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Statement of Common Ground between Medworth CHP Limited and Walsoken Parish Council

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1. Introduction

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 Walsoken Parish Council 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.

1.1.2 The preparation of this SoCG was requested by the Examining Authority in its Rule 6 Letter dated 24 January 2023. The preparation of SoCGs is encouraged by the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 11: Working with public bodies in the infrastructure planning process. Parties are encouraged to adopt 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, where relevant.

1.1.3 This SoCG covers the following topics:

- General;
- Draft DCO;
- Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter 2 – Alternatives;
- ES Chapter 3 – Description of the Proposed Development;
- ES Chapter 4 – Approach to the Environmental Assessment;
- ES Chapter 6 – Traffic and Transport and outline construction and operational traffic management and travel plans;
- ES Chapter 7 – Noise and Vibration;
- ES Chapter 8 – Air Quality;
- ES Chapter 9 – Landscape and Visual;
- ES Chapter 16 – Health; and
- ES Chapter 19 – Schedule of Mitigation and Monitoring.

1.1.4 It is the intention that this document will facilitate further discussions between the Applicant and Walsoken Parish Council 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.



1.2 Approach to Statement of Common Ground

1.2.1 The structure of this SoCG is as follows:

- Section 2: The parties to the SoCG;
- Section 3: Agreement on common ground; and
- Section 4: Summary.



2. The parties to the Statement of Common Ground

2.1 The Applicant and Party 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
- Walsoken Parish Council.

2.2 Role of Walsoken Parish Council and Consultation

2.2.1 The Proposed Development includes works to be constructed and operated within the boundary of Walsoken Parish, making Walsoken Parish Council a prescribed consultee under section 42 of the Planning Act 2008.

2.2.2 Walsoken Parish Council has submitted relevant representations to the Examining Authority [RR-008] and has attended the Open Floor Hearing held on 22 February 2023.

2.2.3 A summary of the general pre-application consultation and engagement with Walsoken Parish Council is set out in **Table 2.1** below.

2.2.4 A summary of the consultation and engagement carried out post-submission of the DCO application is set out in **Table 2.2**.

Table 2.1: Summary of pre-application consultation and engagement with Walsoken Parish Council

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
03/2020	Letter inviting Phase 1 non-statutory consultation	Non-Statutory	As a prescribed consultee, Walsoken PC was consulted at the non-statutory stage.
10/2020	Letter inviting Phase 1b non-statutory consultation	Non-Statutory	As a prescribed consultee, Walsoken PC was consulted at the non-statutory stage.
13/08/2021	PEIR response to statutory consultation invitation	Statutory	Response received which recommended refusal of the proposed plan due to the fact that the site and access was considered unsuitable, air quality due to the fact that Walsoken is downwind and the heavy



Date	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
			traffic currently experienced on the A47 and particularly around Walsoken and the Elm Hall roundabout.

Table 2.2: Summary of post-application submission consultation and engagement with Walsoken Parish Council

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Summary
27/02/2023	SoCG engagement	Non-statutory	Issue of draft SoCG Rev 0.0 for comment
08/03/2023	SoCG engagement	Non-statutory	On-line meeting with WPC to discuss Rev 0.0

2.3 Summary of Current Position

2.3.1 Walsoken Parish Council's main concerns as set out in its **Relevant Representation [RR-008]** and discussed at the Open Floor Hearing held on 22 February 2023, are that the Proposed Development:

- could cause air pollution and affect the health and well-being of its parishioners living approximately 2 miles downwind and affect soil and produce;
- would increase traffic and congestion; and
- that the proposed grid connection at the Walsoken Substation, at Broadend Road would affect the village.

2.3.2 Walsoken Parish Council has not raised any concerns or objections regarding the principle of the development or raised objections on any other matter.

2.4 Status of the Statement of Common Ground

2.4.1 The current version of the SoCG (Rev 1) 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/E010110/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. A red-amber-green (RAG) rating has been assigned to each of the matters addressed, with red used to identify matters where no agreement has been reached between the parties, amber for matters where agreement has yet to be reached and green for matters that have now been agreed.

