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**Statement of Common Ground
between Medworth CHP Limited
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1. Introduction

This draft SOCG has been prepared by the Applicant and submitted to the Host Authorities for comment. The areas of agreement/disagreement are therefore based upon the Applicant's understanding only and do not constitute the position of the Host Authorities until such time that their express agreement is provided. The Applicant is in discussion with the Host Authorities with the intention of providing a revised SOCG to include their position at Deadline 2.

1.1 Purpose of Statement of Common Ground

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared between Medworth CHP Limited ('the Applicant') and the Host Authorities to set out the areas of agreement and/or disagreement between the parties in relation to the proposed Development Consent Order (DCO) Application for the Medworth CHP EfW Facility. The host authorities for the purpose of this Application are:
- Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC);
 - Fenland District Council (FDC);
 - Norfolk County Council (NCC); and
 - Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk (KLWN).
- 1.1.2 The SoCG considers technical matters only. It does not reference refer to the political position of each Host Authority.
- 1.1.3 The preparation of SOCG is encouraged by PINS. Advice Note 11: *Working with public bodies in the infrastructure planning process* encourages a proactive approach to reaching agreement on the approach and the conclusions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), and the approach to consents, licences and authorisations.
- 1.1.4 It is the intention that this document will facilitate further discussions between the Applicant and the Host Authorities and will provide the Examining Authority (ExA) with a clear overview of the level of common ground between both parties. This document will be updated throughout the application process.
- 1.1.5 This SoCG covers the following topics which the Host Authorities and the Applicant consider as the main issues for the Project and the anticipated focus of the Examination:
- General;
 - Draft DCO;
 - Environmental assessment;
 - Other matters:
 - ▶ Statutory nuisances;



- ▶ Planning Statement; and
- ▶ Waste Need.

1.1.6 The Host Authorities and the Applicant agree that all other topics/documents submitted with the DCO application do not need to be included within the SoCG as the content of these do not affect the functions of the Host Authorities, or there are no outstanding matters for discussion in relation to these:

1.2 Approach to Statement of Common Ground

1.2.1 The structure of this SoCG is as follows:

- Section 1: The parties to the SoCG;
- Section 2: Agreement on Common Ground; and
- Section 3: Summary.



2. The parties to the Statement of Common Ground

2.1 The Applicant and Parties to the Statement of Common Ground

2.1.1 The parties to this SoCG are:

- Medworth CHP Limited, the Applicant for the Proposed Development; and
- The Host Authorities:
 - ▶ Cambridgeshire County Council;
 - ▶ Fenland District Council;
 - ▶ Norfolk County Council; and
 - ▶ Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk.

2.2 Role of the Host Authorities and Consultation

2.2.1 The Proposed Development is located in the town of Wisbech within the administrative areas of CCC and FDC. The Grid Connection also extends into the administrative areas of NCC and the KLWN. FDC lies within CCC, and the KLWN lies within NCC. CCC and FDC are the relevant waste planning authorities for the purpose of this application.

2.2.2 These four authorities have been identified under Section 43 of the Planning Act 2008, as authorities within which the Proposed Development is situated.

2.2.3 A summary of the general pre-application consultation with the host authorities is set out in **Table 2.1** below. A summary of topic specific engagement is set out in the relevant parts of **Section 3**. A summary of the consultation carried out following the submission of the DCO Application on 7 July 2022 is set out in **Table 2.2**.

Table 2.1 Summary of pre-application consultation with the Host Authorities

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
			TBC - This will include a summary of the Host Authorities statutory (e.g EIA scoping, SoCC production, statutory consultation) and non-statutory correspondence (e.g host authority meetings and feedback to non-stat consultation).



Table 2.2: Summary of post-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
02/08/2022	Adequacy of consultation responses	Statutory	<p>The Planning Inspectorate published adequacy of consultation responses from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCC; • FDC; • NCC; and • KLWN.
31/08/2022	Email	Non-statutory	<p>The Applicant contacted CCC with a suggestion to make a hard copy of the application documents available in Wisbech Library during the relevant representation period.</p> <p>CCC confirmed they would contact Wisbech Library to discuss the possibility.</p>
02/09/2022	Email	Non-statutory	<p>CCC requested that the Applicant set up a series of technical officer meetings to address queries raised by specific topics.</p> <p>Note - A summary of the meetings set up with specific topic areas are set out in Section 3.</p>
15/09/2022	Monthly host authority project update meeting via Teams	Non-statutory	<p>The Applicant provided a progress update on the Application. Arrangements for technical officer meetings and the approach to the SoCG were discussed.</p> <p>The meeting minutes were issued to the Host Authorities later that day.</p>
15/09/2022	Teams meeting	Non-statutory	<p>The Applicant and environmental consultants presented a guide to the DCO application to host authorities and their technical officers.</p>
27/09/2022	Email	Non-statutory	<p>The Host Authorities confirmed that they would prefer a joint SoCG if possible and requested to see the template.</p>



Date	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
			They confirmed they wished for an 'everything agreed except' approach and wished to see this approached on a topic by topic basis.
06/10/2022	Monthly host authority project update meeting via Teams	Non-statutory	The Applicant provided a progress update on the Application. An update on the progress with technical officer meetings was provided.
06/10/2022	Draft relevant representation	Non-statutory	A copy of the CCC/FDC draft relevant representation was published.
02/11/2022	Draft relevant representation	Non-statutory	A copy of the KLWN draft relevant representation was published.
03/11/2022	Monthly host authority project update meeting via Teams	Non-statutory	The Applicant provided a progress update on the Application. An update on the progress with technical officer meetings was provided.
05/11/2022	Email	Non-statutory	The Applicant issued the draft SoCG template for comment.
14/11/2022	Email	Non-statutory	The Applicant issued the meeting minutes from the meeting on 03/11/2022.
16/11/2022	Email	Non-statutory	Comments on the draft SoCG template were received from the host authorities.
01/12/2022	Monthly project update meeting via Teams	Non-statutory	The Applicant provided a progress update on the Application. An update on the progress with technical officer meetings was provided. The next steps in the DCO process were discussed.
01/12/2022	Relevant representation	Statutory	The Planning Inspectorate published relevant representations from the host authorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCC and FDC (joint representation); • NCC; and • KLWN. •



Date	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
05/01/2023	Monthly project update meeting via Teams	Non-statutory	The Applicant provided a progress update on the Application. An update on the progress with technical officer meetings was provided.

2.3 Summary of Current Position

- 2.3.1 Rev 0.0 of the SoCG (this document) has been shared for comment to the host authorities.
- 2.3.2 It is intended to submit this version of the SoCG at Deadline 1 of the examination (10 March 2023). Rev 1.0, which will include the comments received from the host authorities, will be submitted for Deadline 2 (24 March 2023).

2.4 Status of the Statement of Common Ground

- 2.4.1 The current version of the SoCG (Rev 0) is in draft form. The documents referred to in this version of the SoCG are those submitted with the DCO application and available on the Planning Inspectorate's website:
- <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/medworth-energy-from-waste-combined-heat-and-power-facility/?ipcsection=docs>
- 2.4.2 The examination library references have been adopted in the SoCG for ease:
- <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wpcontent/ipc/uploads/projects/E/N010110/EN010110-000900-Medworth%20Examination%20Library.pdf>



3. Agreement on Common Ground

3.1 Introduction

3.1.1 The following sections of this SoCG set out the level of agreement between the parties for each relevant topic. In order to easily identify whether a matter is 'agreed' or 'not agreed', a RAG within the 'position' column with red illustrating no agreement, amber that agreement is yet to be reach, and green, agreement.

3.1.2 The following section of this SoCG summaries the level of agreement between Medworth CHP Ltd and the Host Authorities on all relevant matters. Where certain topics do not fall within the remit of all Host Authorities, and the responsibility for those topics is deferred to specific Authorities, this is set out in the relevant sections.

3.2 Overview of the Proposed Development

3.2.1 The Proposed Development comprises the following key elements:

- The EfW CHP Facility Site;
- CHP Connection;
- Temporary Construction Compound (TCC);
- Access Improvements;
- Water Connections; and
- Grid Connection (underground cable and Walsoken Substation).

3.2.2 A summary description of each Proposed Development element is provided below. A more detailed description is provided in **Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) [APP-030]** of the ES. A list of terms and abbreviations can be found in **Chapter: 1 Introduction, Appendix 1F Terms and Abbreviations (Volume 6.4) [APP-068]**.

- **EfW CHP Facility Site:** A site of approximately 5.3ha located south-west of Wisbech, located within the administrative areas of Fenland District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council. The main buildings of the EfW CHP Facility would be located in the area to the north of the Hundred of Wisbech Internal Drainage Board (HWIDB) drain bisecting the site and would house many development elements including the tipping hall, waste bunkers, boiler house, turbine hall, air cooled condenser, air pollution control building, chimneys and administration building. The gatehouse, weighbridges, 132kV switching compound and laydown maintenance area would be located in the southern section of the EfW CHP Facility Site.
- **CHP Connection:** The EfW CHP Facility would be designed to allow the export of steam and electricity from the facility to surrounding business users via dedicated pipelines and private wire cables located along the disused March to



Wisbech railway. The pipeline and cables would be located on a raised, steel structure.

- TCC: Located adjacent to the EfW CHP Facility Site, the compound would be used to support the construction of the Proposed Development. The compound would be in place for the duration of construction.
- Access Improvements: includes access improvements on New Bridge Lane (road widening and site access) and Algores Way (relocation of site access 20m to the south).
- Water Connections: A new water main connecting the EfW CHP Facility into the local network will run underground from the EfW CHP Facility Site along New Bridge Lane before crossing underneath the A47 (open cut trenching or horizontal directional drilling (HDD)) to join an existing Anglian Water main. An additional foul sewer connection is required to an existing pumping station operated by Anglian Water located to the north-east of the Algores Way site entrance and into the EfW CHP Facility Site.
- Grid Connection: This comprises a 132kV electrical connection using underground cables. The Grid Connection route begins at the 132kV switching compound in the EfW CHP Facility Site and runs underneath New Bridge Lane, before heading north within the verge of the A47 to the Walsoken Substation on Broadend Road. From this point the cable would be connected underground to the Walsoken DNO Substation.

