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| April 2023 | A | Final | For DCO submission. |
| September 2023 | B | 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 | C | 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. |
| February 2024 | H | Final | 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 have been submitted. |
| February 2024 (2) | I | Final | Updates principally comprise the addition of the Deadline 9 Update Column at Table 2.1 to reflect on-going discussions with the Consultees, for submission at Examination Deadline 9. Six updated SoCG have been submitted. |

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1. Introduction

- 1.1.1 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 being prepared for submission. It will be updated throughout the examination phase.
- 1.1.2 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.
- 1.1.3 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.
- 1.1.4 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.
- 1.1.6 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.
- 2.1.2 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 ~~98~~ (23~~9~~ February 2024) (D~~98~~).
- ~~2.1.3~~ The application for development consent was accompanied by a number of SoCG. The SoCG are detailed at Table 2.1, [along with their current status](#) 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.
- ~~2.1.4~~~~2.1.3~~ ~~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.~~
- ~~2.1.4~~~~2.1.4~~ 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, Natural England, 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. All SoCG in Table 2.1 have now been finalised and signed (i.e. no further matters under discussion), except for the Draft SoCG Local Authorities, Draft SoCG TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited and Draft SoCG East Anglia Three Limited which it is anticipated will be submitted at Deadline 10.~~

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 at Deadline 7 | Progress Update at Deadline 8 | Progress Update at Deadline 9 |
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| Prescribed Consultees | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Draft SoCG Local Authorities: Babergh District Council; Mid Suffolk District Council; Braintree District Council; Essex County Council and Suffolk County Council. | 7.3.1 (D) | Planning context, policy survey methodologies and reviews of draft DCO documentation. | Initial version 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 the opportunity to formally confirm yet. | No updated SoCG 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, including responses to their Local Impact Reports. | No updated SoCG submitted at D4. There are currently no material updates to report from D3. | No updated SoCG 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. | Updated SoCG submitted at D6 (C). The Applicant has 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 Heritage (relating to Archaeology only, not built heritage). Babergh and Mid-Suffolk District Council provided comments on Ecology, Water, Air Quality, Noise, Cumulative Effects, Lighting and Landscape and Visual. | No updated SoCG submitted at D7. Whilst discussions are progressing with the Local Authorities, it is anticipated that the next iteration of the SoCG will be provided at D8. | No updated SoCG submitted at D8. Whilst discussions are progressing with the Local Authorities, it is anticipated that a final iteration of the SoCG will be provided at D9. | Updated SoCG submitted at D9. A comprehensive update to the SoCG has been undertaken which, in the Applicant's opinion is an accurate reflection of the latest position with the Host Authorities. The Applicant has not submitted a signed version of the SoCG at D9, as the Parties wanted to be able to refine their final positions up to the end of the Examination. It is the Applicant's view that there is unlikely to be any new matters inserted into the SoCG; however, both parties may wish to revise their final positions before D10. The Applicant and |

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| | | | | | | | | Council were unable to provide comments in respect to the draft D6 SoCG ahead of D6. As such, any comments in this respect, alongside 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. | | | Host Authorities intend on submitting a final signed version at D10. |
| 2 | Draft SoCG: 7.3.2 (FE) Natural England | | 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). | Signed version submitted with application (A). 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 number of outstanding matters in the submission SoCG. | Updated SoCG submitted 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Note on Ancient and Potential Ancient Woodland (document 8.5.12); and • Technical Note on Noise Levels at Hintlesham Woods (document 8.5.9). Natural England will consider the details in the technical notes | No updated SoCG submitted at D4. There are currently no material updates to report from D3. | Updated SoCG submitted at D5 (C). The Applicant has submitted an updated SoCG at Deadline 5, which reflects the on-going discussions with Natural England. | Updated SoCG submitted at D6 (D). The Applicant has submitted an updated SoCG at Deadline 6, which reflects the on-going discussions with Natural England. | No updated SoCG submitted at D7. There are currently no material updates to report from D6. It is anticipated that the next iteration of the SoCG will be provided at D8. | Updated SoCG submitted at D8 (E) An updated SoCG (E) has been submitted at D8 which reflects recent engagement with Natural England. | A Final SoCG submitted at D9. A signed SoCG has been provided and there are no further matters outstanding with Natural England. |