3.1.2 The following section of this SoCG summaries the level of agreement between Medworth CHP Ltd and Walsoken Parish Council on all relevant matters.

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.

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- 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 set out in Section 3.2 of this document reflects Walsoken Parish Council's understanding of the Project.		Agreed
3.1.2	The matters listed in paragraph 2.3.1 of this SoCG correctly summarise Walsoken Parish Council's main concerns regarding the Proposed Development.		Agreed
3.1.3	The following Works (as identified in Schedule 2 of the Draft Development Consent Order (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] and shown on sheet 4 of the Works Plans (Volume 2.3) [APP-007] represent the full extent of works that are proposed within the boundary of Walsoken Parish Council: Work No. 8 (partially) and Work No. 9 (wholly).		Agreed
3.1.4	No land or assets belonging to or managed by Walsoken Parish Council are situated within the draft Order Limits, as confirmed in the Book of Reference (Volume 4.1) [AS-006] .		Agreed



3.3 Draft DCO

Table 3.2: Agreement Log: Draft DCO

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.2.1	None of the powers being sought by the applicant as set out in the Draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] would affect Walsoken Parish Council in exercising its statutory functions and other duties and obligations.		Agreed
3.2.2	The requirements set out in Schedule 2 of the Draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] provide an appropriate means for controlling the construction, operation and detailed design of the proposed development and for securing its environmental mitigation.		Walsoken Parish Council has no comments to make on this matter. The Parish Council does not accept that the requirements provide sufficient safeguards.
3.2.3	Requirement 11 in Schedule 2 of the Draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] provides an appropriate mechanism for securing measures for the management of traffic during the construction of the Proposed Development.		Walsoken Parish Council has no comments to make on this matter. The Parish Council does not accept that the requirement provides sufficient safeguards.
3.2.4	Requirement 12 in Schedule 2 of the Draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] provides an appropriate mechanism for securing measures for the management of traffic associated with the operation of the Proposed Development.		Walsoken Parish Council has no comments to make on this matter. The Parish Council does not accept that the requirement provides sufficient safeguards.



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3.2.5	Requirement 15 of the Draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] provides an appropriate mechanism for securing measures to encourage staff working at the Proposed Development during its operational phase to use sustainable modes of transport.		Walsoken Parish Council has no comments to make on this matter. The Parish Council does not accept that the requirement provides sufficient safeguards.

3.4 ES Chapter 2 – Alternatives

Table 3.3: Agreement Log: ES Chapter 2 – Alternatives

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.4.1	The Walsoken Sub-Station, situated within Walsoken Parish, is a suitable point for the Proposed Development to connect with the electricity grid, as set out in the ES Chapter 2: Alternatives (Volume 6.2) [APP-029] .		Walsoken Parish Council confirms that it is not in a position to agree or disagree as to whether the Walsoken Sub-Station is a suitable point of connection to the electrical grid.

3.5 ES Chapter 3 – Description of the Proposed Development

Table 3.4: Agreement Log: ES Chapter 3 – Description of the Proposed Development

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.4.1	The description of the existing Walsoken DNO sub-station and land within the Draft Order Limits at Broadend Road (situated within Walsoken Parish), as set out in paragraph 3.3.30 of the ES		Agreed.



ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
	<p>Chapter 3: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) [APP-030] is accurate and correct.</p>		
3.4.2	<p>Section 3.6 of Chapter 3 of the ES: Description of the Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) [APP-030] provides sufficient information as to the dimensions and siting of the proposed new sub-station connection (Work No. 9 (a) in Schedule 1 of the Draft DCO (Volume 3.1) [APP-013] to enable Walsoken Parish Council to understand the proposal and consider its likely impacts on the Parish.</p>		Agreed.
3.4.3	<p>The Grid Connection as described in Section 3.6 of ES Chapter 3: Description of Proposed Development (Volume 6.2) [APP-030], including the routing of electrical cabling below ground has been appropriately designed and sited to minimise its visual and environmental impact.</p>		Agreed.
3.4.4	<p>The site proposed for the EfW CHP Facility, Work No. 1-3 as identified on Sheet 1 of the Works Plans (Volume 2.3) [APP-007] is located approximately 2.3km from the boundary of Walsoken Parish Council at its nearest point.</p>		<p>Agreed.</p> <p>Walsoken Parish Council's Relevant Representation [RR-008] refers to the site for the Proposed Development being some 2 miles from Walsoken Parishioners. (approximately 3.2km).</p>



