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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Overview

- 1.1.1. This Statement of Commonality ('SoC') has been prepared by Enso Green Holdings D Limited (the 'Applicant') in respect of the Helios Renewable Energy Project Development Consent Order (DCO) (the 'Proposed Development').
- 1.1.2. The purpose of this document is to summarise the status and progress of the Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) and to provide a Statement of Commonality, setting out matters that are common to more than one SoCG.
- 1.1.3. Section 2 summarises the status of each SoCG at each Examination Deadline.
- 1.1.4. Section 3 shows the status of matters that are common to several interested parties which span over multiple SoCGs.
- 1.1.5. Section 4 provides a summary of the current position between the Applicant and other parties. The individual SoCGs provide full detail on specific matters.

## 2. Statement of Common Ground Status

### 2.1. Summary of Current Position

2.1.1. This section provides an update on each SoCG, with Table 2.1 providing a high-level position on the status of each SoCG. Within Table 2.1:

- **SoCG in draft** – the draft has been drafted by the Applicant and discussion is ongoing prior to reaching a signed SoCG;
- **Final signed SoCG with all matters agreed** – the final SoCG has been signed by both parties and all matters are agreed; and
- **Final signed SoCG with matters outstanding** – the final SoCG has been signed by both parties are there remain matters outstanding that the Applicant and other party agreed will not be resolved during Examination.

Table 2.1 Status of SoCGs

SoCG Party	Procedural Deadline A	Deadline 1	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7	Deadline 8	Deadline 9	Deadline 10
North Yorkshire Council	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	SoCG in draft							
Natural England	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.							
The Environment Agency	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.							
National Highways	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	<b>Final signed SoCG with all matters agreed</b>	N/A – final version submitted at D2.							
Historic England	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.							
North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.							

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Burn Gliding Club	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.							
Carlton Parish Council	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.							
Hirst Courtney and West Bank Parish Council	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.							
Camblesforth Parish Council	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.							

### 3. Commonality

#### 3.1. Introduction to Commonality

3.1.1. This section of the SoC provides an overview of the topics covered in the SoCGs. **Table 3.2** sets out where there is commonality in the topics discussed between the Applicant and the parties, where matters have ongoing discussions, or where the matters have reached a final position with no agreement.

3.1.2. The figure below shows the status of each topic based on the colour provided.

**Table 3.1 – Key**

Cell	Status
	Matter agreed
	Matter subject to ongoing discussion
	Matter not agreed
	Matter not relevant / raised by party

3.1.3. **Table 3.2** is a live table and will be updated at each deadline.



Table 3.2 – Statement of Commonality

	Topics Considered																		
SoCG Party	Principle	Alternatives	Cultural Heritage	Archaeology	Landscape & Views	Biodiversity	Water Environment	Transport & Access	Noise & Vibration	Climate Change	Socio-Economics	Soils & Agricultural Land	Cumulative Effects	Air Quality	Ground Conditions	Safety	Glint and Glare	Gliding	Draft DCO / Requirements
North Yorkshire Council	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow
Natural England	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
The Environment Agency	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow
National Highways	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Green	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
Historic England	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Green	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey
Burn Gliding Club	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	Grey
Carlton Parish Council	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
Hirst Courtney and West Bank Parish Council	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey
Camblesforth Parish Council	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey

## 4. Current Position

### 4.1. Overview

4.1.1. This section of the SoC provides a summary of the current position between the Applicant and other parties. The individual SoCGs provide full detail on specific matters.

### 4.2. North Yorkshire Council

4.2.1. The Applicant submitted a draft SoCG with North Yorkshire Council (NYC) at Procedural Deadline A and subsequently shared it with NYC directly on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The draft is based upon the Relevant Representations from NYC **[RR-277 and RR-278]**.

4.2.2. NYC has now provided a more detailed assessment of the Application in its Local Impact Report **[REP2-034]** and the Applicant has updated the draft SoCG accordingly taking into account the matters raised in the LIR and following a meeting with NYC on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The updated draft was shared with NYC on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025.

4.2.3. The Applicant met with NYC on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and agreed the current draft SoCG. This has been submitted at Deadline 3 and demonstrates that agreement has been reached on a number of environmental topics.

### 4.3. Natural England

4.3.1. The Applicant submitted a draft SoCG with Natural England at Procedural Deadline A and subsequently shared it with Natural England directly on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The draft was based upon the Relevant Representation from Natural England **[RR-268]**. The SoCG submitted at Procedural Deadline A was updated with clarification of timescales for the additional documentation to be submitted by the Applicant. This version of the draft SoCG was submitted at Deadline 2.

4.3.2. The Applicant submitted the Supplementary Ecological Information and the Updated Information to Inform HRA to Natural England on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The Applicant met with Natural England on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 and Natural England confirmed receipt of the additional information and that it had begun the process of reviewing it. The Applicant expects to receive a full response from Natural England on or

before 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025. The SoCG will be updated following receipt of the full response and an updated version will be submitted at Deadline 4.

- 4.3.3. Natural England submitted an email into the Examination on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 confirming that it is currently in discussion with the Applicant through its Discretionary Advice Service in relation to the outstanding information/assessment and that a full response will be provided to the Examination at Deadline 4.

