

East Coast Hydrogen

Date: 9th April 2025

Re: Letter of support for East Coast Hydrogen Network FEED Studies

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of North East Lincolnshire Council to confirm our support of regional hydrogen projects including the East Coast Hydrogen Network.

North East Lincolnshire Council played a role in the development of the Humber Industrial Cluster Plan, which identified the role that hydrogen and carbon capture could play in addressing the region's emissions. The Humber accounts for less than 2% of England's population but 6% of its industrial and commercial energy use emitting 13.8 tonnes of carbon dioxide per person – nine tonnes more than the national average, so more than any other area we have a vested interest in reducing carbon emissions.

Our Local Plan projects a target of 8,800 new jobs by 2032, as a result of inward investment and the growth of our area's key sectors, most notably renewable energy. The Council considers this project fundamental to supporting that commitment and stimulating wider innovation and local deployment across the low carbon sector. We recognise Hydrogen as an important component of the UK's future energy mix, particularly in industrial clusters, and Net Zero facilitation projects such as the East Coast Hydrogen Network are vital for initiating this activity.

Hydrogen is essential for us to meet our Net Zero ambitions. The East Coast Hydrogen Network provides a solution to connect industry with the supply, enabling industry to convert to Hydrogen. A pipeline is required to connect the Hydrogen production projects planned for the region to local industry. Hydrogen is a solution which, North East Lincolnshire Council believes offers near-term emission reduction, supporting the decarbonisation of critical industry. This justifies our decision to support.

Yours faithfully,



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