3.6 ES Chapter 4 – Approach to Environmental Assessment

Table 3.5: Agreement Log: ES Chapter 4 – Approach to Environmental Assessment

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.5.1	The scope and methodology set out in ES Chapter 4: Approach to Environmental Assessment (Volume 6.2) [APP-031] are appropriate for identifying and evaluating the Proposed Development's likely significant environmental effects.		Walsoken Parish Council considers that it is not in a position to confirm whether or not the scope and methodology are appropriate.

3.7 ES Chapter 6 – Traffic and Transport

Table 3.6: Agreement Log: ES Chapter 6 – Traffic and Transport

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.6.1	The Study Area for the assessment of the Proposed Development's Traffic and Transport effects, as described in Section 6.4, ES Chapter 6: Traffic and Transport (Volume 6.2) [APP-033] and shown on Figure 6.3 of the ES Chapter 6 Traffic and Transport (Volume 6.3) [APP-050] and agreed by Cambridgeshire County Council, Norfolk County Council and National Highways is appropriate for the purposes of identifying the Proposed Development's likely significant traffic and transport effects.		Agreed.



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3.6.2	The evaluation of current and future baseline traffic conditions within the study area, as set out in Section 6.5 of ES Chapter 6 Traffic and Transport (Volume 6.2) [APP-033] , correctly identifies the A47/A1101 Elm High Road Junction as the principal location where some delay occurs during peak periods.	Agreed.	However, Walsoken Parish Council is concerned about the safety of the Broadend Road/A47 junction and an increase in traffic making the junction more dangerous.
3.6.4	The detailed scope and methodology for assessing the traffic and transport effects of the Proposed Development, as set out in Section 6.9 of ES Chapter 6: Traffic and Transport (Volume 6.2) [APP-033] is appropriate for identifying likely significant effects within the study area.	Walsoken Parish Council confirms that it is not in a position to validate whether or not the scope and methodology for the assessment are appropriate and has no comments to make.	
3.6.5	Assumptions on likely vehicle and HGV routings during the construction and operational phases of the Proposed Development, as set out in Section 6.6 of ES Chapter 6: Traffic and Transport (Volume 6.2) [APP-033] are appropriate for the purposes of the environmental assessment.	Walsoken Parish Council confirms that it is not in a position to validate whether or not the assumptions are appropriate and has no comments to make.	
3.6.5	Assumptions on the number of vehicle movements, including HGVs, likely to be generated during the construction and operation of the Proposed Development, as set out in Section 6.6 of ES Chapter 6: Traffic and Transport (Volume	Walsoken Parish Council confirms that it is not in a position to validate whether or not the assumptions are appropriate and has no comments to make.	



