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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared in respect of the application for the proposed Sunnica Energy Farm Development Consent Order ("the Application") made by Sunnica Limited ("Sunnica") to the Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ("Secretary of State") for a Development Consent Order ("the Order") under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ("PA 2008").
- 1.1.2 The order, if granted, would authorise Sunnica to construct, operate (including maintain) and decommission a ground mounted solar farm across Sunnica East Site A, Sunnica East Site B, and Sunnica West Site A. The Scheme includes the following key components:
- a. Solar PV modules;
  - b. PV module mounting structures;
  - c. Inverters;
  - d. Transformers;
  - e. Switchgear;
  - f. Onsite cabling (including high and low voltage cabling) and cabling between the Sites and to the Burwell National Grid Substation;
  - g. One or more BESS (expected to be formed of lithium ion batteries storing electrical energy) on Sunnica East Site A, Sunnica East Site B, and Sunnica West Site A;
  - h. An electrical compound comprising a substation and control building (Sunnica East Site A, Sunnica East Site B, and Sunnica West Site A only);
  - i. Office/warehouse (Sunnica East Site A and Sunnica East Site B only)
  - j. Fencing and security measures;
  - k. Drainage;
  - l. Internal access roads and car parking;
  - m. Landscaping including habitat creation areas; and
  - n. Construction laydown areas.
- 1.1.3 This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere within the Application documents. All documents are available in the deposit locations and/or the Planning Inspectorate website.
- 1.1.4 This SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority (ExA) where agreement has been reached between the parties to it, and where agreement has

not (yet) been reached. SoCGs are an established means in the planning process of allowing all parties to identify and so focus on specific issues that may need to be addressed during the examination.

## **1.2 Parties to this Statement of Common Ground**

- 1.2.1 This SoCG has been prepared by (1) Sunnica as the Applicant and (2) East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST).
- 1.2.2 Sunnica is a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) incorporated in December 2013 to construct, operate, and decommission the Sunnica Energy Farm.
- 1.2.3 East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust is an interested party to the Examination of the Application.
- 1.2.4 Collectively Sunnica and East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust are referred to as 'the parties'.

## **1.3 Terminology**

- 1.3.1 In the tables in the Issues chapter of this SoCG:
  - a. "Agreed" indicates where the issue has been resolved.
  - b. "Not Agreed" indicates a final position of the parties that is not agreed, and
  - c. "Under discussion" indicates where these points are the subject of on-going discussion wherever possible to resolve, or refine, the extent of disagreement between the parties.
- 1.3.2 It can be taken that any matters not specifically referred to in the Issues chapter of this SoCG are not of material interest or relevance to East of England Ambulance Service's representation and therefore have not been considered in this document. It is recognised however that engagement between both parties will need to continue due to their joint interest in matters arising from the Scheme.

## 2 Issues

### 2.1 Matters Agreed

**Table 1** below details the matters agreed with East of England Ambulance Service (EEAST).

**Table 1: Matters agreed**

Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Agreement
Transport and access, including road closures	Communication strategy and procedure for transport and traffic	<p>The Applicant and EEAST agree that planned road closures, traffic management and AIL movements will be communicated to EEAST in advance. This will include planned timings and durations. The Applicant also agrees that any changes to such plans that occur at short notice will be communicated to the EEAST duty telephone line.</p> <p>A procedure for the above will be developed by the Applicant in consultation with EEAST. The Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan [APP-123] will be updated by the Applicant to include a commitment to develop this procedure.</p> <p>It is agreed that the above procedure would be sufficient to avoid and mitigate potential impacts of delay on EEAST's operations due to traffic impacts of the Scheme, and subject to this being in place and complied with, no financial contribution is required to compensate for any delays experienced by EEAST.</p>
Construction activities and staff	Demand on EEAST's services due to construction activities and staff	<p>The Applicant and EEAST agree that the Scheme is not likely to increase demand on EEAST's services to the extent that a financial contribution is required from the Applicant.</p>
Emergency planning and access	Familiarisation with sites, accesses and handover	<p>The Applicant and EEAST agree that prior to commencement the undertaker and EEAST will engage in order to agree arrangements for emergency access to the sites and procedures for handover of any construction worker that requires treatment or transport by EEAST.</p> <p>A procedure for the above will be developed by the Applicant in consultation with EEAST. The Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan [APP-123] will be updated by the Applicant to include a commitment to develop this procedure.</p> <p>The Applicant agrees that it will fund EEAST's reasonable costs for the above. These are expected to be based on EEAST's standard hourly rate for engagement with Planning Performance Agreements (PPAs), which is</p>



		<p>currently £84 per hour + VAT. It is expected that the equivalent of approximately 1 day of EEAST's time will be required for this.</p> <p>The above funding will be secured via a protective provision in the DCO. This is included at Part 11 of Schedule 12 of the Draft DCO submitted at Deadline 4.</p>
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## 2.2 Matters Under Discussion

**Table 2** below details the matters under discussion with East of England Ambulance Service (EEAST).

**Table 2: Matters under discussion**

Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Agreement
None	None	None



## 2.3 Matters Not Agreed

**Table 3** below details the matters not agreed with East of England Ambulance Service (EEAST).

**Table 3: Matters not agreed**

Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Agreement
None	None	None

## 4.0 SIGNATURES

This Statement of Common Ground is agreed:

**On behalf of East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust:**

Name Zoë May

Signature

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Date 11 January 2023

**On behalf of the Applicant:**

Name Luke Murray

Signature

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Date 16/12/2022