

# Cottam Solar Project

## Statement of Common Ground National Highways

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## Issue Sheet

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### Statement of Common Ground

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## **1 Introduction**

### **1.1 Purpose of this document**

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared as part of the proposed Cottam Solar Project Development Consent Order (the Application) made by Cottam Solar Project Ltd (the Applicant) to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the Secretary of State) pursuant to the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008).
- 1.1.2 This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere within the Application documents. All documents are available on the Planning Inspectorate's website.
- 1.1.3 This SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority (ExA) where agreement has been reached between the parties, and where agreement has not yet been reached. SoCGs are an established means in the DCO consenting process of allowing all parties to identify and focus on specific issues that may need to be addressed during the examination.

### **1.2 Parties to this Statement of Common Ground**

- 1.2.1 This SoCG has been prepared by (1) Cottam Solar Project Ltd. as the Applicant and (2) National Highways.
- 1.2.2 Collectively, Cottam Solar Project Ltd. and National Highways are referred to as 'the parties'.

### **1.3 Terminology**

- 1.3.1 In the tables in **Sections 3 - 5** of this SoCG:
- "Agreed" indicates where the issue has been resolved.
  - "Not Agreed" indicates a final position, and
  - "Under discussion" indicates where these points will be the subject of ongoing discussion wherever possible to resolve, or refine, the extent of disagreement between the parties.

## 2 Record of Engagement

### 2.1 Summary of consultation

2.1.1 The parties have been engaged through the non-statutory consultation process and following the submission of the DCO. A summary of the meetings and correspondence that has taken place between Cottam Solar Project and National Highways in relation to the Application is outlined in **Table 2-1**.

**Table 2-1 - Record of Engagement**

Date	Form Correspondence	Key topics discussed	Key outcomes
27/07/22	Section 42 Consultation	Transport Assessment [EN010133/APP/C6.3.14.1] and Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN010133/APP/C6.3.14.2], including the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trip Generation;</li> <li>• Trip Distribution;</li> <li>• Impact on Strategic Road Network;</li> <li>• Abnormal Indivisible Loads.</li> </ul>	The Applicant to include requested information as part of the DCO submission.
23/02/23	Meeting with National Highways Operation Directorate	Transport Assessment [EN010133/APP/C6.3.14.1] and Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN010133/APP/C6.3.14.2], including the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trip Generation;</li> <li>• Trip Distribution;</li> <li>• Impact on Strategic Road Network;</li> <li>• Abnormal Indivisible Loads.</li> </ul>	NH to review Transport Assessment and Construction Traffic Management Plan  Applicant to prepare a draft Statement of Common Ground for agreement
02/03/23	Written Representation	To ensure the right for National Highways to make written representations if appropriate	

- 2.1.2 It is agreed that this is an accurate record of the key meetings and consultation undertaken between (1) Cottam Solar Project Ltd. and (2) National Highways in relation to the issues addressed in this SoCG.

### 3 Matters Agreed

**Table 3-1** details by topic the matters agreed with National Highways.

#### 3.1 Matters Agreed (Transport)

**Table 3-1**

Topic	Sub-topic	Details of Matters Agreed
TA-1 Transport Assessment <b>[EN010133/APP/C6.3.14.1]</b>	a. Construction Vehicle HGV Route	<p>All HGVs associated with the construction phase of the Scheme will follow the designated route as illustrated in the following figures set out in the Transport Assessment <b>[EN010133/APP/C6.3.14.1]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Figure 6.1: Construction Vehicle Route – Cottam 1 South</li> <li>• Figure 6.2: Construction Vehicle Route – Cottam 1 North</li> <li>• Figure 6.3: Construction Vehicle Route – Cottam 1 West</li> <li>• Figure 6.4: Construction Vehicle Route – Cottam 2</li> <li>• Figure 6.5: Construction Vehicle Route – Cottam 3a</li> <li>• Figure 6.6: Construction Vehicle Route – Cottam 3b</li> <li>• Figure 6.7: Construction Vehicle Route – Cable Route Corridor</li> <li>• Figure 7.1: Construction Vehicle Route – Abnormal Loads</li> </ul>
	b. Trip Generation	<p>The forecast number of construction vehicles set out at Table 5.1 (HGV deliveries), Table 5.2 (construction worker vehicle movements) and paragraph 5.19 (cable route corridor vehicle movements) of the Transport Assessment <b>[EN010133/APP/C6.3.14.1]</b> is accepted and will not have a material impact upon the capacity, operation, and safety of the Strategic Road Network.</p>

	c. Abnormal indivisible Loads	The routes identified for the delivery of abnormal loads, as set out in Figure 7.1 and described at paragraph 7.10 of the Transport Assessment <b>[EN010133/APP/C6.3.14.1]</b> , is acceptable.
TA-2 Construction Traffic Management Plan <b>[EN010133/APP/C6.3.14.2]</b>	a. Management Measures	The measures set out in the Construction Traffic Management Plan <b>[EN010133/APP/C6.3.14.2]</b> are appropriate to manage the effects of construction traffic on the Strategic Road Network.



## **4 Matters Under Discussion**

4.1.1 None.

## **5 Matters Not Agreed**


5.1.1 None

## 6 Signatories

### 6.1 Overview

6.1.1 The above SoCG is agreed between Cottam Solar Project Ltd. (the Applicant) and National Highways, as specified below.

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