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1. Update on Status of Statement of Common Ground

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 A Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared in respect of the proposed M20 Junction 10a Scheme. Guidance on the purpose and possible content of SoCGs is given in paragraphs 58 – 65 of the Department for Communities and Local Government’s “Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent” (March 2015). Details of the Scheme are provided in Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 of the Environmental Statement (Volume 6.1) that accompanied the DCO application.
- 1.1.2 This SoCG has been prepared in respect of the Scheme by (1) Highways England, as the Applicant, and (2) Historic England.
- 1.1.3 Historic England is the government’s advisor for England’s historic environment, responsible for protecting and championing the historic environment, and ensuring it is valued and understood.

1.2 Update

- 1.2.1 The SoCG between Highways England and Historic England is in draft form, with numerous items still subject to negotiation. As such, it is not proposed to submit the SoCG at this time, however this document provides an update on the discussions and gives a brief summary of the points that are still outstanding, in Table 1.1 below.

Table 1.1 Summary of the items currently in negotiation between Highways England and Historic England

Issue outstanding	Actions to resolve
Further information requested on visual impacts from the operation of the Schemes on St Mary’s Church, Court Lodge and Barn, Sevington	A photomontage and a cross section of the link road roundabout has been provided in support of the conclusions of the DCO application, which is awaiting review and sign off by Historic England
Further information requested on noise and vibration impact from the operation of the Schemes on St Mary’s Church, Court Lodge and Barn	An additional assessment has been provided which considers the noise intrusion from the new roundabout and dual-carriageway link road north of the church, which is awaiting review and sign off by Historic England
Historic England requested that the SoCG reflects that the responsibility for Grade II listed buildings (specifically concerning impacts on the setting from the construction and operation of the scheme on the Grade II listed assets) lies with Ashford Borough Council	Responsibility for Grade II listed building made clear in the SoCG
Historic England requested that the SoCG reflects that the responsibility for archaeological matters lies (specifically	Responsibility for archaeology made clear in the SoCG

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<p>regarding impacts of the Schemes on archaeological assets) with the Kent County Council Historic Environment Service</p>	
<p>Historic England is concerned that any degrading of the environment around the church could result in the building becoming less desirable to its parish and visitors, for example for the hosting of weddings. It could consequently become less actively used than at present, leading to possible impacts on its use and condition.</p>	<p>Historic England has in principle agreed that the improved vehicle and pedestrian access (improved footbridge) may be beneficial to the viability of the church</p>