3.2.3 The Proposed Development would be constructed in a manner consistent with that described within ES **Chapter: 3 Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) [APP-030]**. In summary:

- Work would commence with the establishment of the TCC together with any pre-commencement surveys and works to demolish existing structures and clear the EfW CHP Facility Site. The mobilisation and site set-up phase will last approximately 3-months.
- Access Improvements on New Bridge Lane will commence and take place over a 6-month period.
- Civil works comprising earthworks, piling and later the creation of external hardstanding areas, concrete structures and steelwork framing and the installation of the Water Connections will take place over a 34-month period.
- Overlapping with the erection of the structures at the EfW CHP Facility Site, mechanical, electrical and plant installation would take place over a period of 24-months followed by a 9-month period of commissioning and testing.
- The construction of the CHP Connection and Grid Connection would follow a similar process of mobilisation, civils and commissioning.

3.2.4 Following the completion of commissioning and testing, the TCC site accessed from Algores Way would be restored to its former condition.

3.2.1 The Proposed Development is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under Part 3, Section 14 of the Planning Act 2008 by virtue of the fact that the generating station is located in England and has a generating capacity of over



50MW (see section 15(2) of the 2008 Act). It, therefore, requires an application to be submitted to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order (DCO). The DCO application has been submitted by Medworth CHP Ltd (the Applicant); a wholly owned subsidiary of MVV Environment Ltd.

Table 3.1: Agreement Log: General

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.1.1	The summary of the Proposed Development provided in Section 3.2 above reflects the Host Authorities understanding of the Project.		Agreed.

3.3 Draft DCO

3.3.1 A **draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013]** and accompanying **Explanatory Memorandum (Volume 3.2) [APP-014]** were submitted as part of the DCO Application. It is expected that the **draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013]** will be updated during the course of the DCO examination in response to comments from the host authorities, other Interested Parties and the Examining Authority.

Summary of consultation

3.3.2 No specific consultation on the **draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013]** was carried out in advance of the DCO submission. A summary of the consultation carried out following the submission of the DCO Application on 7 July 2022 is set out in **Table 3.2**.

Table 3.2: Summary of post application consultation with the Host Authorities – draft DCO

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
Ongoing	CCC	Email	Statutory	Discussions between the Applicant and CCC regarding the highway powers to be included within the DCO are ongoing.



Summary of Agreement

3.3.3 **Table 3.3** below sets out the matters agreed in relation to the draft DCO. Any topic specific matters relating to draft DCO are addressed in the respective sections below.

Table 3.3: Agreement Log: Draft DCO

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.3.1	The wording of Schedule 2 (Requirements) is agreed.		Agreed – with the exception of topic specific matters set out in the sections below.
3.3.2	<p>The procedure for the discharge of requirements set out in Schedule 12 of the Draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] is agreed.</p> <p>It is agreed that the relevant waste planning authorities (CCC and NCC) will take responsibility for discharging the DCO requirements.</p> <p>The district authorities (FDC and KLWN) would be consulted by CCC / NCC on any requirements relevant to their administrative area.</p>		Agreed.

3.4 Alternatives

3.4.1 The assessment of alternatives is set out in **ES Chapter 2: Alternatives (Volume 6.2) [APP-029]**.

Remit of the Host Authorities

3.4.2 The assessment of alternatives is relevant to all four Host Authorities.

Summary of consultation

3.4.3 No specific meetings have been held with the Host Authorities in relation to the assessment of alternatives. A summary of the comments received from the Host



Authorities during the EIA scoping stage and in response to the PEIR are set out in **Table 2.1 - 2.3 of ES Chapter 2: Alternatives (Volume 6.2) [APP-029]**.

Summary of agreement

3.4.4 **Table 3.4** below sets out the matters agreed in relation to the assessment of alternatives.

3.4.5 Matters relating to waste need are set out in **Section 3.20** of the SoCG.

Table 3.4: Agreement Log: Alternatives

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.4.1	The assessment of alternatives set out in ES Chapter 2: Alternatives (Volume 6.2) [APP-029] accords with the requirements of the EIA Regulations, NPS EN-1 and draft EN-1, NPS EN-3 and draft NPS EN-3 and NPS EN-3 and Draft NPS EN-5.		Agreed – the Host Authorities have not raised any comments in relation to the assessment of alternatives within their relevant representations. The need for the EfW CHP Facility in the context of site selection and the availability of waste locally is addressed separately in Section 3.20 of the SoCG.

3.5 Traffic and Transport

3.5.1 The assessment of traffic and transport is set out in **ES Chapter 6: Traffic and Transport (Volume 6.2) [APP-033]**, together with supporting figures and appendices. This includes a **Transport Assessment (Volume 6.4 ES Chapter 6 Traffic and Transport Appendix 6B) [APP-073]**.

3.5.2 In addition, a series of management plans have been produced to demonstrate how traffic and traffic would be managed during the construction and operation of the Proposed Development including:

- **Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (Volume 6.4 ES Chapter 6 Traffic and Transport Appendix 6A) [APP-072];**
- **Outline Operational Travel Plan (Volume 6.4 ES Chapter 6 Traffic and Transport Appendix 6C) [APP-074];** and
- **Outline Operational Traffic Management Plan (Volume 7.15) [APP-106].**



Remit of the host authorities

- 3.5.3 The relevant highways authorities for the purpose of the DCO application are CCC and NCC.
- 3.5.4 BCKLWN confirmed in their relevant representation **[RR-001]** that NCC are leading on this topic on their behalf. FDC have also agreed that CCC are leading on this topic on their behalf. Notwithstanding this, all authorities have contributed to discussions in relation to traffic and transport and this has been fed in the DCO application and post submission actions.

Summary of consultation

- 3.5.5 A summary of the pre-application consultation with the host authorities in relation to traffic and transport is set out in **Table 3.5** below. This is also summarised in **ES Appendix 6D: Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation Comments on the Traffic and Transport Assessment [APP-075]**.
- 3.5.6 A summary of the traffic and transport consultation carried out following the submission of the DCO Application on 7 July 2022 is set out in **Table 3.6**.

Table 3.5: Summary of pre-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – traffic and transport

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
13/01/2020	CCC FDC NCC	EIA Scoping Opinion	Statutory	EIA scoping opinion response on traffic and transport.
01/04/2020	CCC	MS Teams Meeting	Non-statutory	Introductory meeting. Discussion included the disused March to Wisbech Railway, Transport Assessment, CHP Connection Design.
18/12/2020	CCC	Email - Scoping note	Non-statutory	Applicant issued Scoping Note, setting out how the reopening of the disused March to Wisbech Railway Line would be considered.
21/01/2021	NCC	MS Teams Meeting	Non-statutory	Introductory meeting. Discussions included the



Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
				need for a Transport Assessment and sensitive locations.
12/02/2021	CCC NCC	MS Teams Meeting	Non-statutory	Discussion regarding reopening of the disused March to Wisbech Railway, Discussion of access scenarios and base line data collection.
25/03/2021	NCC	Email	Non-statutory	NCC provided a response to the Scoping Note, requesting an onsite meeting.
08/04/2021	CCC	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss opportunities for ducting under the A47.
06/05/2021	CCC	Email - Scoping Note	Non-statutory	CCC provided a response to the Applicant's Scoping Note issued on 18/12/2020. Comments related to HGV routing and traffic data.
24/05/2021	CCC	MS Teams Meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss grid connection crossings of the A47.
08/2021	CCC FDC NCC KLWN	PEIR response	Statutory	PEIR response on traffic and transport.
06/12/2021	CCC	MS Teams Meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss CCC's PEIR comments, design changes and scope of transport assessment together with supporting management documents.
03/01/2022	CCC	Email	Non-statutory	New Bridge Lane Access improvement design was shared by the Applicant for comment.



Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
17/01/2022	CCC	Email	Non-statutory	The Applicant shared details of traffic generation and distribution calculations.
18/03/2022	CCC	Email	Non-statutory	CCC provided a response to the Applicant's New Bridge Lane design proposals issued on 03/01/2022.
25/01/2022	NCC	Email	Non-statutory	The Applicant provided an email update to NCC on traffic and transport matters.
27/01/2022	NCC	Email	Non-statutory	NCC responded to the Applicant's email of 25/01/2022.

Table 3.6: Summary of post-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – traffic and transport

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
16/09/2022	CCC	Email	Non-statutory	CCC issued comments in relation to the Access and Rights of Way Plans, and related highways information.
26/10/2022	CCC NCC KLWN	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	The Applicant presented a summary of the traffic and transport documents submitted with the DCO application. An overview of initial concerns and the need for further highways topic specific meetings was agreed.
01/11/2022	CCC	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss highways assets, including



Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
				the presentation of highway assets in the DCO application documents.
09/11/2022	CCC	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss road safety.
10/11/2022	CCC	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss the traffic and transport assessment presented in the ES.
15/11/2022	CCC	Email	Non-statutory	Meeting minutes from 09/11/2022 and 10/11/2022 were issued.
24/11/2022	CCC	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Further meeting to discuss the traffic and transport assessment presented in the ES.
01/12/2022	CCC FDC NCC KLWN	Relevant representation	Statutory	Relevant representations from the host authorities were published.
05/12/2022	CCC	NS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss CCC's relevant representation on the Access and Public Rights of Way Plan. NB a number of emails were exchanged subsequently, attaching revised drawings and responding to further comments.
10/01/2023	CCC	Email	Non-statutory	Email attaching revised drawings for Access Improvements to New Bridge Lane in response to relevant representations following meeting of 24/11/2022.



Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
21/02/2023	CCC	Email	Non-statutory	Information received from CCC confirming the extent of the highway along New Bridge Lane.

Summary of agreement

3.5.7 **Table 3.7** below sets out the matters agreed in relation to traffic and transport.

