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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 Summary of Key Topics Covered column, which broadly details the topics covered in the SoCG, for submission at Examin
October 2023	С	Final	Updates principally comprise the addition of the Deadline 3 Update Column at Table 2.1 to reflect on-going discussions 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 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 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 Deadline 6. Six updated SoCG has been submitted.
January 2024	<u>G</u>	<u>Final</u>	Updates principally comprise the addition of the Deadline 7 Update Column at Table 2.1 to reflect on-going discussions Deadline 6. Three updated SoCG has been submitted

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Introduction 1.

- 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 1.1.1 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 1.1.2 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 1.1.3 guestioning, 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 1.1.4 have been developed in light of ongoing engagement since the submission of the application for development consent in April 2023.
- 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. 1.1.5
- 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). 1.1.6

Status of SoCG 2.

- The Applicant has undertaken preparation of SoCG with the bodies identified in Table 2.1 during the pre-application and post-application period. 2.1.1
- 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 2.1.2 the application for development consent in April 2023. This list is subject to change and is correct as of Deadline 76 (22 December 2023) January 2024) (D76).
- 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 2.1.3 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 2.1.4 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 greved out, this indicates that currently there are no remaining matters under discussion with the Consultee and no further updated SoCGs are anticipated to be 2.1.5 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	I
Pres	cribed Consultees							
1	Draft SoCG Local Authorities: Babergh District Council; Mid Suffolk District Council; Braintree District Council; Essex County Council and Suffolk County Council.		Planning policy context, survey methodologies and reviews of draft DCO documentation.	Updated SoCG submitted at D1 (B). Incorporates comments	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 time to comment on the updated Draft SoCG.	at D The subi SoC refle disc Loca Cou com and Heri Arch

Progress Update at	Progress Update at
Deadline 6	Deadline 7

Jpdated SoCG submitted No updated SoCG : D6 (C). submitted at D7.

he ocal Authorities. Suffolk D8. County Council provided omments on Landscape nd Visual Impacts and leritage (relating to Archaeology only, not built eritage). Babergh and Aid-Suffolk District Council rovided comments on cology, Water, Air Quality, loise, Cumulative Effects, ighting and Landscape nd Visual.

should be noted that ssex County Council and raintree District Council vere unable to provide omments in respect to the raft D6 SoCG ahead of 06. As such, any comments this respect, alongside any other specialist comments from the other Local Authorities, will be reflected in the subsequent

Applicant has Whilst discussions are ubmitted an updated progressing with the Local SoCG at Deadline 6, which Authorities, it is anticipated eflects the on-going that the next iteration of the liscussions with the Host SoCG will be provided at

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
2	Draft SoCG: Natural England	[REP6-017] [REP5-011] 7.3.2 (D)	Habitats Regulation Assessment and survey methodology and Hintlesham Woods (including ongoing discussions on the timing and nature of the works in and around the woods).	with application (A). No updated SoCG submitted at D1. Natural England wishes to review the Applicant's response to its Relevant Representation to	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.	
3	Draft SoCG Historic England	: [REP5-024] 8.7.2 (B)	Methodology and potential impacts on Hintlesham Hall and other listed buildings.	application or at D1. The Applicant is currently	submitted at D3. Comments on the draft	submitted at D4. There are currently no material updates to report from D3.	A new SoCG submitted at D5 (A). The Applicant has submitted a signed SoCG at Deadline 5. This SoCG confirms that all matters are agreed with Historic England, apart from the Hintlesham Hall commitment wording which is still under discussion.

Progress Update at Deadline 6

Progress Update at Deadline 7

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.

Updated SoCG submitted No updated at D6 (D).

SoCG submitted at D7.

England.

The Applicant has There are currently no submitted an updated material updates to report SoCG at Deadline 6, which from D6. It is anticipated reflects the on-going that the next iteration of the discussions with Natural SoCG will be provided at <u>D8.</u>

No updated submitted at D6.

There are currently no <u>A signed SoCG has been</u> from D5.

SoCG Updated SoCG submitted <u>at D7.</u>

material updates to report provided and there are no further matters outstanding with Historic England and all matters are agreed.

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	
	·			·	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 EM- AB01 (Hintlesham Hall) to Historic England on 5 October 2023 and is awaiting feedback from Historic England on this wording.			
4	SoCG Environment Agency	7.3.3 (D) [REP6-019]	The potential impacts on Main Rivers, methodology	_	Updated SoCG submitted at D3 (B).	No updated SoCG submitted at D4.	An updated SoCG submitted at D5 (C).	A su
			used for the surface and ground water assessments and the approach taken on the Flood Risk Assessment.	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	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	material updates to report		1110
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	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			N/A	N/#
6	SoCG East Suffolk Water Management Board		consents from the East Suffolk Water Management Board are required for the project and the works are not likely to	Updated SoCG submitted at D1 (B). All matters discussed are agreed and no issues are	submitted at D3. An updated SoCG has not been submitted at D3, whilst discussions with East	provided and there are no further matters outstanding with the East Suffolk Water		N/J

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Progress Update at Deadline 7

A final SoCG has been N/A submitted at D6.

