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DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

**This Draft Statement of Common Ground has been prepared and agreed by (1)
National Highways Limited and (2) Cornerstone Telecommunications
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1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1. This Draft Statement of Common Ground ("SoCG") has been prepared in respect of the proposed A57 Link Roads scheme (previously known as Trans-Pennine Upgrade) ("the Scheme") and the application ("the Application") made by National Highways Limited ("National Highways") to the Secretary of State for Transport ("Secretary of State") for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the Act").
- 1.1.2. This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere within the Application documents. All documents are available on the Planning Inspectorate website.
- 1.1.3. This SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority where agreement has been reached between the parties to the SoCG, and where agreement has not (yet) been reached. SoCGs are an established means in the planning process of allowing all parties to identify and so focus on specific issues that may need to be addressed during the examination.

1.2. Parties to this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.2.1. This SoCG has been prepared by (1) National Highways as the Applicant and (2) Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited Telecommunications Infrastructure (Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited).
- 1.2.2. National Highways (formerly Highways England) became the Government-owned Strategic Highways Company on 1 April 2015. It is the highway authority in England for the strategic road network and has the necessary powers and duties to operate, manage, maintain and enhance the network. Regulatory powers remain with the Secretary of State. The legislation establishing the then Highways England made provision for all legal rights and obligations of the Highways Agency, including in respect of the Application, to be conferred upon or assumed by Highways England (now National Highways).
- 1.2.3. Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited is a mobile infrastructure services company which owns and maintains mobile telecommunications infrastructure.

1.3. Terminology

- 1.3.1. In the tables in the Issues chapter of this SoCG, "Not Agreed" indicates a final position, and "Under discussion" where these points will be the subject of on-going discussion wherever possible to resolve, or refine, the extent of disagreement between the parties. "Agreed" indicates where the issue has been resolved.
- 1.3.2. It can be taken that any matters not specifically referred to in the Issues chapter of this SoCG are not of material interest or relevance to, and therefore have not been the subject of any discussions between the parties. As such, those matters can be read as agreed, only to the extent that they are either not of material interest or relevance to Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited.

1.4. Addressing Rule Six requirements

1.4.1. The document evidences the meeting of conditions set out within Annex E of the Rule Six letter from the Examining Authority, dated 19 October 2021. Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited Telecommunications Infrastructure is a Category E interested party. The SoCG will address the following requirements within Annex E through the associated sections outlined in tables 1.1 below.

Table 1.1: Section Six Letter Annex E Requirement for category E interested parties - statutory undertakers.

Annex E Requirement	Statutory Undertaker Issues
Impacts on rights/apparatus and on the transmission/distribution systems that could be interfered with and their mitigation	1. Impacts on rights/apparatus and on the transmission/distribution systems that could be interfered with and their mitigation
The acquisition of any statutory undertakers' land or rights over such land and the detriment that may be caused to the carrying on of the undertaking in question. The adequacy and agreement of protective provisions in the draft Development Consent Order; any necessary side agreements; and compliance with s127 and s136 of the Planning Act 2008	2. The acquisition of any statutory undertakers' land or rights over such land and the detriment that may be caused to the carrying on of the undertaking in question. The adequacy and agreement of protective provisions in the draft Development Consent Order; any necessary side agreements; and compliance with s127 and s136 of the Planning Act 2008
The protection of the Mottram Longdendale Aqueduct.	3. The protection of the Mottram Longdendale Aqueduct.
The adequacy of the Protective Provisions set out in the draft Development Consent Order to safeguard relevant interests	4. The adequacy of the Protective Provisions set out in the draft Development Consent Order to safeguard relevant interests
The Outline Environmental Management Plan	5. The Outline Environmental Management Plan
Any other relevant matters included in the ExA's Initial Assessment of Principal Issues	6. Any other relevant matters included in the ExA's Initial Assessment of Principal Issues
Any other matters on which agreement might aid the smooth running of the Examination and assist the ExA's recommendation to the Secretary of State	7. Any other matters on which agreement might aid the smooth running of the Examination and assist the ExA's recommendation to the Secretary of State

2. Record of Engagement

2.1.1. A summary of the meetings and correspondence that has taken place between National Highways and Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited Telecommunications Infrastructure between 2016 and January 2022 in relation to the Application, is outlined in Table 2-1.