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	6.2) [APP-033] are appropriately justified.		
3.6.6	During construction of the Proposed Development, overall daily traffic flows on the A47 (where it passes through Walsoken Parish) are predicted to increase by 0.62% (2.66% HGV increase) which is not significant, as detailed in Table 6.27 in ES Chapter 6: Traffic and Transport (Volume 6.2) [APP-033] .		Walsoken Parish Council's Relevant Representation [RR-008] states that the Council is concerned about the level of traffic that would be generated by the Proposed Development and the capacity of local roads to accommodate it. Walsoken Parish Council does not consider the predicted increases in traffic flows on the A47 to be insignificant.
3.6.7	During construction of the Proposed Development, overall daily traffic flows on Broadend Road, in Walsoken, are predicted to increase by up to 0.28%, which is not significant, as detailed in Table 6.27 in ES Chapter 6: Traffic and Transport (Volume 6.2) [APP-033] . The chapter records that there would be no HGVs passing along Broadend Road.		Walsoken Parish Council's Relevant Representation [RR-008] states that the Council is concerned about the level of traffic that would be generated by the Proposed Development and the capacity of local roads to accommodate it. Walsoken Parish Council does not consider the predicted increases in traffic at Broadend Road and at the Broadend Road/A47 junction to be insignificant, particularly in view of its safety concerns set out at 3.6.2 above. The Parish Council considers that HGV vehicles will need to utilise Broadend Road during construction works, such as during cable laying.
3.6.8	Once the Proposed Development is operational, overall daily traffic flows on the A47 (where it passes through Walsoken Parish) are		Walsoken Parish Council's Relevant Representation [RR-008] states that the Council is concerned about the level of



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	<p>predicted to increase by 0.2%, (1.53% HGV increase) which is not significant, as detailed in Table 6.32 in ES Chapter 6: Traffic and Transport (Volume 6.2) [APP-033].</p>		<p>traffic that would be generated by the Proposed Development and the capacity of local roads to accommodate it.</p> <p>Walsoken Parish Council does not consider the predicted increases in traffic flows on the A47 during the operation of the Proposed Development to be insignificant.</p>
3.6.9	<p>The operation of the Proposed Development is not predicted to increase daily traffic flows on Broadend Road, within Walsoken Parish, as set out in Table 6.32 in Chapter 6 of the ES: Traffic and Transport (Volume 6.2) [APP-033].</p>		Agreed.

3.8 Outline Construction and Operational Traffic Management and Travel Plans

Table 3.7: Agreement Log: Outline Construction and Operational Traffic Management and Travel Plans

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.7.1	<p>The measures set out in the Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (Volume 7.12) [APP-072] are appropriate for mitigating/managing traffic impacts during the construction of the Proposed Development.</p>		<p>Walsoken Parish Council does not wish to comment on the appropriateness (or otherwise) of the Outline Management Plan.</p>



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3.7.2	The measures set out in the Outline Operational Traffic Management Plan (Volume 7.15) [APP-106] are appropriate for mitigating/managing traffic impacts arising from the operation of the Proposed Development.		Walsoken Parish Council does not wish to comment on the appropriateness (or otherwise) of the Outline Management Plan.
3.7.3	The measures set out in the ES Appendix 6C Outline Operational Travel Plan (Volume 6.4) [APP-074] are appropriate for encouraging staff working at the Proposed Development (once it becomes operational) to use sustainable modes of transport.		Walsoken Parish Council does not wish to comment on the appropriateness (or otherwise) of the Outline Operational Travel Plan.

3.9 ES Chapter 7 – Noise and Vibration

Table 3.8: Agreement Log: ES Chapter 7 – Noise and Vibration

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.8.1	The conclusion in paragraphs 3.2.18 to 3.3.33 of ES Chapter 7 Appendix 7B (Volume 6.4) [APP-076] that the high magnitude of noise impact predicted at receptors R44 and R45 (Broadend Road) during construction of the grid connection works would not be a significant environmental effect is appropriate given that the assessed worst-case impact is		Agreed. Walsoken Parish Council has no objections to the Proposed Development on the grounds of construction noise effects on the Parish.



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	only likely to be experienced over one or two evenings or nights.		
3.8.2	The conclusion that no residential receptors within Walsoken would be significantly affected by operational noise from the Proposed Development, as summarised in paragraph 7.12.6 of ES Chapter 7: Noise and Vibration (Volume 6.2) [APP-034] is reasonable and appropriately justified.		Agreed. Walsoken Parish Council has no objections to the Proposed Development on the grounds of operational noise effects on the Parish.