There are no further matters under discussion with the Environment Agency.

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				the document has been updated to include latest correspondence and reflects the Suffolk Water Management Board new organisation name.		e D1			
				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 6 (UKPN)	.3.6 (B) A PP-173]	25km section of UKPNs existing 132kV distribution network forms a critical component of the project. The Applicant and UKPN have, therefore, agreed terms on which this removal may take place, as well as reaching	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 been submitted at whilst discussions UKPN are continu There are currently	D3, material updates to with from D3. uing.	SoCG No updated So submitted at D5. htly no There are currently preport material updates to rep from D3.	submitted at D6. no There are currently no	
7	Draft SoCG Network N Rail	I/A	between the project and Network Rail's existing assets, and the status of		submitted at D3. A SoCG has not b		d at D4. No SoCG submitted at	D5. No SoCG submitted at D6. Whilst the Applicant has not 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.	
8	Draft SoCG Anglian [I Water	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 been submitted at whilst discussions Anglian Water continuing. There	D3, material updates to with from D3. are are	SoCG No updated So submitted at D5. htly no There are currently preport material updates to rep from D3.	CG No updated SoCG submitted at D6. no There are currently no port material updates to report from D3.	submitted at D7. All that remains outstanding

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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]	The technical interface between the project and Cadent Gas Limited's existing assets, and the status of protective provisions.	Draft SoCG submitted at	submitted at D3. An updated SoCG has no been submitted at D3 whilst discussions with Cadent Gas are continuing There are currently no material updates to the D4 SoCG.	submitted at D4. t There are currently no , material updates to report from D3.	S No updated SoCG submitted at D5. There are currently no t material updates to report from D3.	submitted at D6. There are currently no	
11	Draft SoCG TC East 8 Anglia One OFTO Limited	.3.6.3 (<mark>⊆</mark> ₿)	Construction programmes and the technical interface between the project and East Anglia One's existing and proposed assets.	The subject of this SoCG was previously contained in the Draft Statement of Common Ground TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited and East Anglia Three Limited [APP-174].	submitted at D3. An updated SoCG has no been submitted at D3 There are currently no material updates to the D4 SoCG and the Applican has been unable to elicit a response from TC Eas Anglia One OFTO Limited.	submitted at D4. t There are currently no material updates to report from D3.	submitted at D5. There are currently no t material updates to report	at D6. Updated SoCG reflects the re-engagement of TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited.	

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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
				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 Anglia Three Limited	<u>8.3.6.4 (C)</u> [REP5-018]	Construction programmes, the technical interface between the project and East Anglia Three Limited's existing and proposed assets and mitigation planting.	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	submitted at D4. There are currently no material updates to report from D3.	Updated SoCG submitted Na at D5 (B). Su An updated SoCG has The been provided at D5. This ma SoCG reflects the latest from position with East Anglia Three Limited, which since the D1 SoCG, the Applicant has issued Heads of Terms
				This SoCG reflects ongoing discussions with East Anglia Three Limited only. The Applicant and East Anglia Three Limited remain in discussions in respect to the technical interface, with a view of			in respect to an Interface Agreement to manage the parties respective projects.

No updated submitted at D6.

material updates to report on-going engagement with from D5.

SoCG Updated SoCG submitted at D7.

There are currently no Updated SoCG reflects the 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-I	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	submitted at D3. An updated SoCG has not	, material updates to report e from D3.	submitted at D5. There are currently no	submitted at D6.	No updated SoCG submitted at D7. There are currently no material updates to report from D6.
14	SoCG Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project Partnership		Effects on the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley including effects on the special qualities, setting and statutory purpose.	D1. A draft SoCG which the Applicant intends to submit is currently awaiting review and comment from the	A draft SoCG was submitted to the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project Partnership on 5 October 2023. The Applicant is awaiting		The SoCG has beer	submitted at D6. This outlines the matters agreed and not agreed with the Dedham Vale and Story	
15	Draft SoCG Essex Police	[REP6-040] 8.8.2.2	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	submitted. This SoCG	No updated SoCG submitted at D7. Whilst discussions are progressing with the Essex Police, it is anticipated that the next iteration of the SoCG will be provided at D8.

Next Steps 3.

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 3.1.1 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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