

Application by Millbrook Power Limited ("MPL"), dated 20th November 2017 for development consent under s37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a gas fired power generation plant of up to 299 MW, and associated development of gas and electrical connections

## **Statement of Common Ground**

Statement of Common Ground between Millbrook Power Limited and Central Bedfordshire Council

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

## **Purpose of this Statement of Common Ground**

- 1.1 This Statement of Common Ground ("SOCG") has been prepared by Millbrook Power Limited ("MPL") and Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC). For the purpose of this SOCG, MPL and CBC will jointly be referred to as "the Parties".
- 1.2 MPL has applied to the Secretary of State under the Planning Act 2008 for powers to construct, operate and maintain:
  - 1.2.1 A new Power Generation Plant in the form of an Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT) peaking power generating station, fuelled by natural gas with a rated electrical output of up to 299 MW. This is the output of the generating station as a whole, measured at the terminals of the generating equipment. The Power Generation Plant comprises:
    - generating equipment including one Gas Turbine Generator with one exhaust gas flue stack and Balance of Plant (together referred to as the 'Generating Equipment'), which are located within the 'Generating Equipment Site';
    - a new purpose built access road from Green Lane to the Generating Equipment Site (the 'Access Road' or the 'Short Access Road');
    - a temporary construction compound required during construction only (the 'Laydown Area');
  - 1.2.2 A new underground gas pipeline connection, approximately 1.8 km in length (the 'Pipeline') to bring natural gas to the Generating Equipment from the National Transmission System (the 'Gas Connection'). The Gas Connection also incorporates an Above Ground Installation (AGI) at the point of connection to the National Transmission System; and
  - 1.2.3 A new electrical connection to export power from the Generating Equipment to the National Grid Electricity Transmission System (NETS) (the 'Electrical Connection'), comprising an underground double circuit Tee-in. This would require one new tower (which will replace an existing tower and be located in the existing Grendon Sundon transmission route corridor, thereby resulting in no net additional towers). This option would require two SECs, one located on each side of the existing transmission line, and both circuits would then be connected via underground cables approximately 500 m in length to a new substation (the 'Substation').
- 1.3 Preparation of this SOCG has been informed by discussions between the Parties. The purpose of this SOCG is to set out agreed factual information about the Application.
- 1.4 It is intended that this SOCG will provide information to facilitate a smooth and efficient examination process.
- 1.5 This SOCG relates to the following topics which have been assessed in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) presented in the Environmental Statement (ES) submitted with the DCO application (Document Reference 6.1):
  - Air Quality;
  - Noise and Vibration;



- Ecology;
- Water Quality and Resources;
- Ground Conditions;
- Landscape and Visual Impact;
- Traffic and Transport;
- Historic Environment:
- Socio-Economics; and
- Other Issues (such as health and waste).
- Overall this SOCG is intended to give a clear position of the state and extent of agreement between the Parties as at the date on which this SOCG is signed and submitted to the Secretary of State.

#### 2. THE APPLICATION

- 2.1 The Application was submitted on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 and accepted by the Secretary of State on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The Application was accompanied by an ES.
- 2.2 **It is agreed** that the ES forms the full and complete Environmental Statement for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (the EIA Regulations) and it is further agreed that the ES contains sufficient environmental information to enable the Secretary of State to make his determination.
- It is understood that the Project falls under the EIA Regulations 2009 regime and not the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations 2017) regime. In accordance with the transitional arrangements at Regulation 37 of the EIA Regulations 2017.

## 3. THE EXAMINATION

- An examination ("the Examination") of the Application is to be held pursuant to Chapter 4 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the Act") and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 ("the EP Rules").
- Pursuant to s61 of the Act, the Secretary of State determined that the Application was to be handled by a single appointed person ("the Examining Authority"). The Secretary of State has appointed Jonathan Green to lead the Examination on his behalf. The procedure to be followed during the Examination into the Application is governed by the Act and the EP Rules.
- A Preliminary Meeting, pursuant to Rule 7 of the EP Rules, was held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the Forest Centre, Marston Moretaine.
- 3.4 The deadline for submission of this SOCG is 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

### 4. THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND ITS DESCRIPTION

- 4.1 The Proposed Development is described above at paragraph 1.2.
- 4.2 The project site within which the Proposed Development is located is within the administrative boundaries of Bedfordshire Borough Council ("BBC") and Central Bedfordshire Council ("CBC").



#### 5. MATTERS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES

5.1 The Parties are AGREED on all matters, excluding those outlined in section 6 below, and in particular are AGREED on the points set out in this section (section 5).

#### **Air Quality**

The scope of the Air Quality assessment is defined within Section 6.1 Chapter 6 of the ES (Document Reference 6.1). This description of the topic is an appropriate basis upon which to produce the ES Chapter.

## Air Quality: Legislation and Policy Context

- 5.3 The legislation, policy and guidance considered in the assessment of Air Quality is presented in Chapter 2 of the ES, and Section 6.2 Chapter 6 of the ES.
- The legislation, policy and guidance considered to inform the assessment is appropriate.

### Air Quality: Consultation

- 5.5 Consultation undertaken with regards to Air Quality is summarised in Section 6.3 Chapter 6 of the ES.
- The summary presented is correct so far as it provides an accurate record of consultation with CBC on Air Quality.

### Air Quality: Topic Specific Realistic Worst Case Scenario for Assessment

- 5.7 The topic specific realistic worst case scenario for assessment of Air Quality is presented in Section 6.4 Chapter 6 of the ES.
- 5.8 The topic specific realistic worst case scenario for assessment is considered appropriate for the robust assessment of Air Quality impacts arising from the proposed development.

### Air Quality: Assessment methodology

- The methodology for Air Quality is presented in Section 6.5 Chapter 6 of the ES.
- 5.10 The assessment methodology, including assumptions used, is considered appropriate.
- 5.11 The cumulative assessment methodology for Air Quality is presented in Section 4.10 Chapter 4 and Section 6.8 Chapter 6 of the ES.
- 5.12 The cumulative assessment methodology, including assumptions used, is considered appropriate.