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| 3 | Draft SoCG Historic England | [REP7-018] | Methodology and potential impacts on Hintlesham Hall and other listed buildings. | Not submitted with application or at D1. The Applicant is currently awaiting comments from Historic England. | and in the 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 SoCG were sent from Historic England to the Applicant on 11 September 2023. Since then, the Applicant has been attempting to arrange a meeting with Historic England to discuss the matters raised. Historic England has noted that it would be unable to respond before D3, due to its limited capacity. The Applicant is 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. | No updated SoCG 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. | No updated SoCG submitted at D6. There are currently no material updates to report from D5. | Updated SoCG submitted at D7. A signed SoCG has been provided and there are no further matters outstanding with Historic England and all matters are agreed. | N/A | N/A |
| 4 | SoCG Environment Agency | [REP6-019] | The potential impacts on Main Rivers, methodology used for the surface and ground water assessments and the approach taken on the Flood Risk Assessment. | Signed version submitted 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 | 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 | No updated SoCG 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 ongoing discussions with the Environment Agency and there are currently no matters not agreed and only one matter | A final SoCG has been submitted at D6. There are no further matters under discussion with the Environment Agency. | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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| | | | | believes this may resolve a number of outstanding matters in the submission SoCG. | navigation consent to the Construction Environmental Management Plan (document 7.5) at a future deadline. The Applicant is reviewing these with the intention of closing these matters out in the next version of the SoCG. | | outstanding in respect to river navigation. | | | | |
| 5 | SoCG National Highways | [REP3-022] | Extent of Strategic Road 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 and the agreement of abnormal indivisible load. | Signed version submitted 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 SoCG. | Updated SoCG submitted at D3 (B). All matters have been agreed and National Highways who have confirmed that there is no need for a strategic road network traffic assessment. | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 6 | SoCG East Suffolk Water Management Board | [REP4-002] | Confirmation that no consents from the East Suffolk Water Management Board are required for the project and the works are not likely to affect any riparian watercourse. | Initial version submitted with application (A). Updated SoCG submitted at D1 (B). All matters discussed are agreed and no issues are under discussion. However, 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 | 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 material updates to the D1 SoCG. | An updated SoCG is 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 | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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| 10 | Draft SoCG UK Power Networks (UKPN) | 7.3.6 (C) | The removal of a circa. 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 agreement on other matters related to the interface between the project and UKPN existing apparatus and land rights in various legal agreements. | have not had the opportunity to formally confirm yet. SoCG submitted with 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. | No updated 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. | No updated SoCG submitted at D4. There are currently no material updates to report from D3. | No updated SoCG submitted at D5. There are currently no material updates to report from D3. | No updated SoCG submitted at D6. There are currently no material updates to report from D3. | No updated SoCG submitted at D7. There are currently no material updates to report from D3. | No updated SoCG submitted at D8. There are currently no material updates to report from D7. | Updated SoCG submitted at D9. A signed SoCG has been provided and there are no further matters outstanding with UKPN and all matters are agreed. |
| 7 | Draft SoCG Network Rail | N/A | The technical interface between the project and Network Rail's existing assets, and the status of protective provisions and any further asset protection agreements. | Not submitted with application or at D1. A draft SoCG which the Applicant intends to submit is currently awaiting review and comment from Network Rail. | No updated SoCG submitted at D3. A SoCG has not been submitted at D3. | No SoCG submitted 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. | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 8 | Draft SoCG Anglian Water | [REP1-019] 7.3.8 (C) | The technical interface between the project and Anglian Water's water pipeline scheme, and the status of protective provisions and any further asset protection agreements. | Initial version submitted with the application (A). Updated SoCG submitted at D1 (B). This updated SoCG reflects ongoing discussions with Anglian Water in respect to the preparation of a suitable interface agreement. | No 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 material updates to the D1 SoCG. | No updated SoCG submitted at D4. There are currently no material updates to report from D3. | No updated SoCG submitted at D5. There are currently no material updates to report from D3. | No updated SoCG submitted at D6. There are currently no material updates to report from D3. | No updated SoCG submitted at D7. All that remains outstanding with Anglian Water is the final assemblage of the legal agreements to manage the interface between the parties. | No updated SoCG submitted at D8. There are currently no material updates to report from D7. | Updated SoCG submitted at D9. A signed SoCG has been provided and there are no further matters outstanding with Anglian Water and all matters are agreed. |

