

A30 Chiverton to Carland Cross TR010026

7.4.4 STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND WITH ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

1.1.1 This document is a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) between Highways England and the Environment Agency in relation to the A30 Chiverton to Carland Cross scheme. It has been prepared in accordance with DCLG (now Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government) Guidance on the pre-application process¹.

1.1.2 The document identifies the following between the two parties:

- Matters which have been agreed;
- Matters currently outstanding (subject to negotiation or not agreed).

1.1.3 The SoCG will continue to evolve as the application for development consent progresses through the examination stage.

1.2 Structure of this SoCG

1.2.1 The SoCG is structured as follows:

- Section 2 states the role of the Environment Agency in the application and sets out the consultation undertaken.
- Section 3 lists those matters which have been agreed, including the date that this matter was agreed.
- Section 4 is a table of matters outstanding. There are currently no matters outstanding.
- Appendix A includes the signing sheet.

1.3 Status of this SoCG

1.3.1 This SoCG is a correct reflection of the position of the parties as of 19 March 2019. All matters have been agreed with Environment Agency. The SoCG is signed by both parties.

¹ Department for Communities and Local Government. Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent. (2015)

2 Consultation

2.1 Role of the Environment Agency

2.1.1 The Environment Agency (EA) is a non-departmental public body sponsored by DEFRA with responsibilities relating to the protection and enhancement of the environment in England.

2.1.2 Status in relation to the application –

- Statutory consultee

2.2 Summary of consultation

2.2.1 Highways England has been in consultation with the Environment Agency since 2018. The parties have continued communicating throughout the progression of the project. The consultation with the Environment Agency is set out below:

2.2.2 A number of consultations are captured within Table 2-1, comprised of meetings and emails.

Table 2-1 Consultation with Environment Agency

Date of correspondence	Parties concerned	Matters discussed
23/02/2018	Highways England, EA (Shaun Pritchard response)	Environment Agency response to Scoping Opinion: “We are happy with the scope and content of the PEIR” “We are happy with the content in terms of water management”
22/11/2019	Environment Agency	Environment Agency Relevant Representation
01/02/2019	Highways Agency response to Environment Agency	Issue of detailed Response to Relevant Representation
11/02/2019	Highways England, Environment Agency	Meeting to discuss Highways England Response to Environment Agency Relevant Representation

3 Matters agreed

- 3.1.1 Table 3-1 shows those matters which have been agreed by the parties, including that matters reference number, and the date and method by which it was agreed.

Table 3-1 Matters agreed between Environment Agency and Highways England

Matter reference number	Matter which has been agreed	Date and method of agreement
Maintaining access to Environment Agency rain gauge at Nanteague Farm		
1	Access to the Environment Agency rain gauge has been confirmed and it has been agreed that the EA will still be able to access the gauge through construction and operation of the Scheme	Meeting 12/02/2019 Following response to relevant representation
Protective provisions relating to the Environment Agency		
2.1	It is agreed that protective provisions are not necessary within the dDCO and will be removed to reflect this.	Meeting 12/02/2019 Following response to relevant representation
2.2	It is agreed that reference to applying to Cornwall Council for Ordinary Watercourse Consents will be retained.	Meeting 12/02/2019 Following response to relevant representation
Protection of private water supplies and ephemeral headwaters		
3	The level of site investigation is sufficient for the current stage. Highways England will secure further investigations (if necessary) during future design stages. Highways England will continue to consult with the Environment Agency to ensure that water interests (e.g. private water supplies) are adequately assessed, protected and where necessary, alternative provision made.	Meeting 12/02/2019 Following response to relevant representation
Environment Statement – water environment clarifications		
4.1	It is agreed that the Upper River Allen should be given high sensitivity and an ES addendum will be issued to reflect this.	Meeting 12/02/2019 Following response to relevant representation
4.2	<p>The Environment Agency are content that measures detailed within the ES and Outline CEMP RDWE1 addresses it's concerns regarding culverts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a geomorphologist will be consulted during the detailed design of these structures. This will ensure the culvert is oversized to allow a low flow channel to develop. • As shown in the ES Section 8.10, culvert ledges have been incorporated into the design where possible. Where it is not feasible to create ledges, dry tunnels of 900mm diameter have been provided immediately adjacent to the drainage culverts for times of flood. 	Meeting 12/02/2019 Following response to relevant representation

4.3	The Environment Agency are satisfied with the position regarding fencing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="456 220 1825 316">• Mammal fencing will be installed along the road alignment to guide mammals towards bridges and culverts, to reduce the risk of road traffic accidents. This is shown on the Environmental Master Plans – Volume 2, 2.6 General Arrangement	Meeting 12/02/2019 Following response to relevant representation
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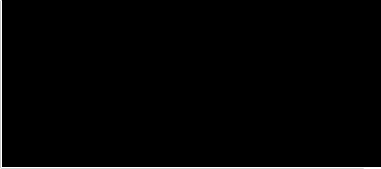
4 Matters outstanding

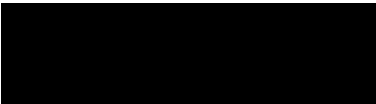
4.1 Principal matters outstanding

4.1.1 There are no matters which are outstanding

Appendix A Signing Sheet

A.1

For signing	
Signed	
On Behalf of	Environment Agency
Name	Clarissa Newell
Position	EPE Manager
Date	13/03/2019

For signing	
Signed	
On Behalf of	Highways England
Name	Josh Hodder
Position	Project Manager
Date	18/03/2019

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