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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of this Document

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Commonality for Statements of Common Ground (“this Statement”) relates to an application made by National Highways (“the Applicant”) to the Planning Inspectorate (“PINS”) under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (“PA 2008”) for a Development Consent Order (a “DCO”). If made the DCO would grant consent for the Applicant to undertake the A47 Wansford to Sutton Scheme (“the Scheme”). A detailed description of the Scheme can be found in the ES Chapter 2 The Proposed Scheme (**REP2-010**).
- 1.1.2 This Statement has been prepared to provide the Examining Authority (ExA) with the current position on Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) between National Highways and prescribed consultees, statutory undertakers and interested parties (“other parties”) in relation to the Scheme.
- 1.1.3 This Statement also provides a current position on the commonality on specific points raised in each of the SoCG at Examination Deadline 7 (20 May 2022).

2 STRUCTURE OF STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND

- 2.1.1 To ensure consistency in the approach taken to documenting matters agreed, matters subject to further negotiation or matters not agreed, each SoCG adopts a standard format in order to provide clarity to other parties and ultimately the ExA.
- 2.1.2 Each SoCG has the following structure:
- Section 1: provides an introduction to the SoCG and a description of its purpose.
 - Section 2: states the engagement that has occurred between the Applicant and the other Party.
 - Section 3: sets out any issues that have arisen, reporting on the status of each issue, i.e. whether it is agreed, still under discussion or not agreed, and any remaining actions.
 - Appendices which contain any relevant document not forming part of the application that are referenced in the SoCG (e.g. emails / meeting notes / data).

3 LIST OF STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND

- 3.1.1 The Applicant was requested by the Examining Authority (Annex B to the Rule 8 letter dated 18 January 2022) to provide final signed versions of SoCGs with a number of parties by Deadline 7 (20 May 2022).
- 3.1.2 The Applicant has been in discussions with those parties, and others, and further detail about the current position of each SoCG can be found at Chapter 4, Table 4-1 of this Statement. Discussions are continuing and as none of the SoCGs are currently final they have therefore not been submitted.

Table 3-1 : List of SoCGs

Stakeholder
Local Authorities
Peterborough City Council
Cambridgeshire County Council
Huntingdonshire County Council – <i>not required</i>
North Northamptonshire County Council – <i>not required</i>
Prescribed Consultees
Environment Agency
Natural England
Historic England
Parish Councils
Wansford Parish Council
Sutton Parish Council
Statutory Undertakers
Anglian Water Limited
Openreach Limited– <i>not required</i>
Vodafone – <i>not required</i>
EXA and Gigaclear – <i>not required</i>
MBNL (for EE & THREE mast sites) – <i>no SOCG anticipated</i>
CITL (for O2) - <i>no SOCG anticipated</i>
Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) Plc
National Grid (NGG) and National grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
Interested Parties
Riverford Organic Farmers
William Scott Abbott Trust
David Longfoot
Milton (Peterborough Estates) / Sir Philip Naylor Leyland Bt

4 SUMMARY OF CURRENT POSITION

4.1.1 This section provides the current position of each SoCG as at Deadline 7.

4.1.2 Table 4-1 provides a high-level summary position and where necessary includes further detail to aid the understanding of the ExA. The high-level summary headings used in the table are:

- **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.
- **SoCG in draft** – The SoCG has been drafted by the Applicant, it has been shared with the other party and comments have been provided. Discussion is ongoing to reach a 'Final Signed SoCG all matters agreed' or 'Final Signed SoCG with matters outstanding'.
- **SoCG under preparation** – The SoCG has been drafted by the Applicant but not yet shared with the other party. Discussion is ongoing to reach agreement. The SoCG will be provided at the earliest opportunity.

Table 4-1

	Party	Position at Deadline 3 1 Mar 2022	Position at Deadline 4 24 Mar 22	Position at Deadline 5 20 Apr 22	Position at Deadline 7 20 May 22	Position at Deadline 8 14 Jun 22	Position at Deadline 9 28 Jun 22	Position at Deadline 10 5 Jul 22	Position at Deadline 11 12 Jul 22
8.2	Peterborough City Council	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft				
8.3	Cambridgeshire County Council	Awaiting response from CCC	SoCG under preparation	SoCG under preparation	SoCG under preparation				
8.4	Huntingdonshire County Council	Discussions are continuing regarding the need for and content of a SoCG	SoCG not required						
	North Northamptonshire County Council	SoCG not required							
8.15	Wansford Parish Council		SoCG under preparation	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft				
8.16	Sutton Parish Council		SoCG under preparation	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft				
8.5	Environment Agency	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft				
8.6	Natural England	SoCG under preparation	SoCG under preparation	SoCG under preparation	SoCG under preparation				
8.7	Historic England	SoCG under preparation	SoCG under preparation	SoCG under preparation	SoCG under preparation				
8.8	Anglian Water Limited	SoCG under preparation	SoCG under preparation	SoCG under preparation	SoCG in draft				
	Openreach Limited	SoCG not required							
	Vodafone	SoCG not required							
	EXA and Gigaclear	SoCG not required							
	MBNL (for EE & THREE (Mast Sites))	No SoCG anticipated	No SoCG anticipated	No SoCG anticipated	SoCG not required				
	CITL (for O2)	No SoCG anticipated	No SoCG anticipated	No SoCG anticipated	SoCG not required				
8.9	Western Power (East Midlands) Plc	SoCG may be required	SoCG may be required	SoCG may be required	SoCG may be required				
8.10	National Grid (NGG) and National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)	Applicant is in discussions	Applicant is in discussions	SoCG may be required	No SoCG anticipated				
8.11	Riverford Organic Farmers	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft				
8.12	William Scott Abbott Trust	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft				
8.13	David Longfoot	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft				

