



CLEVE HILL SOLAR PARK

INITIAL STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND REQUESTED BY THE EXA - SOCG TRACKER

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1 INTRODUCTION

1. This document provides an update on Cleve Hill Solar Park Ltd's (the Applicant's) progress with addressing the Initial Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) requirement at Deadline 2 of the Examination relating to the Development Consent Order Application (the DCO Application) for Cleve Hill Solar Park (the Development).
2. Table 1 lists the SoCGs requested in the Rule 6 letter and provides a status update at Deadline 2 for each one.
3. References to the Application documentation are provided where necessary with hyperlinks according to the reference system set out in the [Cleve Hill Solar Park Examination Library](#).
4. Document references to Deadline 2 submissions are provided with references to the Guide to the Application (document 1.3, Revision C) which has been updated at Deadline 2.

2 STATUS OF STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND AT DEADLINE 2

Table 1 - Status of Statements of Common Ground Requested at Deadline 2

Ref.	SoCG between the Applicant and:	Deadline 2 SoCG Status
A	Relevant Local Authorities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kent County Council • Swale Borough Council • Canterbury City Council 	<p>It was agreed at a meeting between the Applicant, Swale Borough Council, Kent County Council and Canterbury City Council on 18 June 2019 that a separate Statement of Common Ground with each Local Authority would be progressed between Deadline 2 and Deadline 3 of the Examination.</p> <p>This was agreed to allow for responses to the Local Impact Reports submitted to be progressed and to subsequently inform the SoCGs.</p>
B	Natural England	<p>An initial pre-submission SoCG was agreed and submitted with the DCO Application (APP-256).</p> <p>A further SoCG has been drafted and was submitted to Natural England on 31 May 2019. This SoCG was discussed at a meeting on 18 June 2019 and further progress is expected to be made towards points of agreement prior to Deadline 3.</p>
B	Kent Wildlife Trust (KWT)	<p>A SoCG has been drafted and was submitted to KWT on 5 June 2019. This SoCG was discussed at a meeting on 17 June 2019 and further progress is expected to be made towards points of agreement prior to Deadline 3.</p>
B	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)	<p>A SoCG has been drafted and was submitted to the RSPB on 5 June 2019.</p> <p>The RSPB confirmed on 6 June that it does not intend to agree a Statement of Common Ground.</p>
C	The Environment Agency	<p>A SoCG has been agreed on 22 May 2019. This SoCG was submitted to PINS at the Pre-examination stage (AS-017).</p> <p>Further SoCG(s) are expected to be prepared to address any further requirements for agreement to be confirmed as the Examination progresses.</p>

Ref.	SoCG between the Applicant and:	Deadline 2 SoCG Status
D	Marine Management Organisation	<p>An initial SoCG has been drafted and was originally submitted to the MMO on 28 March 2019. This SoCG was last updated on 21 June 2019 by the MMO with the following comments:</p> <p>"While the MMO is not currently in a position to agree all of the points made within the updated draft SoCG, positive progress has been made."</p> <p>"The MMO will continue to work with the applicant to agree the drafting of the Deemed Marine Licence (DML); once the DML has been finalised with our input, it is likely that the MMO will be in a position to agree all areas of the SoCG."</p> <p>The Applicant and the MMO agreed that a draft SoCG reflecting progress to date would be submitted at Deadline 2 (document 10.3.2).</p>
E	Historic England	<p>An initial SoCG has been drafted and was originally submitted to Historic England on 4 April 2019. A draft of the SoCG was updated on 25 June 2019 by Historic England and has been submitted at Deadline 2 (document 10.3.4).</p> <p>The Applicant expects to continue discussions and submit an agreed version of the SOCG by Deadline 3.</p>
F	Public Health England	A SoCG has been agreed on 20 May 2019. This SoCG was submitted to PINS at the Pre-examination stage (AS-018).
G	Lower Medway Internal Drainage Board	<p>The Applicant has made progress with drafting a Statement of Common Ground for agreement with Lower Medway Internal Drainage Board and has verbally discussed the proposed matters for inclusion in the SoCG. The SoCG is expected to cover matters which are in the process of being updated through updates and amendments to the Outline Landscape and Biodiversity Management Plan (APP-203).</p> <p>The Applicant has agreed to issue a draft SoCG to Lower Medway Internal Drainage Board ahead of Deadline 3 accompanied by the most up to date information available on water management within the Development site which is of particular relevance to Lower Medway Internal Drainage Board.</p>
H	National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc	A SoCG has been agreed and has been submitted to the Examination (document 10.3.3) reflecting the current status of negotiations at Deadline 2.