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Dear Robert Donovan and Rebecca Evans

THE HYPNET NORTH WEST HYDROGEN PIPELINE

REQUEST FOR A DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 35 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

Thank you for your letter dated 16 May 2022 to the Secretary of State requesting that he should exercise powers under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”) to direct that the HyNet North West Hydrogen Pipeline should be treated as development for which development consent is required under the 2008 Act.

The Secretary of State has agreed that the following elements of the HyNet North West Hydrogen Pipeline (as set out in the letter of 16 May 2022) should be dealt with as being nationally significant:

Hydrogen Production Facility – Western Corridor;
Storage Facility – Southern Corridor;

Eastern Corridor;
Pilkington Leg A – Northern Corridor;
Pilkington Leg B – Northern Corridor; and
Up to 12 Hydrogen Above Ground Installations.

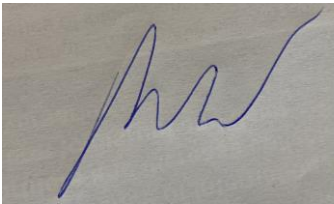
The Secretary of State has decided that the ‘Pipeline Spurs’ which formed part of the direction request should not benefit from a Direction under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 as they are not considered to be nationally significant.

The Secretary of State has also decided that he will not direct that the Energy National Policy Statements should apply to the HyNet North West Hydrogen Pipeline and that any application should be determined in accordance with section 104 of the 2008 Act. Instead, when he considers any eventual application for development consent, he will decide how much weight to give the National Policy Statements at that stage.

A signed Direction that reflects the Secretary of State’s consideration of this matter is attached. This Direction is given without prejudice to the Secretary of State’s consideration of any application for development consent that is made in relation to this proposed Development.

The Direction will be published on the Planning Inspectorate’s project page for the proposed Development – <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/hynet-north-west-hydrogen-pipeline/>. Cadent Gas Limited’s letter of 16 May 2022 and its subsequent further submission of 8 June 2022 will be published alongside the Direction.

Yours sincerely,



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