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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 8.

Table 1.1: Current position of SoCGs

Document reference	Interested Party	Status at Deadline 7 (9 January)	Status at Deadline 8 (23 January)
Host local a	uthorities		
REP6-027	Luton Borough Council (LBC)	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:	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:
		 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 	 Green Controlled Growth – 10 January 2024 SoCG all-topic roundtable – 11 January 2024 Water – 11 January 2024 Noise – 12 January 2024 Section 106 – 12 January 2024
		Meetings have been arranged to discuss the following topics: • Green Controlled Growth – 10 January 2024	 Surface access – 11 and 16 January 2024 Design – 16 January 2024
		 SoCG all-topic roundtable – 11 January 2024 Noise – 12 January 2024 	A meeting has been arranged for the week commencing 22 January to discuss the Deadline 8 submissions related to Need Case, to resolve the final outstanding matters for this topic.

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		 Surface access – 11 January 2024, the meeting arranged for 12 January was rescheduled for 16 January 2024 Engagement with LBC via email on the following topics has been ongoing: Planning Air quality Landscape and visual impacts Local communities 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. 	Engagement has also been ongoing via email to close out a number of outstanding matters within the SoCG. Currently, 87% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed or not agreed. The Applicant is awaiting a response from LBC on 5% of the matters, with the remaining 8% under discussion. The Applicant is awaiting confirmation from LBC regarding the final status of the following matters: • Air Quality • S106 • Green House Gas • Landscape and visual impacts • Local communities The following topics are not yet resolved but are in active discussion: • Need Case • Surface Access • Noise • Design • Green Controlled Growth

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REP6-029	Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC)	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: • Green Controlled Growth – 14 December	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: • Green Controlled Growth – 10 January
		 2023 Air quality – 3 January 2024 SoCG all-topic roundtable – 5 January 2024 	 2024 SoCG all-topic roundtable –11 January 2024 Noise – 12 January 2024 Section 106 – 12 January 2024
		Meetings have been arranged to discuss the following topics:	 Section 106 – 12 January 2024 Surface access – 11, 15 and 16 January 2024
		 Green Controlled Growth – 10 January 2024 SoCG all-topic roundtable –11 January 2024 Noise – 12 January 2024 Surface access – 11 and 15 January 	Meetings have been arranged for the week commencing 22 January to discuss the Deadline 8 submissions related to Need Case and surface access, to resolve the final outstanding matters for these topics.
		Engagement with CBC via email on the following topics has been ongoing:	Engagement has also been ongoing via email to close out a number of outstanding matters within the SoCG.
		PlanningLandscapeLocal communitiesCultural Heritage	Currently, 76% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed or not agreed. The Applicant is awaiting a response from CBC on 12% of matters with the remaining 12% of
		Currently, 59% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed or not agreed, with the remainder under discussion. The more complex	matters under discussion.

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		topics, such as Green Controlled Growth, cultural heritage and surface access, still demand ongoing attention and represent most of the outstanding issues.	The Applicant is awaiting confirmation from CBC regarding the final status of the following matters: • Landscape • Air Quality The following topics are not yet resolved but are in active discussion: • Need Case • Surface Access • Noise • Design • Green Controlled Growth
REP6-031	Hertfordshire County Council (HCC)	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: • Surface access – 8 December 2023 • Green Controlled Growth – 14 December 2023 • Landscape and visual impacts – 5 January 2024 • Air quality – 8 January 2024 Meetings have been arranged to discuss the following topics:	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: • Green Controlled Growth – 10 January 2024 • Noise – 12 January 2024 • Section 106 – 12 January 2024 • Design – 16 January 2024 • Surface access – 11 and 17 January 2024 Meetings have been arranged for the week commencing 22 January to discuss the Deadline 8 submissions related to Need Case and

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		Green Controlled Growth – 10 January 2024 SoCG all-topic roundtable – 11 January 2024 Noise – 12 January 2024 Surface access – 11 and 16 January 2024 Engagement with HCC via email on the following topics has been ongoing: Planning I Local communities 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 surface access, still demand ongoing attention and represent most of the outstanding issues. 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.	surface access, to resolve the final outstanding matters for these topics. Engagement has also been ongoing via email to close out a number of outstanding matters within the SoCG. Currently, 75% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed or not agreed. This figure is a conservative estimate as the Hertfordshire authorities' latest comments on the SoCG, received on 19 and 22 January, are currently being considered. The Applicant is awaiting confirmation from HCC regarding the final status of the following matters: S106 Green House Gas The following topics are not yet resolved but are in active discussion: Need Case Surface Access Noise Design Green Controlled Growth
REP6-033	North Hertfordshire	The Applicant has continued to engage with NHDC to progress matters in the SoCG via both	The Applicant has continued to engage with NHDC to progress matters in the SoCG via both

