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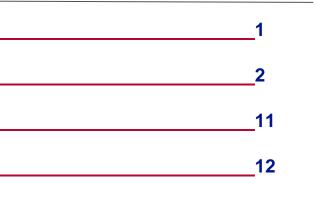
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Date	Issue	Status	Description / Changes
April 2023	А	Final	For DCO submission.
September 2023	В	Final	Updates principally comprise the addition of the Deadline 1 Update Column at Table 2.1 to reflect on-going discussions with the Consultees, as well 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	Е	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.
February 2024	H	<u>Final</u>	Updates principally comprise the addition of the Deadline 8 Update Column at Table 2.1 to reflect on-going discussions with the Consultees, for submission at Examination Deadline 8. Four updated SoCG haves 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 87 (17 January 20249 February 2024) (D87).
- 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, East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust, Essex Police, 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 Lates Name Docum Numb	ent 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 at Deadline 7	Progress Update at Deadline 8
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 draf DCO documentation.	s submitted with application (A). Updated SoCG submitted at D1 (B). Incorporates comments from Relevant Representations. Content agreed in principle before submission but minor wording amendments were made which Local Authorities have not had	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	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	submitted at D6 (C). The Applicant has submitted an updated SoCG at Deadline 6, which reflects the on- going discussions with the Host Local	progressing with the Local Authorities, it is anticipated that the next iteration of the SoCG will be provided at D8.	submitted at D8. Whilst discussions are progressing with the Local Authorities, it is anticipated that a final

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 at Deadline 7	Progress Update at Deadline 8
								any other specialist comments from the other Local Authorities, will be reflected in the subsequent 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: 7. Natural England F	<u>.3.2 (E)</u> <del>REP6-017]</del>	survey methodology and Hintlesham Woods (including ongoing discussions on the timing and nature of the	<ul> <li>submitted with application (A).</li> <li>No updated SoCG submitted at D1.</li> <li>Natural England wishes to review the Applicant's response to its Relevant Representation to understand if it resolves a number of outstanding matters in the</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>submitted at D3 (B).</li> <li>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:</li> <li>Technical Note on Ancient and Potential Ancient Woodland (document 8.5.12); and</li> <li>Technical Note on</li> </ul>	material updates to	submitted at D5 (C). The Applicant has submitted an updated SoCG at Deadline 5, which reflects the on-	submitted at D6 (D). The Applicant has submitted an updated SoCG at Deadline 6, which reflects the on- going discussions with	material updates to report from D6. It is anticipated that the next	submitted at D8 (E)An updated SoCG (E)has been submitted atD8 which reflects recentengagementwith
					Noise Levels at Hintlesham Woods (document 8.5.9). Natural England will consider the details in the technical notes and in the Applicant's response to its Written Representation to understand whether these resolve the outstanding matters in the SoCG.					

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			Hintlesham Hall and other listed buildings.		SoCG were sent from	material updates to report from D3.	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.	material updates to report from D5.	A signed SoCG has been provided and there are no further matters outstanding with Historic England and all matters are agreed.
4	SoCG Environment [I Agency	REP6-019]	methodology used for the surface and ground water assessments and the approach taken on	<ul> <li>submitted with application (A).</li> <li>No updated SoCG submitted at D1.</li> <li>The Environment Agency wishes to review the Applicant's response to its Relevant</li> </ul>	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 no material updates to report from D3.	An updated SoCG submitted at D5 (C). The Applicant has 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.	submitted at D6. There are no further matters under discussion with the Environment Agency.	
5	SoCG National [I Highways	REP3-022]	Road Network	submitted with application (A).	Updated SoCG submitted at D3 (B).	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Progress Update at Deadline 8

<u>N/A</u>



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		the evolution of the project and have been consulted on the draft Construction Traffic Management Plan; agreement that National Highways do	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 SoCG.	agreed and National Highways who have confirmed that there is no need for a strategic road network traffic assessment.					
6	SoCG East Suffolk <b>[REP4-002]</b> Water Management Board	Management Board are required for the project and the works are not likely to affect any riparian watercourse.	submitted with application (A). Updated SoCG submitted at D1 (B). All matters discussed are agreed and no	An updated SoCG has not been submitted at D3, whilst discussions with East Suffolk Water Management Board are continuing. There are currently no material updates to the D1 SoCG.	provided at D4. A signed SoCG has been provided and there are no further matters outstanding with the East Suffolk Water Management Board.		N/A	N/A	<u>N/A</u>
			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 <b>7.3.6 (CB)</b> Power Networks (UKPN)	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	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 not been submitted at D3, whilst discussions with UKPN are continuing. There are currently no material updates to the submission SoCG.	submitted at D4. There are currently no material updates to report from D3.	submitted at D5. There are currently no	submitted at D6.	submitted at D7. There are currently no	<ul> <li>No updated SoCG submitted at D8.</li> <li>There are currently no material updates to report from D7<sub>-</sub>.</li> </ul>

