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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Overview of the Scheme

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Commonality has been prepared in respect of the application for the proposed Sunnica Energy Farm Development Consent Order ("the Application") made by Sunnica Limited ("Sunnica") to the Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ("Secretary of State") for a Development Consent Order ("the Order") under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ("PA 2008").
- 1.1.2 The Order, if granted, would authorise Sunnica to construct, operate (including maintain) and decommission a ground mounted solar farm across Sunnica East Site A, Sunnica East Site B and Sunnica West Site A. The Scheme includes the following key components:
- a. Solar PV modules;
  - b. PV module mounting structures;
  - c. Inverters;
  - d. Transformers;
  - e. Switchgear;
  - f. Onsite cabling (including high and low voltage cabling) and cabling between the Sites and to the Burwell National Grid Substation;
  - g. One or more BESS (expected to be formed of lithium ion batteries storing electrical energy) on Sunnica East Site A, Sunnica East Site B, and Sunnica West Site A;
  - h. An electrical compound comprising a substation and control building (Sunnica East Site A, Sunnica East Site B, and Sunnica West Site A only);
  - i. Office/warehouse (Sunnica East Site A and Sunnica East Site B only);
  - j. Fencing and security measures;
  - k. Drainage;
  - l. Internal access roads and car parking;
  - m. Landscaping including habitat creation areas; and
  - n. Construction laydown areas.

## 1.2 Purpose of the Statement of Commonality

- 1.2.1 This document provides the Examining Authority (ExA) with an update on the position of each Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) between the

Applicant and the interested parties in relation to the Scheme at Deadline 8. This document has been updated since Deadline 7.

### **1.3 Structure**

1.3.1 This Statement of Commonality is structured as follows:

- a. Section 2: Summary of commonality of each topic covered – provides an overview of all topics covered and each stakeholder's position.
- b. Section 3: Additional commentary for each SoCG submission deadline.

### **1.4 List of Statements of Common Ground**

1.4.1 **Table 1-1** provides the list of SoCGs that have been prepared by the Applicant and the respective stakeholders in accordance with the list as requested by the Examining Authority in their letters issued on 28 June and 31 August 2022.

### **1.5 Summary of Current Position of SoCG**

1.5.1 The updated SoCGs submitted alongside this document at Deadline 8 reflect the positions of the Applicant and stakeholders. For those SoCGs not updated and submitted at Deadline 8, please refer to the SoCGs submitted at Deadlines 2, 4, 6 and 7, as well as the additional commentary in Section 3.

1.5.2 **Table 1-1** provides an overview of the status of each SoCG.

**Table 1-1 Status of SoCGs at Deadline 8**

| Party                            | Status at Deadline 2                  | Status at Deadline 4                          | Status at Deadline 6                          | Status at Deadline 7                                                  | Status at Deadline 8 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Joint Local Planning Authorities | Draft submitted. Discussions ongoing. | Updated draft submitted. Discussions ongoing. | Updated draft submitted. Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 6. Draft not submitted. Discussions ongoing. | SoCG signed.         |
| Environment Agency               | Draft submitted. Discussions ongoing. | Updated draft submitted. SoCG agreed.         | SoCG signed                                   | SoCG signed.                                                          | SoCG signed.         |
| Natural England                  | Draft submitted. Discussions ongoing. | Updated draft submitted. Discussions ongoing. | Updated draft submitted. Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 6. Draft not submitted. Discussions ongoing. | SoCG signed.         |
| Historic England                 | Draft submitted. Discussions ongoing. | Updated draft submitted. Discussions ongoing. | Updated draft submitted. Discussions ongoing. | Updated draft submitted. Discussions ongoing.                         | SoCG signed.         |
| National Highways                | Draft submitted. SoCG agreed.         |                                               | SoCG signed                                   | SoCG signed.                                                          | SoCG signed.         |
| Suffolk Wildlife Trust           | Draft submitted. Discussions ongoing. | Updated draft submitted. Discussions ongoing. | Updated draft submitted. Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 6. Draft not submitted. Discussions ongoing. | SoCG signed.         |

