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# 1. INTRODUCTION

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## 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 68 Letter (PD-005)** (~~dated 7th October 2024~~**006**) 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~~are to 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

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### 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 Government<sup>1</sup>, 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~~were submitted so the ExA ~~has had~~ 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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~~ 1, 26 November 2024**

Document Reference Number	Interested Party	Status	Submitted at this Deadline?
8.1.1	London Borough of Bexley (LBB)	<del>Rev A (AS-034)</del> <u>Rev B submitted</u> with <u>the agreement of LBB for review.</u>  <del>at Deadline 1.</del> The Parties <del>have discussed the content of the SoCG, but now</del> <u>will continue to discuss</u> further <del>drafts have been prepared to date</del> <u>revisions.</u>	<del>No</del>  <u>Submitted 25.09.2024</u> <u>Yes</u>
8.1.2	Greater London Authority (GLA)	<del>Rev A</del> <u>Rev AB</u> with GLA. <del>The</del> <u>Although the</u> Parties anticipate being able to reach a SoCG, matters are still under discussion.	No  <u>Rev A submitted 25.09.2024</u>
8.1.3	Environment Agency (EA)	<del>Rev A (AS-037)</del> with EA for review <u>and awaiting comments.</u>	No  <del>Submitted</del> <u>Rev A submitted 25.09.2024</u>
8.1.4	Port of London Authority (PLA)	<del>Not yet</del> <u>Rev A draft SoCG has been</u> sent to the PLA, <del>but there have been numerous meetings and</del> <u>for consideration; it is not submitted pending their comments.</u>  <u>Good progress has been made on DCO matters, with only a number</u> <del>couple</del> <u>of</u>	No

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		<p><del>exchanges matters left outstanding, including specifically article 8 of correspondence between the Parties. draft DCO.</del></p> <p><del>The Parties will continue discussing these matters and will provide an update to the ExA at Deadline 1. Discussions are continuing in respect of the pNRA and river transport matters.</del></p>	
8.1.5	Natural England (NE)	<p><del>Draft Rev B agreed and signed on 22 October 2024 following discussion on Rev A (AS-038).</del> Discussions still ongoing.</p>	<p><del>Yes</del>No Rev B submitted 22.10.2024</p>
8.1.6	Friends of Crossness Nature Reserve (FoCNR)	<p><del>Rev A (AS-039) with FoCNR for review. Rev B (AS-039) submitted with the agreement of FoCNR is at Deadline 1. However, it is noted that FoCNR has not been able to review the final edits made to this submitted draft. The Parties will continue to discuss further revisions.</del></p>	<p>No Submitted 25.09.2024 Yes</p>
8.1.7	Marine Management Organisation (MMO)	<p><del>Rev A (AS-040) with B drafted alongside MMO for review.</del></p> <p><del>The Parties have discussed the content of the SoCG, but no further drafts have been prepared to date. The contents of the draft SoCG version submitted is agreed by MMO, and that the</del></p>	<p>No Submitted 25.09.2024 Yes</p>

Document Reference Number	Interested Party	Status	Submitted at this Deadline?
		<a href="#">Parties are working together to continue to discuss the issues in it. The draft SoCG submitted should not be seen as the final SoCG.</a>	
8.1.9	Greater London Archaeology Advisory Service	<b>Rev A (AS-041)</b> Agreed and signed on 6 September 2024.	No <a href="#">Submitted Rev A submitted 25.09.2024</a>
8.1.11	Historic England	<b>Rev A (AS-032)</b> Agreed and signed on 6 September 2024.	No <a href="#">Submitted Rev A submitted 25.09.2024</a>
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	<b>Rev A</b> with ASDA for review.	<del>Yes</del> No <a href="#">Rev A submitted 22.10.2024</a>
8.1.14	Thames Water Utilities Ltd (TWUL)	<b>Rev A</b> with TWUL. <a href="#">The</a> Although the Parties anticipate being able to reach a SoCG, matters are still under discussion.	No



Document Reference Number	Interested Party	Status	Submitted at this Deadline?
8.1.15	Peabody Trust and Tilfen Land Ltd (Peabody Trust)	<b>Rev A</b> <a href="#">submitted</a> with <a href="#">the agreement of Peabody Trust for review at Deadline 1. The Parties will continue to discuss further revisions.</a>	Yes
8.1.16	Landsul Limited and Munster Joinery (UK) Ltd	<del>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. As discussed at the Hearings and in the Rule 8 letter, the Applicant will work towards a focussed SoCG with this party, once its Deadline 1 submission has been received.</del>	No
8.1.17	Creek Side Developments (UK) Ltd	Following the <b>Rule 68 Letter (PD-005006)</b> 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)	<b>Rev B</b> with UKPN for review.	<del>Yes</del> No <a href="#">Rev B Submitted 22.10.2024</a>
8.1.21	Aviva	<b>Rev B</b> with Aviva for review.	<del>Yes</del> No

Document Reference Number	Interested Party	Status	Submitted at this Deadline?
			<a href="#">Rev B Submitted 22.10.2024</a>
8.1.22	Lidl	<b>Rev B</b> with Lidl for review.	<del>Yes</del> <a href="#">No</a> <a href="#">Rev B Submitted 22.10.2024</a>
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 <a href="#">Campaign (SCNRC)(SCNR)</a>	<b>Rev A (AS-36)C</b> <a href="#">submitted with the agreement of SCNRC for review at Deadline 1. The Parties will continue to discuss further revisions.</a>	<del>No</del> <del>Submitted 25.09.2024</del> <a href="#">Yes</a>
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 and will not engage further with the Examination.  <a href="#">Confirmed by ExA in Rule 8 letter (PD-006) RSPB SoCG is no longer required.</a>	No
8.1.28	Buglife	<b>Rev A</b> agreed and signed on 21 October 2024.	<del>Yes</del> <a href="#">No</a>

Document Reference Number	Interested Party	Status	Submitted at this Deadline?
		<a href="#">The Parties will continue to discuss further revisions.</a>	<a href="#">Rev A submitted 21.10.2024</a>
8.1.29	Kent County Council (KCC)	<b>Rev A</b> with KCC for review.	<del>Yes</del> No <a href="#">Rev A Submitted 22.10.2024</a>
8.1.30	Dartford Borough Council (DBC)	<b>Rev A</b> agreed <del>and signed</del> <a href="#">in draft</a> on 21 October 2024. <a href="#">The Parties will continue to discuss further revisions.</a>	<del>Yes</del> No <a href="#">Rev A submitted 22.10.2024</a>
8.1.31	National Highways	<b>Rev A</b> with National Highways for review.	<del>Yes</del> No <a href="#">Rev A submitted 22.10.2024</a>

### 3. COMMONALITY

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#### 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 most recently updated by those~~ submitted alongside this Statement for Deadline 1, using a RAG (~~red~~, amber, green) system as shown in Figure 3-1. 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		Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	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	Green		Red	Red			Red							Yellow							
8.1.7 Marine Maritime Organisation	Green	Green		Yellow		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							Green							Green				Yellow			
8.2.19 UKPN		Green																			
8.1.21 Aviva		Green																			
8.1.22 Lidl		Green																			
8.1.26 Save <a href="#">CNR Campaign Group</a> <a href="#">Crossness Nature Reserve</a>	Green		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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