### Air Quality: Baseline Information

- 5.13 The baseline information for Air Quality is presented in Section 6.6 Chapter 6 of the ES.
- 5.14 The baseline information presented is considered appropriate.



## Air Quality: The Results, Analysis and Conclusions of Field Survey Work

- 5.15 The results, analysis and conclusions of field survey work for Air Quality are presented in Section 6.6 Chapter 6 of the ES.
- 5.16 The results, analysis and conclusions of the field survey work are considered appropriate.

### Air Quality: Embedded Mitigation

- 5.17 The embedded mitigation which is either implicit in the design of the Project or its operation (through standard control measures, such as working within best practice guidance) for potential Air Quality effects is set out in Section 3.6 Chapter 3 of the ES.
- 5.18 The Outline CEMP (Appendix 3.2 of the ES) provides a framework from which a final CEMP can be developed, as secured in Requirement 10 of the draft DCO. The Outline CEMP includes mitigation measures for potential Air Quality effects during construction.
- 5.19 The embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of their nature and scale, to address potential Air Quality effects.

### Air Quality: Assessment of Effects during Construction and Decommissioning

- The assessment of effects during construction and decommissioning for Air Quality is presented in Section 6.7 Chapter 6 of the ES.
- 5.21 The assessment of effects during construction and decommissioning presented is considered appropriate.

### Air Quality: Assessment of Effects during Operation

- 5.22 The assessment of effects during operation for Air Quality is presented in Section 6.7 Chapter 6 of the ES.
- 5.23 The assessment of effects during operation presented is considered appropriate.

## Air Quality: Assessment of Cumulative and In-combination Effects

- 5.24 The assessment of cumulative effects for Air Quality is presented in Section 6.8 Chapter 6 of the ES.
- 5.25 The cumulative effects presented are considered appropriate.
- 5.26 The assessment of in-combination effects for Air Quality is presented in Section 6.8 Chapter 6 of the ES.
- 5.27 The in-combination effects presented are considered appropriate.

## Air Quality: Detailed Mitigation Measures & Assessment of Residual Effects

5.28 The consideration of additional mitigation measures and summary of Residual Effects for Air Quality are presented in Section 6.9 Chapter 6 and Section 6.10 Chapter 6 of the ES.



5.29 The consideration of additional mitigation measures and summary of residual effects are appropriate.

Air Quality: Additional Matter(s)

5.30 None identified.



## **Noise and Vibration**

5.31 The scope of the Noise and Vibration assessment is defined within Section 7.1 Chapter 7 of the ES (Document Reference 6.1). This description of the topic is an appropriate basis upon which to produce the ES chapter.

## Noise and Vibration: Legislation and Policy Context

- 5.32 The legislation, policy and guidance considered in the assessment of Noise and Vibration is presented in Chapter 2 of the ES, and Section 7.2 Chapter 7 of the ES.
- 5.33 The legislation, policy and guidance considered to inform the assessment is appropriate.

#### **Noise and Vibration: Consultation**

- 5.34 Consultation undertaken with regards to Noise and Vibration is summarised in Section 7.3 Chapter 7 of the ES.
- 5.35 The summary presented is correct so far as it provides an accurate record of consultation with CBC on Noise and Vibration.

# Noise and Vibration: Topic Specific Realistic Worst Case Scenario for Assessment

- 5.36 The topic specific realistic worst case scenario for assessment of Noise and Vibration is presented in Section 7.4 Chapter 7 of the ES.
- 5.37 The topic specific realistic worst case scenario for assessment is considered appropriate for the robust assessment of Noise and Vibration impacts arising from the proposed development.

## Noise and Vibration: Assessment methodology

- 5.38 The methodology for Noise and Vibration is presented in Section 7.5 Chapter 7 of the ES.
- 5.39 The assessment methodology, including assumptions used, is considered appropriate.
- 5.40 The cumulative assessment methodology for Noise and Vibration is presented in Section 4.10 Chapter 4 and Section 7.8 Chapter 7 of the ES.
- 5.41 The cumulative assessment methodology, including assumptions used, is considered appropriate.

### Noise and Vibration: Baseline Information

- 5.42 The baseline information for Noise and Vibration is presented in Section 7.6 Chapter 7 of the ES.
- 5.43 The baseline information presented is considered appropriate.

Noise and Vibration: The Results, Analysis and Conclusions of Field Survey Work



- The results, analysis and conclusions of field survey work for Noise and Vibration are presented in Section 7.6 Chapter 7 of the ES.
- 5.45 The results, analysis and conclusions of the field survey work are considered appropriate.

### Noise and Vibration: Embedded Mitigation

- 5.46 The embedded mitigation which is either implicit in the design of the Project or its operation (through standard control measures, such as working within best practice guidance) for potential Noise and Vibration effects is set out in Section 3.6 Chapter 3 of the ES.
- The Outline CEMP (Appendix 3.2 of the ES) provides a framework from which a final CEMP can be developed, as secured in Requirement 10 of the draft DCO. The Outline CEMP includes mitigation measures for potential Noise and Vibration effects during construction.
- 5.48 The embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of their nature and scale, to address potential Noise and Vibration effects.

# Noise and Vibration: Assessment of Effects during Construction and Decommissioning

- The assessment of effects during construction and decommissioning for Noise and Vibration is presented in Section 7.7 Chapter 7 of the ES.
- 5.50 The assessment of effects during construction and decommissioning presented is considered appropriate.

## Noise and Vibration: Assessment of Effects during Operation

- 5.51 The assessment of effects during operation for Noise and Vibration is presented in Section 7.7 Chapter 7 of the ES.
- 5.52 The assessment of effects during operation presented is considered appropriate.

