

Heckington Fen Solar Park

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared by Ecotricity (Heck Fen Solar) Limited ("the Applicant") in conjunction with Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd ("NR").
- 1.2 The proposed development comprises the construction, operation (including maintenance), and decommissioning of a ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generation and energy storage facility (hereafter referred to as "the Energy Park"), cable route to, and above and below ground works at, the National Grid Bicker Fen Substation (hereafter referred to as "the Proposed Development" (inclusive of Energy Park)) on land at Six Hundreds Farm, Six Hundreds Drove, East Heckington, Sleaford, Lincolnshire.
- 1.3 In the table below of this SoCG:
- "Agreed" indicates where the issue has been resolved
 - "Not Agreed" indicates a final position of the parties that is not agreed, and
 - "Under discussion" indicates where these points are the subject of on-going discussion wherever possible to resolve, or refine, the extent of disagreement between the parties.
- 1.4 It can be taken that any matters not specifically referred to in this SoCG are not of material interest or relevance and therefore have not been considered further. It is recognised however that engagement between all parties will need to continue due to their joint interest in matters arising from the Proposed Development.
- 1.5 The purpose of the SoCG is to identify the areas where the principal parties do not agree and remain in dispute. This will allow the Examination to focus on the most pertinent issues.

Summary of main issues agreed/not agreed

1.6 Based on engagement to date, common ground is expected to be agreed prior to the closure of the Examination.

1.7 A commercial agreement is expected to be reached with Network Rail.

2. MATTERS TO BE AGREED

Reference and Status	Topic	NR's Position	Applicant's Position
1. Under discussion	Effects on operations	*To be completed	Carrying out works in the proximity of NR's operational railway network is covered under the agreed Protective Provisions included in the dDCO, which protect NR's operational railway network.
2. Under discussion	Drafting of the dDCO including protective provisions	*To be completed	Protective Provisions are included in the dDCO, which are based on NR's standard form of provisions and prevent compulsory powers being used in relation to NR's interests unless agreed with the Applicant.
3. Under discussion	Commercial agreement	*To be completed	NR's Technical Guidance notes that no impact subject to relevant legal agreements

3. SIGNATORIES

The above SoCG is agreed between Ecotricity (Heck Fen Solar) Limited (“the Applicant”) and Network Rail, as specified below.

Duly authorised for and on behalf of Ecotricity (Heck Fen Solar) Limited

Name:	
Job Title:	
Date:	
Signature:	

Duly authorised for and on behalf of Network Rail

Name:	
Job Title:	
Date:	
Signature:	

