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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

- 1.1.1. This Statement of Commonality has been prepared in order to provide the Examining Authority ('ExA') with the current position on Statements of Common Ground ('SoCG') between Cory Environmental Holdings Limited ('the Applicant') and Interested Parties in relation to the proposed Cory Decarbonisation Project in Bexley, London (the 'Proposed Scheme').
- 1.1.2. It reports on the SoCG that have been submitted during pre-Examination and is a report that will be updated as SoCG are developed during the remainder of that period and throughout the Examination.
- 1.1.3. The **Rule 6 Letter (PD-005)** (dated 7th October 2024) requires the submission of the SoCG as requested by the ExA and a Statement of Commonality for SoCG at Procedural Deadline A. Updated SoCG and Statement of Commonality are requested at subsequent deadlines 1, 3, 4, 5 as required. Final versions of each should be submitted by Deadline 7 (2nd May 2025).

1.2. STRUCTURE OF THIS DOCUMENT

- 1.2.1. The remainder of this document is structured as follows:
- Section 2 sets out the status of the SoCG requested by the ExA.
 - Section 3 sets out the commonality between the SoCG and a summary of the current position.

2. LIST OF STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND

2.1. LIST AND STATUS OF STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND

- 2.1.1. In accordance with the guidance published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government¹, the Applicant has prepared SoCG with a number of Interested Parties.
- 2.1.2. The SoCG identify matters on which the Parties agree (meaning the Applicant and the third party within whom the SoCG is drafted), what matters remain under discussion and what matters are confirmed to be not agreed.
- 2.1.3. **Table 2-1** provides a list and the status of SoCG that are in place and their status as at the date of this document.
- 2.1.4. Where a SoCG status is listed as 'for review', this reflects that the version submitted is the version that has been sent to the relevant Interested Party but that the Applicant has not yet received a response from that Party for discussion. These SoCG have been submitted so the ExA has an understanding of the Applicant's position as to progress on matters of interest to the Interested Party.
- 2.1.5. This table will be updated each time the SoCG are submitted for consideration by the ExA.
- 2.1.6. Document reference numbers 8.1.8, 8.1.10, 8.1.20, 8.1.24 and 8.1.25 are not in use at this time.

¹ Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. Planning Act 2008: Examination Stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, 2024

Table 2-1: List and Status of SoCG at Procedural Deadline A, 22 October 2024

Document Reference Number	Interested Party	Status	Submitted at this Deadline?
8.1.1	London Borough of Bexley (LBB)	Rev A (AS-034) with LBB for review. The Parties have discussed the content of the SoCG, but no further drafts have been prepared to date.	No Submitted 25.09.2024
8.1.2	Greater London Authority (GLA)	Rev A with GLA. The Parties anticipate being able to reach a SoCG, matters are still under discussion.	No
8.1.3	Environment Agency (EA)	Rev A (AS-037) with EA for review.	No Submitted 25.09.2024
8.1.4	Port of London Authority (PLA)	Not yet sent to the PLA, but there have been numerous meetings and a number of exchanges of correspondence between the Parties. The Parties will continue discussing these matters and will provide an update to the ExA at Deadline 1.	No
8.1.5	Natural England (NE)	Rev B agreed and signed on 22 October 2024 following discussion on Rev A (AS-038) .	Yes

Document Reference Number	Interested Party	Status	Submitted at this Deadline?
8.1.6	Friends of Crossness Nature Reserve (FoCNR)	Rev A (AS-039) with FoCNR for review.	No Submitted 25.09.2024
8.1.7	Marine Management Organisation (MMO)	Rev A (AS-040) with MMO for review. The Parties have discussed the content of the SoCG, but no further drafts have been prepared to date.	No Submitted 25.09.2024
8.1.9	Greater London Archaeology Advisory Service	Rev A (AS-041) Agreed and signed on 6 September 2024.	No Submitted 25.09.2024
8.1.11	Historic England	Rev A (AS-032) Agreed and signed on 6 September 2024.	No Submitted 25.09.2024
8.1.12	Iron Mountain	The Applicant is preparing a draft SoCG following a second constructive site meeting on 8 October 2024, to be shared with Iron Mountain as soon as possible.	No
8.1.13	ASDA	Rev A with ASDA for review.	Yes
8.1.14	Thames Water Utilities Ltd (TWUL)	Rev A with TWUL. The Parties anticipate being able to reach a SoCG, matters are still under discussion.	No
8.1.15	Peabody Trust and Tilfen Land Ltd (Peabody Trust)	Rev A with Peabody Trust for review.	Yes

