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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 throughout the Examination.
- 1.1.3. The **Rule 8 Letter (PD-006)** requires the submission of the SoCG as requested by the ExA and a Statement of Commonality are requested at deadlines 1, 3, 4, 5 as required. Final versions of each 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

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 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 were submitted so the ExA 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.

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 Deadline 1, 26 November 2024

| Document Reference Number | Interested Party | Status | Submitted at this Deadline? |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 8.1.1 | London Borough of Bexley (LBB) | Rev B submitted with the agreement of LBB at Deadline 1. The Parties will continue to discuss further revisions. | Yes |
| 8.1.2 | Greater London Authority (GLA) | Rev B with GLA. Although the Parties anticipate being able to reach a SoCG, matters are still under discussion. | No Rev A submitted 25.09.2024 |
| 8.1.3 | Environment Agency (EA) | Rev A (AS-037) with EA for review and awaiting comments. | No Rev A submitted 25.09.2024 |
| 8.1.4 | Port of London Authority (PLA) | Rev A draft SoCG has been sent to the PLA for consideration; it is not submitted pending their comments. Good progress has been made on DCO matters, with only a couple of matters left outstanding, including specifically article 8 of the draft DCO. Discussions are continuing in respect of the pNRA and river transport matters. | No |

| Document Reference Number | Interested Party | Status | Submitted at this Deadline? |
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| 8.1.5 | Natural England (NE) | Draft Rev B agreed on 22 October 2024. Discussions still ongoing. | No Rev B submitted 22.10.2024 |
| 8.1.6 | Friends of Crossness Nature Reserve (FoCNR) | 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. | Yes |
| 8.1.7 | Marine Management Organisation (MMO) | Rev B drafted alongside MMO. The contents of the draft SoCG version submitted is agreed by MMO, and that the Parties are working together to continue to discuss the issues in it. The draft SoCG submitted should not be seen as the final SoCG. | Yes |
| 8.1.9 | Greater London Archaeology Advisory Service | Rev A (AS-041) Agreed and signed on 6 September 2024. | No Rev A submitted 25.09.2024 |
| 8.1.11 | Historic England | Rev A (AS-032) Agreed and signed on 6 September 2024. | No |

| Document Reference Number | Interested Party | Status | Submitted at this Deadline? |
|---------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | Rev A 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. | No Rev A submitted 22.10.2024 |
| 8.1.14 | Thames Water Utilities Ltd (TWUL) | Rev A with TWUL. Although 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 submitted with the agreement of Peabody Trust at Deadline 1. The Parties will continue to discuss further revisions. | Yes |
| 8.1.16 | Landsul Limited and Munster Joinery (UK) Ltd | 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. | No |

| Document Reference Number | Interested Party | Status | Submitted at this Deadline? |
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| 8.1.17 | Creek Side Developments (UK) Ltd | Following the Rule 8 Letter (PD-006) 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. | No Rev B Submitted 22.10.2024 |
| 8.1.21 | Aviva | Rev B with Aviva for review. | No Rev B Submitted 22.10.2024 |
| 8.1.22 | Lidl | Rev B with Lidl for review. | No Rev B Submitted 22.10.2024 |
| 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 (SCNR) | Rev C submitted with the agreement of SCNRC at Deadline 1. The Parties will continue to discuss further revisions. | Yes |

| Document Reference Number | Interested Party | Status | Submitted at this Deadline? |
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| 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. Confirmed by ExA in Rule 8 letter (PD-006) RSPB SoCG is no longer required. | No |
| 8.1.28 | Buglife | Rev A agreed and signed on 21 October 2024. The Parties will continue to discuss further revisions. | No Rev A submitted 21.10.2024 |
| 8.1.29 | Kent County Council (KCC) | Rev A with KCC for review. | No Rev A Submitted 22.10.2024 |
| 8.1.30 | Dartford Borough Council (DBC) | Rev A agreed in draft on 21 October 2024. The Parties will continue to discuss further revisions. | No Rev A submitted 22.10.2024 |
| 8.1.31 | National Highways | Rev A with National Highways for review. | No Rev A submitted 22.10.2024 |

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 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

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| | 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 |
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| 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 | | | | | | | Green | | | | | | | Green | | | | Yellow | | | |
| 8.2.19 UKPN | | Green | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8.1.21 Aviva | | Green | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8.1.22 Lidl | | Green | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8.1.26 Save Crossness Nature Reserve | 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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