



Little Crow

Solar Park

Little Crow Solar Park, Scunthorpe

STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND OVERVIEW

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This document provides an overview of the status of the various Statements of Common Ground reached between INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd (“the Applicant”) and North Lincolnshire Council, statutory consultees, statutory undertakers and interested parties at point of submission of the Development Consent Order (“DCO”) application.
- 1.2 INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd will continue to work with the relevant parties during the Examination and this document will be periodically updated as agreements are progressed and finalised.
- 1.3 The remainder of this report is structured as follows:
- **Section 2** provides a list of SoCG that have been drafted with relevant parties. It also lists where SoCG were not considered necessary; or where a SoCG was requested but deemed either as not required or unnecessary by other bodies.
 - **Section 3** sets out the status of each SoCG.

2. SCHEDULE OF SOCG

2.1 In accordance with the publication *Planning Act 2008: Examination of applications for development consent* (published by the former Department of Communities and Local Government in march 2015), the Applicant decided to prepare a number of draft SoCGs with various bodies that generated consultee responses during the preparation of the DCO. Local authorities and consultees that didn't provide a consultee response were not approached. Table 2.1 provides a list of draft SoCGs that have been prepared with bodies. It also identifies other bodies where a SoCG was requested by the applicant, but which were not considered necessary by the relevant body.

Table 2.1

Body	Applicant Proposing specific SoCG
Local Authorities	
North Lincolnshire Council	Yes.
West Lindsey Council	No, as part of its statutory consultee response West Lindsey Council advised that it had no comments to make over the development. For this reason, the Applicant considers that preparing a SoCG is unnecessary.
North East Lincolnshire Council	No, as part of its consultee response North East Lincolnshire Council advised there were no principle objections raised and only wished to be consulted again when application is submitted. For this reason, the Applicant considers that preparing a SoCG is unnecessary.
Hull City Council	No, as part of its consultee response Hull City Council advised there were no principle objections raised and only wished to be consulted again when application is

	submitted. For this reason, the Applicant considers that preparing a SoCG is unnecessary.
Doncaster MBC	No. Doncaster MBC no comments to make over the development during formal consultation. For this reason, the Applicant considers that preparing a SoCG is unnecessary.
Nottinghamshire County Council	No Nottinghamshire County Council advised they wouldn't provide a response as part of the formal consultation process. For this reason, the Applicant considers that preparing a SoCG is unnecessary.
Prescribed bodies / organisations	
Environment Agency	Yes
Highways England	Yes
Historic England	Yes
Natural England	Yes
Public Health England	Yes
The Coal Authority	No – as part of the statutory consultation response, on 24 January 2019 the Coal Authority advised it wished to make no observation or comment on the development since it was located outside the defined coalfield. For this reason, the Applicant considers that preparing a SoCG is unnecessary.
Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	Yes
Forestry Commission	No, the Forest Commission declined to enter into such a document at the pre-submission stage. The applicant

	will consider pursuing this again at the examination stage
Health and Safety Executive	Not required, a SoCG was drafted and issued to HSE on 14 May 2019. HSE advised on 15 May 2019 that since they have no issue with the development, they do not see the requirement for either a SoCG or a Position Statement.
Shire Internal Drainage Board	No, on 29 January 2019 the Internal Drainage Board advised that the site falls outside the Internal Drainage Board Drainage Districts. For this reason, the Applicant considers that preparing a SoCG is unnecessary.
Anglian Water	Yes
National Grid	Not Required
BT	Not Required
Northern Power	Yes

General Structure of SoCG

- 2.2 All the various SoCG were presented as working documents to the relevant body. The general approach for each document was to provide common ground text with regard to planning matters set out in tabulated format for the bodies to comment upon and then either agree, disagree or identify areas where further negotiations would be necessary. As the SoCG evolves during the examination process, other matters will be added to the SoCG, specifically the draft DCO, before the final position is reached with all bodies.
- 2.3 A number of the working draft SoCG were swiftly agreed by various bodies which clearly verifies the in principle support for the development.

3. STATUS

Summary of Current Position

3.1 This section provides the position of each working draft SoCG at the time the application was submitted. Various draft SoCG have been agreed and signed by the consultees and final versions will be presented during the examination.

Doc Number	Ref	Body	Status at time of application submission
Local Authority			
9.4 LC OTH		North Lincolnshire Council	Draft SoCG agreed in principle. No matters in dispute. We aim to present a final version during the examination.
Prescribed Bodies			
9.5 LC OTH		Anglian Water	A draft SoCG was presented to Anglian Waters. The draft document has subsequently been superseded during detailed discussion and agreement between the applicant and Anglian Water. An updated and a final version will be presented during the examination.
9.6 LC OTH		Environment Agency	Draft SoCG agreed in principle. No matters in dispute. We aim to present a final version during the examination.
9.7 LC OTH		Highways England	Draft SoCG agreed in principle. No matters in dispute. We aim to

		present a final version during the examination.
9.8 LC OTH	Historic England	Draft SoCG agreed in principle. No matters in dispute. We aim to present a final version during the examination.
9.9 LC OTH	Public Health England	Draft SoCG agreed in principle. No matters in dispute. We aim to present a final version during the examination.
9.10 LC OTH	Natural England	Draft SoCG agreed in principle. No matters in dispute. We aim to present a final version during the examination.
9.11 LC OTH	Lincolnshire Local Wildlife Trust	Draft SoCG agreed in principle. No matters in dispute. We aim to present a final version during the examination.
9.12 LC OTH	Northern Powergrid	Document has been drafted and issued to Northern Powergrid. It is expected that this will be reviewed and agreed during the examination.