| Party                                      | Status at Deadline<br>2                  | Status at Deadline<br>4                                                                       | Status at Deadline<br>6                                                  | Status at Deadline<br>7                                                  | Status at Deadline<br>8                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| National Grid Electricity Transmission plc | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | Updated draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing.                                              | Updated draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing.                         | No update since Deadline 6. Draft not submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | Updated draft SoCG submitted, negotiations ongoing but parties expect to reach agreement soon. |
| National Gas Transmission plc              | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | Updated draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing.                                              | Updated draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing.                         | No update since Deadline 6. Draft not submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | Updated draft SoCG submitted, negotiations ongoing but parties expect to reach agreement soon. |
| Chippenham Parish Council                  | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | Draft submitted as part of the Town and Parish Council Alliance SoCG.<br>Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 4. Draft not submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | See Town and Parish Council Alliance                                     | See Town and Parish Council Alliance                                                           |
| Burwell Parish Council                     | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 2. Draft not submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing.                      | No update since Deadline 2. Draft not submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | SoCG signed.                                                             | SoCG signed.                                                                                   |
| Red Lodge Parish Council                   | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | Draft submitted as part of the Town and Parish Council Alliance SoCG.<br>Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 4. Draft not submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | See Town and Parish Council Alliance                                     | See Town and Parish Council Alliance                                                           |

| Party                        | Status at Deadline<br>2                  | Status at Deadline<br>4                                                                    | Status at Deadline<br>6                                               | Status at Deadline<br>7              | Status at Deadline<br>8              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Fordham Parish Council       | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | Draft submitted as part of the Town and Parish Council Alliance SoCG. Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 4. Draft not submitted. Discussions ongoing. | See Town and Parish Council Alliance | See Town and Parish Council Alliance |
| Moulton Parish Council       | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 2. Draft not submitted. Discussions ongoing.                      | No update since Deadline 2. Draft not submitted. Discussions ongoing. | SoCG signed.                         | SoCG signed.                         |
| Freckenham Parish Council    | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | Draft submitted as part of the Town and Parish Council Alliance SoCG. Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 4. Draft not submitted. Discussions ongoing. | See Town and Parish Council Alliance | See Town and Parish Council Alliance |
| Mildenhall High Town Council | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | Draft submitted as part of the Town and Parish Council Alliance SoCG. Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 4. Draft not submitted. Discussions ongoing. | See Town and Parish Council Alliance | See Town and Parish Council Alliance |
| Worlington Parish Council    | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | Draft submitted as part of the Town and Parish Council Alliance SoCG. Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 4. Draft not submitted. Discussions ongoing. | See Town and Parish Council Alliance | See Town and Parish Council Alliance |

| Party                             | Status at Deadline<br>2                  | Status at Deadline<br>4                                                                    | Status at Deadline<br>6                                               | Status at Deadline<br>7                                               | Status at Deadline<br>8              |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Snailwell Parish Council          | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | Draft submitted as part of the Town and Parish Council Alliance SoCG. Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 4. Draft not submitted. Discussions ongoing. | See Town and Parish Council Alliance                                  | See Town and Parish Council Alliance |
| Isleham Parish Council            | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | Draft submitted as part of the Town and Parish Council Alliance SoCG. Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 4. Draft not submitted. Discussions ongoing. | See Town and Parish Council Alliance                                  | See Town and Parish Council Alliance |
| Reach Parish Council              | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | Draft submitted as part of the Town and Parish Council Alliance SoCG. Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 4. Draft not submitted. Discussions ongoing. | See Town and Parish Council Alliance                                  | See Town and Parish Council Alliance |
| Ministry of Defence               | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 2. Draft not submitted. Discussions ongoing.                      | No update since Deadline 2. Draft not submitted. Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 2. Draft not submitted. Discussions ongoing. | SoCG signed.                         |
| National Air Traffic Services     | Draft submitted.<br>SoCG agreed.         |                                                                                            | SoCG signed.                                                          | SoCG signed.                                                          | SoCG signed.                         |
| East of England Ambulance Service | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | Updated draft submitted. SoCG agreed.                                                      | SoCG signed.                                                          | SoCG signed.                                                          | SoCG signed.                         |

| Party                                    | Status at Deadline<br>2                 | Status at Deadline<br>4                                                  | Status at Deadline<br>6                                                  | Status at Deadline<br>7                                                  | Status at Deadline<br>8              |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Say no to Sunnica and Newmarket Horsemen | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing | No update since Deadline 2. Draft not submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 2. Draft not submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | Draft not submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing.                             | SoCG signed.                         |
| Anglian Water                            | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing | Updated draft submitted. SoCG agreed.                                    | No update since Deadline 4. Draft not submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | Draft not submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing.                             | SoCG signed.                         |
| Kennett Parish Council                   | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing | No update since Deadline 2. Draft not submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 2. Draft not submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 2. Draft not submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | SoCG not submitted                   |
| Barton Mills Parish Council              | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing | No update since Deadline 2. Draft not submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | Updated draft submitted. Signature pending.                              | SoCG signed.                                                             | SoCG signed.                         |
| Wicken Parish Council                    | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing | No update since Deadline 2. Draft not submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 2. Draft not submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 2. Draft not submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing. | SoCG not submitted                   |
| West Row Parish Council                  | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing | No update since Deadline 2. Draft not submitted.                         | No update since Deadline 2. Draft not submitted.                         | See Town and Parish Council Alliance                                     | See Town and Parish Council Alliance |

