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1 STATUS OF STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND AT DEADLINE 7

1.1 Summary of current position

1.1.1 Table 1.1 provides a summary of the current position of each Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) at Deadline 7.

Table 1.1: Current position of SoCGs

Document reference	Interested Party	Status at Deadline 6 (8 December)	Status at Deadline 7 (9 January)
Host local authorities			
REP6-027	Luton Borough Council (LBC)	SoCG submitted at Deadline 6. SoCG addressed comments raised by the Interested Party.	<p>The Applicant has continued to engage with LBC to progress matters in the SoCG via both email and through meetings. Meetings have been held to discuss the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surface access – 8 December 2023 • Water resources – 18 December 2023 • Design – 12 December 2023 • Green Controlled Growth – 14 December 2023 • Soils and geology – 9 January 2024 <p>Meetings have been arranged to discuss the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Controlled Growth – 10 January 2024 • SoCG all-topic roundtable – 11 January 2024 • Noise – 12 January 2024 • Surface access – 11 January and 12 January 2024 <p>Engagement with LBC via email on the following topics has been ongoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air quality • Landscape and visual impacts • Local communities <p>Currently, 82% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed or not agreed, with the remainder under discussion. Of those resolved, 80% of the matters have been agreed. The more complex topics, such as Green Controlled Growth and surface access, still demand ongoing attention and represent most of the outstanding issues.</p>
REP6-029	Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC)	SoCG submitted at Deadline 6. SoCG addressed comments raised by the Interested Party.	<p>The Applicant has continued to engage with CBC to progress matters in the SoCG via both email and through meetings. Meetings have been held to discuss the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Controlled Growth – 14 December 2023 • Air quality – 3 January 2024 • SoCG all-topic roundtable – 5 January 2024 <p>Meetings have been arranged to discuss the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Controlled Growth – 10 January 2024 • SoCG all-topic roundtable – 11 January 2024 • Noise – 12 January 2024 • Surface access – 11 and 15 January <p>Engagement with CBC via email on the following topics has been ongoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Landscape • Local communities

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Heritage <p>Currently, 59% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed or not agreed, with the remainder under discussion. The more complex topics, such as Green Controlled Growth, cultural heritage and surface access, still demand ongoing attention and represent most of the outstanding issues.</p>
REP6-031	Hertfordshire County Council (HCC)	SoCG submitted at Deadline 6. SoCG addressed comments raised by the Interested Party.	<p>The Applicant has continued to engage with HCC to progress matters in the SoCG via both email and through meetings. Meetings have been held to discuss the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surface access – 8 December 2023 • Green Controlled Growth – 14 December 2023 • Landscape and visual impacts – 5 January 2024 • Air quality – 8 January 2024 <p>Meetings have been arranged to discuss the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Controlled Growth – 10 January 2024 • SoCG all-topic roundtable – 11 January 2024 • Noise – 12 January 2024 • Surface access – 11 and 16 January 2024 <p>Engagement with HCC via email on the following topics has been ongoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Local communities <p>Currently, 69% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed or not agreed, with the remainder under discussion. The more complex topics, such as Green Controlled Growth and</p>

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			<p>surface access, still demand ongoing attention and represent most of the outstanding issues.</p> <p>HCC has raised no issues to date related to soils and geology and waste and resources. Therefore, no engagement has taken place for these topics.</p>
REP6-033	North Hertfordshire District Council (NHDC)	SoCG submitted at Deadline 6. SoCG addressed comments raised by the Interested Party.	<p>The Applicant has continued to engage with NHDC to progress matters in the SoCG via both email and through meetings. Meetings have been held to discuss the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surface access – 8 December 2023 • Green Controlled Growth – 14 December 2023 • Landscape and Visual impacts – 5 January 2024 • Air quality – 8 January 2024 <p>Meetings have been arranged to discuss the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Controlled Growth – 10 January 2024 • SoCG all-topic roundtable – 11 January 2024 • Noise – 12 January 2024 • Surface access – 11 and 16 January 2024 <p>Engagement with NHDC via email on the following topics has been ongoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Local communities <p>Currently, 61% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed or not agreed, with the remainder under discussion. The more complex topics, such as Green Controlled Growth and</p>