### Noise and Vibration: Assessment of Cumulative and In-combination Effects

- The assessment of cumulative effects for Noise and Vibration is presented in Section 7.8 Chapter 7 of the ES.
- 5.54 The cumulative effects presented are considered appropriate.
- 5.55 The assessment of in-combination effects for Noise and Vibration is presented in Section 7.8 Chapter 7 of the ES.
- 5.56 The in-combination effects presented are considered appropriate.

# Noise and Vibration: Detailed Mitigation Measures & Assessment of Residual Effects

The mitigation measures and an assessment of Residual Effects for Noise and Vibration are presented in Section 7.9 Chapter 7 and Section 7.10 Chapter 7 of the ES.



5.58 The measures are considered to be appropriate and adequate in terms of their nature and scale to address potential Noise and Vibration effects subject to the requirements for the control of noise (Requirements 12 and 13) that were included in revision 1 of the draft DCO submitted by MPL at examination deadline 2 being included in the made DCO.

Noise and Vibration: Additional Matter(s)

5.59 None identified.



#### **Ecology**

The scope of the Ecology assessment is defined within Section 8.1 Chapter 8 of the ES (Document Reference 6.1). This description of the topic is an appropriate basis upon which to produce the ES chapter.

#### **Ecology: Legislation and Policy Context**

- The legislation, policy and guidance considered in the assessment of Ecology is presented in Chapter 2 of the ES, and Section 8.2 Chapter 8 of the ES.
- 5.62 The legislation, policy and guidance considered to inform the assessment is appropriate.

### **Ecology: Consultation**

- 5.63 Consultation undertaken with regards to Ecology is summarised in Section 8.3 Chapter 8 of the ES.
- 5.64 The summary presented is correct so far as it provides an accurate record of consultation with CBC on Ecology.

## **Ecology: Topic Specific Realistic Worst Case Scenario for Assessment**

- 5.65 The topic specific realistic worst case scenario for assessment of Ecology is presented in Section 8.4 Chapter 8 of the ES.
- 5.66 The topic specific realistic worst case scenario for assessment is considered appropriate for the robust assessment of Ecology impacts arising from the proposed development.

### **Ecology: Assessment methodology**

- 5.67 The methodology for Ecology is presented in Section 8.5 Chapter 8 of the ES.
- 5.68 The assessment methodology, including assumptions used, is considered appropriate.
- 5.69 The cumulative assessment methodology for Ecology is presented in Section 4.10 Chapter 4 and Section 8.8 Chapter 8 of the ES.
- 5.70 The cumulative assessment methodology, including assumptions used, is considered appropriate.

## **Ecology: Baseline Information**

- 5.71 The baseline information for Ecology is presented in Section 8.6 Chapter 8 of the ES.
- 5.72 The baseline information presented is considered appropriate.

## **Ecology: The Results, Analysis and Conclusions of Field Survey Work**

- 5.73 The results, analysis and conclusions of field survey work for Ecology are presented in Section 8.6 Chapter 8 of the ES.
- 5.74 The results, analysis and conclusions of the field survey work are considered appropriate.



## **Ecology: Embedded Mitigation**

- 5.75 The embedded mitigation which is either implicit in the design of the Project or its operation (through standard control measures, such as working within best practice guidance) for potential Ecology effects is set out in Section 3.6 Chapter 3 of the ES.
- 5.76 The Outline CEMP (Appendix 3.2 of the ES) provides a framework from which a final CEMP can be developed, as secured in Requirement 10 of the draft DCO. The Outline CEMP includes mitigation measures for potential Ecology effects during construction.
- 5.77 The embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of their nature and scale, to address potential Ecology effects.

## **Ecology: Assessment of Effects during Construction and Decommissioning**

- 5.78 The assessment of effects during construction and decommissioning for Ecology is presented in Section 8.7 Chapter 8 of the ES.
- 5.79 The assessment of effects during construction and decommissioning presented is considered appropriate.

## **Ecology: Assessment of Effects during Operation**

- 5.80 The assessment of effects during operation for Ecology is presented in Section 8.7 Chapter 8 of the ES.
- 5.81 The assessment of effects during operation presented is considered appropriate.

### **Ecology: Assessment of Cumulative and In-combination Effects**

- 5.82 The assessment of cumulative effects for Ecology is presented in Section 8.8 Chapter 8 of the ES.
- 5.83 The cumulative effects presented are considered appropriate.
- 5.84 The assessment of in-combination effects for Ecology is presented in Section 8.8 Chapter 8 of the ES.
- 5.85 The in-combination effects presented are considered appropriate.

#### **Ecology: Detailed Mitigation Measures & Assessment of Residual Effects**

- 5.86 The mitigation measures and an assessment of Residual Effects for Ecology are presented in Section 8.9 Chapter 8 and Section 8.10 Chapter 8 of the ES.
- 5.87 The measures are considered to be appropriate and adequate in terms of their nature and scale to address potential Ecology effects.

## Ecology: Assessment of Effects on Natural Features (APFP Regulations 2009)

5.88 The assessment of effects on natural features for Ecology is presented in Section 8.12 Chapter 8 of the ES.



5.89 The assessment is in accordance with The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 (as amended); the effects on natural features presented are considered appropriate.

**Ecology: Additional Matter(s)** 

5.90 None identified.



### **Water Quality and Resources**

5.91 The scope of the Water Quality and Resource assessment is defined within Section 9.1 Chapter 9 of the ES (Document Reference 6.1). This description of the topic is an appropriate basis upon which to produce the ES chapter.

### Water Quality and Resources: Legislation and Policy Context

- The legislation, policy and guidance considered in the assessment of Water Quality and Resources is presented in Chapter 2 of the ES, and Section 9.2 Chapter 9 of the ES.
- 5.93 The legislation, policy and guidance considered to inform the assessment is appropriate.

#### Water Quality and Resources: Consultation

- 5.94 Consultation undertaken with regards to Water Quality and Resources is summarised in Section 9.3 Chapter 9 of the ES.
- 5.95 The summary presented is correct so far as it provides an accurate record of consultation with CBC on Water Quality and Resources.

