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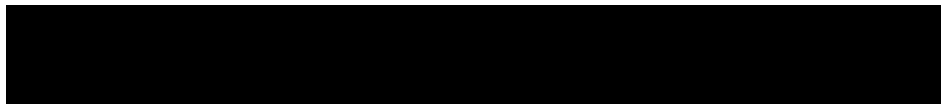
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Status of the Statement of Common Ground

This is an Agreed Draft Statement of Common Ground with matters outstanding.


National Highways and the NHS North East London Integrated Care Board agree that this draft Statement of Common Ground is an accurate description of the matters raised and the current status of each matter.

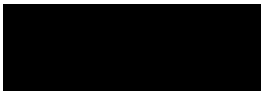
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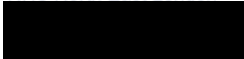
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Afternoon,

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A high-level overview of the engagement undertaken since the DCO Application was submitted on 31 October 2022 is summarised in Table A.1.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Statement of Common Ground

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared in respect of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the proposed A122 Lower Thames Crossing (the Project) made by National Highways Limited (National Highways) to the Secretary of State for Transport (Secretary of State) under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 on 31 October 2022.
- 1.1.2 A request for a SoCG between National Highways (the Applicant) and the NHS North East London Integrated Care Board was made by the Examining Authority in the notification of Preliminary Meeting (Rule 6 Letter) [[PD-013](#)].
- 1.1.3 The SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority where agreement has been reached and where agreement has not been reached. Where matters are yet to be agreed, the parties will continue to work proactively to reach agreement and will update the SoCG to reflect areas of further agreement.
- 1.1.4 This version of the SoCG has been submitted at Examination Deadline 1

1.2 Principal Areas of Disagreement

- 1.2.1 On 19 December 2022, the Examining Authority made some early procedural decisions to assist the Applicant, potential Interested Parties and themselves to prepare for the Examination of the application.
- 1.2.2 One such procedural decision was to use a tracker recording Principal Areas of Disagreement in Summary (PADS). This tracker is known as the PADS Tracker.
- 1.2.3 The PADS Tracker provides a record of principal matters of disagreement emerging from the SoCG and will be updated alongside the SoCG as appropriate throughout the examination with the expectation that a revised PADS Tracker should be submitted at every Examination deadline.
- 1.2.4 The NHS North East London Integrated Care Board do not have a PADS Tracker as there are no disagreed matters at this time. All matters remain under discussion and are reflected in Table 2.1.

1.3 Terminology

- 1.3.1 In the matters table in Section 2 of this SoCG, “Matter Not Agreed” indicates agreement on the matter could not be reached following significant engagement, and “Matter Under Discussion” where these points will be the subject of ongoing discussion wherever possible to resolve, or refine, the extent of disagreement between the parties. “Matter Agreed” indicates where the issue has now been resolved.
- 1.3.2 At the time of Deadline 1, all matters are “Matters Under Discussion”.

2 Matters

2.1 Movement of outstanding matters

- 2.1.1 The outcome of discussions to date are presented in Table 2.1 which details and presents the matters which have been agreed, not agreed, or are under discussion between (1) the Applicant and (2) the NHS North East London Integrated Care Board.
- 2.1.2 In the 'Item No.' column in Table 2.1, 'Rule 6' indicates a matter entered in the SoCG as a result of a request in the Rule 6 letter, 'RRN' indicates a matter entered into the SoCG as a result of content in the Relevant Representation, 'RRE' indicates an existing SoCG matter that was also raised in the Relevant Representation and 'DLX' indicates a new matter added during examination at/around that deadline.
- 2.1.3 At Examination Deadline 1 there are four matters which all currently remain under discussion.
- 2.1.4 Subsequent versions of this SoCG will outline the changes between versions.