Table 3.7: Agreement Log: Traffic and transport

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.7.1	<p><u>Assessment approach</u></p> <p>The assessment presented in ES Chapter 6: Traffic and Transport (Volume 6.2) [APP-033] including the data gathering methodology, baseline, scope of the assessment, embedded environmental measures and the assessment methodology set out is appropriate.</p>		CCC/FDC requested more information on the potential impacts of temporary construction access via Algores Way for HGVs. A Technical Note on this matter has been prepared by the Applicant and issued to CCC/FDC for comment on 01/02/2023. This note will be submitted at Deadline 1 subject to the receipt of comments from CCC/FDC.
3.7.2	<p><u>Assessment conclusion</u></p> <p>There will be no likely significant traffic and transport effects during the construction, operation or decommissioning of the proposed development taking account of the embedded mitigation measures (Section 6.9 of ES Chapter 6: Traffic and Transport (Volume 6.2) [APP-033]).</p>		<p>Agreed – NCC in respect to effects in Norfolk.</p> <p>CCC/FDC are reserving their position on this matter until they have had the opportunity to review the additional documents provided by the Applicant.</p>



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.7.3	<p><u>Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)</u></p> <p>The Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (Volume 6.4 ES Chapter 6 Traffic and Transport Appendix 6A) [APP-072] secured in Requirement 11 of the draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] secures the necessary measures to ensure there are unlikely to be any significant traffic and transport effects during the construction phase.</p> <p>The Outline CTMP includes the necessary restrictions to control the routing of HGVs during the construction phase. No HGVs would be permitted through Wisbech Town Centre or Elm High Road.</p>		<p>CCC/FDC confirmed in their relevant representation [RR-002 and RR-003] that they may provide comments on this document at a later stage.</p>
3.7.4	<p><u>Outline Operational Traffic Management Plan</u></p> <p>The Operational Traffic Management Plan (Volume 7.15) [APP-106] secured in Requirement 12 of the draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] secures the necessary measures to ensure there are unlikely to be any significant traffic and transport effects during the operational phase.</p>		<p>Agreed – NCC in respect to effects in Norfolk.</p> <p>CCC/FDC confirmed in their relevant representation [RR-002 and RR-003] that they may provide comments on this document at a later stage.</p>
3.7.5	<p><u>Outline Operational Travel Plan</u></p> <p>The Outline Operational Travel Plan (Volume 6.4 ES Chapter 6 Traffic and Transport Appendix 6C) [APP-074]</p>		<p>No relevant representations were received from the Host Authorities on the content of the Outline Operational Travel Plan.</p>



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
	<p>secured in Requirement 15 of the draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] secures the necessary measures to manage travel during the operational phase.</p>		
<p>3.7.6</p>	<p><u>New Bridge Lane – Road Design</u></p> <p>The principle of accessing the site via New Bridge Lane and the associated widening and improvement works is acceptable.</p> <p>The detailed design of the highways access would be agreed with CCC as part of Requirement 7 (Highway Access) of the draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013].</p>		<p>Agreed – CCC/FDC confirmation in RR-002 and RR-003.</p> <p>Additional road design information was requested by CCC in their relevant representation. This includes the need to signalise the Cromwell Road / New Bridge Lane junction. The Applicant has provided updated drawings to CCC to reflect the agreed design changes and will submit these at Deadline 1.</p>
<p>3.7.7</p>	<p><u>Draft DCO</u></p> <p>The draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] contains the appropriate powers to deliver the highways works proposed as part of the DCO application.</p> <p>This includes the adoption of a section of Algores Way by CCC.</p>		<p>Discussions are ongoing with CCC to agree the wording of the draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] in respect to highways matters. Any amendments made to the draft DCO will be submitted at a future examination deadline.</p>
<p>3.7.8</p>	<p><u>March to Wisbech Railway reopening</u></p> <p>The Proposed Development will not compromise the requirements of CCC in respect to the reopening of the disused March to Wisbech Railway.</p>		<p>The Applicant is in the process of agreeing Heads of Terms with CCC to ensure that their requirements are met in relation to the future reopening of the Railway. These discussions remain ongoing.</p>



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.7.9	<p><u>Public Rights of Way</u></p> <p>The Access and Public Rights of Way Plan (Volume 2.4) [AS-005] accurately reflects the extent of public rights of way and access likely to be affected by the Proposed Development.</p>		<p>The Plan has been updated in response to comments raised by CCC/FDC in their relevant representation and shared for comment in response to a request to demarcate the different highway land boundaries. The Applicant will submit the updated Plan at Deadline 1.</p>

3.6 Noise and Vibration

3.6.1 The assessment of noise and vibration is set out in **ES Chapter 7: Noise and Vibration (Volume 6.2) [APP-034]**, together with supporting figures and appendices.

3.6.2 An **Outline Construction Noise Management Plan** is provided as part of the **Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) (Volume 7.12) [APP-103]**. This is secured in Requirement 10 of the **Draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013]**.

3.6.3 An **Outline Operational Management Plan (Volume 6.4 ES Chapter 7 Noise and Vibration Appendix 7D) [APP-074]** has also been produced to demonstrate how noise and vibration would be managed during the operation of the Proposed Development. This is secured in Requirement 19 of the **draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013]**.

Remit of the host authorities

3.6.4 The Joint CCC/FDC relevant representation [**RR-002 and RR-003**] confirms that FDC are leading on this topic.

3.6.5 NCC confirm in their relevant representation [**RR-004**] that the KLWN are leading on this topic on their behalf.

Summary of consultation

3.6.6 A summary of the pre-application consultation with the host authorities in relation to noise and vibration is set out in **Table 3.8** below. This is also summarised in **Section 7.2 of ES Chapter 7: Noise and Vibration (Volume 6.2) [APP-034]**.

3.6.7 A summary of the noise and vibration consultation carried out following the submission of the DCO Application on 7 July 2022 is set out in **Table 3.9**.



Table 3.8: Summary of pre-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – noise and vibration

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
13/01/2022	CCC FDC	EIA Scoping opinion	Statutory	EIA scoping opinion response on Noise and Vibration.
18/08/2020	CCC NCC FDC KLWNBC	Email	Non-Statutory	Survey and Monitoring Plan (SMP) issued by the Applicant to the Host Authorities for comment.
13/10/2020	CCC NCC FDC KLWNBC	Email	Non-Statutory	Updated SMP to address queries and comments provided on the previous version.
12/02/2021	CCC NCC FDC KLWNBC	Email	Non-Statutory	Updated SMP to address queries and comments provided on the previous version.
08/2021	CCC FDC KLWN	PEIR response	Statutory	PEIR response on noise and vibration.
07/10/2021	CCC NCC FDC KLWNBC	Email	Non-Statutory	Updated SMP to address queries and comments provided on the previous version.
15/10/2021	FDC (on behalf of Host Authorities)	MS Teams Meeting	Non-Statutory	To discuss latest version of the SMP.
15/11/2021	CCC NCC FDC KLWNBC	Email	Non-Statutory	Host Authorities confirmed that an alternative monitoring location proposed by the Applicant was acceptable.
07/01/2022	CCC NCC FDC KLWNBC	Email	Non-Statutory	Agreement to scope out vehicle induced vibration. Vehicle induced vibration considered qualitatively at New Bridge Lane.



Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
29/01/2022	FDC (on behalf of Host Authorities)	Email	Non-Statutory	Email exchange confirming further agreement on the scope of the noise and vibration assessment.
03/02/2022 14/02/2022	FDC (on behalf of Host Authorities)	Email	Non-Statutory	FDC confirmed that as no HDD is proposed for the Grid Connection, an assessment of impacts is not required.

Table 3.9: Summary of post-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – noise and vibration

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
03/10/2022	FDC	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss comments raised in the FDC draft relevant representation.
07/10/2022	FDC	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Follow up meeting to continue discussion of matters raised in the meeting on 03/10/2022.
07/10/2022	FDC	Email	Non-statutory	Baseline noise monitoring report and other information issued to FDC following meeting.
14/10/2022	KLWN	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss noise assessment, including proposed mitigation measures.
15/10/2022	FDC	Email	Non-statutory	Meeting minutes from 03/10/2022 and 07/10/2022 were issued to FDC.
02/11/2022	BCKLWM	Email	Non-statutory	Meeting minutes from 14/10/2022 were issued to KLWN.



Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
01/12/2022	CCC FDC NCC KLWN	Relevant representation	Statutory	Relevant representations from the host authorities were published. These included comments on the noise and vibration assessment.

Summary of agreement

3.6.8 **Table 3.10** below sets out the matters agreed in relation to the assessment of noise and vibration.

Table 3.10: Agreement Log: Noise and Vibration

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.10.1	<u>Assessment approach</u> The assessment presented in ES Chapter 7: Noise and Vibration (Volume 6.2) [APP-034] including the data gathering methodology, baseline, scope of the assessment, embedded environmental measures and the assessment methodology set out is appropriate.		The Host Authorities provided comments on the noise assessment within their relevant representations [RR-001, RR-002 and RR-003] which will be addressed in the Applicant's comments on the relevant representations (Volume 9.2) and submitted at Deadline 1.
3.10.2	<u>Assessment conclusion</u> There will be no likely significant noise and vibration effects during the construction, operation or decommissioning of the proposed development taking account of the embedded mitigation measures (Section 7.9 and 7.10 of ES Chapter 7: Noise and Vibration (Volume 6.2) [APP-034]).		Agreed.



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
	<p><u>Outline Construction Noise Management Plan</u></p> <p>The Outline Construction Noise Management Plan provided within the Outline CEMP [APP-103] and secured in Requirement 10 of the draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] secures the necessary measures to ensure there are unlikely to be any significant noise and vibration effects during the construction phase.</p>		<p>Agreed.</p> <p>The final management plan will be updated to include full details of noise management following appointment of the EPC Contractor and once detailed construction methodologies are available.</p>
3.10.3	<p><u>Outline Operational Noise Management Plan</u></p> <p>The Outline Operational Noise Management Plan [APP-074] secured in Requirement 19 of the draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] secures the necessary measures to ensure there are unlikely to be any significant noise and vibration effects during the construction phase.</p>		<p>Agreed. The final management plan will be updated to include full details of noise management as part of the detailed design of the Proposed Development which would occur following the DCO consent.</p>

3.7 Air Quality

3.7.1 The assessment of air quality is set out in **ES Chapter 8: Air Quality (Volume 6.2) [APP-035]**, together with supporting figures and appendices.

Remit of the host authorities

3.7.2 CCC and FDC have both engaged in consultation regarding air quality.

3.7.3 NCC confirmed in their relevant representation that air quality falls into the remit of the KLWN and therefore defers to them on this matter.



Summary of consultation

- 3.7.4 A summary of the pre-application consultation with the host authorities in relation to air quality is set out in **Table 3.11** below. This is also summarised in **Appendix 8A: Stakeholder consultation comments on Air Quality (Volume 6.4) [APP-078]**.
- 3.7.5 A summary of the noise and vibration consultation carried out following the submission of the DCO Application on 7 July 2022 is set out in **Table 3.12**.

Table 3.11: Summary of pre-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – air quality

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
13/01/2020	CCC FDC	EIA Scoping Response	Statutory	EIA scoping response on air quality.
21/07/2020	CCC FDC	Email	Non-statutory	Comments on Methodology Statement provided by CCC and FDC.
02/10/2020	KLWN	Email	Non-statutory	Comments on Methodology Statement provided by KLWN.
08/2021	CCC FDC	PEIR response	Statutory	PEIR response on air quality.
13/01/2022	CCC	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Discussion of CCC comments on the PEIR.

