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For the attention of the Case Manager

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the notification of the Examining Authority's letter dated 27th October 2023 expressing their disappointment at not receiving final/signed Statements of Common Ground between the Applicant and various Interested Parties. The Examining Authority will note the reason for the absence of one from the Environment Agency in my Deadline 5 submission [REP5-045]. Since Deadline 5 we have resolved all the outstanding matters listed in our Principle Areas of Disagreement statement.

Given this position, which we will be pleased to confirm formally at Deadline 6, alongside the ongoing flooding situation we are experiencing in Lincolnshire that is taking up the vast majority of the Environment Agency's staff resources, we would be grateful if the Examining Authority would review its request for the need for such a statement. If one is still required we will endeavour to provide it before the end of the Examination period; however, we are unable to resource the provision of a comprehensive SoCG at the current time.

We apologise for this but hope the Examining Authority will be understanding of the ongoing weather situation and the need to focus the Agency's limited resources on dealing with this situation.

Kind regards,

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