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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 National Highways in respect of the Helios Renewable Energy Project Development Consent Order (the 'Proposed Development').
- 1.1.2. The SoCG sets out the matters of agreement between the Applicant and National Highways 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 National Highways' Relevant Representation received on 10 October 2024 **[RR-267]** and additional correspondence with National Highways.
- 1.1.4. The SoCG will be amended as the examination progresses in order 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 National Highways.

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 National Highways relating to the Proposed Development, which is set out in full at ES Chapter 10: Transport and Access [APP-030].

2.1.2. Since receiving National Highways' Relevant Representation, the Applicant has corresponded with NH to discuss and resolve the matters that have been raised. This correspondence is summarised in Table 2.1 below.

Table 2.1: Record of Engagement

Date	Date of Meeting / Form of Correspondence	Key topics discussed and key outcomes
22/11/2024	Email	Review of draft SoCG and confirmation of National Highways' current position.
12/12/2024	Email	NH review of Procedural Deadline A SoCG with comments provided.
07/01/2025	Email	Applicant sent updated draft SoCG for NH review.
07/01/2025	Email	SoCG agreed and signed by NH and Applicant.

3. Current Position

3.1.1. Table 3.1 provides a schedule that summarises the position on key matters between the Applicant and National Highways. Appendix A details the position between the Applicant and National Highways 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 disagreement 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 National Highways is considered to result in a materially different impact to the assessment conclusions.

Table 3.1: Key Matters

Matter	Status	Date
Construction Vehicle HGV Route		Nov 2024
Trip Generation		Nov 2024
Abnormal Indivisible Loads		Nov 2024
Management Measures		Nov 2024
Travel Plan		Nov 2024
DTMP Consultation		Jan 2025

4. Signatures

4.1.1. This Statement of Common Ground is agreed upon:

On behalf of National Highways:

Name: Paula Bedford

Sign 

Date: 07 January 2025

On behalf of the Applicant:

Name: Kirsty Lodge

Signat 

Date: 08 January 2025

Appendix A: Detailed Matters

Table A.1: Transport Assessment

Ref.	Description of Matter	National Highways – Current Position	Applicant – Current Position	Status
A.1.1	Construction Vehicle HGV Route	NH agrees that the designated construction route as set out in Figure 6.1 of the Transport Assessment [AS-005] is acceptable, as per email correspondence dated 22.11.24.	All HGVs associated with the construction phase of the Scheme will follow the designated route as illustrated in Figure 6.1 of the Transport Assessment [AS-005]. This is set out within Section 5 and Figure 5.1 of the CTMP, which will be secured via Requirement 6 of the draft DCO [AS-007].	Agreed
A.1.2	Trip Generation	NH agrees with the conclusion that the forecast number of construction vehicles will not result in a material impact upon the capacity, operation and safety of the Strategic Road Network (SRN), on the provision that a CTMP will be conditioned on any grant of consent that sets out how these movements will be managed to reduce their impact on the SRN both during construction and at the decommissioning stage, as per email correspondence dated 22.11.24.	The forecast number of construction vehicles set out at Table 5.1 (HGV deliveries), and Table 5.2 of the Transport Assessment [AS-005] will not result in a material impact upon the capacity, operation, and safety of the SRN. The Applicant confirms that it will adhere to NH’s comment regarding the CTMP. The CTMP is secured by Requirement 6 of the draft DCO [AS-007].	Agreed

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A.1.3	Abnormal indivisible loads	<p>NH agrees that the route identified for the delivery of abnormal loads, as set out in Figure 6.1 of the Transport Assessment [AS-005] is acceptable, as per email correspondence dated 22.11.24.</p> <p>Any abnormal load routing must be arranged via the Electronic Service Delivery for Abnormal Loads (ESDAL) system and undertaken in accordance with their approvals which may require routing changes due to current operating conditions / limitations that may not yet be known, as per email correspondence dated 22.11.24.</p>	<p>The Applicant confirms that as per NH's comment, abnormal load routing will be arranged via the ESDAL system and undertaken in accordance with their approvals.</p>	Agreed
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Table A.2: Construction traffic management plan (CTMP)

Ref.	Description of Matter	National Highways – Current Position	Applicant – Current Position	Status
A.2.1	Management Measures	<p>NH agrees that the measures set out in the Construction Traffic Management Plan [AS-006] are appropriate to manage the effects of construction traffic on the SRN, as per email correspondence dated 22.11.24.</p> <p>NH requested in email correspondence dated 22.11.24 that a Requirement is applied to any grant of consent for a detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan to be submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This Requirement should include a CTMP for the decommissioning stage.</p>	<p>The Applicant confirms that it will adhere to NH's comment regarding the CTMP. The CTMP is secured by Requirement 6 of the draft DCO [AS-007].</p>	Agreed

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A.2.2	Travel Plan	In their response to EIA Scoping (30 th June 2023), NH requested that a Construction Worker Travel Plan (CWTP) be prepared. NH agree with the inclusion of the prepared CWTP within the oCTMP [AS-006] on the basis that the CWTP is adhered to, as per email correspondence dated 22.11.24.	A CTWP has been prepared to support the application and can be found within the oCTMP [AS-006] at Appendix 10.2. The Applicant confirms that the CWTP will be adhered to.	Agreed
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Table A.3: Decommissioning traffic management plan (DTMP)

Ref.	Description of Matter	National Highways – Current Position	Applicant – Current Position	Status
A.3.1	DTMP	In their Relevant Representation [RR-267], NH requested that a Requirement should be included in the DCO that the DTMP should be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with National Highways (or its successors).	<p>The Applicant proposes to amend Requirement 5 (Decommissioning and restoration) of the draft DCO as outlined below.</p> <p><i>Decommissioning and restoration</i></p> <p><i>5.—(1) Decommissioning works must commence no later than 40 years following the date of the final commissioning of Work No. 1 that is the subject of the last notice given by the undertaker pursuant to requirement 2(3) (phasing of authorised development and date of final commissioning).</i></p>	Agreed

			<p>(2) Prior to the commencement of any decommissioning works for any part of the authorised development, the undertaker must-</p> <p>(a) submit to the local planning authority for approval a decommissioning environmental management plan <i>for that part</i> and</p> <p>(b) <i>submit to the local planning authority for approval in consultation with National Highways (or its successors)</i> a decommissioning traffic management plan for that part.</p> <p>(4) The plans submitted and approved must under subparagraph (2) must be substantially in accordance with the relevant part of the outline DEMP.</p> <p>(5) The decommissioning environmental management plan submitted and approved must include a resource management plan that includes details of proposals to minimise the use of natural resources and unnecessary materials.</p> <p>(6) No decommissioning works must be carried out until the local planning authority approves the plans submitted in relation to such works <i>are approved as set out in subparagraph (2)</i>.</p> <p>(7) The plans submitted to and approved pursuant to subparagraph (2) must be implemented as</p>	
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			<p><i>approved for the works required to decommission that phase of the authorised development unless otherwise approved in writing.</i></p> <p><i>(8) This requirement is without prejudice to any other consents or permissions which may be required to decommission any part of the authorised development.</i></p> <p>Once the above requirement wording has been agreed with NH the Applicant will update the draft DCO accordingly.</p>	
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