3.10 ES Chapter 8 – Air Quality

Table 3.9: Agreement Log: ES Chapter 8 – Air Quality

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.9.1	The scope (including Study Area) and methodology of the air quality assessment, as set out in section 8.6 of ES Chapter 8: Air Quality (Volume 6.2) [APP-035] is appropriate for identifying potential likely significant effects.		Walsoken Parish Council confirms that it is not in a position to validate or agree the appropriateness of the assessment scope and methodology.
3.9.2	Walsoken village is situated approximately 3.2km (2 miles) from the proposed site of the main CHP building at Algores Way, Wisbech.		Agreed. Walsoken Parish Council's Relevant Representation [RR-008] refers to Walsoken Parishioners being approximately 2 miles (3.2km) away.



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3.9.3	The air quality dispersion modelling described in paragraph 8.6.27 of ES Chapter 8: Air Quality (Volume 6.2) [APP-035] takes into account sufficient historic meteorological data (data from the previous 5 years).		Walsoken Parish Council's Relevant Representation [RR-008] refers to Walsoken Parishioners living 2 miles downwind of the Proposed Development main CHP building and the Parish Council is concerned about effects on air quality. However, Walsoken Parish Council confirms that it is not in a position to agree whether or not the dispersion modelling takes into account sufficient historic meteorological data.
3.9.4	The air quality modelling includes residential receptors within Walsoken Parish (references R331, R332, R336, R337 and R338 as shown on Figure 8.3 in the Air Quality Figures of ES Chapter 8: Air Quality (Volume 6.3) [APP-052]).		Walsoken Parish Council confirms that it is not in a position to agree the accuracy of this information.
3.9.5	The nearest receptors to the community of Walsoken Village, shown on Figure 8.3 of ES Chapter 8: Air Quality (Volume 6.3) [APP-052] are: R93, R301 and R310.		Walsoken Parish Council confirms that it is not in a position to agree the accuracy of this information.
3.9.6	The assumption set out in paragraph 8.6.47 of ES Chapter 8: Air Quality (Volume 6.2) [APP-035] that none of the operational activities associated with the grid connection at Broadend Road will result in emissions to air is reasonable and appropriate.		Walsoken Parish Council's Relevant Representation [RR-008] expresses concern about the potential impact of the grid connection on the village and parish of Walsoken. However, Walsoken Parish Council is not in a position to confirm whether or not it agrees with the assumption that none of the operational activities associated



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			with the grid connection at Broadend Road will result in emissions to air.
3.9.7	The embedded environmental measures, described in section 8.7 of ES Chapter 8: Air Quality (Volume 6.2) [APP-035] and summarised in Table 8.36 of that document are appropriate for the Proposed Development and will help to mitigate the risk of significant adverse air quality effects.		Under discussion, however Walsoken Parish Council confirms that it is not in a position at this stage to agree whether or not the embedded measures are appropriate.
3.9.8	The measures proposed in the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Volume 7.12) [APP- 103] are appropriate for ensuring that significant dust effects during construction will be avoided.		Under discussion, however Walsoken Parish Council confirms that it is not in a position to agree whether or not the measures in the Outline CEMP are appropriate.
3.9.9	Based on the predicted level of operational emissions from the Proposed Development and modelled atmospheric dispersion patterns, the predicted changes in pollutant concentrations at all receptors within and close to Walsoken, as reported in ES Chapter 8 : Air Quality (Volume 6.2) [APP-038] and set out in detail on a receptor by receptor basis in Tables 8B.H2- 8B.H21 of Annex H of the ES Air Quality Appendix (Volume 6.4) [APP-078] will be negligible.		Walsoken Parish Council's Relevant Representation [RR-008] expresses concern about its Parishioners being affected by fallout and pollution on the basis that they are living approximately 2 miles downwind of the Proposed Development.