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		between the project and UKPN existing apparatus and land rights in various legal agreements.							
7	Draft SoCG <b>N/A</b> Network Rail	between the project and Network Rail's existing assets, and the	application or at D1.	submitted at D3. A SoCG has not been submitted at D3	D4.	t 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.	N/A	Ν/Α
8	Draft SoCG [REP1-019] Anglian Water	and Anglian Water's water pipeline scheme, and the status of protective provisions	submitted with application (A).Updated submitted at D1 (B).This updated SoCG	submitted at D3. An updated SoCG has not been submitted at D3, whilst discussions with Anglian Water are continuing. There are currently no materia	submitted at D4. There are currently no t material updates to report from D3.	S No updated SoCG submitted at D5. There are currently no material updates to report from D3.	submitted at D6. There are currently no	submitted at D7. All that remains	submitted at D8. There are currently no material updates to report from D7.
9	Draft SoCG Cadent <b>[REP1-029]</b> Gas Limited	between the project and Cadent Gas Limited's existing assets, and the status	application. Draft SoCG submitted at D1 (A).	submitted at D3. An updated SoCG has not been submitted at D3, whilst discussions with Cadent Gas are continuing. There are currently no materia	submitted at D4. There are currently no material updates to report from D3.	<b>B</b> No updated SoCG submitted at D5. There are currently no material updates to report from D3.	submitted at D6. There are currently no	submitted at D7. All that remains	submitted at D8. There are currently no material updates to report from D7.

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				as the status of protective provisions. Content agreed in principle before submission but minor wording amendments were made which Cadent Gas Limited have not had the opportunity to formally confirm yet.						
11	Draft SoCG TC Re East Anglia One 8.3 OFTO Limited		Construction programmes 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 and East Anglia Three Limited [APP-174].	submitted at D3. An updated SoCG has not been submitted at D3. There are currently no material updates to the D1 SoCG and the Applicant has been	submitted at D4. There are currently n material updates to report from D3.		submitted at D6. Updated SoCG reflects the re-engagement of TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited.	submitted at D7. Updated SoCG reflects	material updates to

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				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>REP7-016]</u> <del>8.3.6.4 (C)</del>	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	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 report from D3.	<b>CG Updated SoCG</b> <b>submitted at D5 (B).</b> no An updated SoCG has to 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 r material updates report from D5.

### CG Updated submitted at D7.

### no Updated SoCG reflects There are currently no to the engagement with East report from D7. 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.

SoCG No updated SoCG submitted at D8.

on-going material updates to

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			opportunity to formally confirm yet.						
<u>13</u>	FinalDraft SoCG 8.8.2.2 (B) Essex Police	Communication during construction, designing out crime, anti-socia behaviour and theft potential crime mitigation, workforce profile and training construction trave information, inciden management, majo accidents, traffic management and road safety and the Construction Traffic Management Plan.	1 1 2 2 2 1 1 2 1 2	N/A	N/A	<u>N/A</u>	submitted at D6 (A).	Essex Police, it is	A final agreed SoCG has been provided and the are no further matter outstanding with Esse
<u>14</u>	Draft-Statement of Common Ground East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust	Communication, emergency planning and construction workers	-	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	A New SoC submitted at D8 (A). A final agreed SoCG has been provided and the are no further matte outstanding with Ea

Non-Prescribed Consultees

13	Draft SoCG Royal 8.3.6.1 Society for the (B)[REP1-028] Protection of Birds (RSPB)	SSSI and RSPB reserve; effects on birds within the woods	The content of the SoCG has been agreed with the RSPB and a signed	submitted at D3. An updated SoCG has	submitted at D4. There are currently no material updates to report from D3.	material updates to	submitted at D6. There are currently no	submitted at D7.There are currently no Amaterial updates to breport from D6.	su An
14	SoCG Dedham <b>[REP6-039]</b> Vale and Stour Valley Project Partnership	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	D3. A draft SoCG was submitted to the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project Partnership on 5 October 2023. The	D4. There are currently no material updates to report from D3.	Partnership board for approval but is not due	submitted at D6. This outlines the matters agreed and not agreed with the Dedham Vale		<u>\//</u>

outstandingwithEastEnglandAmbulance Service NHS Trust and all matters are agreed.

### Updated SoCG submitted at D8 (B)

An updated SoCG (B) has been submitted at D8 which reflects recent engagement with the RSPB.

<u>N/A</u>

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# 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.

3.1.13.1.2 As per the Examining Authority Rule 8 Letter [PD-003], the Applicant will be submitting the remaining SoCGs at Deadline 9.

# **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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