups, and to define additional support required.
SHC7	Appendix A (Project Preliminary Order Limits) -	The Preliminary Red Line Boundary (also

should be provided in sections to aid understanding of project impact and include identifying features, ie. road names, landmarks etc. It should also include the search areas for the above ground assets.

referred to as the Preliminary Order Limits) will be included in plans presented in the consultation materials provided during the statutory consultation in sections as suggested. The materials will include the Preliminary Environmental Information Report, which will have a number of plans illustrating the location of the Project relative to local and environmental interest features.

SHC8

Appendix B (Consultation Zone) – same comments as above (for Appendix A)

The purpose of the Consultation Zone Plan is to illustrate the general location of the Project relative to the consultation activities set out in the SoCC. The consultation materials will provide more detailed plans illustrating the Project (see response above).

SHC9

Appendix C (Local & Special Interest Groups) – should include Bold Parish Council, Rainhill Parish Council, Mersey Forest, Forestry England, St Helens Chamber, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (where these are not picked up under other consultee types)

Bold Parish Council, Rainhill Parish Council and Forestry Commission are prescribed consultees within the Planning Act 2008 process and will be consulted as part of the statutory consultation.

The Mersey Forest, St Helens Chamber, the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and the Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership will be defined as wider stakeholders and consulted as part of the statutory consultation.

SHC10

More generally, the Council should be kept informed of any planned consultation activities within the Borough, so information can be communicated internally, as and when required.

Notification of the launch of the statutory consultation will be issued by email to the Council. The statutory consultation will be carried out in accordance with the approach set out in the final published SoCC.

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TC1

The main concern is that the statutory consultation zone is particularly tight to the route line on the east side throughout Trafford and to the north and south around Partington. Are you able to look at extending this zone and could this be agreement with a consultation map drawn up with Trafford Council?

In response to the feedback received, Cadent is proposing to extend the Consultation Zone from 100m to 200m for the pipelines and other temporary works outside the initial consultation zone. This includes the construction compounds and their access points.

No changes have been made to the Consultation Zone near Partington as the proposed pipeline route and HAGI are located over 500m from the outskirts of Partington, and the HAGI location is separated by the intervening railway line. However, we will look to complete a targeted poster campaign in the area.

The definition of the Consultation Zone does not preclude those outside of the Zone from participating in the consultation, and the SoCC outlines a variety of ways in which the

consultation will be advertised, both online and in print to raise awareness in the local community and encourage consultees to provide feedback. In addition to these measures, where an in-person consultation event venue is located outside of the Consultation Zone, posters advertising these events will be placed in the local area. This would include community notice boards and local shops.

TC2

In addition we would advised that Trafford's adopted Statement of Community Involvement (attached) is followed wherever possible and the following groups are also directly consulted upon:

- Carrington Parish Council - carringtonparishcouncil@gmail.com
- Warburton Parish Council - warburtonparishcouncil@gmail.com
- Dunham Massey Parish Council - dunhammasseypc@gmail.com
- Partington Parish Council - info@partingtonparishcouncil.co.uk
- Positive Partington (contact details to follow)
- Trafford Cycle Forum - contact@traffordcycleforum.uk
- Peak and Northern Footpaths Society - mail@pnfs.org.uk
- Sale Civic Society - mail@pnfs.org.uk
- Hale Civic Society - halecivicsociety@hotmail.com
- Bowdon Conservation Group (contact details to follow)

Carrington Parish Council, Warburton Parish Council, Dunham Massey Parish Council and Partington Parish Council are prescribed consultees within the Planning Act 2008 process and will be consulted as part of the statutory consultation.

The remaining organisations listed will be defined as wider stakeholders and consulted as part of the statutory consultation.

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