| Party                            | Status at Deadline<br>2                 | Status at Deadline<br>4                                                                    | Status at Deadline<br>6                                               | Status at Deadline<br>7                   | Status at Deadline<br>8              |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                                  |                                         | Discussions ongoing.                                                                       | Discussions ongoing.                                                  |                                           |                                      |
| Newmarket Town Council           | Draft submitted.<br>Discussions ongoing | Draft submitted as part of the Town and Parish Council Alliance SoCG. Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 4. Draft not submitted. Discussions ongoing. | See Town and Parish Council Alliance      | See Town and Parish Council Alliance |
| Exning Parish Council            |                                         | Draft submitted as part of the Town and Parish Council Alliance SoCG. Discussions ongoing. | No update since Deadline 4. Draft not submitted. Discussions ongoing. | See Town and Parish Council Alliance      | See Town and Parish Council Alliance |
| Town and Parish Council Alliance |                                         | Draft submitted. Discussions ongoing.                                                      | No update since Deadline 4. Draft not submitted. Discussions ongoing. | Draft not submitted. Discussions ongoing. | SoCG signed.                         |

## 2 Summary of Commonality of Each Topic Covered

2.1.1 **Table 2-1** presents a summary of commonality at Deadline 8, on each topic discussed between the Applicant and stakeholder using the following colour coding:

|  |                                                                     |
|--|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  | Matter agreed                                                       |
|  | Some matters not fully resolved or some differences of views remain |
|  | Matter not agreed                                                   |
|  | Topic not relevant to the stakeholder                               |

**Table 2-1 Summary of Commonality with each party in relation to each topic covered at Deadline 8**

| Party                                      | Protected Provisions | Design | Climate | Cultural Heritage | Ecology and Natural Conservation | Flood Risk, Drainage and Water Resources | Landscape and Visual Amenity | Noise and Vibration | Socio-economics and Land Use (including soils) | Transport and Access | Air Quality | Human Health | Glint and Glare | Effect Interactions / Cumulative Effects | Legislation and Policy | Compulsory Acquisition | Draft DCO |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Joint Local Planning Authorities           |                      |        |         |                   |                                  |                                          |                              |                     |                                                |                      |             |              |                 |                                          |                        |                        |           |
| Environment Agency                         |                      |        |         |                   |                                  |                                          |                              |                     |                                                |                      |             |              |                 |                                          |                        |                        |           |
| Natural England                            |                      |        |         |                   |                                  |                                          |                              |                     |                                                |                      |             |              |                 |                                          |                        |                        |           |
| Historic England                           |                      |        |         |                   |                                  |                                          |                              |                     |                                                |                      |             |              |                 |                                          |                        |                        |           |
| National Highways                          |                      |        |         |                   |                                  |                                          |                              |                     |                                                |                      |             |              |                 |                                          |                        |                        |           |
| Suffolk Wildlife Trust                     |                      |        |         |                   |                                  |                                          |                              |                     |                                                |                      |             |              |                 |                                          |                        |                        |           |
| National Grid Electricity Transmission plc |                      |        |         |                   |                                  |                                          |                              |                     |                                                |                      |             |              |                 |                                          |                        |                        |           |
| National Gas Transmission plc              |                      |        |         |                   |                                  |                                          |                              |                     |                                                |                      |             |              |                 |                                          |                        |                        |           |
| Burwell Parish Council                     |                      |        |         |                   |                                  |                                          |                              |                     |                                                |                      |             |              |                 |                                          |                        |                        |           |
| Moulton Parish Council                     |                      |        |         |                   |                                  |                                          |                              |                     |                                                |                      |             |              |                 |                                          |                        |                        |           |
| Ministry of Defence                        |                      |        |         |                   |                                  |                                          |                              |                     |                                                |                      |             |              |                 |                                          |                        |                        |           |
| National Air Traffic Services              |                      |        |         |                   |                                  |                                          |                              |                     |                                                |                      |             |              |                 |                                          |                        |                        |           |
| East of England Ambulance Service          |                      |        |         |                   |                                  |                                          |                              |                     |                                                |                      |             |              |                 |                                          |                        |                        |           |
| Say no to Sunnica and Newmarket Horseman   |                      |        |         |                   |                                  |                                          |                              |                     |                                                |                      |             |              |                 |                                          |                        |                        |           |
| Anglian Water                              |                      |        |         |                   |                                  |                                          |                              |                     |                                                |                      |             |              |                 |                                          |                        |                        |           |
| Barton Mills Parish Council                |                      |        |         |                   |                                  |                                          |                              |                     |                                                |                      |             |              |                 |                                          |                        |                        |           |
| Town and Parish Council Alliance           |                      |        |         |                   |                                  |                                          |                              |                     |                                                |                      |             |              |                 |                                          |                        |                        |           |

