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## Statement of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground: (Deadline 4)

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 The preparation of SOCG is encouraged by The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) *Advice Note 11: Working with public bodies in the infrastructure planning process*. It 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.
- 1.1.2 The aim of a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) is to agree factual information and to inform the Examining Authority and all other parties by identifying where there is agreement and where the differences lie at an early stage in the Examination process.
- 1.1.3 The SoCG should be agreed between the Applicant and the other relevant Interested Party or parties.

## 1.2 Purpose of the Document

- 1.2.1 This document summarises the progress which the Applicant has made with the parties listed within the Rule 6 letter dated 24 January 2023 and an overview of where the areas of agreement and dispute between the Interested Parties are.

## 1.3 Structure of the Document

- 1.3.1 The structure of the document is as follows:
- Section 1 – Introduction.
  - Section 2 – Commonality of Statement of Common Ground.
  - Section 3 – Summary of Agreement and Disagreement.
  - Section 4 – Conclusion.



## 2. Commonality of Statements of Common Ground

### 2.1 Introduction

2.1.1 Statements of Common Ground have been prepared between Medworth CHP Limited ('the Applicant') and identified parties 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.

2.1.2 It is the intention that SOCGs will facilitate further discussions between the Applicant and the parties, and will provide the Examining Authority (ExA) with a clear overview of the level of common ground between both parties. The SOCG documents will be updated throughout the examination process.

### 2.2 List of Statements of Common Ground

2.2.1 The Rule 6 letter provided a list of SoCGs requested by the Examining Authority to be prepared between the Applicant and relevant stakeholders.

2.2.2 The Examining Authority requested SOCGs are prepared between the Applicant and:

- Cambridgeshire County Council;
- Norfolk County Council;
- Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk;
- Fenland District Council;
- Walsoken Parish Council;
- Wisbech Town Council;
- Environment Agency;
- UK Health Security Agency;
- Natural England;
- Anglian Water;
- East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust;
- Historic England;
- Hundred of Wisbech Internal Drainage Board;
- King's Lynn Internal Drainage Board;
- National Highways; and



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- Network Rail.

### 2.3 Progress of SoCG submissions at Deadline 4

The Applicant has prepared draft and final SoCGs which it has submitted to each of the parties listed in Section 2.2 above. The current status with each party is shown in **Table 3.1 Status of SoCGs at Deadline 4**.



### 3. Status of Statements of Common Ground

Table 3.1 Status of SoCGs at Deadline 4

Doc Ref (Vol)	Party	Status Deadline 1	Status Deadline 2	Status Deadline 3	Status Deadline 4	Status Deadline 5	Status Deadline 6	Status Deadline 7
8.2	Network Rail	Submitted as PDA-002 10/02/2023	As Deadline 1	As Deadline 1	As Deadline 1			
9.4	Cambridgeshire County Council*	Rev 1 Issued for comment 16/02/2023	As Deadline 1	As Deadline 1	Rev 2 issued for comment 28/04/2023. Comments received 19/05/2023			
9.4	Norfolk County Council*	Rev 1 Issued for comment 16/02/2023	As Deadline 1	As Deadline 1	Rev 2 issued for comment 28/04/2023			
9.4	Borough Council of King's Lynn* and West Norfolk	Rev 1 Issued for comment 16/02/2023	As Deadline 1	As Deadline 1	Rev 2 issued for comment 28/04/2023			
9.4	Fenland District Council*	Rev 1 Issued for comment 16/02/2023	As Deadline 1	As Deadline 1	Rev 2 issued for comment 28/04/2023. Comments received 19/05/2023			
9.5	Walsoken Parish Council	Rev 1 issued for comment and draft agreed at a meeting on 08/03/2023	As Deadline 1	As Deadline 1	Rev 2 issued for comment 17/05/2023			
9.6	Wisbech Town Council	Rev 0.0 issued for comment on 09/02/2023	As Deadline 1	As Deadline 1	Rev 2 issued for comment 11/05/2023			
9.7	Environment Agency	Rev 1 following initial comments 06/03/2023	As Deadline 1	Rev 2 following further comments 05/04/2023 and 21/04/2023	Rev 3 Final (signed)			
9.8	UK Health Security Agency Environment Agency	Rev 1 issued for comment 08/02/2023	Rev2 Final (signed)	-	-			
9.9	Natural England	Rev 1 following comments 02/03/2023	As Deadline 1	As Deadline 1	Rev 2 Final (signed)			
9.10	Anglian Water	Rev 1.1 following comments 02/03/2023	As Deadline 1	As Deadline 1	As Deadline 1			
9.11	East of England Ambulance Service Trust	Rev 1 issued for comment 01/02/2023	Rev2 Final (signed)	-	-			



