



# CLEVE HILL SOLAR PARK

## **PROGRESSED 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 Progressed Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) requirement at Deadline 4 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 3 for each one.
3. References to the Application documentation are provided where necessary according to the reference system set out in the [Cleve Hill Solar Park Examination Library](#).
4. Document references to Deadline 4 submissions are provided with references to the Guide to the Application (document 1.3, Revision E) which has been updated at Deadline 4.

## 2 STATUS OF STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND AT DEADLINE 4

**Table 1 - Status of Statements of Common Ground Requested at Deadline 4**

Ref.	SoCG between the Applicant and:	Deadline 2 SoCG Status
A	Relevant Local Authorities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kent County Council</li> <li>• Swale Borough Council</li> <li>• Canterbury City Council</li> </ul>	<p>Draft Statements of Common Ground with each Local Authority were issued to Swale Borough Council, Kent County Council and Canterbury City Council during week commencing 12 August 2019.</p> <p>A meeting was held 22 August 2019, which included discussion of SoCGs, the meeting notes form part of the Deadline 4 submission as Appendix 4 to the Applicant's Responses to ExQ2 (document reference 12.1.2).</p> <p>SBC has agreed a SoCG (Deadline 4 submission document reference 12.2.2).</p> <p>KCC has progressed the SoCG but is unable to agree the SoCG ahead of Deadline 4 due to internal sign off procedures.</p> <p>CCC has acknowledged receipt of the SoCG but due to other commitments has not yet been able to respond.</p> <p>The Applicant will push for SoCG with KCC and CCC to be submitted as early as possible ahead of Deadline 5.</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 returned to the Applicant by Natural England (unsigned) and is submitted at Deadline 4 (document reference 12.2.4) reflecting the current status of agreement.</p> <p>It is expected that this SOCG will be updated further and agreed (and signed) ahead of Deadline 5.</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 unsigned, but progressed draft setting out the status of agreements was submitted at Deadline 3 [REP3-019].</p>

Ref.	SoCG between the Applicant and:	Deadline 2 SoCG Status
		Further SoCG(s) may be prepared if required to address any further requirements for agreement, to be confirmed as the Examination progresses.
B	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)	The RSPB confirmed on 6 June that it does not intend to agree a Statement of Common Ground. RSPB confirmed that this remains the case at the HMSG meeting on 23 August 2019.
C	The Environment Agency	A SoCG was agreed on 22 May 2019 and submitted to PINS at the Pre-examination stage [AS-017].  Further SoCG(s) may be prepared if required to address any further requirements for agreement to be confirmed as the Examination progresses.
D	Marine Management Organisation	A SoCG was agreed on 11 July 2019 [AS-028].
E	Historic England	A draft of the SoCG was updated on 25 June 2019 by Historic England and was submitted at Deadline 2 [REP2-031].  An updated signed SoCG has been submitted at Deadline 4 (document reference 12.2.3).
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	An agreed SoCG has been submitted at Deadline 4 (document reference 12.2.5).
H	National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc	A SoCG has been agreed and was been submitted to the Examination reflecting the current status of negotiations at Deadline 2 [REP2-030].  The Applicant expects to progress the SoCG and submit an updated version by Deadline 5.