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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) has been prepared by Cory Environmental Holdings Limited (trading as Cory Riverside Energy ('the Applicant')) and Historic England. For the purposes of this SOCG, the Applicant and Historic England will jointly be referred to as 'the Parties'.
- 1.1.2 The Applicant has applied to the Secretary of State under the Planning Act 2008 for powers to construct, operate and maintain an integrated Energy Park, to be known as Riverside Energy Park (REP) ('the Application'). The principal elements of REP comprise complementary energy generating development and an associated Electrical Connection (together referred to as the 'Proposed Development').
- 1.1.3 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 to provide information to facilitate an efficient examination process. There are no outstanding areas of disagreement.
- 1.1.4 This SOCG relates to the following topics/issues:
- Historic Environment; and
 - Draft DCO articles and requirements.
- 1.1.5 Historic England makes no comment in respect of all other topics identified in the Environmental Statement (ES) (Examination Library Reference APP-038 – APP-100), Habitats Regulations No Significant Effects Report (Examination Library Reference APP-101) and other Application documents.
- 1.1.6 Overall, this SOCG is intended to give a clear position of the state and extent of agreement between the Parties at the date on which this SOCG is signed and submitted to the Secretary of State.
- 1.1.7 All defined terms and abbreviations, if not defined or explained in this SOCG are defined or explained in the Glossary (Examination Library Reference APP-006).

1.2 The Application

- 1.2.1 The Application was submitted on 16th November 2018 accepted by the Secretary of State on 14th December 2018. The Application was accompanied by the ES and a Habitats Regulations No Significant Effects Report (Examination Library Reference APP-101).

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- 1.2.2 It is agreed that the ES forms the full and complete Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ('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.

1.3 The Examination

- 1.3.1 An examination ('the Examination') of the Application is to be held pursuant to Chapter 4 of Part 6 of the Planning Act 2008 ('the Act') and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedures) Rules 2010 ('the EP Rules').

- 1.3.2 A Preliminary Meeting, pursuant to Rule 7 of the EP Rules, will be held which discusses how the Application will be examined. The Examination will then commence the following day.

1.4 Description of the Proposed Development

- 1.4.1 The Proposed Development comprises REP and the associated Electrical Connection. These are described in turn, together with the anticipated REP operations, below. It is agreed that **Chapter 3** of the ES (**Document Reference 6.1 (APP-040)**) provides further details of the Proposed Development.

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REP

- 1.4.2 REP would be constructed on land immediately adjacent to Cory's existing RRRF, within the London Borough of Bexley (LBB) and would complement the operation of the existing facility. It would comprise an integrated range of technologies including: waste energy recovery, anaerobic digestion, solar panels and battery storage. The main elements of REP would be as follows:
- **Energy Recovery Facility (ERF):** to provide thermal treatment of Commercial and Industrial (C&I) residual (non-recyclable) waste with the potential for treatment of (non-recyclable) Municipal Solid Waste (MSW);
 - **Anaerobic Digestion facility:** to process food and green waste. Outputs from the Anaerobic Digestion facility would be transferred off-site for use in the agricultural sector as fertiliser or as an alternative, where appropriate, used as a fuel in the ERF to generate electricity;
 - **Solar Photovoltaic Installation:** to generate electricity. Installed across a wide extent of the roof of the Main REP building;
 - **Battery Storage:** to store and supply additional power to the local distribution network at times of peak electrical demand. This facility would be integrated into the Main REP building; and
 - **On Site Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Infrastructure:** to provide an opportunity for local district heating for nearby residential developments and businesses. REP would be CHP Enabled with necessary on site infrastructure included within the REP site.

Electrical Connection

- 1.4.3 REP would be connected to the electricity distribution network via a new 132 kilovolt (kV) underground electricity cable connection. The route options for the Electrical Connection are shown in the Works Plans (**Document Reference 2.2 (APP-008)**).
- 1.4.4 In consultation with UK Power Networks (UKPN), Cory is considering Electrical Connection route options to connect to the existing National Grid Littlebrook substation located south east of the REP site, in Dartford. The route options are located within the LBB and Dartford Borough, and would run from a new substation proposed to be constructed within the REP site.

2 Matters agreed between the Parties

2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 The Parties are agreed on all matters and in particular, are agreed on the points set out in this section (**Section 2**).
- 2.1.2 This follows a consultation meeting with Historic England (Mark Stevenson and Tim Brennan) on 27th February 2018; submission (19th October 2018) and approval (MS 2nd November 2018) of the final desk-based assessment, deposit model and overarching geoarchaeological Written Scheme of Investigation in October 2018.

