



# CLEVE HILL SOLAR PARK

## **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 7 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 7 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 7 submissions are provided with references to the Guide to the Application (document 1.3, Revision H) which has been updated at Deadline 7.

## 2 STATUS OF STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND AT DEADLINE 7

**Table 1 - Status of Statements of Common Ground Requested at Deadline 7**

Ref.	SoCG between the Applicant and:	Deadline 7 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 5 submission [REP5-027].</p> <p>SBC has agreed (signed) a SoCG [REP4-037].</p> <p>CCC has agreed (signed) a SoCG [REP5-014].</p> <p>KCC has agreed (signed) a SoCG (Deadline 7 document reference 15.2.2).</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 was drafted and returned to the Applicant by Natural England (unsigned) and was submitted at Deadline 4 [REP4-039] reflecting the status of agreement at Deadline 4.</p> <p>NE has agreed (signed) a post-submission SoCG ahead of Deadline 7 which was submitted to the examination on 11 November 2019 [AS-050].</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 the progressed draft setting out the status of agreements was submitted at Deadline 3 [REP3-019].</p> <p>The Applicant has issued an updated draft SoCG to KWT immediately prior to Deadline 7 and will continue to progress an updated SoCG with KWT with the intention of submitting an agreed version to the examination prior to Friday 22 November 2019.</p>

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>SoCG between the Applicant and:</b>	<b>Deadline 7 SoCG Status</b>
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 (signed) on 22 May 2019 and submitted to PINS at the Pre-examination stage [AS-017].  Further agreements with the EA have been captured through position statements and the Applicant and the EA's responses to written questions.
D	Marine Management Organisation	A SoCG was agreed (signed) 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 agreed (signed) SoCG was submitted at Deadline 4 [REP4-039].
F	Public Health England	A SoCG has been agreed (confirmed via letter appended to the SoCG) 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 (confirmed digitally and via email) SoCG has been submitted at Deadline 4 [REP4-040].
H	National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc	A SoCG was agreed (confirmed via email) and submitted to the Examination reflecting the status of negotiations at Deadline 2 [REP2-030].  The remaining points of agreement with National Grid related to protective provisions and these have now been agreed, as reflected in Schedule 7 - Protective Provisions of the version of the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 5 [REP5-003] and subsequent versions submitted to the Examination.  The Applicant now does not anticipate that a further SoCG will be required.