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Version History			
Date	Issue	Status	Description / Changes
April 2023	А	Final	For DCO submission.
September 2023	В	Final	Updates principally comprise the addition of the Deadline 1 Update Column at Table 2.1 to reflect on-going discussions with the Consultees, as well as the inclusion of a Summary of Key Topics Covered column, which broadly details the topics covered in the SoCG, for submission at Examination Deadline 1.
October 2023	С	Final	Updates principally comprise the addition of the Deadline 3 Update Column at Table 2.1 to reflect on-going discussions with the Consultees, for submission at Examination Deadline 3. A total of three updated SoCG have been submitted.
November 2023	D	Final	Updates principally comprise the addition of the Deadline 4 Update Column at Table 2.1 to reflect on-going discussions with the Consultees, for submission at Examination Deadline 4. One updated SoCG has been submitted.
December 2023	E	Final	Updates principally comprise the addition of the Deadline 5 Update Column at Table 2.1 to reflect on-going discussions with the Consultees, for submission at Examination Deadline 5. Four updated SoCG has been submitted.
December 2023 (2)	F	Final	Updates principally comprise the addition of the Deadline 6 Update Column at Table 2.1 to reflect on-going discussions with the Consultees, for submission at Examination Deadline 6. Six updated SoCG has been submitted.
January 2024	G	Final	Updates principally comprise the addition of the Deadline 7 Update Column at Table 2.1 to reflect on-going discussions with the Consultees, for submission at Examination Deadline 6. Three updated SoCG has been submitted

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1. Introduction

- This Status of Statements of Common Ground document sets out the status of each Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) that the Applicant (National Grid) has submitted to date, or which are currently being prepared for submission. It will be updated throughout the examination phase.
- A SoCG is a written statement produced as part of the application for development consent and is prepared jointly between the Applicant and another party. It sets out matters of agreement between both parties, as well as matters where there is not an agreement. It also details matters that are under discussion.
- The aim of a SoCG is to help the Examining Authority manage the examination phase of the application. Understanding the status of the matters at hand will allow the Examining Authority to focus their questioning, and provide greater predictability for all participants in examination. A SoCG may be submitted prior to the start of or during examination, and then updated as necessary or as requested during the examination phase.
- The Applicant developed SoCG with a number of statutory consultees, statutory undertakers and other interested parties during the preparation of the application for development consent. Further SoCG have been developed in light of ongoing engagement since the submission of the application for development consent in April 2023.
- 1.1.5 The SoCG seek to identify matters on which parties agree and to track progress towards the resolution of any matters where agreement has not yet been reached.
- All SoCG have been prepared in accordance with The Planning Act 2008: examination of applications for development consent (Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, 2015).

2. Status of SoCG

- 2.1.1 The Applicant has undertaken preparation of SoCG with the bodies identified in Table 2.1 during the pre-application and post-application period.
- Table 2.1 provides a list of those SoCG currently being prepared and a summary of the key topics covered in each SoCG. Table 2.1 also provides details of the progress made since the submission of the application for development consent in April 2023. This list is subject to change and is correct as of Deadline 7 (17 January 2024) (D7).
- The application for development consent was accompanied by a number of SoCG. The SoCG are detailed at Table 2.1 and have been assigned a National Grid application document number. Once documents are submitted and processed by the Planning Inspectorate, they are also assigned a unique reference number by the Examining Authority as listed in the Examination Library.
- A number of SoCG are currently being progressed, in addition to those submitted alongside the application for development consent. The status of these SoCG are also detailed in Table 2.1. The SoCG will be updated as agreements progress throughout the Examination period, with revised versions submitted at the next appropriate deadline.
- Where a row in Table 2.1 has been greyed out, this indicates that currently there are no remaining matters under discussion with the Consultee and no further updated SoCGs are anticipated to be submitted during the course of the Examination. Currently, this relates to, Historic England, National Highways, Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project Partnership, Environment Agency and East Suffolk Water Management Board.