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			<p>surface access, still demand ongoing attention and represent most of the outstanding issues.</p> <p>NHDC has raised no issues to date related to soils and geology, cultural heritage, and waste and resources. Therefore, no engagement has taken place for these topics.</p>
REP6-035	Dacorum Borough Council (DBC)	SoCG submitted at Deadline 6. SoCG addressed comments raised by the Interested Party.	<p>The Applicant has continued to engage with DBC to progress matters in the SoCG via both email and through meetings. Meetings have been held/arranged to discuss the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surface access – 8 December 2023 • Green Controlled Growth – 14 December 2023 • Landscape and visual impacts – 5 January 2024 • Air quality – 8 January 2024 <p>Meetings have been arranged to discuss the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Controlled Growth – 10 January 2024 • SoCG all-topic roundtable – 11 January 2024 • Noise – 12 January 2024 • Surface access – 11 and 16 January 2024 <p>Engagement with DBC via email on the following topics has been ongoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Local communities <p>Currently, 67% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed or not agreed, with the remainder under discussion. The more complex topics, such as Green Controlled Growth and</p>

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			<p>surface access, still demand ongoing attention and represent most of the outstanding issues.</p> <p>DBC has raised no issues to date related to soils and geology, cultural heritage, and waste and resources. Therefore, no engagement has taken place for these topics.</p>
Neighbouring local authorities			
REP6-037	Buckinghamshire Council	SoCG submitted at Deadline 6. SoCG addressed comments raised by the Interested Party.	<p>The Applicant is continuing to engage with Buckinghamshire Council to discuss the ongoing matters in the SoCG. A meeting was held with the Council’s transport officer on 12 December 2023 to progress surface access matters, with a further meeting due to take place on 15 January 2024 to discuss the surface access related documents submitted at Deadline 7.</p> <p>The Applicant is also in the process of arranging meetings to discuss the outstanding landscape, health and community, draft DCO and economics matters with the Council.</p> <p>Currently, 61% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed or not agreed, with the remainder under discussion. Most outstanding issues are related to surface access and the draft DCO, and will be discussed and progressed following the Applicant’s submission of further information and updates at Deadline 7.</p>
Prescribed consultees			
REP6-013	Historic England (HE)	All but one matter in the SoCG are agreed, with one not	N/A

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		agreed. The SoCG has been signed by Historic England and the Applicant and was submitted at Deadline 6.	
REP6-049	Natural England (NE)	SoCG submitted at Deadline 6. SoCG addressed comments raised by the Interested Party.	<p>The Applicant has been engaging with NE via email to agree wording related to the remaining Biodiversity Net Gain matters and agreement has now been reached on this wording. The relevant matters will be updated ahead of Deadline 9.</p> <p>The Applicant is continuing to engage with NE on the remaining landscape and visual impacts matters via email and will meet with NE ahead of Deadline 9 if required.</p> <p>Currently 94% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed, with the remainder under discussion.</p>
REP6-017	Environment Agency (EA)	SoCG submitted at Deadline 6. SoCG addressed comments raised by the Interested Party.	<p>A meeting was held on Friday 5 January 2024 to discuss and progress matters in the SoCG. Three Matters have been agreed, with a remaining fourteen ongoing items.</p> <p>The Applicant is looking to address the remaining matters through documents the EA are currently reviewing as well as updates to the Design Principles document [TR020001/APP/7.09] at Deadline 7 and will continue to engage with the EA ahead of Deadline 9.</p> <p>Currently 74% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed, with the remainder under discussion.</p>

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REP6-043	NATS (En Route) PLC (NATS NERL)	SoCG submitted at Deadline 6. Some wording in the SoCG was updated, all matters remained agreed.	The Applicant has reached out to NATS NERL via email on 24 November 2023 and 8 January 2024 to try and progress the signing of the SoCG ahead of Deadline 9. NATS NERL are yet to respond.
REP2-016	NATS (Services) Limited (NATS NSL)	All matters were agreed at Deadline 2 and there have been no further updates to the SoCG. Therefore, the SoCG was not submitted at Deadline 6.	The Applicant has reached out to NATS NSL via email on 24 November 2023 and 8 January 2024 to try and progress the signing of the SoCG ahead of Deadline 9. NATS NSL are yet to respond.
REP2-017	Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)	SoCG submitted at Deadline 6. SoCG addressed comments raised by the Interested Party.	The Applicant has reached out to the CAA via email on 8 January 2024 to try and progress the signing of the SoCG ahead of Deadline 9, the CAA are yet to respond.
REP2-019	UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and Office for Health Improvement Disparities (OHID)	SoCG submitted at Deadline 6. SoCG addressed comments raised by the Interested Party.	<p>Five matters have been agreed via email with UKHSA and OHID on 14 December 2023.</p> <p>The Applicant met with UKHSA and OHID on 18 December 2023 to discuss action point 20 from ISH8 and the associated SoCG matter related to ongoing health monitoring. Despite further discussion the parties' respective positions remained unchanged. and agreed to 'not agree' on this matter. Position papers confirming the respective parties' positions were submitted at Deadline 7 (see the Applicant's Response to Issue Specific Hearing 8 Action 20: Position Statement on Health Monitoring [TR020001/APP/8.168]).</p>