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	District Council (NHDC)	 email and through meetings. Meetings have been held to discuss the following topics: Surface access – 8 December 2023 Green Controlled Growth – 14 December 	email and through meetings. Meetings have been held to discuss the following topics: • Green Controlled Growth – 10 January 2024
		 2023 Landscape and Visual impacts – 5 January 2024 Air quality – 8 January 2024 Meetings have been arranged to discuss the 	 Noise – 12 January 2024 Section 106 – 12 January 2024 Design – 16 January 2024 Surface access – 11 and 17 January 2024
		following topics: • Green Controlled Growth – 10 January 2024 • SoCG all-topic roundtable – 11 January 2024	Meetings have been arranged for the week commencing 22 January to discuss the Deadline 8 submissions related to Need Case and surface access, to resolve the final outstanding matters for these topics.
		 Noise – 12 January 2024 Surface access – 11 and 16 January 2024 	Engagement has also been ongoing via email to close out a number of outstanding matters within the SoCG.
		Engagement with NHDC via email on the following topics has been ongoing: • Planning • Local communities	Currently, 75% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed or not agreed. This figure is a conservative estimate as the Hertfordshire authorities' latest comments on the SoCG, received on 19 and 22 January, are
		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	currently being considered. The Applicant is awaiting confirmation from NHDC regarding the final status of the following matters:
			• S106

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		surface access, still demand ongoing attention and represent most of the outstanding issues. 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.	 Green House Gas The following topics are not yet resolved but are in active discussion: Need Case Surface Access Noise Design Green Controlled Growth
REP6-035	Dacorum Borough Council (DBC)	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: • Surface access – 8 December 2023 • Green Controlled Growth – 14 December 2023 • Landscape and visual impacts – 5 January 2024 • Air quality – 8 January 2024 Meetings have been arranged to discuss the following topics: • Green Controlled Growth – 10 January 2024 • SoCG all-topic roundtable – 11 January 2024 • Noise – 12 January 2024	The Applicant has continued to engage with DBC to progress matters in the SoCG via both email and through meetings. Meetings have been held to discuss the following topics: • Green Controlled Growth – 10 January 2024 • Noise – 12 January 2024 • Section 106 – 12 January 2024 • Design – 16 January 2024 • Surface access – 11 and 17 January 2024 Meetings have been arranged for the week commencing 22 January to discuss the Deadline 8 submissions related to Need Case and surface access, to resolve the final outstanding matters for this topic.

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		 Surface access – 11 and 16 January 2024 Engagement with DBC via email on the following topics has been ongoing: Planning Local communities 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 surface access, still demand ongoing attention and represent most of the outstanding issues. 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. 	Engagement has also been ongoing via email to close out a number of outstanding matters within the SoCG. Currently, 75% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed or not agreed. This figure is a conservative estimate as the Hertfordshire authorities' latest comments on the SoCG, received on 19 and 22 January, are currently being considered. The Applicant is awaiting confirmation from DBC regarding the final status of the following matters: S106 Green House Gas The following topics are not yet resolved but are in active discussion: Need Case Surface Access Noise Design Green Controlled Growth
Neighbourin	g local authorities		
REP6-037	Buckinghamshire Council	The Applicant is continuing to engage with Buckinghamshire Council to discuss the ongoing matters in the SoCG. A meeting was held with	The Applicant is continuing to engage with Buckinghamshire Council to discuss the ongoing

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		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. 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. 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.	matters in the SoCG. Meetings have been held to discuss the following topics: • Section 106 (specifically the Employment and Training Strategy elements) – 15 January 2024 • Surface access – 15 January 2024 • Health and community – 17 January 2024 Buckinghamshire Council were provided with the latest version of the SoCG on 4 January for their review and the Applicant is currently awaiting comments from the Council to confirm if any matters are still ongoing. It is anticipated that a further discussion will be required ahead of Deadline 9 to discuss the final outstanding surface access matters following the submission of further information at Deadline 8.
Prescribed (consultees		
REP6-013	Historic England (HE)	The SoCG has been signed by Historic England and the Applicant and was submitted at Deadline 6.	N/A
REP6-049	Natural England (NE)	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	All matters have now been resolved to agreed or not agreed. The Applicant is updating the SoCG to share with NE for signature.