Table 2.1 Matters

Topic	Item No.	NHS North East London Integrated Care Board Comment	National Highways' Response	Application Document Reference	Status
Population and Human Health					
Construction workforce impacts on health services	2.1.1 Rule 6	<p>The NHS are concerned about the impact of a large construction workforce and their families on local health services and on available capacity within our services.</p> <p>Noting The Applicant's response, the NHS require Urgent and Emergency Care to be included within the Applicant's assessment.</p>	<p>The Project's Assessment of Human Health aims to reduce the impacts of both construction and operation on local communities.</p> <p>Construction workforce numbers are estimated to peak at 4,514 in 2027 (total for area to the north and south of the Thames). Assumptions indicate that 35% of the workforce will live at home, meaning approximately 1,580 workers are likely to be currently registered with local GP practices. The remaining 2,934 construction workers are likely to be additional to the area and may require access to primary healthcare services.</p> <p>The Workers Accommodation Report makes assumptions regarding where workers will be accommodated – this is based on 60-minute commute time catchment areas by car and public transport.</p> <p>Welfare facilities will be in place at all main construction compounds. Comprehensive healthcare requirements are to be included in contracts for Delivery Partners.</p> <p>Contractors will be expected to provide an appropriate range of medical and occupational healthcare services to meet the physical and mental health needs of the construction workforce. The range of services will be agreed with National Highways, following engagement with Integrated Care Partnerships.</p> <p>National Highways will engage further with the NHS to discuss this matter in detail.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement Chapter 13: Population and Human Health [Application Document APP-151]</p> <p>Health and Equalities Impact Assessment [Application Document APP-539]</p> <p>Workers Accommodation Report [Application Document APP-551]</p> <p>Framework Construction Travel Plan [Application Document APP-546]</p>	Matter Under Discussion

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Construction-related illnesses	2.1.2 Rule 6	The NHS are concerned about the impact of construction related illnesses, both physical and mental, on health services across the home areas of the workforce, their families and the existing population within North East London.	Commitments are included in the Project's Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC) within the Code of Construction Practice, relating to the provision of a range of medical and occupational healthcare services (including onsite facilities) for the construction workforce. These requirements and services are detailed in REAC Commitment PH002 and include the Thriving at Work criteria, and innovative proposals for health campaigns and services. The Applicant recognises that the NHS are still reviewing the draft DCO in detail and have offered to continue further detailed engagement to address outstanding matters.	ES Appendix 2.2: Code of Construction Practice [Application Document APP-336]	Matter Under Discussion
Impact of traffic flow on air quality	2.1.3 Rule 6	The NHS are concerned about the impact of the proposal during construction and operation on the environment and the impact on the existing infrastructure and population.	The Project has ensured that mitigation has been developed in order to reduce significant environmental effects wherever practicable. This mitigation (in the form of Control Plans, CoCP/REAC, Design Principles and Requirements of the DCO itself) is legally secured via the draft DCO and therefore where funding is required this is considered secured. The Applicant recognises that the NHS are still reviewing the draft DCO in detail and have offered to continue further detailed engagement to address outstanding matters.	ES Appendix 2.2: Code of Construction Practice [Application Document APP-336] Draft Development Consent Order [Additional Submission AS-038]	Matter Under Discussion
Impact of traffic flow – noise and vibration	2.1.4 Rule 6	The NHS are concerned about the health impacts of the new traffic flow during construction and operation.	The Health and Equalities Impact Assessment provides a Project-level assessment of environmental effects on different health determinants relating to the construction and operational effects of the Project and the proposed mitigation. National Highways has been working with Community Impacts Public Health Advisory Group to	Health and Equalities Impact Assessment [Application Document APP-539]	Matter Under Discussion

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			<p>share and develop this assessment during the pre-application stage.</p> <p>The Environmental Statement notes that it has been reasonably concluded that the significant adverse impacts on health and quality of life would be avoided through the implementation of the specific mitigation measures identified above and secured through the REAC commitments.</p> <p>The Applicant recognises that the NHS are still reviewing the draft DCO in detail and have offered to continue further detailed engagement to address outstanding matters.</p>	<p>ES Appendix 2.2: Code of Construction Practice [Application Document APP-336]</p> <p>Environmental Statement [Application Documents APP-138 to APP-486]</p>	

Appendix A Engagement activity

Table A.1 Engagement activities between the Applicant and the NHS North East London Integrated Care Board

Date	Overview of Engagement Activities
06 June 2023	Meeting to discuss the Rule 6 Letter and timings for the DCO process, including examination, and how NHS North East London Integrated Care Board can take part.
03 July 2023	Meeting to finalise the draft SoCG for Examination Deadline 1.

Appendix B Glossary

Term	Abbreviation	Explanation
Code of Construction Practice	CoCP	Contains control measures and standards to be implemented by the Project, including those to avoid or reduce environmental effects.
Development Consent Order	DCO	Means of obtaining permission for developments categorised as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008.
Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments	REAC	The REAC identifies the environmental commitments that would be implemented during the construction and operational phases of the Project if the Development Consent Order is granted, and forms part of the Code of Construction Practice (ES Appendix 2.2).

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