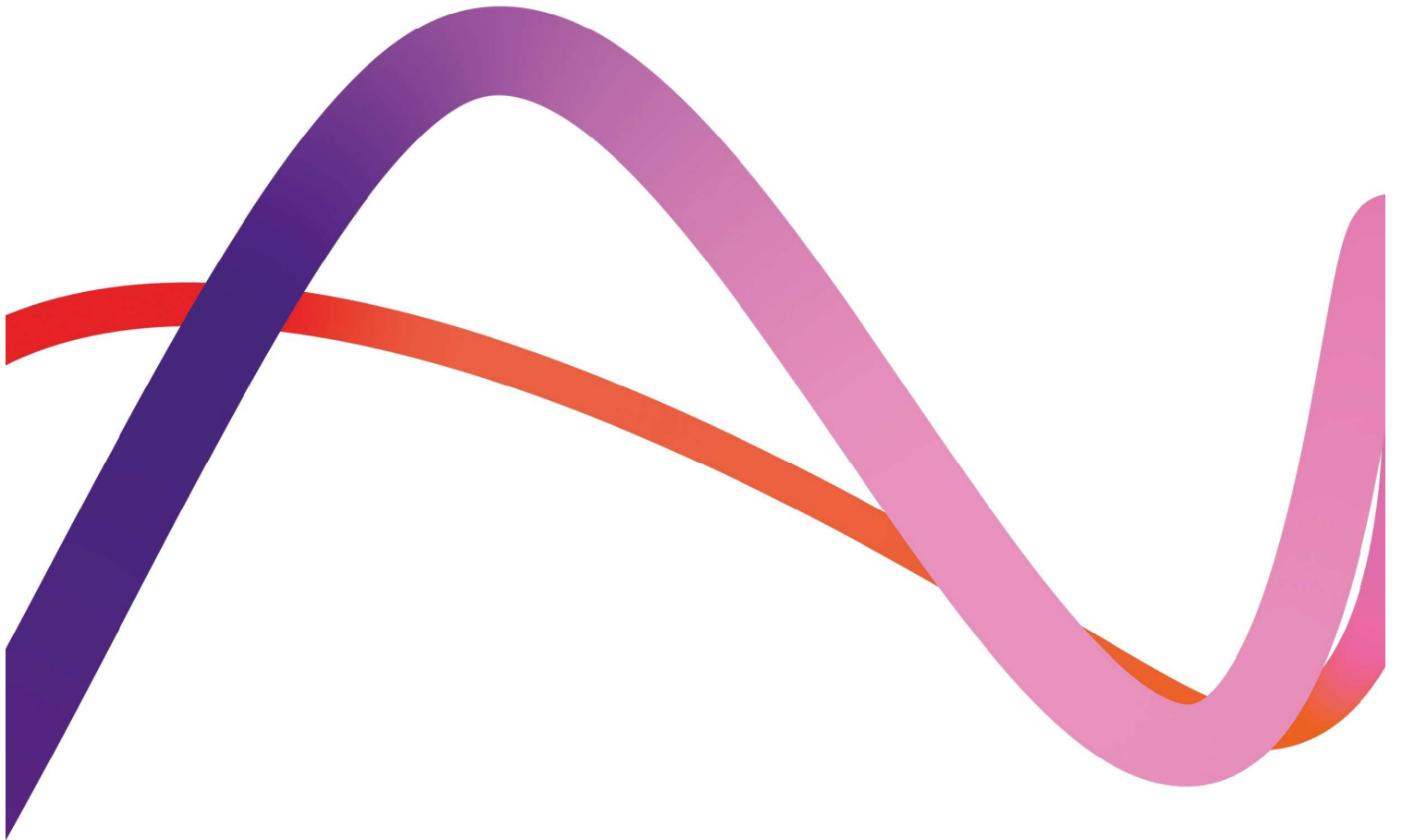


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## Statement of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground: (Deadline 5)

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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 – Status of SOCG
- Section 4 – Overview of Agreement and Disagreement



## 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 5

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 5**.



