



Statement of Common Ground with Highways England

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1 STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 This is a draft Statement of Common Ground between the applicant, Thurrock Power Ltd, and Highways England. It is presented for discussion with sections for:

- matters that are agreed at this stage;
- matters that are currently under discussion; and
- matters where there remains disagreement at this stage.

1.2 Matters that are agreed

1.2.1 The Environmental Statement (ES) provides an appropriate assessment of traffic and transport impacts on the strategic highway network.

1.2.2 The main potential for impact on the strategic highway network is at what is known locally as the 'ASDA roundabout', where construction traffic turning left out of the Port of Tilbury north-westbound on the A1089 St Andrew's Road would perform a U-turn to return south-eastbound on the A1089 to the Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant construction site. Construction traffic arriving or departing via the A1089 and A13 to the north would cross the roundabout.

1.2.3 This impact can be managed by instructions to HGV drivers as has been set out in Section 8.9 of the Outline Construction Management Plan (application document A8.8 (REP4-016)), namely:

"All drivers navigating the ASDA roundabout will be instructed as follows:

- *HGV drivers will be advised of the adverse camber signs on the roundabout and to take care when circulating the roundabout;*
- *HGV drivers will be instructed to slow down on approach and when circulating the roundabout, ensuring that the 30mph speed limit is enforced;*
- *HGV drivers will be informed of the layout of the roundabout;*
- *All HGV drivers which may undertake the U-turn from A1089 St Andrews Road will be instructed to not travel alongside another HGV when entering the roundabout."*

1.2.4 The alignment and gradient for the Thurrock Power construction access will be located as far west within Thurrock Power's Order Limits as possible to allow Highways England to use Shed Marsh.

1.3 Matters that are under discussion

1.3.1 The below table details the matters that are currently under discussion.

Topic	Thurrock Power Ltd comment	Highways England comment	Status
Construction			
Substation Road site access		Further discussions are needed to understand the proposed volume of construction traffic accessing the site via Substation Road and agreed site access requirements for both projects.	Under discussion
Construction shared access		Highways England and Thurrock Power Ltd need to work jointly to develop procedures for safely managing construction traffic where the access roads cross.	Under discussion

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Construction traffic management		Further discussions are required to understand the construction traffic management requirements, including facilities for a wheel wash.	Under discussion
Construction Worker off-site parking Provision (Raceway Tavern Site)		Highways England seeks clarification on the Raceway Tavern application as it is for 200 parking spaces but up to 350 workers could be anticipated. Thurrock Power Ltd to confirm how the additional 150 construction workers will be accommodated.	Under discussion
		It is also noted that the construction phasing will not be confirmed until after the DCO Examination has concluded. The temporary car park planning application is for a fixed period of three years. Temporary applications should not be subject to extensions or further applications of a temporary nature. Highways England require further information on the applicant's strategy for construction worker parking if construction takes place over a three phase six-year period.	Under discussion
Abnormal Indivisible Loads		Highways England also requires clarification as to whether the AILs will be moved individually or in platoons of multiple AILs.	Under discussion
High pressure gas pipeline			
Preferred option for western extent of the gas pipeline diversion.	Thurrock Power Ltd agree to the southern route option for the western extend of the gas pipeline diversion.	Highways England's preferred route encompasses the southern route option and a proposed diversion of the gas pipeline where it intersects the proposed Lower Thames Crossing main alignment.	
Station Road site access (for the high-pressure gas pipeline)		Highways England notes that the proposed underground high-pressure gas pipeline crossing at Station Road (the first of two crossing points) is located within the same footprint as a proposed major site access point for the Lower Thames Crossing tunnelling site. Further discussions are required to ensure an agreement is reached in relation to notice periods and alternate access arrangements to provide ongoing access to both Lower Thames Crossing sites if the Lower Thames Crossing segment facility is operational during the construction of the gas pipeline.	Under discussion
Other agreements			
Common land		Highways England requires more details on the proposals to de-register common land within Walton and Parsonage Common which also sits within the proposed Lower Thames Crossing Order Limit boundary.	Under discussion
Protective Provisions		Highways England welcomes further discussions to agree suitable Protective Provisions.	Under discussion

1.4 Matters that are not agreed

1.4.1 There are no disagreed matters at this stage.