Doc Ref (Vol)	Party	Status Deadline 1	Status Deadline 2	Status Deadline 3	Status Deadline 4	Status Deadline 5	Status Deadline 6	Status Deadline 7
9.12	Historic England	Rev 1 issued for comment 21/02/2023	Rev2	Rev3 Final (signed)	-			
9.13	Hundred of Wisbech Internal Drainage Board	Rev 1 issued following meeting 08/03/2023	As Deadline 1	As Deadline 1	Rev2 issued for comment 07/05/2023			
9.14	Kings Lynn Internal Drainage Board	Rev 1 issued following meeting 07/03/2023	As Deadline 1	As Deadline 1	Rev2 issued for comment 07/05/2023			
9.15	National Highways	Rev 1 issued following correspondence	As Deadline 1	As Deadline 1	As Deadline 1			
* joint SoCG between host authorities								



## 4. Overview of Agreement and Disagreement

- 4.1.1 The section of the statement of commonality provides a broad summary of the main topics covered in the SoCG at Deadline 4. It demonstrates commonality on the matters discussed between the Applicant and the parties or where matters have reached a position of 'not agreed' following discussions.
- 4.1.2 **Table 4.1** lists the topics covered across the SoCG in the Applicant's discussions with the parties and summarises commonality at Deadline 4.





Table 4.1: Summary of commonality with each party

Status	
	Matters agreed
	Matters subject to further discussion
	Matters not agreed
	Matter not relevant to the party
	Matter reserved for Env Permit

SoCG Party*	Topic																																						
	EIA and adequacy of Assessment	Description of the Proposed Development	Alternatives considered	Traffic and Transport	Noise and Vibration	Air Quality	Health	Landscape and Visual	Design	Historic Environment	Biodiversity	Biodiversity Net Gain	Habitat Regulations assessment NSER	Hydrology	Hydrogeology and Contaminated Land	Climate change	Scio-Economics	Accidents and Disasters	Cumulative Effects	Schedule of Mitigation and Monitoring	Construction Management Plans	Operational Management Plans	Employment & skill & community benefits	March to Wisbech railway	Waste Fuel Availability and waste hierarchy	Planning Policy	Water Supply	Draft DCO (Requirements)	Draft DCO (Protective Provisions)	DCO (Articles)	Compulsory Acquisition	Other consents and licences	Statutory Nuisance						
Network Rail																																							
Host Authorities																																							
Walsoken Parish Council																																							
Wisbech Town Council																																							
UK Health Security Agency*																																							
Environment Agency*																																							
Natural England*																																							
Anglian Water																																							
EoE Ambulance Trust*																																							
Historic England*																																							
Hundred of Wisbech IDB																																							
King's Lynn IDB																																							
National Highways																																							

\*The Applicant has secured a signed SOCG



## 4.2 Summary of positions on SoCG at Deadline 4

4.2.1 The following section summarises the position reached in each draft SoCG at Deadline 4. The Applicant intends to engage with the parties through the Examination on matters that require further discussion.

### Cambridgeshire County Council, Norfolk County Council, Fenland District Council and Borough Council of Kings Lynn West Norfolk

4.2.2 The Applicant submitted its first draft SOCG to the host authorities on 16 February 2023 and received a response on 22 March 2023. The Applicant is in the process of updating the SOCG and shared a revised document with the host authorities on or around 28 April 2023. Comments were received from CCC and FDC on 19 May but are still awaited from NCC and BCKLWN. The Applicant therefore intends to submit an updated SOCG for Deadline 5. Topics to be discussed with a view to reaching common ground include traffic and transport, including the approach to the assessment and its conclusions together with the measures to be included within the relevant management plans. Similar discussions regarding the approach to assessment and conclusions reached on a number of other ES chapters will also continue to be discussed.

4.2.3 It is intended that a version of the draft SOCG will be submitted at Deadline 5 in accordance with the Examining Authority's Rule 8 letter.

4.2.4 The Applicant is confident that it will be able to reach agreement on the SOCG during the Examination.

### Walsoken Parish Council

4.2.5 The Applicant submitted its first draft SOCG to the parish council and discussed and agreed with them the wording of the draft document submitted at Deadline 1 [REP1-039]. A significant number of matters included within the Deadline draft SOCG were shown as being subject to further discussion. However, the Parish Council informed the Applicant that it did not consider it had the relevant expertise and resources to comment upon many of the assessments reported within the ES. The Applicant has continued to engage with Walsoken Parish Council and has prepared an amended and updated version to reflect the comments received. This was submitted to the parish council on 17 May 2023.