Table 3.12: Summary of post-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – air quality

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
19/10/2022	KLWN	Email	Non-statutory	KLWN issued questions to the Applicant on the air quality assessment in advance of the technical meeting on 31/10/2022.
31/10/2022	CCC FDC NCC KLWN	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss the points raised in CCC/FDC's draft relevant representation, including assessment anomalies, and assumptions.
09/11/2022	CCC FDC	Email	Non-statutory	Meeting minutes from 31/10/2022 and a table of



Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
	NCC KLWN			responses to comments received were issued to the host authorities.
11/11/2022	CCC	Email	Non-statutory	CCC provided comments on the draft meeting minutes from 31/10/2022.
15/11/2022	CCC FDC NCC KLWN	Email	Non-statutory	The meeting minutes from 31/10/2022 were reissued in response to feedback received from CCC on 11/11/2022.

Summary of agreement

3.7.6 **Table 3.13** below sets out the matters agreed in relation to the assessment of air quality.

Table 3.13: Agreement Log: Air Quality

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.13.1			TBC – following comments on updated AQ Technical Report (ES Chapter 8 Air Quality Appendix 8B Volume 6.4) which is submitted at Deadline 1.

3.8 Landscape and Visual

3.8.1 The assessment landscape and visual effects is set out in **ES Chapter 9: Landscape and Visual (Volume 6.2) [APP-036]**, together with supporting figures and appendices.

3.8.2 An **Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Volume 7.7) [APP-098]**. This is secured in Requirement 5 of the **draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013]**.

3.8.3 An **Outline Lighting Strategy (ES 4 ES Chapter 3 Description of the Proposed Development Appendix 3B (Volume 6.4) [APP-071]** has been produced to demonstrate how lighting associated with the Proposed Development would be



designed to mitigate effects on nearby receptors, including local residents. This is secured in Requirement 18 of the **draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013]**.

Remit of the host authorities

- 3.8.4 The Joint CCC/FDC relevant representation [RR-002 and RR-003] confirms Landscape Architects were appointed to provide specialist support on this topic.
- 3.8.5 KLWN confirm in their relevant representation [RR-001] that NCC are leading on this topic on their behalf.

Summary of consultation

- 3.8.6 A summary of the pre-application consultation with the host authorities in relation to landscape and visual is set out in **Table 3.14** below. This is also summarised in **ES Chapter 9: Landscape and Visual Appendix 9A Consultation Response Summaries (Volume 6.4) [APP-079]**.
- 3.8.7 A summary of the landscape consultation carried out following the submission of the DCO Application on 7 July 2022 is set out in **Table 3.15**.

Table 3.14: Summary of pre-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – landscape and visual

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
13/01/2020	CCC FDC NCC	EIA scoping response	Statutory	EIA scoping response on landscape and visual.
13/03/2020	CCC FDC ¹	Email further comments on EIA Scoping Report.	Non-statutory	The Councils provided additional comments in relation to the study area, ZTV, viewpoints, photomontages and townscape effects.
13/08/2020	CCC FDC	Email Technical Note	- Non-statutory	Applicant responded to CCC/FDCs further comments on the EIA Scoping Report dated 13/03/2020.
24/09/2020	CCC FDC	Email response to	Non-statutory	CCC/FDC responded with further comments on the study area, ZTV,

¹ CCC and FDC were represented by Liz Lake Associates from this correspondence onwards.



Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
		Applicant's technical note		viewpoints, blimp use, visual receptors, Residential Visual Amenity Assessment and visualisations.
02/11/2020	CCC FDC	MS teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss the CCC/FDC comments and the Applicant's responses.
11/11/2020	CCC FDC	Email Technical Note	Non-statutory	The Applicant issued a further technical note to CCC/FDC summarising the outcomes of the 02/11/2022 meeting.
19/11/2020	CCC FDC	Email	Non-statutory	CCC sought confirmation regarding the methodology to be adopted for the visualisations due to be produced for the viewpoints.
01/12/2020	CCC FDC	Email	Non-statutory	Applicant responded to CCC's email of 19/11/2020 to confirm the approach that would be adopted.
03/12/2020	CCC FDC	Email	Non-statutory	CCC confirmed their agreement with the Applicants approach (01/12/2020). Note – this was subsequently superseded by later agreements reached in February 2022.
08/2021	CCC FDC NCC	PEIR Response	Statutory	PEIR responses to the LVIA.



Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
15/12/2021	CCC FDC	Email	Non-statutory	Applicant issued memo setting out updated development parameters, proposed visualisation types and ZTV methodology in advance of the meeting to be held January 2022.
11/01/2022	CCC FDC	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss visualisation types and ZTV methodologies.
08/02/2022	CCC FDC	Email response	Non-statutory	CCC/FDC responded to the memo/meeting, confirming acceptance of the proposed approach to ZTV modelling, the LVIA methodology and agreement in relation to visualisations.

Table 3.15: Summary of post-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – landscape and visual

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
21/10/2022	CCC NCC KLWN	MS teams meeting	Non-statutory	Discussion regarding the methodology adopted for the assessment, proposed mitigation and the assessment of effects.
02/11/2022	CCC NCC KLWN	Email	Non-statutory	Applicant issued meeting minutes and clarification note from 21/10/2022. Clarification ZTVs and cross sections were issued with assessment remaining unchanged.



Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
01/12/2022	CCC FDC NCC KLWN	Relevant representation	Statutory	Relevant representations from the host authorities were published. These included comments on the LVIA.
27/01/2023	CCC NCC KLWN	Email	Non-statutory	Applicant's consultant sent an email to the host authorities seeking clarification on whether they intended to provide information on which LVIA conclusions they do not agree with and why, as recorded as an action during the meeting on the 02/11/2022.

Summary of agreement

3.8.8 **Table 3.16** below sets out the matters agreed in relation to the landscape and visual impact assessment.

Table 3.16: Agreement Log: Landscape and Visual Impact

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.16.1	The relevant legislation, planning policy and technical guidance has identified in Section 9.3 of the ES [APP-036] .		Agreed. No comments have been raised in the relevant representations to dispute this position.
3.16.2	The approach to data gathering set out in Section 9.4 of the ES [APP-036] , including the definition of the study area, and the approach surveys is reasonable to inform the assessment of likely significant effects.		Agreed. No comments have been raised in the relevant representations to dispute this position. As described above, substantial pre-application consultation was carried out to agree the 17km



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
			study area, the location of viewpoints and the methods of assessment.
3.16.3	The current and future baseline set out in Section 9.5 of the ES [APP-036] is accurately described.		Agreed. No comments have been raised in the relevant representations to dispute this position.
3.16.4	The scope of the assessment set out in Section 9.6 of the ES [APP-036] is reasonable to inform the assessment of likely significant effects.		Agreed. No comments have been raised in the relevant representations to dispute this position.
3.16.5	The embedded environmental measures described in Section 9.7 of the ES [APP-036] are appropriate to manage the likely significant effects of the Proposed Development. The methods of implementation set out in Section 9.11 of the ES [APP-036] are agreed.		The Host Authorities reserve their position on this matter until further consideration of the assessment conclusions has been carried out.
3.16.6	The assessment methodology set out in Section 9.8 of the ES [APP-036] is reasonable to inform the assessment of likely significant effects.		Agreed. No comments have been raised in the relevant representations to dispute this position.
3.16.7	The assessment conclusions in relation to landscape and townscape character, set out in Section 9.9 of the ES [APP-036] are agreed.		NCC confirm that the landscape impacts of the grid connection in Norfolk are expected to be minimal [RR-004] . CCC/FDC have raised concerns regarding the potential extent of the landscape and townscape effects resulting from the Proposed Development in their



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
			relevant representation [RR-002 and RR-003] of the Proposed Development. The Applicant's email of 27/01/23 seeks clarification from CCC/FDC on which assessment conclusions they disagree with and why.
3.16.8	The assessment conclusions in relation to visual receptors, set out in Section 9.9 of the ES [APP-036] are agreed.		CCC/FDC have raised concerns regarding the potential extent of the visual effects resulting from the Proposed Development in their relevant representation [RR-002 and RR-003] of the Proposed Development. The Applicant's email of 27/01/23 seeks clarification from CCC/FDC on which assessment conclusions they disagree with and why.
3.16.9	The assessment conclusions in relation to residential visual amenity, set out in Section 9.9 of the ES [APP-036] are agreed, and the Residential Visual Amenity Threshold (RVAT) would not be breached.		CCC/FDCs relevant representation [RR-002 and RR-003] raised concerns that the RVAT could be breached for 10 New Bridge Lane. The Applicant's consultant prepared a clarification cross section (insert D1 submission ref) to demonstrate that the RVAT would not be breached and no change to the assessment was required. A response to the Applicant's cross sections is awaited from CCC/FDC.

3.9 Historic Environment

- 3.9.1 The assessment of the historic environment is set out in **ES Chapter 10: Historic Environment (Volume 6.2) [APP-037]**, together with supporting figures and appendices.



- 3.9.2 The **Outline CEMP [APP-103]** includes provision for an archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation. The CEMP is secured in Requirement 10 of the **draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013]**.

Remit of the host authorities

- 3.9.3 The Joint CCC/FDC relevant representation [**RR-002 and RR-003**] confirms that CCC hold a remit in relation to the consideration of the Proposed Development on the Historic Environment. The joint representation confirms that FDC's remit is limited to consideration of impacts on Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas.
- 3.9.4 KLWN have engaged in the consideration of the impact of the Proposed Development on heritage assets but confirmed the remit in respect to archaeology lies with NCC.

Summary of consultation

- 3.9.5 A summary of the pre-application consultation with the host authorities in relation to the historic environment is set out in **Table 3.17** below. This is also summarised in **Section 10.2 of ES Chapter 10: Historic Environment (Volume 6.4) [APP-037]**.
- 3.9.6 A summary of the historic environment consultation carried out following the submission of the DCO Application on 7 July 2022 is set out in **Table 3.18**.

Table 3.17: Summary of pre-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – historic environment

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
13/01/2022	CCC FDC NDC	EIA Scoping Opinion	Statutory	EIA scoping response on the historic environment.
23/03/2021	CCC	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to share borehole data and discuss need for fieldwork.
08/2021	CCC FDC KLWN	PEIR responses	Statutory	PEIR responses on Historic Environment.



Table 3.18: Summary of post-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – historic environment

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
19/10/2022	CCC NCC	MS teams meeting	Non-statutory	Discussion regarding potential archaeological impacts, mitigation and geoarchaeology. Post meeting Applicant issued project document links via email.
20/10/2022	CCC NCC	Email	Non-statutory	Meeting minutes from 19/10/2022 were issued.