## Water Quality and Resources: Topic Specific Realistic Worst Case Scenario for Assessment

- 5.96 The topic specific realistic worst case scenario for assessment of Water Quality and Resources is presented in Section 9.4 Chapter 9 of the ES.
- 5.97 The topic specific realistic worst case scenario for assessment is considered appropriate for the robust assessment of Water Quality and Resources impacts arising from the proposed development.

### Water Quality and Resources: Assessment methodology

- 5.98 The methodology for Water Quality and Resources is presented in Section 9.5 Chapter 9 of the ES.
- 5.99 The assessment methodology, including assumptions used, is considered appropriate.
- 5.100 The cumulative assessment methodology for Water Quality and Resources is presented in Section 4.10 Chapter 4 and Section 9.8 Chapter 9 of the ES.
- 5.101 The cumulative assessment methodology, including assumptions used, is considered appropriate.

## Water Quality and Resources: Baseline Information

- 5.102 The baseline information for Water Quality and Resources is presented in Section 9.6 Chapter 9 of the ES.
- 5.103 The baseline information presented is considered appropriate.

# Water Quality and Resources: The Results, Analysis and Conclusions of Field Survey Work



- 5.104 The results, analysis and conclusions of field survey work for Water Quality and Resources are presented in Section 9.6 Chapter 9 of the ES.
- 5.105 The results, analysis and conclusions of the field survey work are considered appropriate.

### Water Quality and Resources: Embedded Mitigation

- 5.106 The embedded mitigation which is either implicit in the design of the Project or its operation (through standard control measures, such as working within best practice guidance) for potential Water Quality and Resources effects is set out in Section 3.6 Chapter 3 of the ES.
- 5.107 The Outline CEMP (Appendix 3.2 of the ES) provides a framework from which a final CEMP can be developed, as secured in Requirement 10 of the draft DCO. The Outline CEMP includes mitigation measures for potential Water Quality and Resources effects during construction.
- 5.108 The embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of their nature and scale, to address potential Water Quality and Resources effects.

# Water Quality and Resources: Assessment of Effects during Construction and Decommissioning

- 5.109 The assessment of effects during construction and decommissioning for Water Quality and Resources is presented in Section 9.7 Chapter 9 of the ES.
- 5.110 The assessment of effects during construction and decommissioning presented is considered appropriate.

## Water Quality and Resources: Assessment of Effects during Operation

- 5.111 The assessment of effects during operation for Water Quality and Resources is presented in Section 9.7 Chapter 9 of the ES.
- 5.112 The assessment of effects during operation presented is considered appropriate..

## Water Quality and Resources: Assessment of Cumulative and In-combination Effects

- 5.113 The assessment of cumulative effects for Water Quality and Resources is presented in Section 9.8 Chapter 9 of the ES.
- 5.114 The cumulative effects presented are considered appropriate.
- 5.115 The assessment of in-combination effects for Water Quality and Resources is presented in Section 9.8 Chapter 9 of the ES.
- 5.116 The in-combination effects presented are considered appropriate.

# Water Quality and Resources: Detailed Mitigation Measures & Assessment of Residual Effects

5.117 The consideration of additional mitigation measures and summary of Residual Effects for Water Quality and Resources are presented in Section 9.9 and Section 9.10 Chapter 9 of the ES.



5.118 The consideration of additional mitigation measures and summary of residual effects are appropriate.

Water Quality and Resources: Additional Matter(s)

None identified



### **Ground Conditions**

5.119 The scope of the Ground Conditions assessment is defined within Section 10.1 Chapter 10 of the ES (Document Reference 6.1). This description of the topic is an appropriate basis upon which to produce the ES chapter.

## **Ground Conditions: Legislation and Policy Context**

- 5.120 The legislation, policy and guidance considered in the assessment of Ground Conditions is presented in Chapter 2 of the ES, and Section 10.2 Chapter 10 of the ES.
- 5.121 The legislation, policy and guidance considered to inform the assessment is appropriate.

#### **Ground Conditions: Consultation**

- 5.122 Consultation undertaken with regards to Ground Conditions is summarised in Section 10.3 Chapter 10 of the ES.
- 5.123 The summary presented is correct so far as it provides an accurate record of consultation with CBC on Ground Conditions.

# Ground Conditions: Topic Specific Realistic Worst Case Scenario for Assessment

- 5.124 The topic specific realistic worst case scenario for assessment of Ground Conditions is presented in Section 10.4 Chapter 10 of the ES.
- 5.125 The topic specific realistic worst case scenario for assessment is considered appropriate for the robust assessment of Ground Conditions impacts arising from the proposed development.

### **Ground Conditions: Assessment methodology**

- 5.126 The methodology for Ground Conditions is presented in Section 10.5 Chapter 10 of the ES.
- 5.127 The assessment methodology, including assumptions used, is considered appropriate.
- 5.128 The cumulative assessment methodology for Ground Conditions is presented in Section 4.10 Chapter 4 and Section 10.8 Chapter 10 of the ES.
- 5.129 The cumulative assessment methodology, including assumptions used, is considered appropriate.

### **Ground Conditions: Baseline Information**

- 5.130 The baseline information for Ground Conditions is presented in Section 10.6 Chapter 10 of the ES.
- 5.131 The baseline information presented is considered appropriate.

Ground Conditions: The Results, Analysis and Conclusions of Field Survey Work

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- 5.132 The results, analysis and conclusions of field survey work for Ground Conditions are presented in Section 10.6 Chapter 10 of the ES.
- 5.133 The results, analysis and conclusions of the field survey work are considered appropriate.

### **Ground Conditions: Embedded Mitigation**

- 5.134 The embedded mitigation which is either implicit in the design of the Project or its operation (through standard control measures, such as working within best practice guidance) for potential Ground Conditions effects is set out in Section 3.6 Chapter 3 of the ES.
- 5.135 The Outline CEMP (Appendix 3.2 of the ES) provides a framework from which a final CEMP can be developed, as secured in Requirement 10 of the draft DCO. The Outline CEMP includes mitigation measures for potential Ground Conditions effects during construction.
- 5.136 The embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of their nature and scale, to address potential Ground Conditions effects.

