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Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening scheme

Deadline 7

This cover letter has been prepared by the Applicant to accompany the Applicant's submission to the Planning Inspectorate for Deadline 7 of the Examination for the A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening scheme. This is in accordance with the requirements set out by the Examining Authority in the written questions and requests for information and/or clarification made at the Hearings conducted during the week of 26th June 2023.

In accordance with the ExA Rule 6 Letter [PD-005], the Applicant has provided final Statement of Common Grounds (SoCG). The Applicant is unable to provide the following final SoCG's for the reasons outlined below:

- TR010060/EXAM/8.3 – Historic England – The Applicant and Interested Party held a meeting on the 29 June where several items were moved from 'under discussion' to agreed/not agreed. To allow time for parties to review the new information, the Applicant is unable to provide a final signed SoCG for Deadline 7 and proposes to submit a final signed SoCG on or before Deadline 8.
- TR010060/EXAM/8.7– Crown Estate – The Applicant is working closely with the Interested Party to secure s.135 under the Planning Act 2008 consent and agree Head of Terms (HoT) before the end of examination. The Applicant therefore

proposes to submit a final SoCG alongside the s.135 and HoT on or before Deadline 8.

- TR010060/EXAM/8.11 - Maldon District Council – A signed draft has been provided with Deadline 7. Maldon District Council provided the Applicant with a letter titled Arboricultural concern at Blue Mills Nature Reserve [AS-114] on 29/06/2023. While the Applicant has responded to the letter at Deadline 7 in the Applicant’s comments on Information received at Deadline 6 [TR010060/EXAM/9.72], the council needs to consider the response prior to being able to provide a definitive position for the SOCG. As such, the Applicant has agreed with the council to provide the final SoCG on or before Deadline 8.

In addition, the Applicant is unable to submit the following documents at Deadline 7 and will provide them on or before Deadline 8:

- TR010060/APP/3.1 - Validated Draft DCO Deadline 7 Report
- TR010060/EXAM/9.74 – Closing Statement

You will find with this letter:

Document Reference	Document Title	Revision
Volume 2. Plans, Drawings and Sections 2.1 APP-004 Location Plan		
TR010060/APP/2.3.1	Traffic Regulation Measures - Speed limits	3
TR010060/APP/2.7	Land Plans	5
TR010060/APP/2.8	Crown Plans	4
Volume 3. Draft Development Consent Order		
TR010060/APP/3.1	Draft DCO (clean)	8
TR010060/APP/3.1	Draft DCO (tracked)	n/a
TR010060/APP/3.2	Explanatory Memorandum (clean)	8
TR010060/APP/3.2	Explanatory Memorandum (tracked)	n/a
Volume 4. Compulsory Acquisition Information		
TR010060/APP/4.1	Statement of Reasons (clean)	5

Document Reference	Document Title	Revision
TR010060/APP/4.1	Statement of Reasons (tracked)	n/a
TR010060/APP/4.3	Book of Reference	5
Volume 6. Environmental Impact Assessment Information		
TR010060/APP/6.3	Appendix 7.10 - Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (Clean)	2
TR010060/APP/6.3	Appendix 7.10 - Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (Tracked)	n/a
TR010060/APP/6.3	Appendix 9.16 - Draft EPS Licences - Bats	2
TR010060/APP/6.5	Appendix A: Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC) (Clean)	4
TR010060/APP/6.5	Appendix A: Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC) (Tracked)	n/a
Volume 7. Additional Documents		
TR010060/APP/7.10	Design Principles (Clean)	5
TR010060/APP/7.10	Design Principles (Tracked)	n/a
Volume 8. Statements of Common Ground		
TR010060/EXAM/8.1	Final Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Natural England	4
TR010060/EXAM/8.2	Final Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Environment Agency	4
TR010060/EXAM/8.4	Final Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Essex Waterways Limited	4
TR010060/EXAM/8.5	Final Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Network Rail	4
TR010060/EXAM/8.8	Final Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Brice Aggregates Limited	4
TR010060/EXAM/8.9	Final Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Colchester City Council	4
TR010060/EXAM/8.10	Final Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Chelmsford City Council	4
TR010060/EXAM/8.11	Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Maldon District Council	4
TR010060/EXAM/8.12	Final Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Essex County Council	4
TR010060/EXAM/8.13	Final Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Cadent Gas	4
TR010060/EXAM/8.14	Final Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Braintree District Council	4
TR010060/EXAM/8.15	Final Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Boreham Town Council	3
TR010060/EXAM/8.16	Final Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Witham Parish Council	3

Document Reference	Document Title	Revision
TR010060/EXAM/8.17	Statement of Commonality Deadline 7	1
TR010060/EXAM/8.18	Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Anglian Water	4
TR010060/EXAM/8.19	Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Hatfield Peveler	3
TR010060/EXAM/8.20	Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Essex Police	3
TR010060/EXAM/8.21	Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - NFU	3
TR010060/EXAM/8.22	List of matters not agreed where SoCG could not be finalised	1
Volume 9. Additional Submissions		
TR010060/EXAM/9.6	Application Document Tracker	5
TR010060/EXAM/9.8	Final status of negotiations CA schedule	5
TR010060/EXAM/9.9	Final status of negotiations with Statutory Undertakers (clean)	4
TR010060/EXAM/9.9	Final status of negotiations with Statutory Undertakers (tracked)	n/a
TR010060/EXAM/9.40	Schedule of Changes to draft DCO	5
TR010060/EXAM/9.44	Schedule of changes to BOR at Deadline 7	4
TR010060/EXAM/9.45	Updated Annex A - Statement of Reasons (clean)	4
TR010060/EXAM/9.45	Updated Annex A - Statement of Reasons (tracked)	n/a
TR010060/EXAM/9.70	Applicant's Response to ISH5	1
TR010060/EXAM/9.71	Applicant's Response to CAH3	1
TR010060/EXAM/9.72	Applicant's Comments on information received at Deadline 6	1
TR010060/EXAM/9.73	Applicant's Comments on Others' Responses to ExQ3	1
TR010060/EXAM/9.75	Scheduled Monument Maps	1

In terms of those documents submitted in Volume 8. Statement of Common Ground, which the Applicant considers require further explanation, these are explained below:

- TR010060/EXAM/8.1 – Natural England - There is some confidence that an agreed position can be reached on the 'under discussion' matters soon. Should

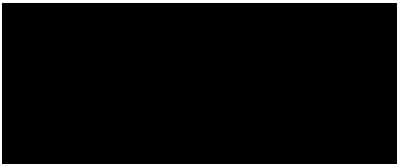
these matters be agreed in advance of Deadline 8 the Applicant will submit a revised final signed SoCG at Deadline 8.

- TR010060/EXAM/8.13 - Cadent Gas – A 'Draft' watermark was retained in error prior to the Interested Party providing a wet signature. The Applicant confirms this revision is the final draft.

In terms of those documents submitted in Volume 9. Additional Submissions, which the Applicant considers require further explanation, these are explained below:

- TR010060/EXAM/9.8 – Final status of negotiations CA schedule – Provides the final status of negotiations with affected Interested Party's using a RAG status.
- TR010060/EXAM/9.75 - Scheduled Monument Maps – Historic England requested to have copies of maps of the two scheduled monuments of interest to show their location in the context of the proposed scheme at a reasonable scale.

Yours sincerely,



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