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28/03/2019	1	Final	Submitted to PINS (Deadline 1)
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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1.1 This document sets out the updated position of the Statements of Common Ground ("SoCG") as requested by the Examining Authority ("ExA") in its letter dated 27th March 2019 sent pursuant to rule 8 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Regulations 2010 ("Rule 8 Letter").
- 1.1.2 The position of the SoCGs with the interested parties fall within the following categories:
- 1.1.3 Completed SoCGs; these are submitted as separate submissions to assist the Planning Inspectorate to display the completed documents on its website;
- 1.1.4 Draft SoCGs where SP Manweb remains in discussion with them interested party or is awaiting feedback from the interested party on the draft. These are appended to this document.

2 COMPLETED STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND

- 2.1.1 In addition to the agreed SoCGs with the Environment Agency and Shropshire Council, SP Manweb has also agreed a SoCG with National Grid and as set out above this has been submitted separately.
- 2.1.2 The agreed SoCG follows recent discussions between the two parties following a first draft issued in February 2019 and a second draft issued 12 March 2019 which was revised to include reference to ES matters noted in the ExAs Rule 6 letter dated 20 Feb 2019. Following discussions on the second draft, SPM received a signed copy on 8th May 2019.

3 DRAFT STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND

- 3.1.1 SoCGs have continued to be discussed between SP Manweb and various interested parties as requested by the ExA in Annex F of the Rule 8 Letter. This section set out the current position of the SoCGs with each interested party at the Deadline 2 Submission, 24 April 2019.
- 3.1.2 SP Manweb will continue to work with these interested parties to conclude completed SoCGs as soon as possible.
- 3.1.3 The updated progress on draft SoCGs submitted for Deadline 2 is listed in Table 1.
- 3.1.4 Two of the draft SoCGs (from Highways England and Network Rail) are at a final draft stage and awaiting signatures from the relevant party. Progress continues to be made on the three remaining SoCGs. SP Manweb is actively engaging with the Canal and River Trust. In respect of Natural England, SP Manweb is receiving no response at all to its emails although is continuing to press them for a response. Following agreement on a cost undertaking with Severn Trent Water to progress their input, SP Manweb has not received a response to its recent emails and is likewise continuing to press them for a response.

Table 1 Draft Statements of Common Ground			
Party	Draft issued	SOCG status	Appendix
Highways England	First draft issued 21 Feb 2019	HE response received 8 March 2019 with suggested changes	
	Second draft issued 26 March 2019	Further revised draft to include: a) Above amendments provided by HE b) Reference to SPM signage strategy for	

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Party	Draft issued	SOCG status	Appendix
		<p>access off A5(T) as ongoing</p> <p>c) Reference to HE letter 25 March 2019 regarding powers provided in Article 9(3) in the draft DCO</p> <p>d) Clarification that HE also agree with Article 37</p>	
	Third draft issued 18/04/19	<p>Further revised draft to include:</p> <p>a) Reference to A5(T) access and signage strategy to include reference to managing HGVs at this location</p> <p>b) Reference to A5(T) crossing and SPM drafting a construction method statement for this work</p> <p>c) Reference to a) and b) above being subject to a new Requirement in the draft DCO and to require consultation with HE before any approval to the requirement from LPA</p>	
	Further draft issued 10/05/19	Amended draft following SPM and HE meeting on 1st May and subsequent discussions regarding proposed amendments to relevant sections of the draft DCO.	

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Network Rail	First draft issued 25 Feb 2019 Second draft issued 12 March 2019		
	Requested response to above draft 25 March 2019		
		Discussions on 2 nd draft still ongoing - as at 16/04/19 SPM awaiting response from NR re Protective Provisions	
	NR email 25/04/19	Confirmation of cost undertaking to include reviewing SOCG	
	SPM email 10/05/19	Reminder sent to progress SOCG following agreed cost undertaking	
	NR email 13/05/19	No further comments on the draft SOCG	
	SPM email 13/05/19	Final draft SOCG sent to NR to approve and sign	
Natural England	First draft issued 13 March 2019	No response received	
	Second draft issued 26 March 2019	Revised draft to include ref to ES matters noted in ExAs Rule 6 letter dated 20 Feb 2019	
		Discussions on 2 nd draft still ongoing - as at 16/04/19 SPM awaiting response from NE	
	Reminder on second draft issued on 29/04/19	Requesting response to earlier 26 th March email and to provide no impediment letter	
	Further reminder to Natural England on 09/05/19	SPM reminder for NE to engage sent to NE contact and line manager to respond.	

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Canal and River Trust			
	First draft issued 18 March 2019	No response received	
	Second draft issued 26 March 2019	Response received 29/03/19	
	Third draft issued 16/04/19	Further changes including CRT and SPM inputs	
		CRT letter received 24/04/19 seeking further information.	
	SPM response 09/05/19	SPM letter providing information requested above	
	SPM response 13/05/19	SPM response acknowledging the Trust's response of 10/05/19 to above further information.	
Severn Trent Water			
	First draft issued 18 March 2019	No response received	
	Requested response to above draft 26 March 2019		
	Third draft issued 15 April 2019	Following SPM approval to meet STW's agents cost and STW response regarding need to refer to documents other than the draft DCO,	
	Follow up email issued 03/05/19	SPM expressing keenness to progress the SOCG and suggested agreeing the SOCG with a proviso to progress separately PPs and the draft DCO	
	Further follow up email 13/05/19	Requesting agreement based on SPM agreeing to meet STW's costs and that the outstanding matter is the	

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		relevant protective provisions section which can be agreed as part of the draft DCO.	

4 SUMMARY

4.1.1 SP Manweb remains in discussion with the relevant interested parties on the draft SoCGs. SP Manweb will continue to work with these interested parties to conclude SoCGs as soon as possible and by the date specified in the Rule 8 letter i.e. 27th June 2019.