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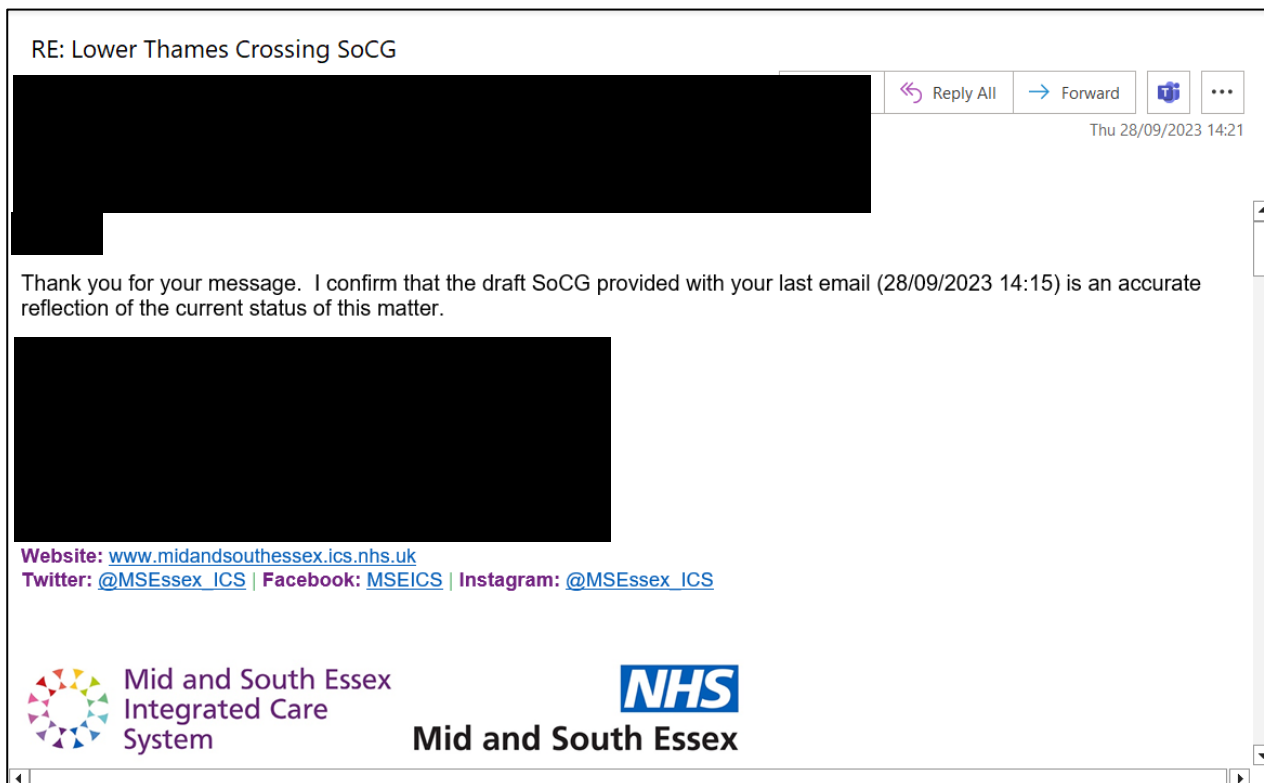
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Status of the Statement of Common Ground

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

National Highways and the NHS Mid and South Essex 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.



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 Mid and South Essex 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 5.

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 Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board elected not to produce a PADS Tracker given the small number of matters under discussion.

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 5, 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 Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board.
- 2.1.2 At Examination Deadline 5 there is one matter which is under discussion.
- 2.1.3 Subsequent versions of this SoCG will outline the changes between versions.

Table 2.1 Matters

Topic	Item No.	NHS Mid & South Essex integrated Care Board Comment	The Applicant’s Response	Application Document Reference	Status
Population and Human Health					
Construction workforce impacts on health services	2.1.1	The Mid & South Essex ICB 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>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 the Applicant, following engagement with Integrated Care Partnerships.</p> <p>The Applicant 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 REP4-158]</p>	Matter Under Discussion

Appendix A Engagement activity

Table A.1 Engagement activities between the Applicant and the NHS Mid & South Essex Integrated Care Board

Date	Overview of Engagement Activities
08.06.2023 – 24.07.2023	E-mail correspondence to discuss the possibility of drafting a SoCG with the ICB.
09.08.2023	Meeting with the ICB to discuss the DCO Application material, the examination process and the SoCG.
20.09.2023	Meeting with the ICB to discuss authoring of the SoCG.
26.09.2023	Catch-up call to discuss progress with the SoCG and to discuss the ICB's request for an update to REAC commitment PH002.

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.
Integrated Care Board	ICB	Integrated Care Board

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