



# Statement of Common Ground with Highways England

Final, August 2021



# 1 STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

## 1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This is the Statement of Common Ground between the applicant, Thurrock Power Limited, and Highways England. It sets out the matters that are agreed. There are no matters where there remains disagreement.

## 1.2 Matters that are agreed

- 1.2.1 The Environmental Statement (ES) provides an appropriate assessment of traffic and transport impacts on the strategic highway network.
- 1.2.2 The main potential for impact on the strategic highway network is at what is known locally as the 'ASDA roundabout', where construction traffic turning left out of the Port of Tilbury north-westbound on the A1089 St Andrew's Road would perform a U-turn to return south-eastbound on the A1089 to the Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant construction site. Construction traffic arriving or departing via the A1089 and A13 to the north would cross the roundabout.
- 1.2.3 This impact can be managed by instructions to HGV drivers as has been set out in Section 8.9 of the Outline Construction Management Plan (application document A8.8 (REP4-016)), namely:
- "All drivers navigating the ASDA roundabout will be instructed as follows:*
- *HGV drivers will be advised of the adverse camber signs on the roundabout and to take care when circulating the roundabout;*
  - *HGV drivers will be instructed to slow down on approach and when circulating the roundabout, ensuring that the 30mph speed limit is enforced;*
  - *HGV drivers will be informed of the layout of the roundabout;*
  - *All HGV drivers which may undertake the U-turn from A1089 St Andrews Road will be instructed to not travel alongside another HGV when entering the roundabout."*
- 1.2.4 The alignment and gradient for the Thurrock Power Limited construction access will be located as far west within Thurrock Power's Order Limits as possible to allow Highways England to use Shed Marsh.
- 1.2.5 The Protective Provisions in favour of Highways England are agreed as submitted to the examination at deadline 5A in REP5A-004.
- 1.2.6 Highways England agree to work with Thurrock Power Limited on finalising an Interface Agreement setting out how the two projects will manage their interfaces and including matters relating to construction traffic volumes, management and access, and the high-pressure gas pipeline construction.
- 1.2.7 Thurrock Power Limited agree that Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AIL) will be moved individually and not in platoons.
- 1.2.8 The Construction Worker off-site parking Provision (Raceway Tavern Site) is adequate to serve the purpose assumed in the ES. Where any further planning applications for construction worker parking are required, Thurrock Power Limited will consult Highways England on such applications.
- 1.2.9 Thurrock Power Limited agree to use the southern route option for the western extent of the gas pipeline construction in Work no.4.
- 1.2.10 Thurrock Power Limited will provide to Highways England a copy of the application made under section 16 of the Commons Act 2006 for land within Walton Common and a copy of any decision issued pursuant to that application.

## 1.3 Matters that are not agreed

1.3.1 There are no disagreed matters at this stage.

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