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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] 8.3.6.2 (B) | The technical interface between the project and Cadent Gas Limited's existing assets, and the status of protective provisions. | Not submitted with the application. Draft SoCG submitted at D1 (A). This SoCG reflects ongoing discussions with Cadent Gas Limited and summarises the position in terms of the technical interface between the project and Cadent Gas Limited's existing assets, as well 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. | No updated SoCG 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. | No updated SoCG submitted at D4. There are currently no material updates to report from D3. | No updated SoCG submitted at D5. There are currently no material updates to report from D3. | No updated SoCG submitted at D6. There are currently no material updates to report from D3. | No updated SoCG submitted at D7. All that remains outstanding with Cadent Gas is the final assemblage of the legal agreements to manage the interface between the parties. | No updated SoCG submitted at D8. There are currently no material updates to report from D7. | Updated SoCG submitted at D9. A signed SoCG has been provided and there are no further matters outstanding with Cadent Gas Limited and all matters are agreed. |
| 11 | Draft SoCG TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited | [REP7-014] | Construction programmes and the technical interface between the project and East Anglia One's existing and proposed assets. | SoCG submitted at D1 (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] . However, the transmission assets of the East Anglia One Windfarm were subsequently transferred to TC East | No updated SoCG 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 unable to elicit a response from TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited. | No updated SoCG submitted at D4. There are currently no material updates to report from D3. | No updated SoCG submitted at D5. There are currently no material updates to report from D3. However, the East Anglia One Applicant has since been successful in reengaging with TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited and, therefore, an update SoCG should be provided at the next deadline. | Updated SoCG submitted at D6. Updated SoCG reflects the re-engagement of TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited. | Updated SoCG submitted at D7. Updated SoCG reflects the on-going engagement with TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited. All that remains outstanding with TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited is the final assemblage of the legal agreements to manage the interface between the parties. | No updated SoCG submitted at D8. There are currently no material updates to report from D7. | No updated SoCG submitted at D9. All that remains outstanding between the parties is the final assemblage of the legal agreements to manage the interface between the parties. A final update will be provided at D10. Also see Applicant's Protective Provisions and Commercial Side Agreements Tracking List (document 8.7.8 (E)) |

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| | | | | <p>Anglia One OFTO Limited, who are now the Transmission Licence holder for these assets. Since the divestment of East Anglia One from Scottish Power Renewables (SPR), the Applicant has been engaging with the new licence holder. Meanwhile, the East Anglia Three project remains wholly owned by SPR.</p> <p>As such, the submission SoCG [APP-174] has been split into two separate SoCG to reflect the two discrete projects and Licence holders.</p> <p>This SoCG reflects ongoing discussions with TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> | | | | | | | | |

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| | | | | with TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited. | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Draft SoCG East Anglia Three Limited | [REP7-016] | Construction programmes, the technical interface between the project and East Anglia Three Limited's existing and proposed assets and mitigation planting. | SoCG submitted at D1. As above, the subject matter of this SoCG was previously contained in the Draft Statement of Limited Common Ground TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited and East Anglia Three Limited [APP-174]. 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 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. | No updated SoCG 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. | No updated SoCG submitted at D4. There are currently no material updates to report from D3. | Updated SoCG submitted at D5 (B). An updated SoCG has 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. | No updated SoCG submitted at D6. There are currently no material updates to report from D5. | 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. | No updated SoCG submitted at D8. There are currently no material updates to report from D7. | No updated SoCG submitted at D9. All that remains outstanding between the parties is the final assemblage of the legal agreements to manage the interface between the parties. A final update will be provided at D10. Also see Applicant's Protective Provisions and Commercial Side Agreements Tracking List (document 8.7.8 (E)). |
| 13 | Final SoCG Essex Police | 8.8.2.2 (B) | 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 | N/A | A New SoCG submitted at D6 (A). A new SoCG has been submitted. This SoCG reflects the latest position with Essex Police. | 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. | A New SoCG submitted at D8 (A). A final agreed SoCG has been provided and there are no further matters outstanding with Essex Police and all matters are agreed. | N/A |
| 14 | Statement of Common Ground East of England | 8.10.4.1 (A) | Communication, emergency planning | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | A New SoCG submitted at D8 (A). | N/A |

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| | Ambulance Service NHS Trust | | and construction workers | | | | | | | | A final agreed SoCG has been provided and there are no further matters outstanding with East England Ambulance Service NHS Trust and all matters are agreed. |