# Ground Conditions: Assessment of Effects during Construction and Decommissioning

- 5.137 The assessment of impacts during construction and decommissioning for Ground Conditions is presented in Section 10.7 Chapter 10 of the ES.
- 5.138 The assessment of effects during construction and decommissioning presented is considered appropriate.

### **Ground Conditions: Assessment of Effects during Operation**

- 5.139 The assessment of effects during operation for Ground Conditions is presented in Section 10.7 Chapter 10 of the ES.
- 5.140 The assessment of effects during operation presented is considered appropriate.

### **Ground Conditions: Assessment of Cumulative and In-combination Effects**

- 5.141 The assessment of cumulative effects for Ground Conditions is presented in Section 10.8 Chapter 10 of the ES.
- 5.142 The cumulative effects presented are considered appropriate.
- 5.143 The assessment of in-combination effects for Ground Conditions is presented in Section 10.8 Chapter 10 of the ES.
- 5.144 The in-combination effects presented are considered appropriate.

# Ground Conditions: Detailed Mitigation Measures & Assessment of Residual Effects

5.145 The mitigation measures and an assessment of Residual Effects for Ground Conditions are presented in Section 10.9 Chapter 10 and Section 10.10 Chapter 10 of the ES.



5.146 The measures are considered to be appropriate and adequate in terms of their nature and scale to address potential Ground Conditions effects.

**Ground Conditions: Additional Matter(s)** 

5.147 None identified.



### Landscape and Visual

5.148 The scope of the Landscape and Visual assessment is defined within Section 11.1 Chapter 11 of the ES (Document Reference 6.1). This description of the topic is an appropriate basis upon which to produce the ES chapter.

### Landscape and Visual: Legislation and Policy Context

- 5.149 The legislation, policy and guidance considered in the assessment of Landscape and Visual is presented in Chapter 2 of the ES, and Section 11.2 Chapter 11 of the ES.
- 5.150 The legislation, policy and guidance considered to inform the assessment is appropriate.

#### Landscape and Visual: Consultation

- 5.151 Consultation undertaken with regards to Landscape and Visual is summarised in Section 11.3 Chapter 11 of the ES.
- 5.152 The summary presented is correct so far as it provides an accurate record of consultation with CBC on Landscape and Visual.

# Landscape and Visual: Topic Specific Realistic Worst Case Scenario for Assessment

- 5.153 The topic specific realistic worst case scenario for assessment of Landscape and Visual is presented in Section 11.4 Chapter 11 of the ES.
- 5.154 The topic specific realistic worst case scenario for assessment is considered appropriate for the robust assessment of Landscape and Visual impacts arising from the proposed development.

#### Landscape and Visual: Assessment methodology

- 5.155 The methodology for Landscape and Visual is presented in Section 11.5 Chapter 11 of the ES.
- 5.156 The assessment methodology, including assumptions used, is considered appropriate.
- 5.157 The cumulative assessment methodology for Landscape and Visual is presented in Section 4.10 Chapter 4 and Section 11.8 Chapter 11 of the ES.
- 5.158 The cumulative assessment methodology, including assumptions used, is considered appropriate.

#### Landscape and Visual: Baseline Information

- 5.159 The baseline information for Landscape and Visual is presented in Section 11.6 Chapter 11 of the ES.
- 5.160 The baseline information presented is considered appropriate.

# Landscape and Visual: The Results, Analysis and Conclusions of Field Survey Work



- 5.161 The results, analysis and conclusions of field survey work for Landscape and Visual are presented in Section 11.6 Chapter 11 of the ES.
- 5.162 The Parties agree that variance regarding the findings of LVIA is not uncommon. In this case, the Parties agree that the LVIA has been prepared in accordance with the Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition) and the Parties agree that the overall assessment is considered to be comprehensive and the scale of the visual impacts are acceptable.

### Landscape and Visual: Embedded Mitigation

- 5.163 The embedded mitigation which is either implicit in the design of the Project or its operation (through standard control measures, such as working within best practice guidance) for potential Landscape and Visual effects is set out in Section 3.6 Chapter 3 of the ES.
- 5.164 The Outline CEMP (Appendix 3.2 of the ES) provides a framework from which a final CEMP can be developed, as secured in Requirement 10 of the draft DCO. The Outline CEMP includes mitigation measures for potential Landscape and Visual effects during construction.
- 5.165 The embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of their nature and scale, to address potential Landscape and Visual effects.

# Landscape and Visual: Assessment of Effects during Construction and Decommissioning

- 5.166 The assessment of effects during construction and decommissioning for Landscape and Visual is presented in Section 11.7 Chapter 11 of the ES.
- 5.167 The assessment of effects during construction and decommissioning presented is considered appropriate.

## Landscape and Visual: Assessment of Effects during Operation

- 5.168 The assessment of effects during operation for Landscape and Visual is presented in Section 11.7 Chapter 11 of the ES.
- 5.169 The assessment of effects during operation presented is considered appropriate.

## Landscape and Visual: Assessment of Cumulative and In-combination Effects

- 5.170 The assessment of cumulative effects for Landscape and Visual is presented in Section 11.8 Chapter 11 of the ES.
- 5.171 The cumulative effects presented are considered appropriate.
- 5.172 The assessment of in-combination effects for Landscape and Visual is presented in Section 11.8 Chapter 11 of the ES.
- 5.173 The in-combination effects presented are considered appropriate.

## Landscape and Visual: Detailed Mitigation Measures & Assessment of Residual Effects



- 5.174 The mitigation measures and an assessment of Residual Effects for Landscape and Visual are presented in Section 11.9 Chapter 11 and Section 11.10 Chapter 11 of the ES.
- 5.175 The measures are considered to be appropriate and adequate in terms of their nature and scale to address the identified likely Landscape and Visual effects. The Parties recognise the importance of ensuring that the Project contributes to achieving the aims of the Forest of Marston Vale Community Forest. CBC agrees that MPL's approach to contributing to the aims of the Forest of Marston Vale Community Forest through it's Section 106 agreement are appropriate.