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		relevant matters will be updated ahead of Deadline 9.	
		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.	
		Currently 94% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed, with the remainder under discussion.	
REP6-017	Environment Agency (EA)	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.	All matters have now been resolved to agreed. The Applicant is updating the SoCG to share with EA for signature.
		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 [REP7-034] at Deadline 7 and will continue to engage with the EA ahead of Deadline 9.	
		Currently 74% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed, with the remainder under discussion.	
REP6-043	NATS (En Route) PLC (NATS NERL)	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	The SoCG has been signed by NATS NERL and the Applicant. The SoCG has been submitted at Deadline 8.

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		SoCG ahead of Deadline 9. NATS NERL are yet to respond.	
REP2-016	NATS (Services) Limited (NATS NSL)	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.	The SoCG has been signed by NATS NSL and the Applicant. The SoCG has been submitted at Deadline 8.
REP2-017	Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)	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.	The CAA responded to the Applicant on 16 January 2024 requesting some minor edits to the SoCG. The Applicant is addressing these amendments ahead of submitting at Deadline 9.
REP2-019	UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and Office for Health Improvement Disparities (OHID)	Five matters have been agreed via email with UKHSA and OHID on 14 December 2023. 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 [REP7-075]).	The remaining matters have now been resolved via email on 9 January and 15 January 2024, to agreed or not agreed. The Applicant is updating the SoCG to share with UKHSA and OHID for signature.

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		Currently 94% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed or not agreed, with the remainder under discussion.	
REP6-023	National Highways (NH)	 19 December 2023 to discuss progress ahead of Deadline 7; and 8 January 2024 to discuss updates to the Rule 9 modelling. Meetings have been arranged to discuss the following topics: 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. Currently 75% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed, with the remainder under discussion. 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: 	The Applicant has continued to engage with NH to progress matters in the SoCG via both email and through meetings. Meetings have been held on: 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. Currently 96% of the matters in the SoCG have been resolved to agreed. The final two remaining ongoing issues continue to be discussed.

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		 Applicant's Response to November Hearing Actions (CAH2 and ISH7-10) [REP7-072]. Accounting for Covid-19 in Transport Modelling - Environmental Appraisal [REP7-079]. Draft Section 106 Agreement [REP7-074]. Applicant's Response to Deadline 6 Submissions [REP7-063]. Applicant's Response to Written Questions Arising from Hearings [REP7-048]. Outline Transport Related Impacts Monitoring and Mitigation Approach (TRIMMA) [REP7-039]. Sustainable Transport Fund [REP7-042]. 	
REP6-039	East of England Ambulance Service (EEAST)	The Applicant continues to engage with EEAST, and a meeting has been scheduled for 10 January 2024 to discuss the remaining matters.	The Applicant met with EEAST on 10 January where the remaining matters were progressed. A draft has been shared with EEAST for comment and approval.
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

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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	The Applicant continues to engage with Thames Water to close out the remaining issues in the SoCG.	The Applicant has continued to engage with Thames Water to close out the remaining issues in the SoCG.
		 Meetings have been held with Thames Water on: 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 3 January 2024 to review and progress the matters in the SoCG 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. 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. 	The Applicant met with Thames Water on 15 and 17 January 2024 to progress the outstanding matters in the SoCG. All matters in the SoCG have now been resolved and marked as "agreed" following recent discussions with Thames Water. Thames Water is currently reviewing the latest version of the SoCG to confirm they agree with the wording and status of matters in the SoCG. Discussions with Thames Water regarding side agreement and Protective Provisions are also ongoing and Thames Water are substantively content with the form of these.

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REP6-019	Affinity Water	The Applicant continues to engage with Affinity Water to close out the remaining issues in the SoCG. 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. 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.	The Applicant continues to engage with Affinity Water to close out the remaining issues in the SoCG, including through ongoing discussions around side agreement/Protective Provisions. The Applicant met with Affinity Water on 19 and 23 January 2024 to discuss the outstanding matters, and a further meeting is arranged for 25 January 2024. Discussions with Affinity Water and its legal representatives regarding the outstanding matters have also been ongoing via email.
REP2-011	Cadent Gas (Cadent)	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.	The Applicant continues to engage with Cadent. The side agreement and Protective Provisions have been agreed and are currently with the parties for execution.
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

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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