Non-Prescribed Consultees

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| 13 | Draft SoCG Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) | 8.3.6.1 (CB) | Hintlesham Woods SSSI and RSPB reserve; effects on birds within the woods and mitigation proposals. | SoCG submitted at D1. The content of the SoCG has been agreed with the RSPB and a signed SoCG has been submitted. | No updated SoCG submitted at D3. An updated SoCG has not been submitted at D3, whilst discussions with the RSPB are continuing. There are currently no material updates to the D1 SoCG. | No updated SoCG submitted at D4. There are currently no material updates to report from D3. | No updated SoCG submitted at D5. There are currently no material updates to report from D4. | No updated SoCG submitted at D6. There are currently no material updates to report from D5. | No updated SoCG submitted at D7. There are currently no material updates to report from D6. | Updated SoCG submitted at D8 (B) An updated SoCG (B) has been submitted at D8 which reflects recent engagement with the RSPB. | A Final SoCG has been submitted at D9. A signed SoCG has been provided and there are no further matters outstanding with RSPB. |
| 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. | SoCG not submitted at D1. A draft SoCG which the Applicant intends to submit is currently awaiting review and comment from the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project Partnership. | No SoCG submitted at D3. A draft SoCG was submitted to the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project Partnership on 5 October 2023. The Applicant is awaiting comments from the Partnership on whether this can be submitted into Examination. | No SoCG submitted at D4. There are currently no material updates to report from D3. | No SoCG submitted at D5. The SoCG has been submitted to the Partnership board for approval but is not due back until after Deadline 5. | A Final SoCG has been submitted at D6. This outlines the matters agreed and not agreed with the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project Partnership There are no further matters under discussion with Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project Partnership | N/A | N/A | N/A |

3. Overall Deadline 9 Position

- 3.1.1 [Significant work has been undertaken during the course of the Examination on narrowing issues to ultimately work towards a position of agreement with- Consultees. The Applicant is pleased to report that there only remains three prescribed consultees where the Applicant has not reached full agreement \(the Local Host Authorities, Network Rail and Natural England\) and one non-prescribed consultee \(RSPB\). The Table at 3.1 below sets out the matters which remain not agreed with the consultees.](#)
- 3.1.2 [In respect of Network Rail, it should be noted that whilst the Applicant did not submit a SoCG with Network Rail during the course of the Examination, the Applicant remains engaged with Network Rail in respect to progressing a commercial agreement.](#)
- 3.1.3 [It should also be noted in respect to TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited and East Anglia Three Limited that all that remains is the final assemblage of the legal agreements to manage the interface between the parties. See the Applicant's Protective Provisions and Commercial Side Agreements Tracking List \(**document 8.7.8 \(E\)**\) for the latest position on these agreements.](#)
- 3.1.4 [A summary of the remaining matters outstanding with Consultees can be found at Table 3.1. However, in the first instance, the Applicant would divert the reader to the SoCG itself for full details on the matters not agreed. The Applicant will continue to try and narrow the issues with the Consultees throughout the remainder of the Examination and will provide a further update at Deadline 10.](#)

Table 3.1 - Remaining Matters Not Agreed with Consultees

| Consultee SoCG | Matters Not Agreed at Deadline 9 |
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| Draft SoCG Local Authorities: Babergh District Council; Mid Suffolk District Council; Braintree District Council; Essex County Council and Suffolk County Council. | <p>The remaining matters not agreed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landscape mitigation and the application of the mitigation hierarchy; Viewpoint Assessment (BDC); Removal of redundant 132kV Overhead Line (BDC/ECC); Construction and permanent lighting; Traffic and Transport ; Single stage discharge of Management Plans and the level of detail provided in some Management Plans; Archaeology, Trial Trenching and the Outline Written Scheme of Investigation; Hintlesham Hall (SCC/BMSDC); Construction working hours; Statutory purpose of AONB; Socio-economic impacts; and The draft DCO. <p>All other matters are agreed with the Local Authorities.</p> |
| SoCG Natural England | <p>The remaining matters not agreed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That other route corridors would have avoided affects to Hintlesham Woods SSSI; That other route alignments could have avoided County Wildlife Sites; That the project should commit to Implementation of the Construction Code of Practice for the Sustainable Use of Soils on Construction Sites; and A buffer zone should be applied around all Ancient Woodland in accordance with the standing advice. <p>All other matters are agreed with Natural England.</p> |
| Network Rail | <p>Whilst the parties have made good progress, there remain two commercial issues pertaining to 'lift and shift' provisions and 'termination' provision, in the proposed property documents, where the parties have not been able to reach agreement. The Applicant has made a submission pursuant to Section-127 (document 8.11.4).</p> |
| SoCG RSPB | <p>The remaining matters not agreed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RSPB consider that SSSI embedded measures need to be legally secured by being within the DCO itself and not a Management Plan; Disagree that no construction phase or post construction vegetation monitoring is proposed for Hintlesham Woods SSSI; Details of the management techniques proposed to produce and maintain the graduated swathe (through either graduated cutting heights or varying the lengths of coppice rotations) have not yet been provided; The RSPB has requested details of construction working methods and agreement of measures to manage impacts (noting that some works are planned during the bird breeding season); and Whilst the RSPB are content with use of woodchip obtained from vegetation cleared from within the swathe for protection of stools, it would be concerned if it was proposed to import additional material from elsewhere. <p>All other matters are agreed with RSPB.</p> |

~~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.~~
- ~~3.1.2 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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