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8.14	Milton (Peterborough Estates) / Sir Philip Naylor Leyland Bt	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft				

5 COMMONALITY

- 5.1.1 This section of the Statement provides a summary of principal issues covered in the SoCG and demonstrates where there is commonality in the topics or matters.
- 5.1.2 The table is presented in such a way to show topics covered within the various SoCG and how these are relevant to each other party and a position for each topic as follows:

	Matter agreed
	Matter subject to further discussion
	Matter not agreed

- 5.1.3 Where a matter is not relevant to the other party, it is not included within the SoCG and therefore not covered in Table 5-1 and shown as a blank.

6 POSITION AT DEADLINE 7

6.1 Introduction

6.1.1 This section provides a summary of the current position at Deadline 7 between the Applicant and each party.

6.2 Local Authorities

Peterborough City Council

6.2.1 The position of the SoCG with Peterborough City Council (PCC) at Deadline 7 is 'In draft'.

6.2.2 The draft SoCG has been developed between the Applicant and PCC. The draft reflects the issues identified by PCC in their Relevant Representation and has been reviewed following the submission of the Local Impact Report.

6.2.3 The following topics are agreed:

- Air quality
- Biodiversity
- Emissions during construction and operation (including noise and vibration)
- Minerals and waste
- Noise and vibration
- Socio economic effects

6.2.4 The following topics are yet to be fully agreed:

- Cultural heritage
- Landscape and visual effects
- Traffic and transport effects
- Water environment
- Draft DCO
- Design
- Maintenance

6.2.5 The Applicant is continuing to engage with PCC, through regular meetings to discuss the details of the outstanding matters.

6.2.6 The draft SoCG has been submitted at Deadline 7 for information.

Cambridgeshire City Council

6.2.7 A meeting has been held with Cambridgeshire County Council to discuss the contents of a SoCG.

6.2.8 A draft SoCG will be prepared between the parties.

6.2.9 Cambridgeshire County Council have indicated that the topics they wish the SoCG to cover are:

- Traffic and Transport
- Minerals and Waste
- Floods, Water and Environment
- Socio-economic effects

Huntingdonshire County Council

- 6.2.10 Huntingdonshire District Council have confirmed to the Planning Inspectorate that they will not be participating further in the examination process and will not be agreeing a Statement of Common Ground with the Applicant.

North Northamptonshire District Council

- 6.2.11 North Northamptonshire have confirmed that a SoCG is not required.

6.3 Parish Councils

Wansford Parish Council

- 6.3.1 A draft SoCG has been prepared and a further meeting has been held with the representative of the Parish Council to discuss its contents.
- 6.3.2 The SoCG is awaiting signatures but has been submitted at Deadline 7 for information. Once signed this will be the 'Final Signed SoCG with matters outstanding'.

Sutton Parish Council

- 6.3.3 A draft SoCG has been prepared and a further meeting has been held with the representative of the Parish Council to discuss its contents.
- 6.3.4 The SoCG is awaiting signature but has been submitted at Deadline 7 for information. Once signed this will be the 'Final Signed SoCG with matters outstanding'.

6.4 Prescribed Consultees

Environment Agency

- 6.4.1 The position of the SoCG with the Environment Agency (EA) at Deadline 7 is 'In draft'.
- 6.4.2 The Applicant and the Environment Agency have agreed that there are no matters to be included in the SoCG other than the Draft DCO. The SoCG does not therefore include all the topics requested by the Examining Authority in Annex B to the Rule 8 Letter.
- 6.4.3 The EA is seeking an additional Requirement to the draft DCO and the Applicant is continuing to engage with the EA to agree the wording. An additional requirement has been included in the dDCO (**REP5-007**) submitted at Deadline 5.
- 6.4.4 The draft SoCG has been submitted at Deadline 7 for information. Once signed this will be the 'Final Signed SoCG with matters outstanding'.

Natural England

- 6.4.5 The position of the SoCG with Natural England at Deadline 7 is 'Under preparation'.
- 6.4.6 The Applicant is developing the draft SoCG on matters raised in Natural England's Written Representation. Natural England has raised matters relating to the effects on Sutton Heath and Bog SSSI.