#### **4.4. The Environment Agency**

- 4.4.1. The Applicant submitted a draft SoCG with the Environment Agency at Procedural Deadline A and subsequently shared it with the Environment Agency directly on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The draft was based upon the Relevant Representation from the Environment Agency [RR-117]. The Environment Agency confirmed on 27<sup>th</sup> November that they were satisfied with the SoCG at this stage and had no comments or feedback.
- 4.4.2. The SoCG submitted at Procedural Deadline A was updated with details of the additional assessment work and information prepared by the Applicant and shared with the Environment Agency on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (the 'Water Environment Supplementary Assessment').
- 4.4.3. The Applicant has been engaging with the Environment Agency via email in respect of the Water Environment Supplementary Assessment and a number of matters have now been agreed between the parties. The Applicant has provided an update in respect of the matters where agreement has been reached in the Applicant's Response to Written Representations. The Applicant expects to agree the remaining points, including the wording of the additional / amended Requirements in the near future and is continuing to engage with the Environment Agency. The Applicant will provide a substantive update to the SoCG at Deadline 4.

#### **4.5. National Highways**

- 4.5.1. The agreed SoCG dated 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 was submitted at Deadline 2.

#### **4.6. Historic England**

- 4.6.1. The Applicant submitted a draft SoCG with Historic England at Procedural Deadline A and subsequently shared it with Historic England directly on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The draft is based upon the Relevant Representation from Historic England [RR-

143].

4.6.2. Historic England advised on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 that they would not progress the SoCG until after the Written Representations stage. The Applicant will continue to liaise with Historic England to progress the SoCG following the publication of their Written Representation.

4.6.3. Historic England set out its position in its Written Representation submitted at Deadline 2 [**REP2-028**]. This confirms that there are no matters of disagreement between the parties. The Applicant has updated the SoCG accordingly and submitted this to Historic England on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025. Historic England has acknowledged receipt of the document and confirmed that it will respond in due course. The Applicant expects to submit an updated/agreed SoCG at Deadline 4.

#### **4.7. North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service**

4.7.1. The Applicant submitted a draft SoCG with North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (NYFRS) at Procedural Deadline A and subsequently shared it with NYFRS directly on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The Applicant has been liaising with NYFRS since this date and the NYFRS confirmed on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025 that it is awaiting ‘further sector guidance from the National Fire Chiefs Council’ regarding these types of consultation. The Applicant will continue to liaise with NYFRS to progress the SoCG and will submit an updated draft at a future Deadline.

#### **4.8. Burn Gliding Club**

4.8.1. The Examining Authority (ExA) requested a SoCG be prepared between the Applicant and Burn Gliding Club (BGC) in the Rule 8 letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024. The Applicant prepared a draft SoCG based on BGC’s Relevant Representation [**RR-043**] and additional documentation and consultation as set out in the SoCG. This version was submitted at Deadline 2 and shared with Burn Gliding Club on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

4.8.2. The Applicant will update the draft SoCG based on BGC’s Principal Areas of Disagreement statement submitted at Deadline 2. The updated draft will be shared with BGC. The Applicant is continuing to engage with BGC in respect of the additional assessment work that has been requested by the club. The additional assessment work is dependent on further information being provided by BGC, as requested by the Applicant on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025. An updated agreed draft SoCG

will be submitted at Deadline 4.

#### **4.9. Carlton Parish Council**

4.9.1. The Examining Authority (ExA) requested a SoCG be prepared between the Applicant and Carlton Parish Council in the Rule 8 letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024. The Applicant prepared a draft SoCG based on Carlton Parish Council's Relevant Representation **[RR-050]**. This draft version was submitted at Deadline 2 and was shared with Carlton Parish Council on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

4.9.2. Carlton Parish Council acknowledged receipt of the draft SoCG in an email dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and advised that it would be discussed at a future Parish Council meeting. The Applicant has not received any further correspondence from Carlton Parish Council ahead of Deadline 3 and an updated draft SoCG has not therefore been provided.

#### **4.10. Hirst Courtney and West Bank Parish Council**

4.10.1. The Examining Authority (ExA) requested a SoCG be prepared between the Applicant and Hirst Courtney and West Bank Parish Council in the Rule 8 letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024. The Applicant prepared a draft SoCG based on their Relevant Representation **[RR-142]**. This draft version was submitted at Deadline 2 and was shared with Hirst Courtney and West Bank Parish Council on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

4.10.2. Hirst Courtney and West Bank Parish Council has advised in an email dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025 that a draft SoCG would be discussed at future Parish Council meeting. The Applicant has not received any further correspondence from Hirst Courtney and West Bank Parish Council ahead of Deadline 3 and an updated draft SoCG has not therefore been provided.

#### **4.11. Camblesforth Parish Council**

4.11.1. The Examining Authority (ExA) requested a SoCG be prepared between the Applicant and Camblesforth Parish Council in the Rule 8 letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024. The Applicant prepared a draft SoCG based on their Additional Submission **[AS-004]**. This draft version was submitted at Deadline 2 and was shared with Camblesforth Parish Council on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

4.11.2. Camblesforth Parish Council acknowledged receipt of the draft SoCG in an email

dated 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and advised that it would be discussed at a future Parish Council meeting. The Applicant has not received any further correspondence from Carlton Parish Council ahead of Deadline 3 and an updated draft SoCG has not therefore been provided.