Table 2.1 – Status of Statements of Common Ground

No.	SoCG Document Name	Latest Document Number	Summary of Key Topics Covered	Progress Update at Deadline 1	Progress Update at Deadline 3	Progress Update at Deadline 4	Progress Update at Deadline 5	Progress Update at Deadline 6	Progress Update a Deadline 7	at
Preso	cribed Consultees									
1	Draft SoCG Local [Authorities: Babergh District Council; Mid Suffolk District Council; Braintree District Council; Essex County Council and Suffolk County Council.	[REP6-015]	Planning policy context, survey methodologies and reviews of draft DCO documentation.	Updated SoCG submitted at D1 (B). Incorporates comments from Relevant Representations. Content agreed in principle before submission but minor	submitted at D3. An updated SoCG has not been submitted at D3 whilst discussions with the Local Authorities are continuing. There are currently no material updates to the D1 SoCG. There are likely to be material updates once the Local Authorities have reviewed the Applicant's D3 submissions.	submitted at D4. There are currently no material updates to report from D3.	submitted at D5. Whilst discussions are progressing with the Local Authorities and an updated Draft SoCG was shared with the Local Authorities on 29 November 2023, it was agreed to delay the submission of the updated Draft SoCG until Deadline 6, to allow the Local Authorities reasonable times	I submitted an updated SoCG at Deadline 6, which reflects the on-going discussions with the Host Local Authorities. Suffolk County Council provided comments on Landscape and Visual Impacts and	submitted at D7. Whilst discussions progressing with the L Authorities, it is anticip that the next iteration o SoCG will be provide	Local pated of the

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								updated draft SoCG. Overall, the Applicant believes the Draft D6 SoCG represents an accurate representation of the status of discussions; however, at present, this has not been formally confirmed with Essex County Council and Braintree District Council.	
2	Draft SoCG: Natural [I	REP6-017]	Assessment and survey methodology and Hintlesham Woods (including ongoing discussions on the timing	No updated SoCG submitted at D1. Natural England wishes to review the Applicant's response to its Relevant Representation to understand if it resolves a	at D3 (B). The Parties have moved a number of matters to agreed. The Applicant has provided two technical notes at D3 to provide further information around the effects on ancient woodland and peak sound at Hintlesham Woods:	submitted at D4. There are currently no material updates to report from D3.	at D5 (C). The Applicant has submitted an updated SoCG at Deadline 5, which reflects the on-going	The Applicant has submitted an updated SoCG at Deadline 6, which reflects the on-going discussions with Natural	submitted at D7. There are currently no material updates to report from D6. It is anticipated that the next iteration of the
3	Draft SoCG Historic England 8	.7.2 (B)	Methodology and potential impacts on Hintlesham Hall and other listed buildings.	application or at D1. The Applicant is currently	Applicant's response to its Written Representation to understand whether these resolve the outstanding matters in the SoCG. No updated SoCG submitted at D3. Comments on the draft	No updated SoCG submitted at D4. There are currently no material updates to report from D3.		submitted at D6. There are currently no material updates to report from D5.	