Table 2.1: Record of Engagement between National Highways and Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed and key outcomes (the topics should align with the Issues tables)
10/03/2021	Atkins email	Protective Provisions Email sent to network alterations email address
23/03/21	Atkins email	Email to Cornerstone requesting confirmation that the mast is located within the redline is a Cornerstone asset.
26/03/21	Cornerstone email	Protective Provisions response from Cornerstone received asking for further information. Email response confirming that the mast is a Cornerstone asset and requesting further details regarding the scheme.
26/03/21	Atkins email	Information provided asking for agreement to Protective Provisions by 14/4/21. Copy of the draft protective provisions and a plan of the scheme (detailing location of mast) issued to Cornerstone for review and confirmation regarding the wording of the Protective Provisions – no response to date.
03/12/21	Paige Solutions email	Email to Cornerstone requesting a meeting to review the protective provisions and SoCG.
08/12/21	Cluttons email	Email response confirming that the mast does not need to be relocated and will not be affected by the scheme. Confirmation of route of access to the mast was also provided.

Note: Meeting invites are not included in the table above

2.1.2. It is agreed **(to be confirmed)** that this is an accurate record of the key meetings and consultation undertaken between (1) National Highways and (2) Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited e in relation to the issues addressed in this SoCG.

3. Table of issues and matters related to Rule Six letter Annex E to be agreed

Table 3.1: Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) Between National Highways and Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited Telecommunications Infrastructure Table of Issues/Matters - Final Version dated TBC

SoCG Reference Number	Relevant examination document	Relevant Issue	Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited comment	National Highways response	Matters to be addressed/agreed post DCO examination
1. Impacts on rights/apparatus and on the transmission/distribution systems that could be interfered with and their mitigation					
1.1	2.3 Work Plans [APP-008]	Contact is to be made with Cornerstone's Agent (Cluttons) to progress agreement with the wording in the Protective Provisions and understand existing access arrangements.	Cluttons have confirmed via email (08/12/21) that the mast is not affected by the scheme and existing access route has also been provided.	Noted Scheme design will not impinge on existing access arrangements.	Agreed
2. The acquisition of any statutory undertakers' land or rights over such land and the detriment that may be caused to the carrying on of the undertaking in question. The adequacy and agreement of protective provisions in the draft Development Consent Order; any necessary side agreements; and compliance with s127 and s136 of the Planning Act 2008					
2.1	4.3 Compulsory Acquisition Information – Book of Reference [APP-025]	Contact is to be made with Cornerstone's Agent (Cluttons) to progress agreement with the wording in the Protective Provisions.	Cluttons have confirmed via email (08/12/21) that the mast is not affected by the scheme and existing access route has also been provided.	PP's have been submitted to Cluttons Scheme design will not impinge on existing access arrangements.	Under discussion
3. The protection of the Mottram Longdendale Aqueduct					

SoCG Reference Number	Relevant examination document	Relevant Issue	Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited comment	National Highways response	Matters to be addressed/agreed post DCO examination
3.1			N/A		
4. The adequacy of the Protective Provisions set out in the draft Development Consent Order to safeguard relevant interests					
4.1	5.1 Consultation Report - Appendix W - Table of Protected Provisions for Statutory Undertakers [APP-050]	Contact is to be made with Cornerstone's Agent (Cluttons) to progress agreement with the wording in the Protective Provisions.	Cluttons have confirmed via email (08/12/21) that the mast is not affected by the scheme and existing access route has also been provided.	PP's have been submitted to Cluttons	Under discussion
5. The Outline Environmental Management Plan					
5.1	7.2 Outline Environmental Management Plan [APP-183]	CTIL will not be undertaking any work which requires their compliance with EMP or other DCO commitments.	N/A	N/A	N/A
6. Any other relevant matters included in the ExA's Initial Assessment of Principal Issues					
6.1			N/A	N/A	N/A
7. Any other matters on which agreement might aid the smooth running of the Examination and assist the ExA's recommendation to the Secretary of State					

SoCG Reference Number	Relevant examination document	Relevant Issue	Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited comment	National Highways response	Matters to be addressed/agreed post DCO examination
7.1			N/A	N/A	N/A

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