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STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground ("SoCG") has been prepared in respect of the proposed A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool Improvement Scheme ("the Application") made by Highways England Company Limited ("Highways England") to the Secretary of State for Transport ("Secretary of State") for a Development Consent Order ("the Order") under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ("PA 2008").
- 1.1.2 This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere within the Application documents. All documents are available in the deposit locations and/or the Planning Inspectorate website.
- 1.1.3 The SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority where agreement has been reached between the parties to it, 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) Highways England as the Applicant and (2) Electricity North West.
- 1.2.2 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 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.
- 1.2.3 Electricity North West is a private limited company registered in England and Wales. It is a regulated subsidiary of North West Electricity Networks (Jersey) Ltd. and is responsible for the administration and maintenance of the network that distributes electricity on behalf of the electricity supply companies to 5 million people in 2.4 million properties throughout the North West of England. Formerly trading as United Utilities Electricity Limited, it was bought from United Utilities Group Plc in December 2007 by North West Electricity (Jersey) Limited. The purchase was completed 30 June 2010

1.3 Terminology

- 1.3.1 In the tables, under 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 Electricity North West, 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 Electricity North West.

2 RECORD OF ENGAGEMENT

2.1.1 A summary of the meetings and correspondence that has taken place between Highways England and Electricity North West in relation to the Application is outlined in table 2.1.

Table 2-1: Record of Engagement

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed and key outcomes
13 July 2015	Phone call	Phoned Electricity North West.
15 July 2015	Email/Post	The Notification of appointment of Highways England (Overseeing Organisation's) Agent and C2 Preliminary Inquiry (New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 – Section 85 Notice) letter was sent to Electricity North West.
7 August 2015	Emails from Electricity North West (Ref: 7203764, 7204177, 7204394, 7204711)	Responses to the C2 Preliminary Inquiry received including maps showing locations and types of existing apparatus.
22 August 2015	Additional E-mail and covering letter (Ref: 7204943)	Further response to the C2 Preliminary Inquiry including Conditions and information regarding electricity mains document
05 April 2016	Email	Email to Electricity North West requesting C3 budget estimate.
20 May 2016	Email from Electricity North West with covering letter reference 5500073618	Email received containing initial C3 budget estimate and plans indicating location of Electricity North West assets.
12 December 2017	Meeting at Electricity North West's offices.	Meeting where proposed utility asset diversions were discussed, following the preferred route announcement.
17 December 2017	Minutes of Meeting (Ref HE548643-ARC-GEN-A585-MM-ZM-3011)	Details of discussion of 12 December 2017 meeting

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed and key outcomes
01 February 2018	Email	Email to Electricity North West requesting updated C3 budget estimate.
15 March 2018	Email with covering letter reference 5500073618	Email received from Electricity North West containing C3 Version 2 budget estimate for underground and overhead electricity cable diversions.
30 August 2018	Email	Email, with drawing attached, to Electricity North West showing modification of existing traffic signal controlled Little Singleton junction that is no longer to become a roundabout.
08 November 2018	Email	Email of the draft protective provisions for comment.
14 November 2018	Email	Follow up email to the above and offer for face to face discussion.
14 November 2018	Email	Reply from ENW suggesting dates for face to face discussions
14 November 2018	Email	Suggested dates from Toni Weston (Gowlings) for face to face discussion
28 November 2018	Email	Arcadis arranging face to face discussion in the ENW Salford office for the 19 th December
12 December 2018	Email	Meeting confirmation from ENW
19 December 2018	Meeting	Protective Permissions and Statement of Common Grounds meeting in the ENW Salford offices.
21 January 2019	Email	Follow up email from the meeting on the 19 th December 2018 with GIS shapefile of Draft Order Limits for ENW information
23 January 2019	Email	Follow up email to ENW confirming they are content with the SoCG and the

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed and key outcomes
		Protective Provision
24 January 2019	Email	Confirmation received from ENW

- 2.1.2 It is agreed that this is an accurate record of the key meetings and consultation undertaken between (1) Highways England and (2) Electricity North West in relation to the issues addressed in this SoCG.

