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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 Secretary of State for Transport, via the Planning Inspectorate (the “Inspectorate”) under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the “2008 Act”) for a Development Consent Order (DCO). If made, the DCO would grant consent for the A46 Newark Bypass (the “Scheme”). A detailed description of the Scheme can be found in Chapter 2, The Scheme of the Environmental Statement [APP-046].
- 1.1.2 This Statement has been prepared to provide the Examining Authority (ExA) with the current position on Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) between National Highways and prescribed 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 between SoCG at Examination Deadline 1 – 22 October 2024. Further updates will be provided at:
- Deadline 2 12/11/2024
 - Deadline 4 13/12/2024
 - Deadline 5 04/02/2025
 - Deadline 6 25/02/2025
 - Deadline 8 03/04/2025

2 Structure of Statements of Common Ground

2.1 Consistent approach

2.2 To ensure consistency in approach taken to documenting matters agreed, matters subject to further negotiation or matters not agreed; each of the SoCG adopts a standard format in order to provide clarity to other parties and ultimately the ExA.

2.3 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 the issues which have arisen, reporting on the status of each issue, for example, whether it is agreed, is still under discussion or not agreed, and remaining actions.

3 Statements of Common Ground requested by the ExA which will not be submitted

3.1 Canal and River Trust – Position Statement

While both parties have been working constructively together to agree as many points as possible they have not been able to agree the wording of an initial Statement of Common Ground. This should not be considered a reflection on the progress being made between the parties or the prospects of coming to agreement on as many matters as possible. The parties are actively working together to finalise the drafting and will submit an agreed initial SoCG at Deadline 2. The parties are also working very closely together to finalise the terms of the Protective Provisions to be included in the draft Development Consent Order [APP-021].

4 Commonality

4.1 Commonality of Issues across the SoCGs

4.1.1 This section of the Statement provides a summary of principal issues covered in the SoCG and demonstrates where there is commonality in the Issues.

| | Draft DCO | Other consents & Licences | Biodiversity Net Gain | Landscape and Visual | Cultural Heritage | Biodiversity (Including Aborigiculture) | Traffic and Transportation | Air Quality | Population and Helath | Material assets and Waste | Compulsory Acquisition | PRoW | Airspace | Construction Impacts | Population and Human Health | Flood |
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| 7.20 Environment Agency | | Under Discussion | Agreed | | | Under Discussion | | | | Under Discussion | | | | | | Under Discussion |
| 7.21 Historic England | Agreed | | | Agreed | Agreed | | Agreed | | | | | | | Agreed | | Agreed |
| 7.22 Lincolnshire County Council | Agreed | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7.23 Lindum | | | | | | | | | | | | Under Discussion | | | | |
| 7.24 Newark A46 Active Travel Partnership | | | | | | | | | | | | Not Agreed | | | | |
| 7.26 Natural England | | | Agreed | Agreed | | | | Agreed | | | | | | | | |
| 7.27 Network Rail | | Agreed | | | | | | | | | | | Agreed | | | |
| 7.28 Newark & Sherwood District Council | | | Under Discussion | Under Discussion | Under Discussion | Under Discussion | Under Discussion | Under Discussion | Under Discussion | | | | | | | Under Discussion |
| 7.25 Nottinghamshire County Council | | | | | Under Discussion | | Under Discussion | | | Under Discussion | | Under Discussion | | | | Under Discussion |
| 7.29 Newark & Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society | | | | | | | | | | | | Under Discussion | | | | |
| 7.30 Think Again Winthopre Action Group | | | Under Discussion | Under Discussion | Under Discussion | Under Discussion | Under Discussion | Under Discussion | Under Discussion | | | Under Discussion | | Agreed | Under Discussion | Under Discussion |
| 7.31 Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board | | Under Discussion | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Agreed

Under Discussion

Not Agreed

No Position in SoCG