



PROJECT UPDATE

September 2026

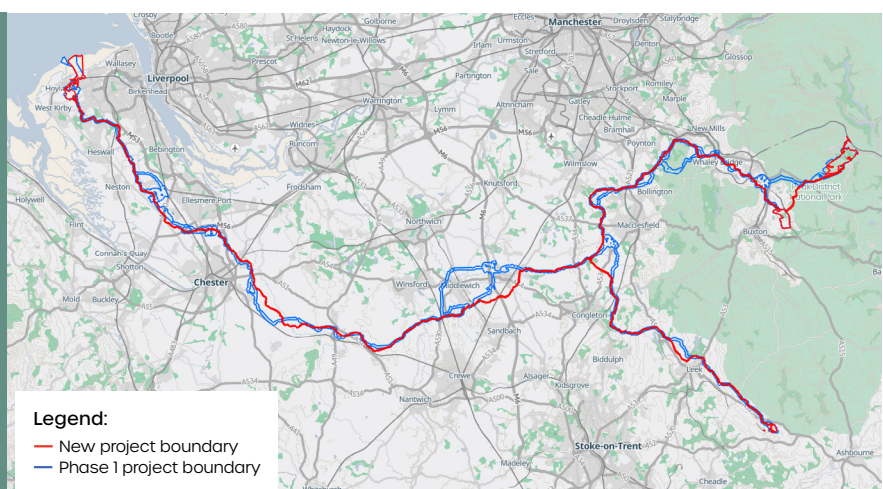
REFINING THE PROJECT THROUGH FEEDBACK AND ASSESSMENT

Earlier this year, we shared our initial proposals for Peak Cluster as part of our first phase of consultation. We chose to engage at an early stage so that communities, landowners and stakeholders could help shape the project as it develops. We received more than 5,500 responses and this feedback has played an important role in informing the next stage of the project's design.

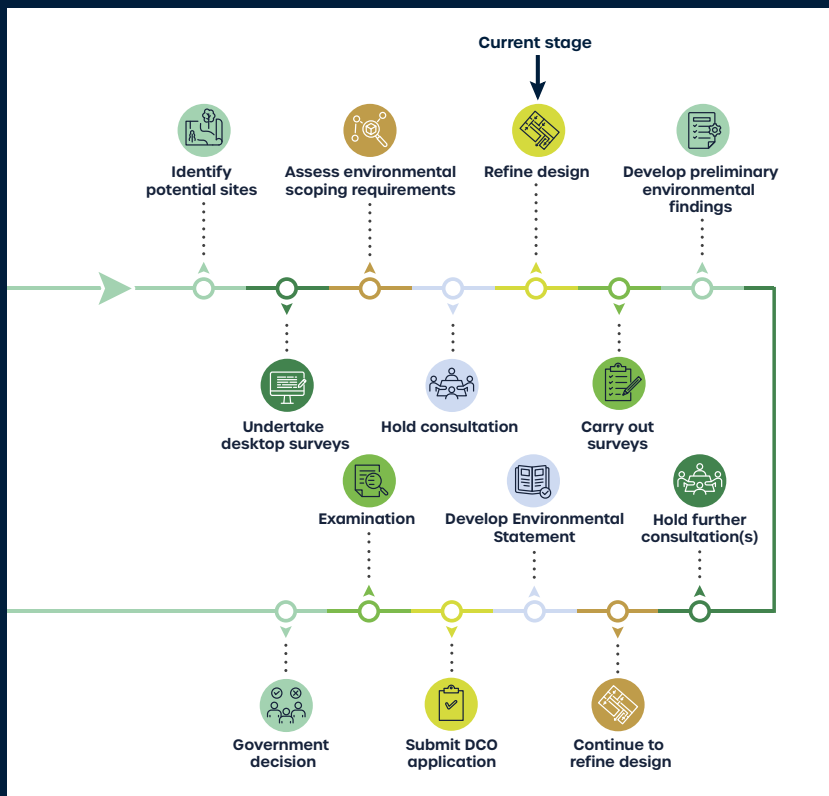
Alongside community feedback, our teams have continued to carry out technical studies, engineering assessments and environmental surveys. Together, this information has helped us refine our proposals and develop an updated boundary showing the land within which the Project currently proposes to build permanent infrastructure – including the buried pipeline and above-ground installations – is located.

THE UPDATED PROJECT BOUNDARY

We are now able to share this updated version of the project boundary to help people understand how Peak Cluster is evolving and prepare for the next rounds of consultation, which will contribute to further project design refinement. You can find an interactive version of the updated map on our consultation hub at www.peakcluster-consultation.co.uk.



WHY HAS THE PROJECT BOUNDARY CHANGED?



How infrastructure projects are developed and refined through assessment, consultation and design evolution

Large infrastructure projects are developed through an ongoing process of assessment, engagement and refinement. As more information becomes available, the design is reviewed and amended in response, until we finalise our plans ahead of applying for planning consent.

As part of this process, we've now made a number of updates to the proposed project boundary. This means that in some areas we have moved the project boundary and, in most locations, we have also reduced the 300m consultation corridor to approximately 100m. This remains wider than the land expected to be required permanently for the pipeline, and allows scope for further design development, environmental mitigation and construction planning as the project progresses.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Community feedback remains central to Peak Cluster's development. Many of the changes we have made to the updated project boundary have been informed directly by comments received during our first consultation. We have developed an ongoing programme of consultation to ensure we continue to gather as much feedback as possible.

Here's what you can expect over the coming months:

September 2026

Publication of the proposed project boundary to allow communities and stakeholders time to review the latest updates.

October 2026

Further information on proposed changes and details about how to participate in consultation events.

November 2026

Consultation opens on the proposed locations for the Project's pipeline infrastructure including above ground installations and block valve stations, temporary construction areas and access arrangements in Staffordshire, Derbyshire and Cheshire.

January 2027

Consultation opens on the proposed locations for the Project's pipeline infrastructure including above ground installations and block valve stations, temporary construction areas and access arrangements for the Wirral.

Summer 2027

Full phase 2 consultation on a further developed project design including the updated project boundary and the preliminary findings of our environmental assessments.



Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to engage with the project so far. Your feedback continues to help shape the development of Peak Cluster, and we look forward to having further conversations as the project progresses.