Summary of agreement

3.9.7

Table 3.19 below sets out the matters agreed in relation to the historic environment assessment.

Table 3.19: Agreement Log: Historic Environment

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.19.1	<p><u>Assessment approach</u></p> <p>The assessment presented in ES Chapter 10: Historic Environment (Volume 6.2) [APP-037] including the data gathering methodology, baseline, scope of the assessment, embedded environmental measures and the assessment methodology set out is appropriate.</p>		Agreed.
3.19.2	<p><u>Assessment conclusion</u></p> <p>There will be no likely significant effects on the setting of heritage assessment during the construction, operation or</p>		KLWN agree that the Proposed Development will not have any significant effects on built heritage assets in West Norfolk [RR-001].



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
	decommissioning of the proposed development taking account of the embedded mitigation measures (Section 10.9 of the ES (Volume 6.2) [APP-037]).		
3.19.3	<p><u>Assessment conclusion</u></p> <p>There will be no likely significant effects on archaeology during the construction, operation or decommissioning of the proposed development taking account of the embedded mitigation measures (Section 10.9 of the ES (Volume 6.2) [APP-037]).</p>		<p>CCC agree that based on the archaeological data presented, the impacts on the Grid Connection and the CHP Connection are unlikely to occur [RR-002 and RR-003].</p> <p>NCC agree that the Proposed Development will not have a significant effect on archaeology in West Norfolk [RR-004].</p>
3.19.4	<p><u>Outline Written Scheme of Investigation</u></p> <p>The content of the Outline Written Scheme of Investigation set out in the CEMP (Volume 7.13) [APP-103] is agreed, and the final version will be approved by CCC as secured in Requirement 10 of the Draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013].</p>		Agreed.

3.10 Biodiversity

3.10.1 This section of the SoCG covers the following matters:

- Biodiversity assessment;
- Habitat Regulations Assessment; and
- Biodiversity Net Gain.



Remit of the host authorities

- 3.10.2 CCC have been responsible for providing responses regarding biodiversity on behalf of themselves and FDC.
- 3.10.3 NCC have engaged in discussions regarding biodiversity but confirm in their relevant representation that the BNG calculations are not relevant to them.
- 3.10.4 KLWN confirmed in their relevant representation [RR-001] that NCC are leading on this topic on their behalf.

Summary of Consultation

- 3.10.5 A summary of the pre-application consultation with the host authorities in relation to biodiversity is set out in **Table 3.20** below. This is also summarised in **ES Appendix 11A (Volume 6.4) [APP-081]**.
- 3.10.6 A summary of the biodiversity consultation carried out following the submission of the DCO Application on 7 July 2022 is set out in **Table 3.21**.

Table 3.20: Summary of pre-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – biodiversity

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
13/01/2020	CCC FDC NCC KLWN	EIA Scoping opinion	Statutory	EIA scoping response on biodiversity.
12/03/2020	CCC NCC	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss proposed survey approach, including protected species, HRA and net gain.
23/04/2020	CCC NCC	Email	Non-statutory	Meeting minutes from 12/03/2020 were issued by the Applicant.
09/07/2020	CCC NCC	Email	Non-statutory	Winter Bird Survey Report 2020 was issued by the Applicant for comment.
01/09/2020	NCC	Email	Non-statutory	Provided a response to the Winter Bird Survey 2020. Comments on weather conditions were set out.
11/09/2022	CCC	Email	Non-statutory	Provided a response to the Winter Bird Survey 2020. Comments on weather



Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
				conditions and agricultural land usage were set out.
21/12/2020	CCC	Email	Non-statutory	Provided a response to the Breeding and Passage Bird Survey Report 2020. Comments on the assessment of collision risk were provided.
25/03/2021	CCC NCC FDC	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss the scope of the ecological surveys.
30/03/2021	NCC	Email	Non-statutory	Provided comments on the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Report. Broadly agreed with the content and provided further comments on badgers and bats.
31/03/2021	CCC NCC FDC	Email	Non-statutory	Meeting minutes from 25/03/2021 were issued.
08/2021	CCC NCC FDC	PEIR responses	Statutory	PEIR responses on Biodiversity

Table 3.21: Summary of post-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – biodiversity

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
16/11/2022	CCC NCC FDC	MS teams meeting	Non-statutory	Discussion regarding biodiversity net gain, protected species, and the Outline Ecology and Landscape Plan. Post meeting Applicant issued project document links via email.
02/12/2022	CCC NCC	Email	Non-statutory	Meeting minutes from 16/11/2022 were issued.



Biodiversity assessment

3.10.7 The biodiversity assessment is set out in **ES Chapter 11: Biodiversity (Volume 6.2) [AS-008]**, together with supporting figures and appendices

Summary of agreement

3.10.8 **Table 3.22** below sets out the matters agreed in relation to the biodiversity assessment.

Table 3.22: Agreement Log: Biodiversity

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.22.1	<p><u>Assessment approach</u></p> <p>The assessment presented in ES Chapter 11: Biodiversity (Volume 6.2) [AS-008] including the data gathering methodology, baseline, scope of the assessment, embedded environmental measures and the assessment methodology set out is appropriate.</p>		<p>CCC raised a number of comments in their relevant representation relating to the description of the baseline and the survey approach for water voles and great crested newts. These comments were discussed with CCC in biodiversity update meeting held on 16/11/2022 and CCC were satisfied with the response provided. A summary of these discussions will be provided in the Applicant's response to the relevant representations at Deadline 1.</p>
3.22.2	<p><u>Assessment conclusion</u></p> <p>There will be no likely significant effects on biodiversity during the construction, operation or decommissioning of the proposed development taking account of the embedded mitigation measures (Section 11.9 of the ES (Volume 6.2) [APP-038]).</p>		<p>Agreed.</p>



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.22.3	<p><u>Management Plans</u></p> <p>The biodiversity mitigation measures set out in the Outline CEMP, including Appendix D (Outline Ecological Mitigation Strategy) [APP-103] and secured in Requirement 10 of the draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] are acceptable.</p>		Agreed.
3.22.4	<p><u>Management Plans</u></p> <p>The Outline Operational Lighting Strategy (Appendix 3B Outline Lighting Strategy (Volume 6.4) [APP-071] (secured in Requirement 18 of the draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013]) is acceptable to manage potential impacts on water voles and bats.</p>		The measures proposed by CCC in their relevant representation in relation to lighting design will be captured in the final version of the Lighting Strategy. This was agreed at the biodiversity update meeting held on 16/11/2022 with CCC.
3.22.5	<p><u>Management Plans</u></p> <p>The Outline Landscape and Ecology Strategy (ES Figure 3.14) (Volume 6.3) [APP-049] secured in Requirement 4 (Biodiversity and landscape mitigation) of the draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] is acceptable.</p>		Agreed.

Habitat Regulations Assessment

- 3.10.9 It is agreed by the Host Authorities that the Secretary of State is the competent authority in respect to the Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) process. A **Habitat Regulations Assessment No Significant Effects Report [AS-007]** was submitted as part of the DCO Application
- 3.10.10 A summary of the consultation feedback from the Host Authorities in relation to the HRA is provided in **Table 3.1 of the HRA No Significant Effects Report (Volume 5.3) [AS-007]**. Comments were received from CCC, FDC and NCC in relation to the



assessment and survey scope which were taken into account within the production of the final HRA No Significant Effects Report.

- 3.10.11 The Host Authorities have not raised any issues in relation to the HRA No Significant Effects Report in their relevant representations and have no further comments to make on HRA matters at this time.

Biodiversity Net Gain

- 3.10.12 The biodiversity net gain assessment is presented in **ES Chapter 11: Biodiversity Appendix 11M (Rev 2) (Volume 6.2) [AS-009]**.

Summary of agreement

- 3.10.13 **Table 3.23** below sets out the matters agreed in relation to the biodiversity assessment.

Table 3.23: Agreement Log: Biodiversity Net Gain

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.23.1	The methods and application of the biodiversity metric set out in the BNG Assessment [AS-009] have been correctly applied.		Agreed.
3.23.2	There would be a net loss of biodiversity as a result of the Proposed Development that will be compensated for.		Agreed.
3.23.3	The delivery of off-site compensation is appropriate to provide biodiversity net gain, in addition to the onsite opportunities identified (as set out in the BNG assessment [AS-009]).		Agreed. The Applicant will continue meetings with key stakeholders in the area to identify opportunities for offsite provision.
3.23.4	The wording of draft DCO Requirement 6 (Biodiversity Net Gain) (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] is appropriate.		The final wording of the DCO Requirement remains under discussion with CCC, but there is unlikely to be an impediment to agreeing the wording of this.



3.11 Hydrology

- 3.11.1 The hydrology assessment is set out in **ES Chapter 12: Hydrology (Volume 6.2) [APP-039]**, together with supporting figures and appendices. This includes a **Flood Risk Assessment** presented in **ES Chapter 12 Hydrology Appendix 12A (Volume 6.4) [APP-084]**.
- 3.11.2 A series of outline management plans have also been produced, and secured in the **draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013]**:
- **ES Chapter 12 Hydrology Appendix 12F Outline Drainage Strategy (Volume 6.4) [APP-086]**; and
 - **Outline Flood Emergency Management Plan (Volume 7.9) [APP-100]**.

Remit of the host authorities

- 3.11.3 All four host authorities have been engaged in discussions regarding hydrology, including CCC and NCC in their roles as lead local flood authorities.

Summary of consultation

- 3.11.4 A summary of the pre-application consultation with the host authorities in relation to hydrology is set out in **Table 3.24** below. This is also summarised in **ES Appendix 12B (Volume 6.4) [APP-085]**.
- 3.11.5 A summary of the biodiversity consultation carried out following the submission of the DCO Application on 7 July 2022 is set out in **Table 3.25**.

Table 3.24: Summary of pre-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – hydrology

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
13/01/2020	CCC NCC KLWN	EIA Scoping Opinion	Statutory	EIA scoping response on hydrology.
11/01/2021	NCC	Email	Non-statutory	Provided comments on flood risk and works affecting ordinary watercourses.
15/01/2021	CCC	Email	Non-statutory	Provided information on flooding in the area.
19/04/2021	CCC	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss the draft surface water drainage strategy. Include discussions on discharge rates and climate change allowance.



Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
08/2021	NCC	PEIR responses	Statutory	PEIR responses on Hydrology
26/10/2021	CCC	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss flood risk and surface water drainage strategy.
01/03/2022	NCC	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss surface water management plan, SuDS strategy and run off management for Walsoken substation.