Document Reference Number	Interested Party	Status	Submitted at this Deadline?
8.1.16	Landsul Limited and Munster Joinery (UK) Ltd	Landsul Limited and Munster Joinery (UK) Ltd has indicated it does not wish to pursue a SoCG at this stage, acknowledging that there may be merit in doing so later in the Examination.	No
8.1.17	Creek Side Developments (UK) Ltd	Following the Rule 6 Letter (PD-005) the Applicant has sought to discuss with these parties if they are interested in pursuing a SoCG. A response is awaited.	No
8.1.18	Seamus Gannon		No
8.1.19	UK Power Networks (UKPN)	Rev B with UKPN for review.	Yes
8.1.21	Aviva	Rev B with Aviva for review.	Yes
8.1.22	Lidl	Rev B with Lidl for review.	Yes
8.1.23	Alaska PropCo	The Applicant has updated Alaska on the position with ASDA and has offered to draft a SoCG if it wishes to be part of that process. The Applicant awaits a response.	No
8.1.26	Save Crossness Nature Reserve Campaign (SCNRC)	Rev A (AS-36) with SCNRC for review.	No Submitted 25.09.2024
8.1.27	Royal Society of Protection of Birds (RSPB)	RSPB confirmed by email to ExA (on 17 October 2024) that it will not prepare a SoCG	No

Document Reference Number	Interested Party	Status	Submitted at this Deadline?
		and will not engage further with the Examination.	
8.1.28	Buglife	Rev A agreed and signed on 21 October 2024.	Yes
8.1.29	Kent County Council (KCC)	Rev A with KCC for review.	Yes
8.1.30	Dartford Borough Council (DBC)	Rev A agreed and signed on 21 October 2024.	Yes
8.1.31	National Highways	Rev A with National Highways for review.	Yes

3. COMMONALITY

3.1. SUMMARY

- 3.1.1. As requested by the ExA in the Rule 6 Letter (PD-005), this section of the document provides a summary of the principal issues covered in the SoCG and demonstrates where there is commonality in the topics or matters being discussed with the various parties.
- 3.1.2. Table 3.1 presents the topics covered within the various SoCG and shows how these are relevant to each party and the current position for each topic. This reflects the current position within the SoCG as either submitted on 25 September 2024 or are submitted alongside this Statement, using a RAG (re, amber, green) system as shown in Figure 1. It will be updated as the Examination progresses.

Figure 3-1: RAG system used for matters within the SoCG

	Matter agreed
	Matters under discussion
	Matter not agreed

Table 3-1: Principal Issues Covered in the Statements of Common Ground

SoCG Party	Planning Policy	Draft DCO (Including Protected Provisions)	Consideration of Site Alternatives	EIA Methodology	Air Quality	Noise and Vibration	Terrestrial Biodiversity	Marine Biodiversity	Historic Environment	Townscape and Visual	Water Environment and Flood Risk	Climate Resilience	Greenhouse Gases	Population Health and land Use	Socio-Economics	Materials and Waste	Ground Conditions and Soils	Landside Transport	Marine Navigation	Major Accidents and Disasters	Cumulative Effects
8.1.1 London Borough of Bexley			Yellow		Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
8.1.2 Greater London Authority	Red	Red	Red		Green		Yellow														
8.1.3 Environment Agency		Yellow						Green			Yellow										
8.1.5 Natural England					Yellow		Yellow														
8.1.6 Friends of Crossness Nature Reserve			Red				Red														
8.1.7 Marine Maritime Organisation		Green				Yellow		Yellow											Green		Green
8.1.9 Greater London Archaeology Advisory Service									Green												
8.1.11 Historic England									Green												
8.1.13 ASDA		Green																			
8.1.15 Peabody Trust & Tilfen Land							Yellow														
8.2.19 UKPN		Green																			
8.1.21 Aviva		Green																			
8.1.22 Lidl		Green																			
8.1.26 Save CNR Campaign Group			Red				Red			Red											
8.1.28 Buglife							Yellow														
8.1.29 Kent County Council																		Yellow			
8.1.30 Dartford Borough Council					Green													Yellow			
8.1.31 National Highways		Green																Yellow			



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