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# Statement of Common Ground

## Signatures ~~FINAL VERSION TO BE SIGNED~~

This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared and agreed by East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited and UK Health Security Agency/Office for Health Improvement and Disparities.

Helen Standing, NSIP Development Manager on behalf of East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited

Date:.....31 May 2024.....

Signed:..........

~~Name, Position~~Greg Hodgson, Regional Head, on behalf of UK Health Security Agency/Office for Health Improvement and Disparities

Date:.....17 June 2024.....

Signed:.....See Appendix B.....

# 1. Introduction and Purpose

## 1.1 Purpose of this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared to support an application (the Application) made to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) for the proposed East Yorkshire Solar Farm (the Scheme). The Application has been submitted by East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited (the Applicant).
- 1.1.2 This SoCG has been prepared between (1) the Applicant and (2) UK Health Security Agency/Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (UKHSA/OHID) (jointly referred to as the Parties).
- 1.1.3 UKHSA/OHID are an executive government agency sponsored by the Department of Health and Social Care that commenced operation on 1 October 2021, taking over the responsibilities of Public Health England whose remit was to protect and improve the nation's health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities. UKHSA/OHID are listed as a prescribed consultee in Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 and so has been consulted during the preparation of the Application.
- 1.1.4 The Examining Authority requested the SoCG include the following matters as set out in the Rule 6 Letter **[PD-002]**:
- a. Approach to assessment of effects on human health including methodology employed and assessment of significance of effects.
- 1.1.5 It can be taken that any matters not specifically referred to in sections 2 and 3 of this SoCG are not of material interest or relevance to the UKHSA/OHID representations and therefore have not been considered in this document.
- 1.1.6 This SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority where agreement has been reached between the Parties, where agreement has not been reached (and that is the parties' final position) and where discussions are still ongoing. This SoCG will be revised and updated as discussions between the Parties progress during the Examination.

## 1.2 Description of the Scheme

- 1.2.1 The Scheme comprises the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic electricity generating facility with a total capacity exceeding 50 megawatts and export connection to the national grid, at National Grid's Drax Substation. A detailed description of the Scheme is included in Chapter 2: The Scheme, Environmental Statement Volume 1 which was submitted with the DCO Application **[APP-054]** and a description of the development to be authorised is set out in Schedule 1 of the draft DCO **[AS-008]**.

## 1.3 Format of Document and Terminology

- 1.3.1 Section 2 of this SoCG summarises the engagement the Parties have had with regard to the Scheme.

1.3.2 Section 3 of this SoCG summarises the issues that are ‘agreed’, ‘not agreed’ or are ‘under discussion’. ‘Not agreed’ indicates a final position where the Parties have agreed to disagree, whilst ‘Agreed’ indicates where the issue has been resolved. The Parties have also indicated the likelihood that agreement will be reached on each item.

1.3.3 Abbreviations used within the SoCG are provided in Table 1-1 below.

**Table 1-1 Abbreviations**

<b>Abbreviation/Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
CEMP	Construction Environmental Management Plan
DCO	Development Consent Order
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
OHID	Office for Health Improvement and Disparities
PA	Planning Act 2008
PEI Report	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
UKHSA	UK Health Security Agency

## 2. Record of Engagement

### 2.1 Record of Engagement

2.1.1 The tables below set out a summary of the meetings and correspondence between the Parties in relation to the Scheme.

**Table 2-1 Schedule of Meetings and Correspondence during the Pre-application Stage**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Form of correspondence and attendees</b>	<b>Summary of topics discussed and outcomes</b>
10 October 2022	Scoping Response	UKHSA/OHID's response to the EIA Scoping Opinion.
18 January 2023	Meeting (Teams)	The Applicant presented slides on scheme, health methodology and baseline. The representative from UKHSA/OHID had various queries regarding the Scheme including details about construction jobs, opportunities for shared cable corridors, and social value initiatives, as well as how these items would be covered in the EIA. The representative from UKHSA/OHID was content with the methodology.
3 May 2023	Letter	Letter from the Applicant to UKHSA/OHID informing them of the Section 42 Statutory Consultation period.
9 May 2023	Email	Email from the Applicant to UKHSA/OHID informing them of the Section 42 Statutory Consultation period.
20 June 2023	Email/Letter	UKHSA/OHID's response to the Section 42 Statutory Consultation.
31 August 2023	Letter	Letter from the Applicant to UKHSA/OHID informing them of the Targeted Consultation period.
1 September 2023	Email	Email from the Applicant to UKHSA/OHID informing them of the Targeted Consultation period.
26 January 2024	Email	Email from the Applicant to UKHSA/OHID informing them of the Relevant Representation period.
24 January 2024	Letter	Letter from the Applicant to UKHSA/OHID informing them of the Relevant Representation period.