Table 3.25: Summary of post-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – hydrology

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
24/10/2022	CCC	MS teams meeting	Non-statutory	Discussion regarding surface water discharge, water reuse, climate change allowances, pumping, calculations and other matters
10/11/2022	NCC	MS teams meeting	Non-statutory	Discussion regarding surface water drainage, watercourse crossings and hydrology at the Walsoken substation.
22/11/2022	CCC	Email	Non-statutory	Meeting minutes from 24/10/2022 were issued to CCC.
24/11/2022	NCC	Email	Non-statutory	Meeting minutes from 10/11/2022 were issued to NCC.
02/12/2022	NCC	Email	Non-statutory	Email from NCC querying the extent of the Hundred of Wisbech Internal Drainage



Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
				Board (IDB) drains. To be followed up.
02/12/2022	CCC	Email/technical note	Non-statutory	Technical note issued addressing comments raised by CCC in the meeting of 24/10/2022 and the CCC/FDC relevant representation.

Summary of agreement

3.11.6 **Table 3.26** below sets out the matters agreed in relation to hydrology.

Table 3.26: Agreement Log: Hydrology

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.26.1	<u>Assessment approach</u> The assessment presented in ES Chapter 12: Hydrology (Volume 6.2) [APP-039] including the data gathering methodology, baseline, scope of the assessment, embedded environmental measures and the assessment methodology set out is appropriate.		Agreed.
3.26.2	<u>Assessment conclusion</u> There will be no likely significant effects on hydrology during the construction, operation or decommissioning of the proposed development taking account of the embedded mitigation measures (Section 12.9 of the ES (Volume 6.2) [APP-039]).		Agreed.



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.26.3	<p><u>Outline Drainage Strategy</u></p> <p>The content of the Outline Flood Emergency Management Plan (Volume 6.4) [APP-086], secured in Requirement 13 of the Draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] is agreed.</p>	Yellow	The Applicant intends to submit a revised Outline Drainage Strategy at Deadline 1 in response to comments made in the relevant representations.
3.26.4	<p><u>Outline Flood Emergency Management Plan</u></p> <p>The content of the Outline Flood Emergency Management Plan (Volume 7.9) [APP-100], secured in Requirement 13 of the Draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] is agreed.</p>		The Applicant is reviewing the flood management strategy in light of comments made in the relevant representations and will provide an update at Deadline 1.
3.26.5	<p><u>Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs)</u></p> <p>The Proposed Development crosses a number of watercourses which fall under the jurisdiction of the King's Lynn IDB, and the Hundred of Wisbech IDB rather than the lead local flood authority. The Applicant is responsible for obtaining the necessary consents from the IDBs.</p>	Green	Agreed.

3.12 Geology, Hydrogeology and Contaminated Land

3.12.1 The assessment of geology, hydrogeology and contaminated land is set out in **ES Chapter 13: Geology, hydrogeology and contaminated land (Volume 6.2) [APP-040]**, together with supporting figures and appendices.

Remit of the host authorities

3.12.2 CCC and FDC have not requested any specific engagement in relation to geology, hydrogeology and contaminated land, or raised any points in their relevant representation.



- 3.12.3 NCC confirm in their relevant representation [RR-004] that they have no points to raise regarding geology, hydrogeology and contaminated land. Consideration of this topic falls into the remit of KLWN.

Summary of consultation

- 3.12.4 A summary of the pre-application consultation with the host authorities in relation to geology, hydrogeology and contaminated land is set out in **Table 3.27** below. This is also summarised in **Section 13.2 of ES Chapter 13 Geology, hydrogeology and contaminated land (Volume 6.2) [APP-040]**.
- 3.12.5 A summary of consultation carried out following the submission of the DCO Application on 7 July 2022 is set out in **Table 3.28**.

Table 3.27: Summary of pre-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – geology, hydrogeology and contaminated land

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
13/01/2020	CCC FDC	EIA Scoping Opinion	Statutory	EIA scoping response on geology, hydrogeology and contaminated land.
08/2021	CCC KLWN	PEIR responses	Statutory	PEIR responses on geology, hydrogeology and contaminated land.

Table 3.28: Summary of post-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – geology, hydrogeology and contaminated land

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
01/12/2022	NCC KLWN	Relevant representation	Statutory	Relevant representations from the host authorities were published. KLWN provided comments on the assessment of geology, hydrogeology and contaminated land.

Summary of agreement

- 3.12.6 **Table 3.29** below sets out the matters agreed in relation to geology, hydrogeology and contaminated land.



Table 3.29: Agreement Log: geology, hydrogeology and contaminated land

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.29.1	<p><u>Assessment approach</u></p> <p>The assessment presented in ES Chapter 13: Geology, hydrogeology and contaminated land (Volume 6.2) [APP-040] including the data gathering methodology, baseline, scope of the assessment, embedded environmental measures and the assessment methodology set out is appropriate.</p>		Agreed.
3.29.2	<p><u>Assessment conclusion</u></p> <p>There will be no likely significant effects on geology, hydrogeology and land contamination during the construction, operation or decommissioning of the proposed development taking account of the embedded mitigation measures (Section 13.9 of the ES (Volume 6.2) [APP-040]).</p>		Agreed.

3.13 Climate

- 3.13.1 The climate change assessment is set out in **ES Chapter 14: Climate (Volume 6.2) [APP-041]**, together with supporting appendices. The assessment considers climate change in two ways:
- Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; and
 - Climate change resilience (CCR).

Remit of the host authorities

- 3.13.2 CCC have been engaged in discussions regarding this topic and have appointed specialist consultants to support the technical engagement.



- 3.13.3 KLWN confirmed in their relevant representation that NCC would be responsible for providing comments on this topic on their behalf [RR-001].
- 3.13.4 NCC confirmed in their relevant representation that they have no issues in relation to the assessment within their administrative area and defer to CCC in relation to the EfW CHP Facility itself.

Summary of consultation

- 3.13.5 A summary of the pre-application consultation with the host authorities in relation to climate change is set out in **Table 3.30** below. This is also summarised in **ES Appendix 14A (Volume 6.4) [APP-088]**.
- 3.13.6 A summary of consultation carried out following the submission of the DCO Application on 7 July 2022 is set out in **Table 3.31**.

Table 3.30: Summary of pre-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – climate

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
13/01/2020	KLWN CCC FDC	EIA Scoping Opinion	Statutory	EIA scoping response on climate.
11/12/2020	CCC	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss proposed GHG emissions assessment.
01/2021	CCC FDC NCC KLWN	Email	Non-statutory	GHG Emissions Methodology issued.
04/02/2021	KLWN CCC	Email	Non-statutory	Comments on GHG Emissions Methodology provided.
08/2021	KLWN CCC FDC	PEIR responses	Statutory	PEIR responses on climate.



Table 3.31: Summary of post-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – climate

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
20/10/2022	CCC KLWN	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss CCC's draft relevant representation including waste assumptions, avoided emissions, mitigation, guidance and the assessment of effects.
28/10/2022	CCC KLWN	Email	Non-statutory	Meeting minutes from 20/10/2022 were issued.
09/11/2022	CCC KLWN	Email - Technical Note	Non-statutory	Provided a response to CCC's draft relevant representation comments discussed in the meeting held on 20/10/2022. Including further sensitivity analysis for avoided emissions, considering the gradual decarbonisation of the UK Grid.
01/12/2022	CCC FDC NCC KLWN	Relevant representation	Statutory	Relevant representations from the host authorities were published.

Summary of agreement

3.13.7 **Table 3.32** below sets out the matters agreed in relation to climate change.

Table 3.32: Agreement Log: climate change

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.32.1	<u>Assessment approach: Climate change resilience assessment</u> The CCR assessment presented in ES Chapter 14: Climate (Volume 6.2) [APP-041]		Agreed. No comments have been raised in the relevant representations to dispute this position.



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
	including the data gathering methodology, baseline, scope of the assessment, embedded environmental measures and the assessment methodology set out is appropriate.		
3.32.2	<p><u>Assessment conclusion: Climate change resilience assessment</u></p> <p>There are no significant effects remaining following the assessment of climate change impacts on the construction, operational and decommissioning phases of the Proposed Development and its receptors. This is because all relevant and implementable environmental measures have been employed into all phases of the Proposed Development.</p>		Agreed. No comments have been raised in the relevant representations to dispute this position.
3.32.3	<p><u>Assessment approach: GHG emissions assessment</u></p> <p>Aspects of the GHG emissions assessment presented in ES Chapter 14: Climate (Volume 6.2) [APP-041] including the data gathering methodology, baseline, scope of the assessment set out are considered appropriate.</p>		Agreed. No comments have been raised in the relevant representations to dispute this position.
3.32.4	<p><u>Assessment approach: GHG emissions assessment</u></p> <p>The embedded environmental measures described in Section 14.7 of ES Chapter 14: Climate (Volume 6.2) [APP-041] are appropriate to manage the likely</p>		CCC/FDC have raised concerns in their relevant representation [RR-002 and RR-003] regarding mitigation in construction and the application of carbon capture and storage (CCS) at the EfW CHP Facility. The Applicant is awaiting



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
	<p>significant effects of the Proposed Development.</p>		<p>a response to Technical Note Climate Change (Doc Ref: TNCC01 issued 09/11/2022) which responded to comments in their relevant representation and provided further details on the Applicant's proposed DCO commitment to CCS.</p>
	<p><u>Assessment approach: GHG emissions assessment</u></p> <p>The assessment methodology set out in Section 14.8 and 14.9 of ES Chapter 14: Climate (Volume 6.2) [APP-041] is reasonable to inform the assessment of likely significant effects.</p>		<p>CCC/FDC have raised concerns in their relevant representation [RR-002 and RR-003] regarding the without development (landfill) scenario considered, waste composition assessed, the assessment of avoided emissions and the application of the IEMA guidance for assessing GHG emissions. The Applicant is awaiting response to Technical Note Climate Change (Doc Ref: TNCC01 issued 09/11/2022) which responded to comments in their relevant representation and provided further sensitivity analysis for avoided emissions, considering the gradual decarbonisation of the UK Grid.</p>
	<p><u>Assessment conclusion: GHG emissions assessment</u></p> <p>The GHG emissions assessment conclusions set out in Section 14.9 and 14.12 of ES Chapter 14: Climate (Volume 6.2) [APP-041] are agreed.</p>		<p>CCC/FDC have raised concerns in their relevant representation [RR-002 and RR-003] regarding the quantification of emissions and in particular the application of the IEMA guidance for assessing GHG emissions which has been used to determine significance. The Applicant is awaiting response to Technical Note Climate Change (Doc Ref: TNCC01 issued 09/11/2022)</p>



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
			which responded to comments in their relevant representation.

