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## Communities to influence UK's leading decarbonisation project

HyNet North West, the UK's leading industrial decarbonisation project, opens public consultation for feedback on the proposed carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) pipeline, set to begin rapidly decarbonising local industry from 2025.

*From Wednesday the 9 February, local communities have the opportunity to learn more about the project and to have their say on a proposed carbon dioxide pipeline, part of the UK's leading carbon capture cluster that will unlock a net zero future for the North West of England and North Wales.*

HyNet North West is inviting local communities to [give feedback](#) on plans for their carbon dioxide pipeline from 9 February to help them deliver a net zero future for the region.

North West England and North Wales have always been well known for industrial innovation. The project will build on this proud industrial history, leading the UK's carbon capture and hydrogen economy to support the re-establishment of the region as a global exporter of new technologies, skills and services.

The project is also set to help the UK and major areas such as Manchester, Liverpool and Cheshire meet their ambitious net zero targets.

David Parkin, Project Director of HyNet North West, said: *"This pipeline is a crucial and exciting element of our overall plans to drive rapid decarbonisation for the region. Our carbon capture system will capture CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from factories and businesses and store it safely below the seabed. It will protect local jobs by helping industry stay viable as restrictions tighten on the path to net zero.*

*Placing this world-leading infrastructure in the UK's industrial heartlands will re-energise our local economy, improve air quality, and put the UK at the forefront of the global race to net zero. All while making our region cleaner, greener and safer for generations to come."*

The consultation for the CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline is running in tandem with the consultation for HyNet's hydrogen pipeline which began on the 26<sup>th</sup> January. Combined, these pipelines will provide a vital part of the solution to the national climate emergency, removing up to ten million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere each year by 2030, the same as taking over four million cars off the road.

David Parkin continued: *“We’re delighted to be taking this next step to bring the region to the forefront of clean energy innovation. By reaching out and listening to local people and communities, we can deliver something that is not only innovative but a testament to them.”*

## **ENDS**

### **Notes to editors**

- Statutory public consultation on the first stage of the HyNet project, the carbon dioxide pipeline, will run from on 9<sup>th</sup> February – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022
- HyNet North West will deliver 75,000 jobs by 2035, building on the proud industrial heritage of North West England and North Wales and continuing the region’s history of world-beating industrial capacity and development.
- HyNet North West aims to reduce regional carbon dioxide emissions by up to 10 million tonnes every each year by 2030 – the equivalent of taking four million cars off the road. By that time, HyNet North West alone will already be delivering 80% of the Government’s new UK-wide target of 5GW of low carbon hydrogen for power, transport, industry and homes.

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HyNet North West is the UK’s leading industrial decarbonisations project, transforming the North West of England, and North Wales. The low carbon energy project is being developed by a consortium of world-leading organisations and is at the forefront of the UK’s journey to a Net Zero future.

From 2025, HyNet North West will produce, store and distribute hydrogen as well as capturing and storing carbon. It will decarbonise the North West of England and North Wales through the creation of state-of-the-art infrastructure.

This game-changing project has the potential to reduce carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions by 10 million tonnes every year by 2030 – the equivalent of taking four million cars off the road. HyNet North West will create and maintain thousands of local jobs, as well as enable long-term sustainability for businesses and financial security for communities across the region.

The HyNet North West consortium includes Progressive Energy, Cadent, Essar Oil UK, INOVYN, Eni UK, University of Chester, CF Fertilisers and Hanson.

For more information, visit [www.hynet.co.uk](http://www.hynet.co.uk) or refer to the accompanying press pack.