Landscape and Visual: Additional Matter(s)

5.176 None identified.



### **Traffic and Transport**

5.177 The scope of the Traffic and Transport assessment is defined within Section 12.1 Chapter 12 of the ES (Document Reference 6.1). This description of the topic is an appropriate basis upon which to produce the ES chapter.

## **Traffic and Transport: Legislation and Policy Context**

- 5.178 The legislation, policy and guidance considered in the assessment of Traffic and Transport is presented in Chapter 2 of the ES, and Section 12.2 Chapter 12 of the ES.
- 5.179 The legislation, policy and guidance considered to inform the assessment is appropriate.

## **Traffic and Transport: Consultation**

- 5.180 Consultation undertaken with regards to Traffic and Transport is summarised in Section 12.3 Chapter 12 of the ES.
- 5.181 The summary presented is correct so far as it provides an accurate record of consultation with CBC on Traffic and Transport.

# Traffic and Transport: Topic Specific Realistic Worst Case Scenario for Assessment

- 5.182 The topic specific realistic worst case scenario for assessment of Traffic and Transport is presented in Section 12.4 Chapter 12 of the ES.
- 5.183 The topic specific realistic worst case scenario for assessment is considered appropriate for the robust assessment of Traffic and Transport impacts arising from the proposed development.

## Traffic and Transport: Assessment methodology

- 5.184 The methodology for Traffic and Transport is presented in Section 12.5 Chapter 12 of the ES.
- 5.185 The assessment methodology, including assumptions used, is considered appropriate.
- 5.186 The cumulative assessment methodology for Traffic and Transport is presented in Section 4.10 Chapter 4 and Section 12.8 Chapter 12 of the ES.
- 5.187 The cumulative assessment methodology, including assumptions used, is considered appropriate.

### **Traffic and Transport: Baseline Information**

- 5.188 The baseline information for Traffic and Transport is presented in Section 12.6 Chapter 12 of the ES.
- 5.189 The baseline information presented is considered appropriate.

Traffic and Transport: The Results, Analysis and Conclusions of Field Survey Work



- 5.190 The results, analysis and conclusions of field survey work for Traffic and Transport are presented in Section 12.6 Chapter 12 of the ES.
- 5.191 The results, analysis and conclusions of the field survey work are considered appropriate.

## **Traffic and Transport: Embedded Mitigation**

- 5.192 The embedded mitigation which is either implicit in the design of the Project or its operation (through standard control measures, such as working within best practice guidance) for potential Traffic and Transport effects is set out in Section 3.6 Chapter 3 of the ES.
- 5.193 The Outline CEMP (Appendix 3.2 of the ES) provides a framework from which a final CEMP can be developed, as secured in Requirement 10 of the draft DCO. The Outline CEMP includes mitigation measures for potential Traffic and Transport effects during construction.
- 5.194 The embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of their nature and scale, to address potential Traffic and Transport effects.

# Traffic and Transport: Assessment of Effects during Construction and Decommissioning

- 5.195 The assessment of effects during construction and decommissioning for Traffic and Transport is presented in Section 12.7 Chapter 12 of the ES.
- 5.196 The assessment of effects during construction and decommissioning presented is considered appropriate.

#### Traffic and Transport: Assessment of Effects during Operation

- 5.197 The assessment of effects during operation for Traffic and Transport is presented in Section 12.7 Chapter 12 of the ES.
- 5.198 The assessment of effects during operation presented is considered appropriate.

#### Traffic and Transport: Assessment of Cumulative and In-combination Effects

- 5.199 The assessment of cumulative effects for Traffic and Transport is presented in Section 12.8 Chapter 12 of the ES.
- 5.200 The cumulative effects presented are considered appropriate.
- 5.201 The assessment of in-combination effects for Traffic and Transport is presented in Section 12.8 Chapter 12 of the ES.
- 5.202 The in-combination effects presented are considered appropriate.

## Traffic and Transport: Detailed Mitigation Measures & Assessment of Residual Effects

5.203 The mitigation measures and an assessment of Residual Effects for Traffic and Transport are presented in Section 12.9 Chapter 12 and Section 12.10 Chapter 12 of the ES.



5.204 The measures are considered to be appropriate and adequate in terms of their nature and scale to address potential Traffic and Transport effects Subject to ensuring that the requirements provide for appropriate geometric standards at all access points.

**Traffic and Transport: Additional Matter(s)** 

5.205 None identified.



### **Historic Environment**

5.206 The scope of the Historic Environment assessment is defined within Section 13.1 Chapter 13 of the ES (Document Reference 6.1). This description of the topic is an appropriate basis upon which to produce the ES chapter.

### **Historic Environment: Legislation and Policy Context**

- 5.207 The legislation, policy and guidance considered in the assessment of Historic Environment is presented in Chapter 2 of the ES, and Section 13.2 Chapter 13 of the ES.
- 5.208 The legislation, policy and guidance considered to inform the assessment is appropriate.

#### **Historic Environment: Consultation**

- 5.209 Consultation undertaken with regards to Historic Environment is summarised in Section 13.3 Chapter 13 of the ES.
- 5.210 The summary presented is correct so far as it provides an accurate record of consultation with CBC on Historic Environment.

# Historic Environment: Topic Specific Realistic Worst Case Scenario for Assessment

- 5.211 The topic specific realistic worst case scenario for assessment of Historic Environment is presented in Section 13.4 Chapter 13 of the ES.
- 5.212 The topic specific realistic worst case scenario for assessment is considered appropriate for the robust assessment of Historic Environment impacts arising from the proposed development.

