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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Parties

1.1.1. The Parties to this Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) are Cory Environmental Holdings Limited (the Applicant) and ASDA Stores Limited (ASDA).

1.2. Purpose of this Statement of Common Ground

1.2.1. This SoCG has been prepared by the Applicant to inform the Examining Authority of the matters agreed and, if applicable, the matters yet to be agreed, between the Parties in relation to the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the Cory Decarbonisation Project (the Proposed Scheme).

1.3. Background and Description of the Proposed Scheme

1.3.1. The Applicant has applied to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under the Planning Act 2008 for powers to construct, operate, maintain and decommission a carbon capture facility to capture carbon dioxide from energy from waste facilities Riverside 1 and Riverside 2 (at the time of writing, construction for Riverside 2 is ongoing) at the Applicant's existing facility on Norman Road (the Riverside Campus) in the London Borough of Bexley.

1.3.2. The application was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 20 March 2024 and was accepted for Examination on 18 April 2024.

1.3.3. The Proposed Scheme is described in **Chapter 2: Site and the Proposed Scheme (Volume 1)** of the **Environmental Statement (APP-051)** and the principal elements include:

- the Carbon Capture Facility (including its associated supporting plant and ancillary infrastructure);
- a Proposed Jetty to allow for export of the captured carbon by vessel;
- a Mitigation and Enhancement Area;
- Temporary construction compounds; and
- Utilities Connections and Site Access Works.

1.4. ASDA's Interests

1.4.1. The Applicant has engaged and consulted with ASDA because ASDA benefits from rights over land plot 1-028 as is listed in the **Book of Reference (AS-016)** and identified on the **Land Plans (AS-006)**.

1.4.2. This plot primarily comprises the shared access road from Norman Road to several premises, including the Iron Mountain site and ASDA's Belvedere Regional Distribution Centres.

2. RECORD OF ENGAGEMENT

2.1.1. A summary of the key meetings and key correspondence between the Parties can be found in the table below.

Table 1. Record of Engagement

Date	Form of Correspondence	Summary of Matters Dealt with in Correspondence/ Meeting
25.09.2023	Letter	Initial LIQ issued to ASDA.
18.10.2023	Letter	Section 42 documentation issued by the Applicant to ASDA.
18.12.2023	Email	Email to ASDA notifying it of the Applicant's intention to submit a DCO application for the Proposed Scheme and offering the opportunity for a call to discuss and answer any questions about the proposals.
01.02.2024	Letter	Letter issued to ASDA summarising engagement to date, the Proposed Scheme, enclosing statutory consultation materials and with an offer to arrange a meeting for further discussion and to respond to any questions.
27.02.2024	Email	Email from ASDA acknowledging receipt of previous correspondence and confirming a meeting with its landlord (Alaska RE) was scheduled for 01.03.2024 and that it would revert with meeting availability thereafter.
28.02.2024	Phone call	Phone call with ASDA's site manager to introduce the Proposed Scheme more generally and the in the context of ASDA's operation, covered previous engagement attempts with members of the ASDA team, and agreed to follow up by email and provide statutory consultation brochure.
04.03.2024	Meeting	Meeting held with ASDA to provide visibility on the Proposed Scheme more generally and in the context of ASDA's operation, the use of (and the main impacts envisaged in using it for construction and maintenance) the Norman Road spur road in connection

		with the Proposed Scheme, and to answer ASDA's initial questions.
06.03.2024	Email	Email from ASDA providing details contact details for its landlord for further communication and engagement.
04.04.2024	Email	Email to ASDA confirming the Applicant had submitted its DCO application and offering that relevant documents be made available to ASDA before they became publicly available, to enable further discussion.
22.04.2024	Email	Email to ASDA notifying it that the Applicant's DCO application has been accepted for Examination, sharing a link to the application documents on the PINS website, and requesting availability for a meeting to continue discussion about the Proposed Scheme's interaction with ASDA's operations.
24.05.2024	Email	Email to ASDA asking if it has reviewed the DCO application documents and reiterating the offer of a meeting to discuss further.

2.1.1. The Parties remain in regular communication.

3. MATTERS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES

3.1. Introduction

3.1.1. The Parties are agreed on the points set out in this section.

3.2. Matters Agreed

3.2.1. ASDA benefits from rights over land plot 1-028 as is listed in the **Book of Reference (AS-016)** and identified on the **Land Plans (AS-006)**.

3.2.2. The Applicant is seeking powers to acquire new rights in the **draft DCO (AS-014)** over plot 1-028, being the spur road to the east of Norman Road, to effectively replicate the rights Aviva (as the freehold owner of the spur road) currently enjoys in respect of the existing Belvedere Power Station Jetty (disused) but for the purposes of the Proposed Scheme.

3.2.3. More specifically, the Applicant is seeking rights to access the River Thames to facilitate the dismantling (in part or in full) of the existing Belvedere Power Station Jetty (disused) and the construction and subsequent maintenance of the new jetty infrastructure it proposes to construct as part of the Proposed Scheme.

3.2.4. Notwithstanding paragraphs 3.2.2 and 3.2.3, the new rights the Applicant is seeking to acquire over plot 1-028 are not intended to frustrate or extinguish the rights ASDA currently enjoys over the spur road, but for the rights to sit alongside those currently enjoyed by ASDA (together with Iron Mountain and Aviva); the implication being that the Applicant would share the use of the spur road during construction and decommissioning of the Proposed Scheme, and otherwise intermittently during the operation and maintenance phases.

3.2.5. The Applicant will produce a Code of Construction Practice to take account of neighbouring operations, including ASDA.

4. MATTERS UNDER DISCUSSION

4.1. Introduction

- 4.1.1. There are currently no matters under discussion between the Parties.
- 4.1.2. Further, there are no matters not agreed between the Parties.

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