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STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared and agreed by (1) Highways England Company Limited and (2) Sky.

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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 A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling ("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) Sky.
- 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 Sky is a British telecommunications company which provides television and broadband internet services, fixed line and mobile telephone services to consumers and businesses in the United Kingdom.

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 Sky, 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 Sky.

1.4 Record of Engagement

1.4.1 A summary of the meetings and correspondence that has taken place between Highways England and Sky in relation to the Application is outlined in Table 1.1.

Table 1.1: Record of engagement

| Date | Form of correspondence | Key topics discussed and key outcomes (the topics should align with the issues tables) |
|----------|------------------------|---|
| 15/12/15 | Records search | Highways England's agent (Mott Macdonald-Sweco) search of Sky's plant records to determine presence of Sky's plant within the scheme area. |
| 29/02/16 | Letter | Highways England's agent (Mott Macdonald-Sweco) request budget estimate for diversionary or protection works to Openreach's plant. |
| 31/03/16 | Letter | Sky provision of budget estimate for diversionary works. |
| 27/02/17 | Meeting | General project update |
| 07/09/17 | Meeting | To discuss preliminary design and request Sky's assistance in the provision of preliminary layouts for input to the Development Consent Order (DCO) application. |
| 20/11/18 | Telecon | Initial call by Highways England's agent (Mott Macdonald-Sweco) to Sky outlining the requirement for a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG). |
| 22/11/18 | Email | Detailed email from Highways England's agent (Mott Macdonald-Sweco) outlining the status of the scheme, key elements of the DCO application, and requesting input to a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG). |
| 05/03/19 | Telecon | Discussion regarding ongoing preparation of SoCG. |
| 05/03/19 | Email | Sky provision of input to SoCG. |

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

2. Issues

| Topic | Sub-section | Sky comment | Highways England response | Status |
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| General | General | Sky have not undertaken a thorough review of the draft Development Consent Order and reserve the right to make further comments following the submission of this draft Statement of Common Ground once our review is completed. | Noted | UNDER DISCUSSION |
| General | General | It is felt that the documentation provided is somewhat excessive and should be condensed to a much smaller document outlining the basic proposals. | Highways England are applying for a Development Consent Order to construct the dualling of the A303 between Sparkford and Ilchester. The documentation provided is therefore relevant to that scheme and everything that is required to deliver it. The documentation is consistent with the requirements of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009. | UNDER DISCUSSION |
| General | General | We will require an outline Method Statement of your proposals. | Agreed. Highways England will appoint a main works contractor in 2019 and this contractor will prepare all necessary method statements prior to commencement of each relevant work activity. | UNDER DISCUSSION |
| General | General | We will require an outline programme of works. | Agreed. Highways England will appoint a main works contractor in 2019 and this contractor will | UNDER DISCUSSION |

| Topic | Sub-section | Sky comment | Highways England response | Status |
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| | | | prepare a programme of works prior to commencement on site. | |
| General | General | All documentation should be relevant to Sky and no other party. | Highways England are applying for a Development Consent Order to construct the dualling of the A303 between Sparkford and Ilchester. The documentation provided is therefore relevant to that scheme and everything that is required to deliver it. The documentation is consistent with the requirements of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009. | <i>UNDER DISCUSSION</i> |

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