### **Historic Environment: Assessment methodology**

- 5.213 The methodology for Historic Environment is presented in Section 13.5 Chapter 13 of the ES.
- 5.214 The assessment methodology, including assumptions used, is considered appropriate.
- 5.215 The cumulative assessment methodology for Historic Environment is presented in Section 4.10 Chapter 4 and Section 13.8 Chapter 13 of the ES.
- 5.216 The cumulative assessment methodology, including assumptions used, is considered appropriate.

### **Historic Environment: Baseline Information**

- 5.217 The baseline information for Historic Environment is presented in Section 13.6 Chapter 13 of the ES.
- 5.218 The baseline information presented is considered appropriate.

## Historic Environment: The Results, Analysis and Conclusions of Field Survey Work



- 5.219 The results, analysis and conclusions of field survey work for Historic Environment are presented in Section 13.6 Chapter 13 of the ES.
- 5.220 The results, analysis and conclusions of the field survey work are considered appropriate.

### **Historic Environment: Embedded Mitigation**

- 5.221 The embedded mitigation which is either implicit in the design of the Project or its operation (through standard control measures, such as working within best practice guidance) for potential Historic Environment effects is set out in Section 3.6 Chapter 3 of the ES.
- The Outline CEMP (Appendix 3.2 of the ES) provides a framework from which a final CEMP can be developed, as secured in Requirement 10 of the draft DCO. The Outline CEMP includes mitigation measures for potential Historic Environment effects during construction.
- 5.223 The embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of their nature and scale, to address potential Historic Environment effects.

# Historic Environment: Assessment of Effects during Construction and Decommissioning

- 5.224 The assessment of effects during construction and decommissioning for Historic Environment is presented in Section 13.7 Chapter 13 of the ES.
- 5.225 The assessment of effects during construction and decommissioning presented is considered appropriate.

## **Historic Environment: Assessment of Effects during Operation**

- 5.226 The assessment of effects during operation for Historic Environment is presented in Section 13.7 Chapter 13 of the ES.
- 5.227 The assessment of effects during operation presented is considered appropriate.

## Historic Environment: Assessment of Cumulative and In-combination Effects

- 5.228 The assessment of cumulative effects for Historic Environment is presented in Section 13.8 Chapter 13 of the ES.
- 5.229 The cumulative effects presented are considered appropriate.
- 5.230 The assessment of in-combination effects for Historic Environment is presented in Section 13.8 Chapter 13 of the ES.
- 5.231 The in-combination effects presented are considered appropriate.

# Historic Environment: Detailed Mitigation Measures & Assessment of Residual Effects

5.232 The mitigation measures and an assessment of Residual Effects for Historic Environment are presented in Section 13.9 Chapter 13 and Section 13.10 Chapter 13 of the ES.



5.233 The measures are considered to be appropriate and adequate in terms of their nature and scale to address potential Historic Environment effects.

Historic Environment: Assessment of Effects on Historic Features (APFP Regulations 2009)

- 5.234 The assessment of effects on historic features is presented in Section 13.12 Chapter 13 of the ES.
- 5.235 The assessment is in accordance with The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 (as amended); the effects on historic features presented are considered appropriate.

**Historic Environment: Additional Matter(s)** 

5.236 None identified.



#### Socio-economics

5.237 The scope of the socio-economics assessment is defined within Section 14.1 Chapter 14 of the ES (Document Reference 6.1). This description of the topic is an appropriate basis upon which to produce the ES chapter.

### Socio-economics: Legislation and Policy Context

- 5.238 The legislation, policy and guidance considered in the assessment of Socioeconomics is presented in Chapter 2 of the ES, and Section 14.2 Chapter 14 of the ES.
- 5.239 The legislation, policy and guidance considered to inform the assessment is appropriate.

### Socio-economics: Consultation

- 5.240 Consultation undertaken with regards to Socio-economics is summarised in Section 14.3 Chapter 14 of the ES.
- 5.241 The summary presented is correct so far as it provides an accurate record of consultation with CBC on Socio-economics.

### Socio-economics: Topic Specific Realistic Worst Case Scenario for Assessment

- 5.242 The topic specific realistic worst case scenario for assessment of Socio-economics is presented in Section 14.4 Chapter 14 of the ES.
- 5.243 The topic specific realistic worst case scenario for assessment is considered appropriate for the robust assessment of Socio-economics impacts arising from the proposed development.

### Socio-economics: Assessment methodology

- 5.244 The methodology for Socio-economics is presented in Chapter 14 Section 14.5 of the ES.
- 5.245 The assessment methodology, including assumptions used, is considered appropriate.
- 5.246 The cumulative assessment methodology for Socio-economics is presented in Section 4.10 Chapter 4 and Section 14.8 Chapter 14 of the ES.
- 5.247 The cumulative assessment methodology, including assumptions used, is considered appropriate.

### Socio-economics: Baseline Information

- 5.248 The baseline information for Socio-economics is presented in Section 14.6 Chapter 14 of the ES.
- 5.249 The baseline information presented is considered appropriate.

## Socio-economics: The Results, Analysis and Conclusions of Field Survey Work

5.250 The results, analysis and conclusions of field survey work for Socio-economics are presented in Section 14.6 Chapter 14 of the ES.



5.251 The results, analysis and conclusions of the field survey work are considered appropriate.

### Socio-economics: Embedded Mitigation

- 5.252 The embedded mitigation which is either implicit in the design of the Project or its operation (through standard control measures, such as working within best practice guidance) for potential Socio-economic effects is set out in Section 3.6 Chapter 3 of the ES.
- 5.253 The Outline CEMP (Appendix 3.2 of the ES) provides a framework from which a final CEMP can be developed, as secured in Requirement 10 of the draft DCO. The Outline CEMP includes mitigation measures for potential Socio-economic effects during construction.
- 5.254 The embedded mitigation is considered appropriate and adequate, in terms of their nature and scale, to address potential Socio-economic effects.