### 3 Additional Commentary

#### 3.1 Deadline 2

3.1.1 Since issue by the ExA of the letters dated 28 June and 31 August 2022:

- a. A joint SoCG has been prepared for Cambridgeshire County Council, Suffolk County Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council and West Suffolk Council in line with the joint meetings with the Local Planning Authorities.
- b. Natural England and Suffolk Wildlife Trust both agreed to enter into separate SoCGs with the Applicant.
- c. The Newmarket Horsemen Group agreed to enter into a joint SoCG with the Say No To Sunnica Action Group (SNTS).
- d. RSPB contacted the Applicant and raised that they were not registered as Interested Parties to the Examination so would not be able to act as signatories to an SoCG.
- e. National Grid SoCG has been split into separate SoCGs for National Grid Electricity Transmission plc and National Gas Transmission plc.
- f. A number of other parties have come forward requesting input to SoCGs including: Isleham Parish Council, Reach Parish Council, Anglian Water, Kennett Parish Council, Barton Mills Parish Council, Wicken Parish Council, West Row Parish Council and Newmarket Town Council.

3.1.2 The following stakeholders had not provided comments on their corresponding SoCGs ahead of Deadline 2:

- a. Chippenham Parish Council
- b. Burwell Parish Council
- c. Red Lodge Parish Council
- d. Fordham Parish Council
- e. Freckenham Parish Council
- f. Mildenhall High Town Council
- g. Worlington Parish Council
- h. Snailwell Parish Council
- i. Isleham Parish Council
- j. Reach Parish Council
- k. Ministry of Defence
- l. SNTS and Newmarket Horseman Group
- m. Anglian Water
- n. Kennett Parish Council
- o. Barton Mills Parish Council
- p. Wicken Parish Council

- q. West Row Parish Council.

### **3.2 Deadline 4**

3.2.1 At Deadline 4, the following parties joined to form a Town and Parish Council Alliance, and as such a combined SoCG was produced:

- a. Chippenham Parish Council
- b. Red Lodge Parish Council
- c. Fordham Parish Council
- d. Freckenham Parish Council
- e. Mildenhall High Town Council
- f. Worlington Parish Council
- g. Snailwell Parish Council
- h. Isleham Parish Council
- i. Newmarket Town Council
- j. Reach Parish Council
- k. Exning Parish Council.

3.2.2 The SoCGs submitted at Deadline 2 for the following stakeholders had already been agreed and therefore were not resubmitted at Deadline 4:

- a. National Highways
- b. National Air Traffic Services

3.2.3 The Applicant continued engagement with the following stakeholders, however they had not yet provided comments on the SoCGs submitted at Deadline 2. These SoCGs therefore remained under revision or unchanged and so were not resubmitted at Deadline 4:

- a. Burwell Parish Council
- b. Kennett Parish Council
- c. Moulton Parish Council
- d. Barton Mills Parish Council
- e. Wicken Parish Council
- f. West Row Parish Council
- g. Say No To Sunnica and Newmarket Horsemen
- h. Ministry of Defence.

### **3.3 Deadline 6**

3.3.1 At Deadline 6, the following SoCGs were finalised and signed by both parties:

- a. Environment Agency

- b. National Highways
- c. East of England Ambulance Service
- d. National Air Traffic Services

3.3.2 Discussions with the Joint Local Planning Authorities, Historic England, Natural England, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, National Grid Electricity Transmission plc and National Gas Transmission plc, Barton Mills Parish Council are ongoing, and the content of these SoCGs will be finalised and signed at Deadline 8.

