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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) Cadent.
- 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 Cadent Gas Ltd, part of National Grid, was founded 01 October 2016 as National Grid Gas Distribution Ltd. and on 01 May 2017 it began business under the new brand, Cadent. It owns, operates and maintains the largest gas distribution network in the UK, transporting gas safely through its pipelines to 11 million homes and businesses across West Midlands, North West England, East of England and North London.
- 1.2.4 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.
- 1.2.5 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 Cadent, 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 Cadent.

2 RECORD OF ENGAGEMENT

2.1.1 A summary of the meetings and correspondence that has taken place between Highways England and Cadent 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
24 April 2015	Phone call	Phoned National Grid and accessed GIS Information.
15 July 2015	Email/Post	The Notification of appointment of O.O. Agent and C2 Preliminary Inquiry letters were sent to National Grid who owned, operated and maintained the gas distribution network at the time.
20 July 2015	Email	Email received from National Grid confirming that their apparatus is affected and with maps of their underground assets in response to C2 Preliminary Inquiry
05 April 2016	Email	Email to National Grid requesting C3 budget estimate.
03 May 2016	Email	Email received containing initial C3 budget estimate and plans indicating location of National Grid's underground assets.
19 December 2017	Meeting at Balfour Beatty Services' offices. Balfour Beatty Services (BBS) provide design services for Cadent.	Meeting where proposed utility asset diversions were discussed, following the recent announcement of the A585 preferred scheme option.
01 February 2018	Email	Email to Cadent, c/o BBS, requesting updated C3 budget estimate.
14 March 2018	Email	Email received from BBS, on behalf of Cadent, containing C3 Version 2 budget estimate for Cadent anticipated Medium Pressure (MP) and Low Pressure (LP) gas main diversions. Plans of existing gas

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed and key outcomes
		mains overlaid with the A585 proposed route were also submitted.
14 March 2018	Email	Email to BBS requesting fee proportion of overhead and profit to report .
14 March 2018	Email	Email received form BBS stating that there are no costs associated with providing design on either budget or details for C4 estimates.
15 March 2018	Email	Email sent to BBS requesting a tabular break down for each of the diversions.
15 March 2018	Email	Email received from BBS stating that it was not possible to breakdown estimates further at this stage. However, a proportional breakdown of labour, materials and overheads was provided.
05/04/2018	Email	Email from Fisher German (FG) asking if Arcadis have received Cadent asset information or if it is still required. Request all further correspondence is through Fisher German.
20/04/2018	Email	Email to Gowlings from Shakespeare Martineau (Shma) on behalf of Cadent stating request of information, funds and acceptance of negotiation.
20/04/2018	Email	Gowlings response to the above email appointing a representative.
26/04/2018	Email	Gowling informing Shma of progress.
26 April 2018	Email	Email received from Gowling WLG providing Cadent's protective provisions for inclusion in the DCO.
13/08/2018	Email	Concern raised by Cadent that their assets will require diverting thus affecting red line boundary.
14/08/2018	Email	Sent to FG explaining Cadent appear to have changed supplier and that Arcadis were put in contact with Balfour Beatty and estimates were provided. Response from FG requesting

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed and key outcomes
		diversion plans and Arcadis's contact at BB.
15/08/2018	Email	Sent to FG confirming diversions identified are all within red line boundary. Response from FG requesting an overlay of the order limits to send to their legal team.
28/08/2018	Email	Received from FG requesting confirmation C3 estimate has taken into account a slight change in the design and details of the future land use.
30/08/2018	Email	Email, with drawing attached, to BBS and Fisher German showing modification of existing Little Singleton traffic signal-controlled junction that is no longer to become a roundabout.
01/10/2018	Email	Shma email with a request for progress.
25/10/2018	Email	Draft SoCG sent to Julia Greenhough (Balfour Beatty) requesting feedback.
26/11/2018	Email	Shma enquire if Gowling are in a position to engage re the protective provision discussions following DCO application acceptance.
27/11/2018	Email	Gowling reply to the above informing Shma they will be in touch following discussion with HE.
23/01/2019	Email	Follow up email to Julia Greenhough requesting feedback on the draft SoCG
30/01/2019	Email	Follow up email to Julia Greenhough requesting feedback on the draft SoCG
30/01/2019	Email	Julia Greenhough informing the request for information had been passed to Vicky Cashman who is the new contact at Cadent.
30/01/2019	Email	Email to Julia Greenhough acknowledging the last email.
01/02/2019	Email	Shma to Gowling requesting negotiation re the Protective Provision

- 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) Cadent, represented by Balfour Beatty Services, in relation to the issues addressed in this SoCG.