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			<p>Currently 94% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed or not agreed, with the remainder under discussion.</p>
<p>REP6-023</p>	<p>National Highways (NH)</p>	<p>SoCG submitted at Deadline 6. SoCG addressed comments raised by the Interested Party.</p>	<p>Meetings have been held on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 December 2023 to discuss progress ahead of Deadline 7; and • 8 January 2024 to discuss updates to the Rule 9 modelling. <p>Meetings have been arranged to discuss the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 January 2024 to discuss any outstanding comments on the Applicant’s response to Issue Specific Hearing 7, Action 2 - Accounting for Covid-19 in Transport Modelling Final Report [AS-159]; and • 15 January 2024 to discuss progress ahead of Deadline 9. <p>Currently 75% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed, with the remainder under discussion.</p> <p>The Applicant is looking to address the majority of the remaining matters through updates to the following documents at Deadline 7 and will continue to engage with NH ahead of Deadline 9:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant's Response to November Hearing Actions (CAH2 and ISH7-10) [TR020001/APP/8.165] • Covid 19 Traffic Modelling - Environmental Appraisal [TR020001/APP/8.172] • Draft Section 106 Agreement [TR020001/APP/8.167]. • Applicant’s Response to Deadline 6 Submissions [TR020001/APP/8.163]

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant's Response to Written Questions Arising from Hearings [TR020001/APP/8.146] • Outline Transport Related Impacts Monitoring and Mitigation Approach (TRIMMA) [TR020001/APP/8.97] • Sustainable Transport Fund [TR020001/APP/8.119].
REP6-039	East of England Ambulance Service (EEAST)	SoCG submitted at Deadline 6. SoCG addressed comments raised by the Interested Party.	The Applicant continues to engage with EEAST, and a meeting has been scheduled for 10 January 2024 to discuss the remaining matters.
REP6-041	Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service (BFRS)	All matters were agreed at Deadline 6. The SoCG has been signed by BFRS and the Applicant and was submitted at Deadline 6.	N/A
REP6-012	Prax Downstream UK Limited (Prax)	All matters were agreed at Deadline 2. The SoCG has been signed by Prax and the Applicant and was submitted at Deadline 6.	N/A
REP6-015	Thames Water	SoCG submitted at Deadline 6. SoCG addressed comments raised by the Interested Party.	<p>The Applicant continues to engage with Thames Water to close out the remaining issues in the SoCG.</p> <p>Meetings have been held with Thames Water on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 December 2023 to discuss actions from Issue Specific Hearing 8, and to provide updates on modelling and from the Environment Agency; • 19 December 2023 to discuss the Design Principles; and

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 January 2024 to review and progress the matters in the SoCG <p>The Applicant is currently liaising with Thames Water to arrange a further meeting during the week commencing 8 January 2024 to continue to discuss matters in the SoCG.</p> <p>The Applicant is also having ongoing discussions with Thames Water regarding side agreements and Protective Provisions, and Thames Water are substantively content with the form of these.</p>
REP6-019	Affinity Water	SoCG submitted at Deadline 6. SoCG addressed comments raised by the Interested Party.	<p>The Applicant continues to engage with Affinity Water to close out the remaining issues in the SoCG.</p> <p>The Applicant met with Affinity Water on 18 December 2023 to discuss the Code of Construction Practice [REP4-011] and the ongoing matters in the SoCG. Following this meeting, Affinity Water provided further comments via email which were received on 4 January 2024.</p> <p>The Applicant is now liaising with Affinity Water to set up a meeting during the week commencing 15 January 2024 to continue to discuss matters in the SoCG.</p>
REP2-011	Cadent Gas (Cadent)	The SoCG was not submitted at Deadline 6 as engrossments for the side agreement and Protective Provisions had been issued to Cadent for approval and execution.	The Applicant continues to engage with Cadent to finalise the engrossments for the side agreement and Protective Provisions. Progress has been delayed by the festive break, but it is now expected that agreement will be reached shortly.

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Non-statutory consultees on airport site			
REP2-008	Bedfordshire Police	All matters were agreed at Deadline 2, and the SoCG was signed by Bedfordshire Police and the Applicant.	N/A
REP6-011	World Fuel Services (WFS)	All matters were agreed at Deadline 2. SoCG was signed by WFS and the Applicant and submitted at Deadline 6.	N/A