3.14 Socio-Economics, Tourism, Recreation and Land Use

- 3.14.1 The assessment of socio-economics, tourism, recreation and land use is set out in **ES Chapter 15: Socio-economics, tourism, recreation and land use (Volume 6.2) [APP-042]**, together with supporting figures and appendices.
- 3.14.2 The assessment is supported by further strategies:
- **Outline Employment and Skills Strategy (Volume 7.8) [APP-099]**; and
 - **Outline Community Benefits Strategy (Volume 7.14) [APP-105]**.

Remit of the host authorities

- 3.14.3 NCC and FDC have both engaged in this topic.
- 3.14.4 KLWN confirmed in their relevant representation [RR-001] that NCC are leading on this topic on their behalf.

Summary of consultation

- 3.14.5 A summary of the pre-application consultation with the host authorities in relation to socio-economics, tourism, recreation and land use is set out in **Table 3.33** below. This is also summarised in **Section 15.2 of ES Chapter 15: Socio-economics, tourism, recreation and land use (Volume 6.2) [APP-042]**.
- 3.14.6 A summary of consultation carried out following the submission of the DCO Application on 7 July 2022 is set out in **Table 3.34**.

Table 3.33: Summary of pre-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – socio-economics, tourism, recreation and land use

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
13/01/2020	CCC NCC	EIA scoping opinion	Statutory	EIA scoping response on socio-economics, tourism, recreation and land use.
08/2021	FDC	PEIR responses	Statutory	PEIR responses on socio-economics, tourism, recreation and land use.



Table 3.34: Summary of post-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – socio-economics, tourism, recreation and land use

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
26/10/2022	CCC FDC	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	To explain Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter 15 plus the outline Community Benefits and Employment and Skills Strategies. Applicant to answer questions from CCC and FDC ahead of their preparation of relevant representations.
04/11/2022	CCC FDC	Email	Non-statutory	Meeting minutes from 26/10/2022 were issued.
01/12/2022	CCC FDC NCC KLWN	Relevant representation	Statutory	Relevant representations from the host authorities were published. These included comments on the assessment of socio-economics, tourism, recreation and land use.

Summary of agreement

3.14.7 **Table 3.35** below sets out the matters agreed in relation to socio-economics, tourism, recreation and land use.

Table 3.35: Agreement Log: socio-economics, tourism, recreation and land use

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.35.1	<u>Assessment approach</u> The assessment presented in ES Chapter 15: Socio-economics, tourism, recreation and land use (Volume 6.2) [APP-042] including the data gathering methodology, baseline, scope of the assessment, embedded environmental measures and the		Agreed.



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
	assessment methodology set out is appropriate.		
3.35.2	<p><u>Assessment conclusion</u></p> <p>There would be no significant adverse effects on socio-economics, tourism, recreation and land use. Significant beneficial effects would occur due to direct and indirect employment opportunities, and benefits to local suppliers, taking into account the implementation of the Outline Employment and Skills Strategy (Section 15.9 of the ES (Volume 6.2) [APP-042]).</p>		<p>CCC – To rely upon FDC for matters concerning this topic.</p> <p>FDC consider that there would be perceived economic harm due to the proximity of the Proposed Development to local food factories, disruption to the local road network affecting existing businesses which would also discourage new businesses from the area.</p> <p>NCC – Agreed.</p> <p>KLWN – Agree that the Proposed Development (underground cabling) would not affect existing land uses in their administrative district.</p>
3.35.3	<p><u>Assessment conclusion</u></p> <p>The proposed reopening of the disused March to Wisbech Railway considered to provide future contributions to the Wisbech economy will not be affected by the Proposed Development.</p>		<p>FDC seek further assurance from the Applicant that the railway reopening will be safeguarded. This assurance is covered in Section 3.5 of this SoCG (Traffic and Transport).</p>
3.35.4	<p><u>Outline Employment and Skills Strategy</u></p> <p>The Outline Employment and Skills Strategy [APP-099] secured in Requirement 21 of the draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] includes the necessary measures to develop employment and skills in the</p>		<p>Agreed.</p>



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
	local area as a result of the Proposed Development.		

3.15 Health

- 3.15.1 The assessment of health is set out in **ES Chapter 16: Health (Volume 6.2) [APP-043]**, together with supporting appendices.

Remit of the host authorities

- 3.15.2 CCC and FDC are both engaged in this topic.
- 3.15.3 KLWN confirmed in their relevant representation [**RR-001**] that NCC are leading on this topic on their behalf.

Summary of consultation

- 3.15.4 A summary of the pre-application consultation with the host authorities in relation to health is set out in **Table 3.36** below. This is also summarised in **Appendix 16A Summary of Consultation Responses [APP-089]**.
- 3.15.5 A summary of consultation carried out following the submission of the DCO Application on 7 July 2022 is set out in **Table 3.37**.

Table 3.36: Summary of pre-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – health

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
13/01/2020	CCC NCC KLWN	EIA scoping opinion	Statutory	EIA scoping responses on health.
09/2020	CCC FDC NCC KLWN	Email– Technical Note	Non-statutory	The Applicant issued a Technical Note setting out the proposed health assessment methodology to the local authorities for comment.
09/2020	CCC	Email	Non-statutory	Provided comments on the proposed health assessment methodology.



Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
09/2020	KLWN	Email	Non-statutory	Provided comments on the proposed health assessment methodology.
04/2021	CCC FDC NCC KLWN	Email	Non-statutory	Applicant issued revised Technical Note.
04/2021	CCC	Email	Non-statutory	Provided comments on the updated health assessment methodology.
04/2021	NCC	Email	Non-statutory	Provided comments on the updated health assessment methodology.
08/2021	CCC KLWN	PEIR responses	Statutory	PEIR responses on health.

Table 3.37: Summary of post-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – health

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
20/10/2022	CCC KLWN FDC	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss assessment approach and presentation, data usage, the impact of the development on health and mitigation.
10/11/2022	CCC KLWN FDC	Email	Non-statutory	Meeting minutes from 20/11/2022 were issued.
10/11/2022	CCC KLWN FDC	Technical note	Non-statutory	Technical note issued by the Applicant addressing CCC's draft relevant representation comments as discussed at the meeting on 20/10/2022.
21/10/2022	CCC FDC	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting with CCC, FDC, the UK Health Security Agency



Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
				and Office for Health Improvement and Disparities – Health to discuss initial comments on the health assessment.
07/02/2022	CCC FDC	Email	Non-statutory	Meeting minutes from 21/11/2022 were issued.
01/12/2022	CCC FDC NCC KLWN	Relevant representation	Statutory	Relevant representations from the host authorities were published. These included comments on the health assessment.

Summary of agreement

3.15.6 **Table 3.38** below sets out the matters agreed in relation to health.

Table 3.38: Agreement Log: health

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.38.1	<u>Assessment approach</u> The assessment presented in ES Chapter 16: Health (Volume 6.2) [APP-043] including the data gathering methodology, baseline, scope of the assessment, embedded environmental measures and the assessment methodology set out is appropriate.		FDC / CCC provided a number of comments on assessment approach within their relevant representation [RR-002 and RR-003] . The Applicant will respond to their relevant representation as part of the Deadline 1 submission and update the SoCG once FD /CCC have had an opportunity to review this response. Agreed - NCC
3.38.2	<u>Assessment conclusion</u> The proposed development should not result in any significant adverse impact on public health during construction,		Agreed.



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
	operation or decommissioning taking account of the embedded mitigation measures (Section 16.9 of the ES (Volume 6.2) [APP-043]).		
3.38.3	<p><u>Outline Employment and Skills Strategy</u></p> <p>The Outline Employment and Skills Strategy (Volume 7.8) [APP-099] secured in Requirement 21 of the draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] includes the necessary measures to help support health impacts associated with employment in the local area.</p>		Agreed.
3.38.4	<p><u>Outline Community Benefits Strategy</u></p> <p>The Outline Community Benefits Strategy (Volume 7.14) [APP-105] includes appropriate measures to support wellbeing in the local area.</p>		Agreed.

3.16 Major Accidents and Disasters

3.16.1 The assessment of major accidents and disasters is set out in **ES Chapter 17: Major Accidents and Disasters (Volume 6.2) [APP-044]**.

Remit of the host authorities

3.16.2 CCC and FDC are both engaged in this topic.

3.16.3 KLWN confirmed in their relevant representation **[RR-001]** that NCC are leading on this topic on their behalf.



Summary of Consultation

- 3.16.4 A summary of the pre-application consultation with the host authorities in relation to major accidents and disasters is set out in **Table 3.39** below. This is also summarised in **Section 17.2 of ES Chapter 17: Major Accidents and Disasters (Volume 6.2) [APP-044]**.
- 3.16.5 A summary of the major accidents and disasters consultation carried out following the submission of the DCO Application on 7 July 2022 is set out in **Table 3.40**.

Table 3.39: Summary of pre-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – major accidents and disasters

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
13/01/2020	CCC FDC	EIA scoping opinion	Statutory	EIA scoping responses on major accidents and disasters.
08/2021	CCC	PEIR responses	Statutory	Summary of PEIR responses on major accidents and disasters.

Table 3.40: Summary of post-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – major accidents and disasters

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
11/10/2022	CCC KLWN	MS Teams meeting	Non-statutory	Meeting to discuss the assessment including the nature of the Proposed Development and mitigation.
11/10/2022	CCC KLWN	Email	Non-statutory	Meeting minutes from 11/11/2022 and accompanying powerpoint presentation were issued.
01/12/2022	CCC FDC NCC KLWN	Relevant representation	Statutory	Relevant representations from the host authorities were published. These included comments on the health assessment.

Summary of agreement

- 3.16.6 **Table 3.41** below sets out the matters agreed in relation to the assessment of major accidents and disasters.



Table 3.41: Agreement Log: Major accidents and disasters

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.41.1	<p><u>Assessment approach</u></p> <p>The assessment presented in of ES Chapter 17: Major Accidents and Disasters (Volume 6.2) [APP-044] including the data gathering methodology, baseline, scope of the assessment, embedded environmental measures and the assessment methodology set out is appropriate.</p>		Agreed.
3.41.2	<p><u>Assessment conclusion</u></p> <p>There will be no likely significant effects due to major accidents and disasters during the construction, operation or decommissioning of the proposed development taking account of the embedded mitigation measures (Section 17.9 of the ES Chapter 17: Major Accidents and Disasters (Volume 6.2) [APP-044]).</p>		Agreed.
3.41.3	<p><u>Flood Emergency Management Plan</u></p> <p>The provision of a Flood Emergency Management Plan to manage any residual risk of tidal flooding is supported.</p> <p>The content of the Outline Flood Emergency Management Plan (Volume 7.9) [APP-100], secured in Requirement 13 of the Draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] is agreed.</p>		Agreed.