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					awaiting feedback from Historic England about its availability to progress discussions on the SoCG and outstanding matters. In addition, the Applicant sent the revised wording for embedded measure EMAB01 (Hintlesham Hall) to Historic England on 5 October 2023 and is awaiting feedback from Historic England on this wording.				
4	SoCG Environment [Agency	REP6-019]	Main Rivers, methodology used for the surface and ground water assessments and the	with application (A). No updated SoCG submitted at D1. The Environment Agency wishes to review the Applicant's response to its Relevant Representation as it believes this may	Updated SoCG submitted at D3 (B). All matters have been moved to matters agreed, except for one matter relating to the wording of good practice measure B13 in relation to fish friendly passes; and the need to add reference to navigation consent to the Construction	submitted at D4. There are currently material updates to repe	cG An updated SoCG submitted at D5 (C). The Applicant has out submitted an updated SoCG at Deadline 5, which reflects the on-going discussions with the Environment Agency and there are currently no matters not agreed and only one matter outstanding in respect to river navigation.	with the Environment Agency.	N/A
5	SoCG National [Highways	REP3-022]	Network; agreement that National Highways have been involved in the evolution of the project and have been consulted on the draft Construction Traffic Management Plan; agreement that National Highways do not object to the principle of the project	with application (A). No updated SoCG submitted at D1. An updated SoCG has not been submitted at D1 as whilst discussions with National Highways are continuing; there are currently no material updates to the submission			N/A	N/A	N/A
6	SoCG East Suffolk [Water Management Board	REP4-002]	consents from the East Suffolk Water Management Board are required for the project and the works are not likely to affect any riparian	Updated SoCG submitted at D1 (B). All matters discussed are agreed and no issues are	No updated soCG submitted at D3. An updated SoCG has not been submitted at D3, whilst discussions with East Suffolk Water Management Board are continuing. There are currently no	further matters outstandi with the East Suffolk War	en no	N/A	N/A

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				the document has been updated to include latest correspondence and reflects the Suffolk Water Management Board new organisation name.					
				Content agreed in principle before submission but minor wording amendments were made which the East Suffolk Water Management Board have not had the opportunity to formally confirm yet.					
10	Draft SoCG UK 7 Power Networks (UKPN)	.3.6 (B)	terms on which this removal may take place, as well as reaching	application (A). No updated SoCG submitted at D1. An updated SoCG has not been submitted at D1, whilst discussions with UKPN are continuing; there are currently no material updates to the submission SoCG.	submitted at D3. An updated SoCG has no been submitted at D3 whilst discussions with UKPN are continuing There are currently no material updates to the submission SoCG.	submitted at D4. t There are currently, material updates to from D3.	SoCG No updated SoCG submitted at D5. y no There are currently no report material updates to report from D3.	submitted at D6. There are currently n	
7	Draft SoCG Network N Rail	//A	protective provisions and	application or at D1.	submitted at D3. A SoCG has not beer submitted at D3.		at D4. No SoCG submitted at D5	Whilst the Applicant has no submitted a SoCG with Network Rail, the Applicant remains engaged with Network Rail in respect to progressing a commercial agreement and reviewing the Protective Provisions.	ot ch nt ch ao al
8	Draft SoCG Anglian [I	REP1-019]	between the project and Anglian Water's water pipeline scheme, and the status of protective provisions and any further	updated SoCG submitted at D1 (B).	submitted at D3. An updated SoCG has no been submitted at D3 whilst discussions with Anglian Water are continuing. There are	submitted at D4. t There are currently, material updates to from D3.	SoCG No updated SoCG submitted at D5. y no There are currently no report material updates to report from D3.	submitted at D6. There are currently n	G No updated soCG submitted at D7. O All that remains outstanding rt with Anglian Water is the final assemblage of the legal agreements to manage the interface between the parties.

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				Content agreed in principle before submission but minor wording amendments were made which Anglian Water have not had the opportunity to formally confirm yet.					
9	Draft SoCG Cadent [Gas Limited]	REP1-029]	between the project and Cadent Gas Limited's	Draft SoCG submitted at D1 (A). This SoCG reflects ongoing discussions with Cadent	submitted at D3. An updated SoCG has not been submitted at D3, whilst discussions with Cadent Gas are continuing. There are currently no material updates to the D1 SoCG.	submitted at D4. There are currently no material updates to report from D3.	submitted at D5. There are currently no	No updated SoCG submitted at D6. There are currently no material updates to report from D3.	submitted at D7. All that remains outstanding
11	Draft SoCG TC East 8 Anglia One OFTO Limited	.3.6.3 (C)	and the technical interface between the project and East Anglia One's existing and proposed assets.	(A). The subject of this SoCG was previously contained in the Draft Statement of Common Ground TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited	There are currently no material updates to the D1 SoCG and the Applicant has been unable to elicit a response from TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited.	submitted at D4. There are currently no material updates to report from D3.	submitted at D5. There are currently no material updates to report		at D7. Updated SoCG reflects the on-going engagement with