4.2.6 It is intended that a version of the draft SOCG will be submitted at Deadline 5 in accordance with the Examining Authority's Rule 8 letter.

### Wisbech Town Council

4.2.7 The Applicant submitted its first draft SOCG to the town council for comment and a copy of this was submitted to the Examination at Deadline 1 [REP1-040] Whilst the Applicant had hoped that an updated version of the draft SOCG could be provided at Deadline 4, Wisbech Town Council has advised that following ISH3 and the Applicant's stated intention to produce a revised version of the WFAA for Deadline



5 that it did not wish to comment until it has had the opportunity to review the that document. The Applicant will continue to engage with Wisbech Town Council with a view to providing an updated version of the draft SOCG at Deadline 6.

### UK Health Security Agency

4.2.8 Agreed and signed; submitted at Deadline 2 **[REP2-013]**.

### Environment Agency

4.2.9 Agreed and signed; submitted at Deadline 4, document reference **Volume 9.7**.

### Natural England

4.2.10 Agreed and signed; submitted at Deadline 4, document reference **Volume 9.9**.

### Anglian Water

4.2.11 The Applicant submitted its first draft SOCG to Anglian Water which responded. Topics for further discussion include the Works and Protective Provisions set out within the Draft DCO and the requirements for potable water and water demand.

4.2.12 The Applicant met with Anglian Water on 13 March and subsequently on 02 May and 12 May 2023. Anglian Water was able to set out its position with regard to potable water supply and the Applicant was able to clarify its water demand. Following the latter meeting the Applicant has provided additional information to Anglian Water and it is the intention that both parties will meet again ahead of Deadline 5.

4.2.13 The Applicant is confident that it will be able to reach agreement during the Examination with Anglian Water to supply its potable water demand.

4.2.14 It is intended that a version of the draft SOCG will be submitted at Deadline 5 in accordance with the Examining Authority's Rule 8 letter or for Deadline 6.

4.2.15 The Applicant is confident that it will be able to reach agreement on the SOCG during the Examination.

### East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust

4.2.16 Agreed and signed; submitted at Deadline 2 **[REP2-014]**.

### Historic England

4.2.17 Agreed and signed; submitted at Deadline 3 **[REP3-027]**.

### Hundred of Wisbech Internal Drainage Board

4.2.18 The Applicant submitted its first draft SOCG to HWIDB and discussed its contents. Further meetings continue to be held to discuss the Outline Drainage Strategy and the Access Improvements to New Bridge Lane together with the measures



contained within the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan. An updated SOCG was submitted to the drainage board on 07 May 2023. A further meeting with the HWIDB will be arranged and an update provided at Deadline 5.

4.2.19 It is intended that a version of the draft SOCG will be submitted at Deadline 5 in accordance with the Examining Authority's Rule 8 letter or for Deadline 6.

4.2.20 The Applicant is confident that it will be able to reach agreement on the SOCG during the Examination.

## Kings Lynn Internal Drainage Board

4.2.21 The Applicant submitted its first draft SOCG to KLIDB and discussed its contents. Further meetings continue to be held to discuss the Draft DCO, the embedded measures to address effects upon the IDB drainage network, the Outline Drainage Strategy and the measures contained within the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan. An updated SOCG was submitted to the drainage board on 07 May 2023 and a further meeting to review outstanding matters is scheduled for 26 May 2023.

4.2.22 It is intended that a version of the draft SOCG will be submitted at Deadline 5 in accordance with the Examining Authority's Rule 8 letter.

4.2.23 The Applicant is confident that it will be able to reach agreement on the SOCG during the Examination.

## National Highways

4.2.24 The Applicant submitted its first draft SOCG to National Highways and discussed its contents. Discussions continue between the parties with a view to agreeing common ground on matters including Part 5 of Schedule 11 of the Draft DCO and compulsory acquisition.

4.2.25 It is intended that a version of the draft SOCG will be submitted at Deadline 5 in accordance with the Examining Authority's Rule 8 letter.

4.2.26 The Applicant is confident that it will be able to reach agreement on the SOCG during the Examination.

## Network Rail

4.2.27 The draft SoCG was agreed with Network Rail and submitted into Examination [PDA-002]. The Applicant will continue to engage with Network Rail in order to reach common ground concerning the design and layout of the Proposed development such that it would not impede a future road bridge embankment and the ability to accommodate the CHP Connection along the route of the Disused March to Wisbech Railway.

4.2.28 It is intended that an updated version of the draft SOCG will be submitted at Deadline 5 in accordance with the Examining Authority's Rule 8 letter or for Deadline 6.

4.2.29 The Applicant is confident that it will be able to reach agreement on the SOCG during the Examination.