3 PROTECTIVE PROVISIONS

- 3.1.1 Protective provisions are included in the draft Development Consent Order (Document reference TR010035/APP/3.1) in its Schedule 10 Part 1. For completeness these are reproduced in Appendix A to this document.

4 ISSUES

4.1.1 There are five locations along the preferred route of the A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool road improvement scheme where Electricity North West's underground and overhead apparatus must be either diverted or protected. The issues at each of the six locations are addressed separately in the following tables.

4.1.2 Abbreviations have the following meaning in these tables:

- LV = Low voltage
- HV = High Voltage
- EHV = Extra High Voltage

4.2 Skippool Junction and New Skippool Bridge

This location includes the junction of A585 Amounderness Way / Breck Road at its junction with A588 Breck Road and B5412 Skippool Road and extends eastwards about 250 metres to the existing Skippool Bridge over Main Dyke.

	Issue	Highways England Comment	Electricity North West Comment	Status
4.2.1	Diversion of 33kV EHV and LV underground cables on west side of Skippool junction in footway. (230m)			AGREED
4.2.2	Diversion of 6.6kV HV and 11kV HV underground cables on west side of Skippool junction in footway. (120m)			AGREED
4.2.3	Diversion of 6.6kV HV, 11kV HV and 33kV EHV underground cables on west side of Skippool junction in carriageway crossing. (40m).			AGREED

	Issue	Highways England Comment	Electricity North West Comment	Status
4.2.4	Diversion of 6.6kV HV and LV underground cables across A585 Breck Road in ducts at the Poulton Pumping Station access and eastwards to the New Skippool Bridge (see also Section 3.3 below) (150m)			AGREED
4.2.5	150mm dia. twin walled 4-way ducts required to accommodate electricity cables through New Skippool Bridge.			AGREED
4.2.6	At New Skippool Bridge, 230mm separation required between cables, centre of duct to centre of duct.		Electricity North West to be informed if this separation cannot be achieved. Variation to be considered for acceptance.	AGREED

4.3 Skippool Bridge Junction

This location extends eastwards for about 250 metres from Skippool Bridge including the junction of Old Mains Lane with Mains Lane

	Issue	Highways England Comment	Electricity North West Comment	Status
4.3.1	Diversion of 6.6kV HV and LV underground cables from existing north footway of A585 Breck Road at Poulton Pumping Station access eastwards to rejoin Mains Lane east of Old Mains Lane junction including carriageway crossings of Old Mains Lane and Mains Lane.			AGREED

	Issue	Highways England Comment	Electricity North West Comment	Status
	(380m)			
4.3.2	Diversion of 6.6kV HV and LV underground cables from existing south footway of A585 Breck Road east of Skippool Bridge including crossing of the Scheme carriageway in ducts installed by the roadworks contractor to rejoin Mains Lane east of Old Mains Lane junction.(380m)			AGREED

4.4 South of Mains Lane

	Issue	Highways England Comment	Electricity North West Comment	Status
4.4.1	Temporary diversion of 6.6kV HV underground cable to overhead line during construction of embankment. (60m span) on minimum 10m high poles to accommodate the embankment height of 4m and a clearance of 6m.		Maximum distance between poles is 90m – 100m. Minimum clearance 5.8m – noting low point in sag of cable.	AGREED
4.4.2	Permanent diversion of 6.6kV HV temporary overhead line to underground cables passing through ducts installed by roadworks contractor on completion of embankment.			AGREED