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.41.4	<p><u>Fire Prevention Plan</u></p> <p>The provision of a Fire Prevention Plan to manage the risk of any fires at the EfW CHP Facility is supported.</p> <p>The content of the Outline Fire Prevention Plan (Volume 7.10) [APP-101], secured in Requirement 17 of the Draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] is agreed.</p>		Agreed.
3.41.5	<p><u>Fire Risk Assessment</u></p> <p>Separately to the DCO process, there is a legal requirement to carry out a fire risk assessment in line with the requirements of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. The final design of the Proposed Development will accord with the outcomes of the assessment, including for example, the need for any additional hydrant provision.</p>		Agreed.

3.17 Cumulative Effects

3.17.1 The cumulative effects assessment is set out in **ES Chapter 18: Cumulative Effects (Volume 6.2) [APP-045]**, together with supporting figures and appendices.

Remit of the host authorities

3.17.2 CCC have engaged in consultation regarding cumulative effects.

3.17.3 KLWN and NCC have raised no issues with regard to cumulative effects **[RR-001]** and **[RR-004]**.

Summary of consultation

3.17.4 No specific meetings have been held with the Host Authorities in relation to the cumulative effects assessment. A summary of the comments received from the Host



Authorities during the EIA scoping stage and in response to the PEIR are set out in **Table 18.1** and **18.2** of **ES Chapter 18: Cumulative Effects (Volume 6.2) [APP-045]**.

Summary of agreement

3.17.5 **Table 3.42** below sets out the matters agreed in relation to the assessment of cumulative effects.

Table 3.42: Agreement Log: Cumulative effects

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.42.1	The methodology adopted for the cumulative effects assessment set out ES Chapter 18: Cumulative Effects (Volume 6.2) [APP-045] is agreed.		Agreed.
3.42.2	All relevant plans and projects have been identified for inclusion in the cumulative effects assessment.		CCC/FDC note within their draft relevant representation that the proposed Free School has not been assessed, although acknowledges there is no information regarding this proposal in the project domain. The list of long and short-listed projects included within the cumulative assessment (ES Chapter 18 Cumulative Effects Assessment Volume 6.2 [App-045] and Appendix 18A Volume 6.4 [App-090]) was issued to each host authority on 14 February 2022. A cut-off date up to the end of January 2022 for projects was proposed. CCC responded that with one additional development which was incorporated into the long list. CCC/FDC did not reference the Free School. One additional planning application was suggested by the Council which was been included in the list.



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
	<p>No significant interrelated cumulative effects would occur as a result of the Proposed Development, taking account of the mitigation measures proposed within the topic-based assessments presented in Chapters 6-17 of the ES (Volume 6.2) (Section 18.7 of the ES [APP-045]).</p>		<p>CCC/FDC raise concerns in their relevant representation [RR-002 and RR-003] that the cumulative assessment does not accurately assess of impact of traffic and transport and air quality on the Thomas Clarkson Academy, the proposed Free School site and other schools in the wider area.</p> <p>It is the Applicant’s view that the assessment and proposed mitigation including Appendix 6A Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) (Volume 6.4) [APP-072] sufficiently demonstrate that there would be no significant cumulative effects on existing and proposed school sites. More information to support the Applicant’s position will be provided in their comments on the relevant representations which will be submitted at Deadline 1.</p>
	<p>No significant inter-project effects would occur as a result of the Proposed Development (Section 18.8 of the ES [APP-045]).</p>		<p>Agreed.</p> <p>NCC confirm in their relevant representation that they do not have any concerns in respect of the cumulative impact of the Proposed Development within Norfolk.</p> <p>KLWN confirm in their relevant representation that they have no comments on the cumulative effects assessment presented in ES Chapter 18 (Volume 6.2) [APP-045].</p>



3.18 Statement of Statutory Nuisance

3.18.1 A **Statement of Statutory Nuisance (Volume 5.2) [APP-024]** was submitted with the DCO Application.

Remit of the host authorities

3.18.2 CCC/FDC have provided comments on statutory nuisances within their relevant representation [**RR-002** and **RR-003**].

3.18.3 NCC confirmed in their relevant representation [**RR-004**] that statutory nuisance falls under the remit of the KLWN.

Summary of Consultation

3.18.4 Consultation and engagement regarding statutory nuisances has been captured on an environmental topic basis.

Agreement Log

Table 3.43: Agreement Log: Statement of Statutory Nuisance

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.43.1	The only nuisances under Section 79(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 potentially applicable to the Proposed Development are: b) smoke; c) fumes and gases; d) dust or other effluvia; f: b) artificial light; g) noise from premises; and; g: a) noise that is prejudicial to health or a nuisance and is emitted from or caused by a vehicle, machinery or equipment in a street.		Agreed.
3.43.2	It is agreed that when taking account of the mitigation		CCC - The Applicant is reviewing the comments made by the host



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
	<p>measures outlined in the Statement of Statutory Nuisance and set out in the Outline CEMP [APP-103], the Outline Odour Management Plan [APP-102] and the Outline Lighting Strategy [APP-071], there is not expected to be a breach of Section 79(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.</p>		<p>authorities in regard to these management plans, and potential updates to these plans will be confirmed at Deadline 1.</p> <p><u>KLWN</u></p> <p>KLWN confirmed in their relevant representation [RR-001] that they have no concerns regarding odour impacts, and reiterated that odour impacts would be controlled via the Environmental Permit.</p> <p>They also confirmed that they had no concerns regarding lighting subject to ensuring full details are secured in the draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013]. The Outline Lighting Strategy (Volume 6.4) [APP-071] is secured in Requirement 18 of the draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013].</p> <p>The relevant representation confirmed that the trackout of dust would not occur in the KLWN administrative district and is therefore not within their scope.</p> <p>KLWN has raised additional comments in relation to the mitigation of construction vehicle noise and noise from Walsoken substation. These comments are being reviewed and will be responded to at Deadline 1.</p>
<p>3.43.3</p>	<p>Should FDC receive any complaints regarding statutory nuisances, they would still have a duty to investigate and take</p>		<p>Agreed.</p>



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
	enforcement action and consider taking enforcement action. The draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] would not preclude the ability for FDC to perform this function. Article 39 of the draft DCO provides a defence against any such enforcement action in certain circumstances.		

3.19 Planning Statement

- 3.19.1 A **Planning Statement (Volume 7.1) [APP-91]** was submitted with the DCO Application and sets out the degree of compliance with relevant NPS policies and other pertinent legislation and policy, including local policy.
- 3.19.2 **Table 3.44** below sets out the matters agreed in relation to planning policy. The summary of agreement related to compliance with planning policy will be populated in the next iteration of the SoCG following receipt of the Host Authorities Written Representations and Local Impact Reports submitted at Deadline 1.
- 3.19.3 Specific consideration of Waste Need is considered in **Section 3.20** below.

Table 3.44: Agreement Log: Planning Statement

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.44.1	<p>The relevant national policy statements for the Proposed Development are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1); • National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy Infrastructure (EN-3); • National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks Infrastructure (EN-5). 		Agreed.



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.44.2	<p>Draft NPS which may also be important and relevant include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1); • Draft National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy Infrastructure (EN-3); and • Draft National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks Infrastructure (EN-5). 		Agreed.
3.44.3	<p>The relevant local policy comprises of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2036 (adopted July 2021); • Fenland Local Plan (adopted May 2014); • [NCC] Core Strategy and Minerals and Waste Development Management Policies Development Plan Document 2010 – 202665 (adopted 2011); • [NCC] Waste Site Specific Allocations Development Plan Document (adopted 2013); • [NCC] Revised PDF policies map and the revised interactive policies map; 		Agreed.



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [KLWN] The Core Strategy (adopted in 2011); and [KLWN] The Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Plan (adopted 2016). <p>Supplementary planning documents and other relevant strategies are identified in Section 5 of the Planning Statement.</p>		
3.44.4			<p>Policy compliance matters to be inserted after Deadline 1 once the Host Authorities have had the opportunity to review the updated WFAA (Volume 7.3) and Draft National Policy Statement Compliance Tracker (Volume 9.18).</p>

3.20 Waste Need

3.20.1 A **Waste Fuel Availability Assessment (WFAA) (Volume 7.3) [APP-094]** was submitted with the DCO Application.

3.20.2 An updated **WFAA** is currently under production to address comments raised by the Host Authorities and other interested parties within their relevant representations, and will be submitted at a future examination deadline. This section of the SoCG will be populated once the Host Authorities have had the opportunity to review the updated WFAA.

Remit of the host authorities

3.20.3 CCC and NCC are the relevant waste planning authorities in respect to the DCO application.

Summary of consultation

3.20.4 A summary of the pre-application consultation with the host authorities in relation to waste need is set out in **Table 3.45** below. A summary of the waste need



consultation carried out following the submission of the DCO Application on 7 July 2022 is set out in **Table 3.46**.

Table 3.45: Summary of pre-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – waste need

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
13/01/2020	CCC	EIA scoping opinion	Statutory	EIA scoping responses waste need
08/2021	CCC	Statutory consultation (draft WFAA)	Statutory	Comments on the draft WFAA.

Table 3.46: Summary of post-application submission consultation with the Host Authorities – waste need

Date	Host Authority	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
01/12/2022	CCC FDC NCC	Relevant representation	Statutory	Relevant representations from the host authorities were published. These included comments on the WFAA (Volume 7.3) [APP-094] and waste need in general.

Summary of agreement

3.20.5 **Table 3.47** below sets out the matters agreed in relation to the waste need.

Table 3.47: Agreement Log: waste need

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.47.1			The agreement log on waste need will be populated once the Host Authorities have had the opportunity to review the revised WFAA (Volume 7.3) , and the Applicants comments on the relevant representations



ID	Statement on agreement is sought	which	Position (RAG)	Commentary
				(Volume 9.2) submitted at Deadline 1.



4. Summary

- 4.1.1 This SoCG has outlined the consultation that has taken place between the Applicant and the Host Authorities during the pre-application and pre-examination phases of the DCO process. The agreement presents the current position reached by Deadline 1 (10 March 2023)
- 4.1.2 This SoCG will be updated as discussions progress and made available to the Examining Authority at the requested examination deadlines.