3 ISSUES

3.1.1 There are seven locations along the preferred route of the A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool road improvement scheme where Cadent's gas mains must be either diverted or protected. The issues at each of the seven locations are addressed separately in the following tables

3.2 Skippool Junction and New Skippool Bridge

	Issue	Highways England Comment	Cadent Comment on behalf of Cadent.	Status
3.1.1	Diversion of 150mm dia. cast iron LP gas main with 180mm dia. LP P.E. gas main on north east side of Skippool Junction (160m).	UNDER DISCUSSION	UNDER DISCUSSION	UNDER DISCUSSION
3.1.2	150mm dia. twin walled yellow duct required to accommodate 90mm dia. P.E. MP gas main through new Skippool Bridge.	UNDER DISCUSSION	UNDER DISCUSSION	UNDER DISCUSSION
3.1.3	90mm dia. P.E. MP gas main to be cover/buried within new Skippool Bridge footway with 600mm cover.	UNDER DISCUSSION	UNDER DISCUSSION	UNDER DISCUSSION

3.3 Garstang Road East (Poulton Junction)

	Issue	Highways England Comment	Balfour Beatty Comment on behalf of Cadent.	Status
3.2.1	Diversion of 250mm dia. P.E. MP gas main through Poulton Junction may not be required due to recent change to junction design from proposed roundabout to a traffic signal-controlled junction.	UNDER DISCUSSION	UNDER DISCUSSION	UNDER DISCUSSION.

3.4 Lodge Lane and Lodge Lane Bridge

	Issue	Highways England Comment	Balfour Beatty comment on behalf of Cadent.	Status
3.3.1	Temporary Diversion of 180mm dia. P.E. MP gas main while new bridge is constructed. 200mm dia. twin walled ducting to be provided. (165m)	UNDER DISCUSSION	UNDER DISCUSSION	UNDER DISCUSSION
3.3.2	Permanent Diversion of 180mm dia. P.E. MP gas main in new bridge deck (150m). 200mm dia. twin walled ducting to be provided. (170m)	UNDER DISCUSSION	UNDER DISCUSSION	UNDER DISCUSSION

3.5 Garstang Road New Road

	Issue	Highways England Comment	Balfour Beatty comment on behalf of Cadent.	Status
3.4.1	Diversion of 250mm dia. P.E. MP gas main from south side of Garstang New Road to the north side in footway/verge (1000m). Trench to be shared with BT 4-way ducts . No ducting will be required within verge.	Cadent/Balfour Beatty to liaise with BT Openreach to agree method of carrying out the diversions in the same trench.	Cadent would prefer to excavate the trench, install the gas diversion and backfill prior to BT attending site to carry out their diversion.	AGREED

3.6 Little Singleton Junction

	Issue	Highways England Comment	Balfour Beatty comment on behalf of Cadent	Status
3.5.1	As a result of the recent design change to retain this junction as a traffic signal-controlled junction, rather than a roundabout, only a section of the 125mm dia. P.E. MP gas main in verge of Pool Foot Lane where the new carriageway construction and field access will require diversion or protection.	UNDER DISCUSSION	UNDER DISCUSSION	UNDER DISCUSSION

3.7 Land Take, Wayleaves and Easements

	Issue	Highways England Comment	Balfour Beatty comment on behalf of Cadent	Status
3.6.1	Development Consent Order limits include 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 Cadent to secure under the compulsory purchase process governed by (1) the enabling statute (i.e. the EA 1989) and (2) the Acquisition of Land Act 1981.	UNDER DISCUSSION	UNDER DISCUSSION	UNDER DISCUSSION
3.6.2	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	UNDER DISCUSSION	UNDER DISCUSSION	UNDER DISCUSSION

3.8 Site Investigations for Location of Services

	Issue	Highways England Comment	Balfour Beatty comment on behalf of Cadent	Status
3.7.1	Site Investigations such as ground penetrating radar and slit trench surveys are to be carried out to establish precise location of Cadent's apparatus after the DCO application submission (pre-consent).	UNDER DISCUSSION	UNDER DISCUSSION	UNDER DISCUSSION

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