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3.9.10	<p>The predicted environmental concentrations of pollutants at all residential receptors within or close to Walsoken, as shown in Figures 8.5 and 8.6 of ES Chapter 8: Air Quality Figures (Volume 6.3) [APP-052] and reported in Tables 8B.H2 – 8b.H21 of Annex H of the ES Chapter 8: Air Quality Appendix (Volume 6.4) [APP-071] will remain well within relevant statutory limit values during operation of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>(Note: The tables in Annex H of ES Chapter 8: Air Quality Appendix (Volume 6.4) [APP-071] show the background/current/baseline level of pollutant concentrations and the extent to which the Proposed Development would increase those concentrations (PC- predicted concentrations) from chimney and traffic emissions and then the total predicted environmental concentrations (PEC) at each receptor and expresses those PEC concentrations as a percentage of relevant pollution limit values. The percentages are all comfortably below 100% of relevant limit values for each pollutant).</p>		<p>Walsoken Parish Council's Relevant Representation [RR-008] expresses concern about its Parishioners being affected by fallout and pollution on the basis that they are living approximately 2 miles downwind of the Proposed Development.</p>



3.11 ES Chapter 9 – Landscape and Visual

Table 3.10: Agreement Log: ES Chapter 9 – Landscape and Visual

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.10.1	The study area and scope of assessment, as set out in ES Chapter 9: Landscape and Visual (Volume 6.2) [APP-036] and shown in the ES Chapter 9 Landscape and Visual Figures (Volume 6.3) [APP-053] are appropriate for identifying and evaluating potential likely significant effects, including the effects on the community of Walsoken.	Green	Agreed.
3.10.2	Distant views from Walsoken to the proposed main CHP building, both during construction and operation of the Proposed Development and views of the occasional visible plume have been appropriately assessed in Table 9.16 (on page 126) of ES Chapter 9: Landscape and Visual (Volume 6.2) [APP-036] as minor and not significant.	Yellow	Walsoken Parish Council is concerned about the potential visual effects of the Proposed Development on its Parishioners.
3.10.3	The adverse landscape and visual effects associated with the construction of the grid connection works along the A47 and Broadend Road and at the Walsoken sub-station would be highly localised and have been appropriately assessed in Table 9.16 (on page 126) of ES Chapter 9: Landscape and Visual (Volume 6.2) [APP-036] as minor and non-significant.	Green	Agreed.



3.12 ES Chapter 16 – Health

Table 3.11: Agreement Log: ES Chapter 16 – Health

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.11.1	The conclusion set out in ES Chapter 16: Health (Volume 6.2) [APP-043] that emissions associated with the operation of the Proposed Development would have no significant effect on the health of people (including people living in Walsoken) is reasonable given the negligible change in pollutant concentrations at the nearest representative residential receptor locations assessed in ES Chapter 8: Air Quality (Volume 6.2) [APP-035] .		Walsoken Parish Council is unable to agree this point given its position on air quality matters stated in Table 3.9 above.

3.13 ES Chapter 19 – Schedule of Mitigation and Monitoring

Table 3.12 Agreement Log: ES Chapter 19 – Schedule of Mitigation and Monitoring

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.12.1	The measures set out in Table 19.1 of ES Chapter 19: Schedule of Mitigation and Monitoring (Volume 6.2) [APP-046] are suitable and are appropriately secured through the Draft DCO requirements.		Under discussion.



3.14 ES General – Effects associated with the Grid Connection at Walsoken

Table 3.13 Agreement Log: ES General – Effects associated with the Grid Connection at Walsoken

ID	Statement on which agreement is sought	Position (RAG)	Commentary
3.13.1	Construction and operation of the proposed Grid Connection and substation works at Broadend Road, Walsoken have been appropriately assessed and will not give rise to any significant adverse environmental effects on residents of Walsoken Parish.		Agreed.



4. Summary

- 4.1.1 This SoCG has outlined the consultation that has taken place between the Applicant and Walsoken Parish Council during the pre-application phase. The agreement presents the current position reached as at Deadline 1 of the Examination (10 March 2023).
- 4.1.2 This SoCG will be updated as discussions progress and further iterations will be submitted to the Examination in accordance with the deadlines stipulated in the Examining Authority's Rule 6 Letter.