Historic England

- 6.4.7 The position of the SoCG with Historic England at Deadline 7 is 'Under preparation'.
- 6.4.8 The Applicant is developing the draft SoCG on matters raised in Historic England's Written Representation. Historic England has raised matters relating to the Scheduled Monument, the Old Wansford Railway Station and the Requirements within the draft DCO (**REP5-007**).

6.5 Statutory Undertakers

Anglian Water Services Limited

- 6.5.1 The position of the SoCG with Anglian Water at Deadline 7 is 'Under preparation'. A SoCG setting out the matters at issue will be submitted before the close of the Examination.
- 6.5.2 Bespoke protective provisions (PPs) are largely agreed between the parties, however there are three points of principle between the parties and these areas are not expected to be agreed by the close of the Examination. The Applicant will include its preferred form of PPs at the next appropriate deadline.
- 6.5.3 There is no update on this position at Deadline 7.

Openreach Limited

- 6.5.4 Openreach have agreed that Schedule 9, Part 2 of the draft DCO provides adequate protections and it does not intend to take part in the Examination. No SOCG is needed.

Vodafone

- 6.5.5 Vodafone has agreed that Schedule 9, Part 2 of the draft DCO provides adequate protections and it do not intend to take part in the Examination. No SOCG is needed.

EXA and Gigaclear

- 6.5.6 EXA and Gigaclear have agreed that Schedule 9, Part 2 of the draft DCO provides adequate protections and they do not intend to take part in the Examination. No SOCG is needed.

MBNL (for EE & Three (Mast Sites))

- 6.5.7 MBNL has not made relevant representations in respect of the application, and can rely on the standard protections in Part 2 of Schedule 9 of the draft DCO. The Applicant has sought contact with MBNL's Agents in relation to access arrangements only. No SOCG is needed

CTIL (for O2)

- 6.5.8 CTIL has not made relevant representations in respect of the application, and can rely on the standard protections in Part 2 of Schedule 9 of the draft DCO. The Applicant has sought contact with CTIL's Agents in relation to access arrangements only. No SOCG is needed

[Western Power Distribution \(East Midlands\) Plc](#)

- 6.5.9 The Applicant is discussing the need for bespoke protective provisions. If required a SoCG will be submitted at a future deadline. A Relevant Representation has been submitted by Western Power. There is no update on this position at Deadline 7.

[National Grid Gas \(NGG\) and National Grid Electricity Transmission \(NGET\)](#)

- 6.5.10 A side agreement and PPs are currently being negotiated. These are in a standard agreed form. Agreement is expected before the end of the Examination. There is no update on this position at Deadline 7

6.6 Interested Parties

[Riverford Organic Farmers](#)

- 6.6.1 The position of the SoCG with Riverford Organic Farmers at Deadline 7 is 'In draft'.
- 6.6.2 The Applicant is working towards agreement on all matters. The principle matter for Riverford Organic Farmers is the access onto the A1 along with confirmation that the Sacrewell Farm underpass is suitable for agricultural vehicles.
- 6.6.3 The SoCG is awaiting signature and has been submitted at Deadline 7. for information. Once signed this will be the 'Final Signed SoCG with matters outstanding'.

[William Scott Abbott Trust](#)

- 6.6.4 The position of the SoCG with the William Scott Abbott Trust at Deadline 7 is 'In draft'.
- 6.6.5 The Applicant is working towards agreement on matters where possible. The principal matter for the Trust is antisocial behaviour and on this matter there is unlikely to be agreement. Other outstanding matters are in regard to when works can begin, noise mitigation, land purchase and drainage severance.
- 6.6.6 The SoCG is awaiting signature and has been submitted at Deadline 7 for information. Once signed this will be the 'Final Signed SoCG with matters outstanding'.

[David Longfoot](#)

- 6.6.7 The position of the SoCG with Mr David Longfoot at Deadline 7 is 'In draft'.
- 6.6.8 The Applicant has agreed some matters with Mr Longfoot. The outstanding matters are unlikely to be agreed. The principal matters for Mr Longfoot are the access to Upton and mitigation for antisocial behaviour mitigation.
- 6.6.9 The SoCG is awaiting signature and has been submitted at Deadline 7 for information. Once signed this will be the 'Final Signed SoCG with matters outstanding'.

Milton (Peterborough Estates) / Sir Philip Naylor Leyland Bt

The position of the SoCG with Milton (Peterborough Estates) / Sir Philip Naylor Leyland Bt at Deadline 7 is 'In draft'.

- 6.6.10 The Applicant has agreed some matters with Milton Estates. The outstanding matters are unlikely to be agreed with the principal matters regarding the adequacy of consultation and access to Upton.
- 6.6.11 The SoCG is awaiting signature and has been submitted at Deadline 7 for information. Once signed this will be the 'Final Signed SoCG with matters outstanding'.