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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose

1.1.1 This statement updates the position regarding Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) as at Deadline 1 (6 November 2018).

1.1.2 This statement has also been prepared, in response to a request of the Examining Authority (ExA), to explain the commonality on specific points between the SoCG agreed between Roxhill (Junction 15) Limited (the Applicant) and various bodies in relation to Northampton Gateway as at Deadline 1.

1.1.3 It is intended that this statement be updated throughout the Examination to reflect additional agreement and communality.

1.2 Structure

1.2.1 The statement is structured as follows:

- Section 2 and Appendix 1 provides an up to date list of SoCGs and sets out the status of each SoCG; and
- Section 3 and Appendix 2 sets out the commonality between SoCGs.

2. Statements of Common Ground Update

2.1 The table in **Appendix 1** contains a full list of Statements of Common Ground and explains their current status. It also identifies any outstanding issues which are the subject of ongoing discussions and may therefore be the subject of further submissions in due course.

2.2 No SoCG has been completed with South Northamptonshire Council. A SoCG is at an advanced stage of agreement, however, as at the time of writing this document (5 November 2018), a response is awaited from South Northants to confirm agreement.

2.3 The ExA requested, in the Rule 6 Letter issued on 10 September 2018, that the Applicant submit a SoCG with the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to cover employment. The Applicant has sought to obtain a SoCG with the LEP but the LEP has declined to engage in that exercise saying that “they are unhappy with the principle of signing any such statement”.

2.4 Continuing efforts have been made to obtain responses from the Electricity Undertaker and the Electronic Communications providers. They are engaging,

however progress is slow and no tangible response has been reached by **Deadline 1**.

2.5 Progress in the period before **Deadline 1** has been hampered by all three of the weeks available being affected by half term holidays. Work will continue on the outstanding items referred to and the outstanding SoCG.

3. Commonality

3.1 The table at **Appendix 2** provides a summary of the principal issues covered in the SoCGs and shows the commonality in the topics in discussion with the various parties, as at **Deadline 1**.

3.2 The topics identified principally relate to the topics upon which the ExA have sought SoCG in its procedural decision, contained in the Rule 8 Letter issued on 17 October 2018.

3.3 The table shows topics covered within the various SoCGs with reference to a colour, which demonstrates the status of agreement on that topic as follows:

	Completed – topic fully agreed with no areas of disagreement
	Completed – topic partially agreed with some identified areas of disagreement – final position
	Completed as an interim SoCG with further identified matters to be addressed through discussion
	Not completed – ongoing discussions
	Not commenced

3.4 Where a topic is not relevant to a particular party, the entry in the table is shown blank.

Appendix 1
Update on SoCG

Doc No.	Party	Topic	Status	Date of submission	Outstanding issues expected to be resolved and subject of further submission
7.1	Highways England	Technical Highways	Completed	18 May 2018	None – see Addendum
7.1A	Highways England	Technical Highways	Completed Addendum to 7.1	6 November 2018	Formal approval for two departures from standard awaited
7.1B	Highways England	Smart Motorways	Completed	6 November 2018	None
7.1C	Highways England	DCO Drafting	Completed	6 November 2018	Article 21 and Protective Provisions
7.2	NCC	Drainage	Completed	18 May 2018	None
7.3	EA, SNC, NCC, NE	Geology, Soils and Groundwater	Completed	18 May 2018	None
7.4	Anglian Water	Water	Completed	13 August 2018	None

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7.4A	Anglian Water	WFD & DCO Drafting	Completed	6 November 2018	None
7.5	NCC	Technical Highways	Completed	13 August 2018	None
7.5A	NCC	Technical Highways	Completed Addendum to 7.5	6 November 2018	None
7.6	Cadent Gas	Protective Provisions	Completed	6 November 2018	None
7.7	NCC	DCO Drafting and WFD	Completed	6 November 2018	Protective Provisions
7.8	NCC	Archaeology	Agreed but not yet signed by NCC	6 November 2018	Issue of adequacy of trial trenching
7.9	WCC	Passenger Rail	Completed	6 November 2018	None

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7.10	NBC	Various	Completed	6 November 2018	None
[7.11]	SNC	Various	Agreed but subject to process of sign off	-	None
7.12	EA	DCO Drafting and WFD	Completed	6 November 2018	None
7.13	Network Rail	Rail	Completed	6 November 2018	Protective Provisions and Connection Speeds
7.14	Historic England	Heritage	Letter provided with draft SoCG	6 November 2018	None
7.15	Natural England	BioDiversity	Completed	6 November 2018	Response to application for protected species licences awaited
7.X	Electronic Communications	Protective Provisions	Awaiting Response	-	Discussions ongoing however responses are slow
7.X	Electricity Undertakes	Protective Provisions	Awaiting Response	-	Discussions ongoing however responses are slow

Appendix 2
TABLE OF COMMONALITY

Party	SoCG Document Number	Topic															
		Draft DCO	Protective Provisions	Planning Policy	Rail	Highways	Air Quality	Landscape & Visual Impact	Biodiversity	Archaeology, Heritage & Built Environment	Drainage & WFD	Noise	Employment	Geology, Soils & Groundwater	Waste	Cumulative Impact	Relationship with Rail Central
Northamptonshire County Council	7.2,7.3,7.5, 7.5A, 7.7, and 7.8	Orange	Yellow			Green				Orange	Green		Green			Red	
Highways England	7.1, 7.1A, 7.1B and 7.1CA	Orange	Yellow			Orange											
South Northamptonshire Council	7.3 and 7.11	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Green	Orange		Red	
Northampton Borough Council	7.10			Green	Green	Green	Orange	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		Red	
Environment Agency	7.3 and 7.12	Green									Green		Green				
Anglian Water	7.4 and 7.4A	Green	Green								Green						

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Cadent Gas	7.6																
Warwickshire County Council	7.9																
Network Rail	7.13																
Historic England	7.14																
Natural England	7.3 and 7.15																
Electricity Undertaker	7.X																
Electronic Communications - CTIL	7.X																

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Electronic Communications - Hutchinsons 3G Limited and EE Ltd	7.X																
Rail Central	7.X																
Rail Central and Network Rail																	