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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Purpose

1.1.1 This Progress with Statements of Common Ground document relates to an application made by Highways England (the “Applicant”) to the Planning Inspectorate under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a Development Consent Order (a “DCO”). If made the DCO would grant consent for the Applicant to undertake the A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool Improvement Scheme (the “Scheme”). A detailed description of the Scheme can be found in the Environmental Statement (Application Document Reference: TR010035/APP/6.2).

1.1.2 This document has been prepared and submitted in compliance with Regulation 5(2)(q) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 which state:

*“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 the Applicant and prescribed consultees, statutory undertakers and interested parties in relation to the Scheme.

1.1.4 Highways England intends to continue working with all of the relevant parties during the Pre-Examination and Examination stages to further develop the SoCGs and seek agreement on the issues presented within them.

### 1.2 Structure

1.2.1 This report is structured as follows:

- Section 2 outlines the structure of each SoCG document and provides a list of the parties that Highways England is seeking to develop a SoCG with
- Section 3 provides an update on the status of each SoCG with the intention that this document will be updated during the Examination at each of the deadlines

## 2 STRUCTURE AND STATUS OF STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND

### 2.1 Structure of each Statement of Common Ground

2.1.1 Each SoCG adopts a consistent and standard format to provide clarity to other parties and ultimately the ExA. Each SoCG is structured in the following way:

- **Section 1** introduces the SoCG, provides a description of its purpose and the terminology used therein and states the role of each party (e.g. Natural England) in the process.
- **Section 2** provides a tabular record of the engagement that has occurred with the party during the Pre-Application phase and following submission of the DCO application, for example discussions regarding baseline data or the suitability of mitigation measures
- **Section 3** is subdivided into a series of tables summarising key issues and the position of the Applicant, the relevant party that the SoCG relates to and the status of that issue (agreed, under discussion or not agreed).
- **Appendices** to each SoCG provide further information and context for the matters described in the respective documents.

### 2.2 Status of Statements of Common Ground

2.2.1 The Applicant is developing SoCGs with a number of parties. At meetings with these parties during the preparation of the DCO application, the drafting of SoCGs has been discussed and these parties will continue to be engaged such that the SoCGs are developed during the Pre-Examination and Examination periods. Table 2-1 lists the SoCGs that the Applicant is in the process of preparing.

Table 2-1: Statements of Common Ground in Preparation

Stakeholder
Local Authorities
<i>Lancashire County Council</i>
<i>Fylde Borough Council</i>
<i>Wyre Council</i>
Prescribed Consultees
<i>Natural England</i>
<i>Environment Agency</i>
<i>Historic England</i>
<i>Marine Management Organisation</i>
Statutory Undertakers
<i>United Utilities Group PLC</i>



<b>Stakeholder</b>
<i>Electricity North West Limited</i>
<i>Cadent Gas Limited</i>
<i>Openreach (British Telecommunications PLC)</i>
<i>GTC</i>

### 3 SUMMARY OF CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1.1 This section provides the current position of each SoCG. *Please note that this document will be updated at each deadline of the Examination such that the status of the SoCG is understood.*
- 3.1.2 Table 3-1 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:
- **SoCG in Preparation** – The Applicant is drafting the SoCG and will be sharing the SoCG with the party during the Pre-Examination phase.
  - **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.

Table 3-1 Status of Statements of Common Ground

Stakeholder	Position at Submission	Position at Deadline 1	Position at Deadline 2
<b>Local Authorities</b>			
<i>Lancashire County Council</i>	<i>SoCG in preparation</i>		
<i>Fylde Borough Council</i>	<i>SoCG in preparation</i>		
<i>Wyre Council</i>	<i>SoCG in preparation</i>		
<b>Prescribed Consultees</b>			
<i>Natural England</i>	<i>SoCG in preparation</i>		
<i>Environment Agency</i>	<i>SoCG in preparation</i>		
<i>Historic England</i>	<i>SoCG in preparation</i>		
<i>Marine Management Organisation</i>	<i>SoCG in preparation</i>		
<b>Statutory Undertakers</b>			
<i>United Utilities Group PLC</i>	<i>SoCG in preparation</i>		
<i>Electricity North West Limited</i>	<i>SoCG in preparation</i>		
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GTC	<i>SoCG in preparation</i>		

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