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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

This Statement of Common Ground (this “SoCG”) has been prepared in respect of the A46 Newark Bypass (the “Scheme”) as part of the application made by National Highways (the “Applicant”) to the Secretary of State for Transport, via the Planning Inspectorate (the “Inspectorate”) for a development consent order (DCO) under section 37 of the Planning Act (the “2008 Act”). A detailed description of the Scheme can be found in Chapter 2 The Scheme of the Environmental Statement. [APP-046].

- 1.1.1 This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere with the application documents. All application documents will be made available on the Planning Inspectorate website.
- 1.1.2 This 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 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 between 1) National Highways as the Applicant and 2) Lincolnshire County Council.
- 1.2.2 National Highways (previously known as 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 National Highways made provision for all legal rights and obligations, including in respect of the application, to be conferred upon or assumed by National Highways.
- 1.2.3 Lincolnshire County Council are an “interested party” under the Planning Act 2008 in relation to the Scheme and is the neighbouring County Council.

1.3 Terminology

- 1.3.1 Within the table in [Section 3](#), Issues of this SoCG, the terminology is as follows:
- “Agreed” indicates area(s) of agreement
 - “Under Discussion” indicates area(s) of current disagreement where resolution remains possible, and where parties continue discussing the issue(s) to determine whether they can reach agreement by the end of the examination; and
 - “Not Agreed” indicates a final position for area(s) of disagreement where the resolution of the divergent positions will not be possible, and parties agree on this point.
- 1.3.2 It can be assumed that any matters not specifically referred to in Section 3, Issues of this SoCG are not of material interest or relevant to Lincolnshire County Council and therefore have not been 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 Lincolnshire County Council.

2 Record of Engagement

2.1.1 A summary of the meetings and correspondence that has taken place between NH and LCC in relation to the application is outlined in **Table 2.1.1** below.

Table 2.1.1 Record of Engagement

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed and key outcomes
26/09/2024	Online Meeting with Lincolnshire County Council and the Applicant	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. High-level updates North Hykeham Relief Road / the Scheme2. Relevant Representation3. Statement of Common Ground proposal

2.1.2 It is agreed that this is an accurate record of key meetings and other forms of consultation and engagement undertaken between National Highways and Lincolnshire County Council in relation to issues addressed in this SoCG.

3 Issues

3.1 Issues agreed, not agreed or under discussion

3.1.1 Table 3.1.1 below details the issues which have been agreed, not agreed or are under discussion between 1) National Highways and 2) Lincolnshire County Council

Table 3.1.1 - Issues

Issue No.	Issue	Document Reference	Lincolnshire County Council's Position	The Applicant's Position	Status	Date status confirmed
1.	Need for the Scheme	Case for the Scheme [APP-190-	Lincolnshire County Council supports the Scheme and recognises its economic importance for Lincolnshire. The A46 is an important corridor for the transit and trade through the Midlands connecting Lincoln to the free ports and the coast. The Scheme, as submitted, will improve a long-standing safety issue for the residents of Lincolnshire as they access the A1 and Grantham.	The Applicant acknowledges Lincolnshire County Council's support for the Scheme and that it will continue to liaise with them as the Scheme develops	Agreed	02/10/2024
2.	Highways & Transportation	Outline Traffic Management Plan [APP-196]	Lincolnshire County Council as the Highway Authority has reviewed the Outline Traffic Management Plan [APP-196] and has the following comments to make: It is not considered that there will be any unacceptable impact on Lincolnshire's highway network either during construction or after completion of the Scheme. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction traffic would be kept primarily to the Strategic Road Network and so by the time any traffic reaches Lincolnshire, it would have dispersed and any impact would be acceptable. 	The Applicant acknowledges that there will be no unacceptable impact on Lincolnshire County Council's highway network. The Applicant will continue to liaise with Lincolnshire County Council and keep them updated as the Scheme progresses	Agreed	02/10/2024
3.	Highways & Transportation	Outline Traffic Management Plan [APP-196] draft DCO [APP-021]	The Scheme is programmed to coincide with that of the North Hykeham Relief Road led by Lincolnshire County Council. Whilst the 'zones of influence' for the two schemes do not overlap, significant civil engineering schemes at both ends of the A46 between Newark and Lincoln will need careful coordination and management to avoid short-term economic disruption, and to maximise any positive construction synergies. Lincolnshire County Council welcomes the opportunity to attend monthly traffic management workshops in order to liaise further with the Applicant in relation to road space bookings and road closures/diversions. This will be particularly important when Lincolnshire County Council contractor for the North Hykeham scheme is undertaking works to the Hykeham roundabout. Lincolnshire County Council also welcomes the chance to be consulted on the Traffic Management Plan which is to be approved under Schedule 2 Requirement 11 of the draft DCO [APP-021].	The Applicant continues to be in dialogue with the North Hykeham project team at Lincolnshire County Council to ensure both projects are cognisant of each parties' programmes. The Applicant is happy to attend monthly traffic management workshops which could be co-ordinated with both Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire to ensure both schemes have network co-ordination to minimise disruption to the user.	Agreed	02/10/2024
4.	Historic Environment (Archaeology)		Lincolnshire County Council provides support to several districts within Nottinghamshire in relation to archaeology. Any comments/views on this matter will be included in the representations made by Newark and Sherwood District Council. LCC has not raised, nor is it intending to raise any concerns regarding Historic Environment (Archaeology), as the project is currently presented. LCC does however reserve the right to review that position should the proposed project change and/or alter.	The Applicant acknowledges Lincolnshire County Council's position.	Agreed	02/10/2024
5.	Cumulative Impacts Highways and Transportation	Chapter 15 Combined and Cumulative Effects of the Environmental Statement [APP-059]	Whilst there are no consented NSIP projects in the immediate vicinity of the Scheme, there are a number of solar projects proposed towards the western boundary of Lincolnshire which cumulatively could put pressure on the highways network during construction. This may also have a significant impact on the amenity of communities located along the A46 between Newark and Lincoln. These include the Fosse Green Energy project at Witham St Hughs, and the Great North Road Solar Park (already identified within Chapter 15 Combined and Cumulative Effects of the Environmental Statement [APP-059]). Lincolnshire County Council will therefore make further comments on the	The Applicant can confirm the upcoming developments are being monitored and the uncertainty log and cumulative assessment will continue to be reviewed in relation to any new developments throughout the Examination.	Agreed	02/10/2024

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			<p>potential cumulative impacts of the development with other NSIP proposals at later stages of the examination process.</p> <p>Lincolnshire County Council also advises that the table of existing developments and/or approved developments included within Chapter 15 Combine and Cumulative Effects of the Environmental Statement [APP-059] is kept under regular review as the Scheme progresses in order to identify any new developments that come forward which may have a cumulative impact.</p>			
6.	draft DCO	draft DCO [APP-021]	<p>At this stage, Lincolnshire County Council reserves its position on the relevant parts of the draft DCO [APP-021], including the proposed requirements which are likely to need amending, or added to as the examination progresses. Lincolnshire County Council will review the draft DCO [APP-021] to ensure that Lincolnshire County Council's role is sufficiently recognised as the adjacent Local Highway Authority in relation to any traffic regulation measures.</p>	The Applicant notes this position	Agreed	02/10/2024