# Socio-economics: Assessment of Effects during Construction and Decommissioning

- 5.255 The assessment of effects during construction and decommissioning for Socioeconomics is presented in Section 14.7 Chapter 14 of the ES.
- 5.256 The assessment of effects during construction and decommissioning presented is considered appropriate.

#### Socio-economics: Assessment of Effects during Operation

- 5.257 The assessment of effects during operation for Socio-economics is presented in Section 14.7 Chapter 14 of the ES.
- 5.258 The assessment of effects during operation presented is considered appropriate.

#### Socio-economics: Assessment of Cumulative and In-combination Effects

- 5.259 The assessment of cumulative effects for Socio-economics is presented in Section 14.8 Chapter 14 of the ES.
- 5.260 The cumulative effects presented are considered appropriate.
- 5.261 The assessment of in-combination effects for Socio-economics is presented in Section 14.8 Chapter 14 of the ES.
- 5.262 The in-combination effects presented are considered appropriate.

# Socio-economics: Detailed Mitigation Measures & Assessment of Residual Effects

- 5.263 The consideration of additional mitigation measures and summary of Residual Effects for Socio-economics are presented in Section 14.9 and Section 14.10 Chapter 14 of the ES.
- The consideration of additional mitigation measures and summary of residual effects are appropriate subject to provision being made within the S106 agreement for a local employment scheme at the construction stage.



Socio-economics: Additional Matter(s)

5.265 None identified.



## **Other Issues Considered**

5.266 Chapter 15 of the ES (Document Reference 6.1) described other issues which have been considered; and presents an assessment of those other issues.

#### Waste

- 5.267 Section 15.2 Chapter 15 presents consideration given to likely effects of waste arising from the proposed development.
- 5.268 The conclusion that the Project will not result in any likely significant effects with respect to waste is considered appropriate.

#### **Human Health**

- 5.269 Section 15.3 Chapter 15 presents consideration given to likely effects on human health arising from the proposed development.
- 5.270 The assessment presented with respect to potential effects on human health is considered appropriate.

### **Residential Amenity**

- 5.271 Section 15.5 Chapter 15 presents consideration given to likely effects on residential amenity arising from the proposed development.
- 5.272 The assessment presented with respect to potential effects on residential amenity is considered appropriate.

#### **Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)**

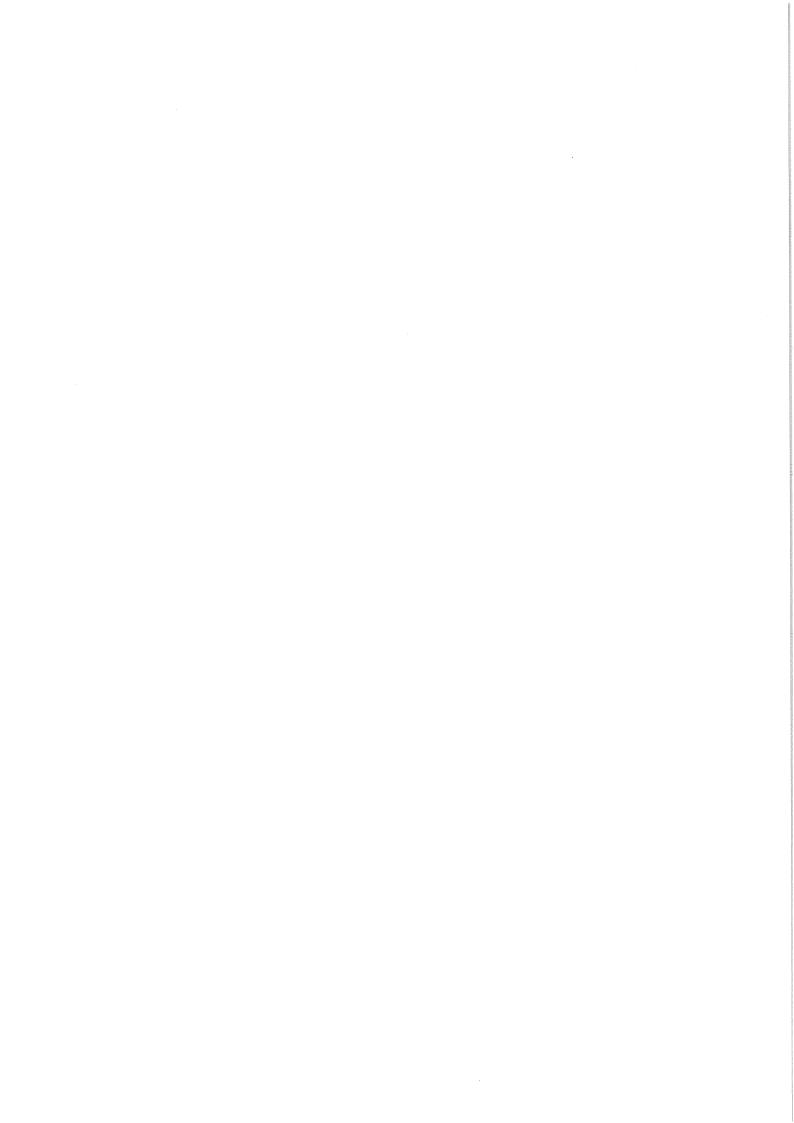
- 5.273 The Parties are agreed on the wording of the operative provisions of revision 1 of the draft DCO submitted by MPL at examination deadline 2 (Articles 1 -43).
- 5.274 The Parties are agreed on the wording of the requirements contained in Schedule 2 of revision 1 of the draft DCO submitted by MPL at examination deadline 2 and the procedure for the discharge of requirements contained in Schedule 12 of the draft DCO.



## 6. MATTERS YET TO BE AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES

The Parties confirm that the following areas are under discussion between the Parties:

6.1 Procedures and payment details for considering schemes required arising from Requirements and S106.





This SOCG is prepared jointly and agreed by the Parties:

Signed by For and on behalf of Millbrook Power Limited	)	
		Date:18 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
Signed by For and on behalf of Central Bedfordshire Council	) )	Date: 19 10412018