4.5 Lodge Lane & Lodge Lane Bridge

	Issue	Highways England Comment	Electricity North West Comment	Status
4.5.1	Diversion of overhead 6.6kV HV power line feeding stables west of Lodge Lane and crossing the route of the Scheme and proposed borrow pits west of Lodge Lane		Diversion route to run eastwards from existing overhead pole north of Scheme route to Lodge Lane and then to pass through Lodge Lane bridge in ducts continuing southwards in west verge of Lodge Lane and running along farm track to rejoin network at the stables (550m)	AGREED
4.5.2	Diversion of overhead 6.6kV power line Diversion of overhead 6.6kV power line feeding stables adjacent to Singleton Hall access road (180m)	Route will be across Private Land.	Diversion route to run from diverted 6.6kV HV power line installed in the west verge of Lodge Lane to run along the south verge of the proposed Singleton Hall access road on the south of the proposed Lodge Lane bridge to rejoin the network at the pole mounted transformer at the stables.	AGREED
4.5.3	Temporary diversion of 6.6kV HV and LV underground cables to allow bridge construction (180m)	Proposal is this route will be ducted in a shared trench with United Utilities (water supply)		AGREED
4.5.4	Permanent diversion of 6.6kV HV and LV cables through new bridge deck. (265m)	Two 150mm dia. twin walled ducts will be provided.	Required cover for LV cables in footway is 450mm, and 600mm cover for higher voltage cables. 750mm cover is required for	AGREED

	Issue	Highways England Comment	Electricity North West Comment	Status
			cables in carriageway.	

4.6 Little Singleton Junction

	Issue	Highways England Comment	Electricity North West Comment	Status
4.6.1	As a result of the recent design change to retain this junction as a traffic signal-controlled junction, rather than a roundabout, only a 6.6kV HV underground cable is in the north verge of A585 Garstang New Road where there is new carriageway construction will require diversion or protection.			AGREED

4.7 A588 Shard Road Junction

	Issue	Highways England Comment	Electricity North West Comment	Status
4.7.1	Alterations are proposed to the existing traffic signal-controlled junction of A588 Shard Road with A585 Mains Lane including widening of Shard Road on its east side	Possible minor alterations to LV cables on both sides of Shard Road		AGREED

	Issue	Highways England Comment	Electricity North West Comment	Status
4.7.2	Land east of Shard Road to the north of the above junction is proposed to be used for mitigation of environmental effects that would be limited to minor agricultural changes and vegetation management	The land is crossed by a 6.6kV MV overhead line and underground cables. However, these should not be affected by the proposed mitigation works.		AGREED

4.1 **Power supply locations**

4.1.1 Power supplies would be required for the proposed street lighting, illuminated signs, traffic signal installations and closed-circuit television cameras. The precise locations of these will be determined after the DCO submission in discussion with Electricity North West, they being the relevant Distribution Network Operator (DNO). It is expected that these power supplies will be required mainly in the vicinity of the following proposed locations:

- Skippool Junction
- Skippool Bridge Junction
- Poulton Junction

4.2 Land Take, Wayleaves and Easements.

	Issue	Highways England Comment	Electricity North West Comment	Status
4.2.1	Development Consent Order limits include for all areas of land take envisaged as required for utility apparatus diversions. Any additional land take requirements for diversions would be the responsibility of the Electricity North West to secure under the compulsory purchase process governed by (1) the enabling statute (i.e. the Electricity Act 1989) and (2) the Acquisition of Land Act 1981.			AGREED
4.2.2	Wayleaves and easements are legal rights that enable utility companies to have access to private land to install and maintain their apparatus in return for some sort of payments	Details of existing Electricity North West easements crossing the areas within the Scheme are to be requested.		AGREED

4.3 Site Investigations for Location of Services.

	Issue	Highways England Comment	Electricity North West Comment	Status
4.3.1	Site Investigations such as ground penetrating radar and slit trench surveys are to be carried out by Highways England to establish precise location and depths of Electricity North West's buried electricity cabling after the DCO application submission.		Electricity North West to be invited to have a representative present during these investigations.	AGREED

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