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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 4** (8 January 2019).

1.1.2 This statement was also 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**. This statement updated the position as at **Deadline 4**.

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

### 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 (7 January 2019) 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. A SoCG with one of the Electronic Communications providers has been submitted to the ExA (see

**Document 7.16**, REP2-008). The Applicant continues to seek SoCG with the Electricity Undertaker and the remaining Electronic Communications provider. The ExA will recall from the Applicant’s previous submissions to the Examination that the Applicant understands that this provider (CTIL) proposes to relocate the existing mast off site, regardless of the proposed development and therefore anticipates this is the reason for the lack of progress. They are engaging, however progress is slow and no tangible response has been reached by **Deadline 4**.

**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 4**.

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**

<b>Doc No.</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date of submission</b>	<b>Outstanding issues expected to be resolved and subject of further submission</b>
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	Protective Provisions re deemed approval
[7.1D]	Highways England	DCO Drafting and Technical Highways	Awaiting Signature	ASAP	This SoCG will confirm the approval by HE of the two departures referred to in Document 7.1A and the agreement to Article 21 referred to Document 7.1C following which there will be no outstanding issues other than the issue in relation to the protective provisions explained in Document 7.1C

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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
7.4A	Anglian Water	WFD & DCO Drafting	Completed Addendum to 7.4	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 re length of maintenance period



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7.8	NCC	Archaeology	Agreed but not yet signed by NCC	6 November 2018	Issue of adequacy of trial trenching
7.8A	NCC	Archaeology	Completed and now signed by NCC [Replaces Doc 7.8]	30 November 2018	Issue of adequacy of trial trenching
7.9	WCC	Passenger Rail	Completed	6 November 2018	None
7.10	NBC	Various	Completed	6 November 2018	None
[7.11]	SNC	Various	Under discussion	-	
7.12	EA	DCO Drafting and WFD	Completed	6 November 2018	None
7.13	Network Rail	Rail	Completed	6 November 2018	Protective Provisions relating to expert determination and Connection Speeds from the north

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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 (letters of no impediment) expected mid-January 2019
7.16	Electronic Communications – Hutchison 3G Limited and EE Limited	Protective Provisions	Completed	20 November 2018	None
7.17	Ashfield Land/Gazeley	Rail Central	Agreed but not yet signed	30 November 2018	None
7.18	Network Rail and Ashfield Land/Gazeley	Northampton Gateway and Rail Central	Agreed but not yet signed	30 November 2018	None

**Appendix 2**  
**TABLE OF COMMONALITY**

Party	SoCG Document Number	Topic														
		Draft DCO (excluding pp)	Protective Provisions	Planning Policy	Rail	Highways	Air Quality	Landscape & Visual Impact	Biodiversity	Archaeology, Heritage & Built Environment	Drainage & WFD	Noise	Employment	Geology, Soils & Groundwater	Waste	Relationship with Rail Central
Northamptonshire County Council	7.2,7.3,7.5, 7.5A, 7.7, 7.8, and 7.8A															
Highways England	7.1, 7.1A, 7.1B, 7.1C [and 7.1D]															
South Northamptonshire Council	7.3 and 7.11															
Northampton Borough Council	7.10															
Environment Agency	7.3 and 7.12															

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Anglian Water	7.4 and 7.4A															
Cadent Gas	7.6															
Warwickshire County Council	7.9															
Network Rail	7.13															
Historic England	7.14															
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