

Helios Renewable Energy Project

Draft Statement of Common Ground with Historic England

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1. Introduction

1.1. Overview

- 1.1.1. This Statement of Common Ground ('SoCG') has been prepared by Enso Green Holdings D Limited (the 'Applicant') in conjunction with Historic England in respect of the Helios Renewable Energy Project Development Consent Order (DCO) (the 'Proposed Development').
- 1.1.2. The SoCG sets out the matters of agreement between the Applicant and Historic England and also explains those matters which, at the time of writing, remain in progress, or where agreement has not been achieved.
- 1.1.3. This SoCG is based on Historic England's Relevant Representation received on 10 October 2024 [RR-143].
- 1.1.4. The SoCG will be amended as the examination progresses to enable a final version to be submitted to the Examining Authority.
- 1.1.5. [This SoCG covers all the matters which are relevant to Historic England.]

2. Record of Engagement

2.1. Summary of consultation and engagement

- 2.1.1. There have been various meetings and correspondence between the Applicant and Historic England relating to the Proposed Development, which is set out in full at ES Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage [APP-026].

3. Current Position

3.1.1. Table 3.1 provides a schedule that summarises the position on key matters between the Applicant and Historic England. Appendix A details the position between the Applicant and Historic England on each relevant representation.

3.1.2. Each matter is attributed a status as follows:

Agreed	The matter is agreed between the parties, or there are no significant disagreements such that the matter is considered closed.
Under discussion	This matter is neither 'agreed' or 'not agreed'. Technical work is being undertaken with the aim of achieving agreement, though the risk of disagreement remains.
Not agreed	The matter is not agreed between the parties and the outcome of the approach taken by the Applicant or Historic England is considered to result in a materially different impact to the assessment conclusions.

Table 3.1: Key Matters

Matter	Status	Date
Assessment of Heritage Assets	Yellow	Nov 2024
Archaeological and Geophysical survey	Green	Nov 2024
Listed Buildings	Green	Nov 2024
Camblesforth Hall – Grade I (NHLE Ref: 1173983)	Yellow	Nov 2024
Carlton Towers – Grade I (NHLE Ref: 1295955)	Green	Nov 2024

4. Signatures

4.1.1. This Statement of Common Ground is agreed upon:

On behalf of Historic England:

Name:

Signature:

Date:

On behalf of the Applicant:

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Appendix A: Detailed Matters

Ref.	Description of Matter	Applicant – Current Position	Historic England – Current Position	Status
1.1	<p>Assessment of Heritage Assets</p> <p>The methodology used to assess the impact of the Proposed Development on Heritage Assets.</p>	<p>The assessment methodology is set out in section 6.3 of Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage of the ES [APP-026].</p> <p>The assessment has been carried out in line with Historic England guidance and advice notes. Support is provided in Environmental Statement Appendix 6.1 - Cultural Heritage Technical Appendix [APP-125] which provides supporting evidence and assessment pursuant to a Heritage Impact Assessment.</p>	<p>Historic England have not yet confirmed their position in respect of the Applicant's Assessment Methodology [RR-143].</p>	Under discussion
1.2	<p>Archaeology and Geophysical survey</p> <p>The approach to the assessment of archaeological potential on Site.</p>	<p>The assessment of archaeological potential within the Site has been discussed and agreed with the North Yorkshire Council Principal Archaeologist. The assessment contained within the ES has been informed by geophysical survey [APP-127 to APP-129], which was confirmed to be an appropriate approach by the North Yorkshire Council Principal Archaeologist by email on 18th July 2022.</p>	<p>Historic England welcome the geophysical survey that has been completed and have no concerns regarding archaeology and as such defer to the local authority archaeologist on this matter as set out in the Section 42 Formal Preapplication Consultation response of 13th November 2023 [APP-222].</p>	Agreed
1.3	<p>Listed buildings</p>	<p>The Applicant has assessed in detail the mentioned historical receptors in the remit of Historic England within the ES Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage [APP-026]. These are:</p>	<p>Historic England confirms that the settings of the Grade I listed Camblesforth Hall and Carlton Towers may be affected by the</p>	Agreed

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	Identification of Listed buildings to be considered.	Grade I – Carlton Towers (NHLE Ref: 1295955); Grade I – Camblesforth Hall (NHLE Ref: 1173983); and	Proposed Development [RR-143].	
1.4	<p>Camblesforth Hall – Grade I (NHLE Ref: 1173983)</p> <p>The impact of the Proposed Development on Camblesforth Hall.</p>	<p>The Applicant’s assessment in Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage of the ES [APP-026] concludes that the significance of Camblesforth Hall is largely made up by the physical fabric of the asset, rather than its setting.</p> <p>There is no material interaction of the Proposed Development and Camblesforth Hall. Therefore, the physical fabric of the heritage asset will remain unchanged by the Proposed Development.</p> <p>With regards to the setting of Camblesforth Hall, the operational Proposed Development will not alter the primary contributing factors to the significance of Camblesforth Hall’s setting, nor will it change the ability to understand and appreciate views of the asset, which form part of its setting and contribute to its significance. Where the Site of the Proposed Development lies within the wider surroundings of the asset, the asset cannot be experienced, understood, or appreciated from within this area and there is no longer any historic or functional link between the asset and the Site.</p>	<p>Historic England assessed potential for a less than substantial degree of harm (‘very small degree of harm’) to the significance of Camblesforth Hall, through a change in setting, as set out in their Section 42 Formal Preapplication Consultation response of 13th November 2023 [APP-222]. Historic England acknowledge that although all efforts should be made to minimise this harm through design, it is such a small degree of harm that it is likely to be outweighed by the clear public benefits of the Proposed Development [APP-222].</p>	<p>Under Discussion</p>

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		As such, there is no harm to the this heritage asset.		
1.5	<p>Carlton Towers – Grade I (NHLE Ref: 1295955)</p> <p>The impact of the Proposed Development on Carlton Towers.</p>	<p>The Applicant’s assessment of the asset (further detail of this assessment is in Chapter 6; Cultural Heritage of the ES [APP-026]) concluded that the Proposed Development would introduce a change in the character of the land within the Site. This change in character would be visible in one particular aspect of a panoramic view from the tower with the built form of the Proposed Development over 1.5km to the north of Carlton Towers.</p> <p>There are no historic associations with the Site and this asset, no functional association, and the only change would be in a glimpsed view from an area which is not publicly accessible.</p> <p>The impact of the Proposed Development on the view from Carlton Towers is considered to be a negligible impact upon the significance of the asset, and would result in a minor adverse effect, which is not significant.</p> <p>Any harm is considered to be at the lower end of less than substantial harm.</p>	<p>Historic England assessed potential for a less than substantial degree of harm (‘very small degree of harm’) to the significance of Carlton Towers, through a change in setting, as set out in their Section 42 Formal Preapplication Consultation response of 13th November 2023 [APP-222]. Historic England acknowledge that although all efforts should be made to minimise this harm through design, it is such a small degree of harm that it is likely to be outweighed by the clear public benefits of the Proposed Development [APP-222].</p>	<p>Agreed</p>