2.2 Historic Environment

- 2.2.1 The scope of the Historic Environment Assessment is defined within **Section 10.1, Chapter 10** of the ES (**Document Reference 6.1 (APP-047)**). This description of the topic is an appropriate basis upon which to produce the ES Chapter.

Legislation, Policy Context, Guidance and Standards

- 2.2.2 The policy context, legislation, guidance and standards considered in the assessment of Historic Environment are noted in **Chapter 2** of the ES and **Section 10.2, Chapter 10** of the ES (**Document Reference 6.1 (APP-047)**).
- 2.2.3 The policy context, legislation, guidance and standards considered to inform the Historic Environment assessment are appropriate.

Consultation

- 2.2.4 Consultation undertaken with regards to the Historic Environment is summarised in **Section 10.3, Chapter 10** of the ES (**Document Reference 6.1 (APP-047)**).
- 2.2.5 The summary of consultation presented is correct so far as it provides an accurate record of consultation with Historic England on Historic Environment matters to date.

Reasonable Worst Case Parameters Used for Assessment

- 2.2.6 The reasonable worst-case parameters used for the assessment of Historic Environment are presented in **Section 10.4, Chapter 10** of the ES (**Document Reference 6.1 (APP-047)**).
- 2.2.7 The reasonable worst-case parameters used for the assessment are considered appropriate for the robust assessment of potential Historic Environment impacts arising from the Proposed Development.

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Assessment Methodology and Significance Criteria

- 2.2.8 The methodology for Historic Environment is presented in **Section 10.5, Chapter 10** of the ES (**Document Reference 6.1 (APP-047)**). The assessment methodology is considered appropriate.
- 2.2.9 The cumulative assessment methodology for Historic Environment is presented in **Section 4.10, Chapter 4** of the ES (**Document Reference 6.1 (APP-047)**). The cumulative assessment methodology, is considered appropriate.

Assumptions and Limitations

- 2.2.10 Assumptions made with regards to Historic Environment are summarised in **Section 10.6, Chapter 10** of the ES (**Document Reference 6.1 (APP-047)**).
- 2.2.11 The assumptions presented are considered appropriate.

Baseline Conditions and Receptors

- 2.2.12 The baseline conditions and receptors for Historic Environment are presented in **Section 10.7, Chapter 10** of the ES (**Document Reference 6.1 (APP-047)**).
- 2.2.13 The baseline conditions and receptors presented are considered appropriate.

Embedded Mitigation

- 2.2.14 No significant effects to the Historic Environment have been identified, as such no design responses or embedded mitigation are required.

Assessment of Likely Effects

- 2.2.15 The assessment of effects during construction and decommissioning for the Historic Environment is presented in **Section 10.9, Chapter 10** of the ES (**Document Reference 6.1 (APP-047)**). The assessment of effects during construction and decommissioning presented is considered appropriate.
- 2.2.16 The assessment of effects during operation for Historic Environment is presented in **Section 10.9, Chapter 10** of the ES (**Document Reference 6.1 (APP-047)**). The assessment of effects during operation presented is considered appropriate.

Cumulative Assessment

- 2.2.17 The assessment of cumulative effects for Historic Environment is presented in **Section 10.10, Chapter 10** of the ES (**Document Reference 6.1 (APP-047)**).
- 2.2.18 The cumulative effects presented are considered appropriate.

Further Mitigation and Enhancement

- 2.2.19 The consideration of further mitigation and enhancement measures for Historic Environment are presented in **Section 10.11, Chapter 10** of the ES (**Document Reference 6.1 (APP-047)**).
- 2.2.20 The consideration of further mitigation and enhancement measures are appropriate.

Residual Effects and Monitoring

- 2.2.21 The summary of residual effects for Historic Environment is presented in **Section 10.12, Chapter 10** of the ES (**Document Reference 6.1 (APP-047)**).
- 2.2.22 A schedule of mitigation and monitoring is presented in **Chapter 17** of the ES (**Document Reference 6.1 (APP-054)**).
- 2.2.23 The summary of residual effects is appropriate.

2.3 Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)

- 2.3.1 The Parties are agreed on the wording of the operative provisions of the draft DCO (Articles 1 – 43) (**Document Reference 3.1 (APP-014)**).
- 2.3.2 The Parties are agreed on the wording of the requirements contained in Schedule 2 of the draft DCO and the procedure for the discharge of requirements contained in Schedule 12 of the draft DCO.

3 Matters yet to be agreed between the Parties

3.1 Introduction

- 3.1.1 The Parties confirm that there are no areas outstanding and all matters are agreed.

4 Confirmation of Agreement

This SOCG is prepared jointly and agreed by the Parties:

Signed for and on behalf of the Applicant

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