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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this Document

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Commonality for Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)(this “Statement”) relates to an application made by Highways England (the “Applicant”) to the Planning Inspectorate (“PINS”) under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the “2008 Act”) for a Development Consent Order (a “DCO”). If made the DCO would grant consent for the Applicant to undertake the A57 Link Roads (the “Scheme”). A detailed description of the Scheme can be found in the Environmental Statement [TR010034/APP/6.3].
- 1.1.2 This Statement has been prepared and submitted in compliance with Regulation 5(2)(q) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 which states:
- “The application must be accompanied by ... any other documents considered necessary to support the application”.*
- 1.1.3 This Statement has been prepared to provide the Examining Authority (ExA) with the current position on Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) between Highways England and prescribed consultees, statutory undertakers and interested parties (“other parties”) in relation to the Scheme.
- 1.1.4 This Statement will also provide a position on the commonality on specific points between SoCG at a future Examination Deadline.

2. Structure of Statements of Common Ground

2.1 Purpose

2.1.1 To ensure consistency in the approach taken to documenting matters agreed, matters subject to further negotiation or matters not agreed, each of the SoCG adopted a standard format to provide clarity to other parties and ultimately the ExA.

2.1.2 Each SoCG has the following structure:

- Section 1: provides an introduction to the SoCG and a description of its purpose.
- Section 2: states the engagement that has occurred between the Applicant and other Party.
- Section 3: sets out any issues that have arisen, reporting on the status of each issue, i.e. whether it is agreed, still under discussion or not agreed, and any remaining actions.
- Appendices which contain any relevant document not forming part of the application that are referenced in the SoCG (e.g. emails / meeting notes / data).

3. List of Draft Statements of Common Ground

3.1 List of Draft SOCGs for submission

3.1.1 The Applicant prepared SoCG with a number of other parties it considered beneficial to do so with during the preparation of the DCO Application stage. These are listed in table 3.1 below. Further detail about the current position of each SoCG can be found at Chapter 5, Table 4.1 of this Statement.

Table 3.1: List of SoCGs at submission

Stakeholder
Local Authorities
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council and High Peak Borough Council – Not Yet Finalised
Prescribed Consultees
Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) – Not Yet Finalised

4. Summary of Current Position

4.1 Summary of Draft SOCG issues

4.1.1 This section provides the current position of each SoCG. Where applicable, a draft version of the SoCG has been submitted alongside this Statement

4.1.2 Table 4.1 provides a high level position and where necessary includes further detail to aid understanding of the ExA. The high level positions used in the table are;

Final Signed SoCG all matters agreed – The final SoCG has been signed by both parties and all matters are agreed.

Final Signed SoCG with matters outstanding – The final SoCG has been signed by both parties, and there remain matters outstanding that the Applicant and the other party agree will not be resolved during the Examination.

SoCG in DRAFT – The SoCG has been drafted by the Applicant, it has been shared with the other party and comments have been provided. Discussion is ongoing to reach a ‘Final Signed SoCG all matters agreed’ or ‘Final Signed SoCG with matters outstanding’.

Table 4.1: SoCG high level position

Document Reference	Party	Position at Submission	Position at Deadline 2	Position at Deadline 3	Position at Deadline 4	Position at Deadline 5	Position at Deadline 6
Local Authorities							
8.2	Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	SoCG DRAFT in					
8.3	Derbyshire County Council and High Peak Borough Council	SoCG DRAFT in					
Prescribed Consultees							
8.4	Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM)	SoCG DRAFT in					

5. Commonality

5.1 Common Issues across Draft SoCGs

5.1.1 This section of the Statement provides a summary of principal issues covered in the SoCG and demonstrates where there is commonality in the topics or matters.

5.1.2 The table is presented in such a way to show topics covered within the various SoCG and how these are relevant to each other party and a position for each topic as follows:

	Matter agreed
	Matter subject to further discussion
	Matter not agreed

5.1.3 Where a matter is not relevant to the other party, it is not included within the SoCG and therefore not covered in Table 5.1 and shown as a blank.

Table 5.1: Table of Commonality at Submission

SoCG Ref	Party	Topics												
		Air quality	Biodiversity and HRA	Cultural heritage	Landscape	Drainage	Ground conditions	Noise and vibration	Socioeconomic and WCH provision	Alternative options	Cumulative effects	Highway design detrunking, construction and maintenance	Consultation	Traffic data (and associated environ impacts)
8.2	Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council													
8.3	Derbyshire County Council and High Peak Borough Council													
8.4	Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM)													

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