28 February 2024	Relevant Representation Response	Relevant Representation Response from UKHSA/OHID to confirm that it is agreed that the Scheme would not result in any significant adverse impact on public health and confirm that UKHSA/OHID have chosen not to register an interest with the Planning Inspectorate on this occasion.
31 May 2024	Email	Email from the Applicant to the UKHSA/OHID with the SoCG attached, requesting a review and comments, with the offer of a meeting to discuss any matters.
11 June 2024	Email	Follow up email from the Applicant to the UKHSA/OHID requesting any feedback on the SoCG.
14 <del>2</del> June 2024	<a href="#">Email</a> <a href="#">Letter</a>	<a href="#">Email</a> <a href="#">Letter</a> from the UKHSA/OHID confirming that they have no comments on the SoCG <a href="#">(see Appendix A)</a> .
<a href="#">17 June 2024</a>	<a href="#">Email</a>	<a href="#">Email from the UKHSA/OHID confirming that the SoCG is to be taken as confirmed, given that they do not sign third party documents.</a>



### 3. Areas of Discussion between the Parties

#### 3.1 Assessment of effects on human health

Table 3-1 Effects on human health

Ref	Relevant Application document	Summary of description of Matter	UKHSA/OHID Current Position	Applicant's Current Position	Status
3.1.1	Relevant Representation Response	Effects on human health and assessment of the significance of effects.	UKHSA/OHID note that the comments raised at the statutory consultation stage (on 29 September 2023) have been addressed. In addition, UKHSA/OHID acknowledge that the ES has not identified any issues which could significantly affect public health.	<p>The Applicant notes that the UKHSA/OHID accepts that their comments raised at Statutory Consultation have been addressed, and agree that the ES has not identified any issues which could significantly affect public health.</p> <p>Chapter 14: Human Health, ES Volume 1 [<b>APP-066</b>] provides an assessment of the Scheme on human health, which concludes that there are no likely significant effects to public health.</p> <p>Although scoped out of the human health assessment</p>	Agreed.

Ref	Relevant Application document	Summary of description of Matter	UKHSA/OHID Current Position	Applicant's Current Position	Status
				<p>presented in Chapter 14: Human Health, ES Volume 1 [APP-066], potential impacts of electromagnetic fields are presented in section 16.8 of Chapter 16: Other Environmental Topics, ES Volume 1 [AS-016] and this concludes that no likely significant effects to residential receptors or users of PRow.</p> <p>Potential impacts of the Scheme on human receptors with regard to ground conditions are also presented in Section 16.4 of Chapter 16: Other Environmental Topics, ES Volume 1 [AS-016]. The assessment concludes that, the Scheme is not considered to pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment either during construction,</p>	

Ref	Relevant Application document	Summary of description of Matter	UKHSA/OHID Current Position	Applicant's Current Position	Status
				<p>during operation or decommissioning, and no likely significant effects are anticipated. This is on the assumption that implementation of the recommendations of the Generic Quantitative Risk Assessment (to be completed post-consent), as set out in the Framework CEMP <b>[APP-238]</b>, as secured by Requirement 11 to Schedule to of the draft Development Consent Order <b>[AS-009]</b>, are implemented as part of the detailed CEMP, along with environmental design and management measures.</p>	
3.1.2	Relevant Representation Response	EIA Methodology	UKHSA/OHID are satisfied with the methodology used to undertake the environmental assessment.	The Applicant notes that the UKHSA/OHID is satisfied with the methodology used to undertake the EIA as set out in section 14.4 of Chapter 14: Human Health, ES Volume 1 <b>[APP-066]</b>	Agreed.

Ref	Relevant Application document	Summary of description of Matter	UKHSA/OHID Current Position	Applicant's Current Position	Status
				<p>and Sections 16.4 Ground Conditions and 16.8 Electric and Electromagnetic Fields in Chapter 16: Other Environmental Topics, ES Volume 1 <b>[AS-016]</b></p> <p>Table 14 of the Framework CEMP <b>[APP-238]</b> sets out mitigation measures to reduce risks to human health associated with contaminated land. A detailed CEMP will need to be agreed with the relevant planning authorities prior to construction, and this is secured through requirement 11 of the draft DCO <b>[AS-008]</b>.</p>	

## Appendix A Letter from UKHSA confirming agreement with SoCG



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12<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Ms Laius

**Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project  
East Yorkshire Solar Farm – Statement of Common Ground**

Thank you for your email dated 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 relating to the above Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). ***Please note that we request views from the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) and the response provided below is sent on behalf of both UKHSA and OHID.***

UKHSA or its predecessors have previously responded to the following consultations:

- Scoping Consultation: response dated 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022
- Section 42 Consultation: response dated 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023
- Targeted Consultation: response dated 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Registration of Interest: response dated 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

UKHSA are in agreement with the SoCG shared on 31st May 2024.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of UK Health Security Agency  
[nsipconsultations@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:nsipconsultations@ukhsa.gov.uk)

*Please mark any correspondence for the attention of National Infrastructure Planning Administration*

## Appendix B Email from UKHSA confirming signature arrangements

**Laius, Laura**

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**From:** Nsipconsultations <Nsipconsultations@ukhsa.gov.uk>  
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Hi Laura,

Thanks for your follow-up email regarding the SoCG. UKHSA (and PHE previously) does not sign third party SoCG documents, we have always provided comments on the SoCG as needed, confirming agreement or otherwise and then provided confirmation of our position in a covering letter on behalf of the organisation. This has always been acceptable in terms of response by PINS. Please do take our response provided so far as the final confirmation of our agreement with the SoCG.

Best wishes

Greg



**Greg Hodgson**

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Dear Carol,