### 3. Status of Statements of Common Ground

Table 3.1 Status of SOCGs at Deadline 5

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	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	Rev 2.1 Draft		
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	Rev 2.1 Draft		
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	Rev 2.1 Draft		
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	Rev 2.1 Draft		
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	Rev 2 Final ( <b>signed</b> )		
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	As Deadline 4		
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 ( <b>signed</b> )	-		
9.8	UK Health Security Agency Environment Agency	Rev 1 issued for comment 08/02/2023	Rev2 Final ( <b>signed</b> )	-	-	-		
9.9	Natural England	Rev 1 following comments 02/03/2023	As Deadline 1	As Deadline 1	Rev 2 Final ( <b>signed</b> )	-		
9.10	Anglian Water	Rev 1.1 following comments 02/03/2023	As Deadline 1	As Deadline 1	As Deadline 1	Rev 2		
9.11	East of England Ambulance Service Trust	Rev 1 issued for comment 01/02/2023	Rev2 Final ( <b>signed</b> )	-	-	-		



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 ( <b>signed</b> )	-	-		
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	As Deadline 1		
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	Rev 2		
9.15	National Highways	Rev 1 issued following correspondence	As Deadline 1	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 5. 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 5.







## 4.2 Summary of positions on SOCG at Deadline 5

4.2.1 The following section summarises the position reached in each SOCG at Deadline 5. The Applicant intends to engage with the parties through the Examination on matters that require further discussion.

### Signed SOCG at Deadline 5

#### *Historic England*

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

#### *Natural England*

4.2.3 Agreed and signed; submitted at Deadline 4 [REP4-011].

#### *Environment Agency*

4.2.4 Agreed and signed; submitted at Deadline 4 [REP4-010].

#### *UK Health Security Agency*

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

#### *East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust*

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

#### *Walsoken Parish Council*

4.2.7 Agreed and signed; submitted at Deadline 5, document reference **Volume 9.5**.

4.2.8 Areas of dispute are:

- Traffic and Transport;
- Air Quality;
- Health;
- Landscape and Visual; and
- DCO Requirements.

### Unsigned SOCG at Deadline 5

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

4.2.9 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 and there followed virtual meetings on 09 June 2023 and 14 June 2023. The Applicant forwarded a revised draft SOCG for comment following each meeting.

4.2.10 The Applicant has submitted an SOCG for Deadline 5 which summarises the current position between the parties. Topics to be finalised, but where agreement is anticipated include:

- Traffic and Transport – CCC/FDC
- Waste Fuel Availability Assessment – CCC/FDC

4.2.11 Topics where agreement will not be achieved either in part or full include:

- Landscape and Visual – host authorities
- Climate change – CCC/FDC

4.2.12 The Applicant is confident that it will be able to reach agreement on the SOCG during the Examination. It is intended that a signed version of the SOCG will be submitted at Deadline 6.

### *Wisbech Town Council*

4.2.13 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.

### *Anglian Water*

4.2.14 Since Deadline 4 the Applicant and Anglian Water have proactively engaged to review the water requirements for the Proposed Development. 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 both parties met again ahead of Deadline 5.

4.2.15 The Applicant and Anglian Water have an agreed position on water supply availability for the Proposed Development; there are no outstanding objections.

4.2.16 One outstanding matter remains:

- the wording of the relevant protective provisions.

4.2.17 Both parties are confident this matter will be resolved and a signed SOCG submitted for Deadline 6. An updated, unsigned SOCG Rev 2.0 (Volume 9.10) is submitted at Deadline 5.



### *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 protective provisions, 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 and comments are due from the HWIDB. Once the Applicant receives comments on the draft SOCG the Applicant anticipates submitting an updated version for Deadline 6.

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

### *Kings Lynn Internal Drainage Board*

4.2.20 The Applicant submitted its first draft SOCG to KLIDB and discussed its contents. Further meetings were 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 was held on 26 May 2023.

4.2.21 Amendments were made to the SOCG following 26 May 2023 and further progress made between the parties. Two matters remain to be agreed:

- Wording of the protective provisions; and
- An update to List of Other Consents and Licences [APP-026], to be submitted at Deadline 6.

4.2.22 The Applicant is confident that the remaining matters will be agreed and a final signed SOCG submitted for Deadline 6. An updated, unsigned SOCG Rev 2.0 (Volume 9.14) is submitted at Deadline 5.

### *National Highways*

4.2.23 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.

4.2.24 It is intended that a version of the draft SOCG will be submitted at Deadline 6.

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

### *Network Rail*

4.2.26 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.

4.2.27 It is intended that an updated version of the draft SOCG will be submitted at Deadline 6.

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