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				licence holder. Meanwhile, the East Anglia Three project remains wholly owned by SPR.					
				As such, the submission SoCG [APP-174] has been split into two separate SoCG to reflect the two discrete projects and Licence holders.					
				This SoCG reflects ongoing discussions with TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited.					
				An updated draft version of the SoCG was sent to TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited in July 2023; however, no response has been received to date. The Applicant will continue to attempt to engage with TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited in order to fully determine the technical interface between the respective projects.					
				Overall, the Applicant believes the Draft SoCG represents an accurate representation of the status of discussions; however, at present, this has not been formally confirmed with TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited.					
12	Draft SoCG East 8 Anglia Three Limited	.3.6.4 (C)	the technical interface between the project and East Anglia Three	As above, the subject matter of this SoCG was previously contained in the Draft Statement of Common Ground TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited and East Anglia Three	submitted at D3. An updated SoCG has not been submitted at D3, whilst discussions with East Anglia Three Limited are continuing. There are currently no material updates to the D1 SoCG.	submitted at D4. There are currently material updates to it from D3.	SoCG Updated SoCG submitted at D5 (B). If no An updated SoCG has report been provided at D5. This SoCG reflects the latest position with East Anglia Three Limited, which since the D1 SoCG, the Applicant has issued Heads of Terms in respect to an Interface Agreement to manage the parties respective projects.	submitted at D6. There are currently no material updates to report	Updated SoCG submitted at D7. Updated SoCG reflects the on-going engagement with East Anglia Three Limited. All that remains outstanding with East Anglia Three Limited is the final assemblage of the legal agreements to manage the interface between the parties.

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				agreeing a suitable interface agreement. Content agreed in principle before submission but minor wording amendments were made which East Anglia Three Limited have not had the opportunity to formally confirm yet.						
Non-l	Prescribed Consultees									
13	Draft SoCG Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)	REP1-028]	Hintlesham Woods SSSI and RSPB reserve; effects on birds within the woods and mitigation proposals.	The content of the SoCG has been agreed with the	An updated SoCG has not	submitted at D4. There are currently no material updates to repor from D3.	submitted at D5. There are currently no	G No updated SoCG submitted at D6. There are currently not material updates to report from D5.	submitted at D7. There are current	
14	SoCG Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project Partnership	REP6-039]	Effects on the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley including effects on the special qualities, setting and statutory purpose.	A draft SoCG which the Applicant intends to submit is currently awaiting review and comment from the Dedham Vale AONB and		There are currently no material updates to report from D3.	The SoCG has been	e agreed and not agreed with the Dedham Vale and Stou		
15	Draft SoCG Essex Police	REP6-040]	Communication during construction, designing out crime, anti-social behaviour and theft, potential crime mitigation, workforce profile and training, construction travel information, incident management, major accidents, traffic management and road safety and the Construction Traffic Management Plan.		N/A	N/A	N/A	A New SoCG submitted at D6 (A). A new SoCG has been submitted. This SoCG reflects the latest position with Essex Police.	submitted at D7. Whilst discussions progressing with the	Essex ed that of the

3. Next Steps

3.1.1 The Applicant will continue to review and update the SoCG with the relevant bodies throughout the examination stage. Draft SoCG will be submitted to the Examining Authority as required during the examination. This document will subsequently be updated when the next iteration of SoCG have been submitted to the Examining Authority.

Reference List

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (2015) The Planning Act 2008: examination of applications for development consent. March 2015.

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