3.3.3 The Applicant continued to engage with the following stakeholders, however changes had not yet been made to the corresponding SoCGs previously submitted. These SoCGs therefore remained under revision or unchanged and were not resubmitted at Deadline 6:

- a. Burwell Parish Council
- b. Kennett Parish Council
- c. Moulton Parish Council
- d. Wicken Parish Council
- e. West Row Parish Council
- f. Parish and Town Council Alliance
- g. Say No To Sunnica and Newmarket Horsemen
- h. Ministry of Defence
- i. Anglian Water

### **3.4 Deadline 7**

3.4.1 The following SoCGs were finalised and signed by both parties at Deadline 7:

- a. Barton Mills Parish Council
- b. Burwell Parish Council
- c. Moulton Parish Council

3.4.2 Since issuing the draft SoCGs to Kennett Parish Council and Wicken Parish Council on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022, the Applicant had not received a response. The Applicant followed up with the parish councils on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and most recently on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023.

3.4.3 The Applicant continued to engage with the following stakeholders, however changes had not yet been made to the corresponding SoCGs previously submitted. These SoCGs therefore remained under revision or unchanged and were not resubmitted at Deadline 7:

- a. Joint Local Planning Authorities
- b. Natural England
- c. Suffolk Wildlife Trust
- d. National Grid Electricity Transmission plc

- e. National Gas Transmission plc
- f. Parish and Town Council Alliance
- g. Say No To Sunnica and Newmarket Horsemen
- h. Ministry of Defence
- i. Anglian Water

### 3.5 Deadline 8

3.5.1 The following SoCGs were signed by both parties at Deadline 8:

- a. Joint Local Planning Authorities
- b. Natural England
- c. Historic England
- d. Suffolk Wildlife Trust
- e. Ministry of Defence
- f. Say no to Sunnica and Newmarket Horseman
- g. Anglian Water
- h. Town and Parish Council Alliance

3.5.2 Kennett Parish Council and Wicken Parish Council SoCGs were not submitted at Deadline 8 due to those parties not responding to the Applicant's requests to engage with the content of the SoCGs.

3.5.3 Discussions with National Grid Electricity Transmission plc and National Gas Transmission plc are ongoing. The protective provisions are substantively agreed and the Parties are in the late stages of finalising the terms of ancillary matters in order to facilitate the withdrawal of NGET's objection.

3.5.4 It is noted that the Joint Local Planning Authorities, Natural England and Historic England SoCGs will also be submitted at a future Examination deadline to close out final positions that remain under discussion. For these SoCGs, the positions remaining 'under discussion' are outlined below in **Table 3-1**:

**Table 3-1 List of matters under discussion where SoCGs could not be finalised by Deadline 8**

| Party                            | Topic                | Sub-topic                      | Matters 'Under Discussion'                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Joint Local Planning Authorities | Transport and Access | Assessment - Vehicle occupancy | The LHAs consider that the Applicant should commit to and monitor a mode share equivalent to all staff travelling by car with a 1.5 vehicle occupancy throughout the construction period. This is on the grounds of promoting sustainable transport. The Applicant considers that there is sufficient scope within the approval process for the Final CTMP/TP to ensure that an appropriate mode share target is included to satisfy the LHAs. |

| Party | Topic           | Sub-topic                                               | Matters 'Under Discussion'                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|       |                 |                                                         | The Applicant will update the Examining Authority prior to the end of examination on the status of the Vehicle Occupancy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|       |                 | Site Access Proposals                                   | <p>The Applicant and the LHAs have engaged on a number of technical points related to the Site Access Proposals. The Applicant has updated the Plans within Annex C of the Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan and Travel Plan at Deadline 7. Additionally, the Applicant has commissioned a Haulier's review of the AIL routes, which has been shared with the LHAs, and provided indicative layouts for Temporary Traffic Management proposals. Road Safety Audits of key locations are scheduled for 14/03/23, with the LHAs in attendance. This matter remains under discussion, subject to the review of the aforementioned information.</p> <p>The Applicant will update the Examining Authority prior to the end of examination on the status of the Site Accesses.</p> |
|       |                 | Monitoring, reporting and enforcement of the F-CTMP/TP  | <p>In Chapter 13 of the Local Impact Report, the Councils outlined a number of requests in terms of the monitoring, reporting and enforcement of the Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan and Travel Plan. The Applicant has made substantive updates to the Monitoring, Reporting and Enforcement sections within the Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan and Travel Plan submitted at Deadline 7, which the Applicant considers addresses the Councils' comments. This matter remains under discussion subject to the review of the updated F-CTMP.</p> <p>The Applicant will update the Examining Authority prior to the end of examination on the status of the monitoring, reporting and enforcement of the F-CTMP/TP.</p>                                      |
|       |                 | Side Agreement                                          | Discussions on the Side Agreement are progressing and should be concluded prior to the end of the examination. The Applicant will update the Examining Authority prior to the end of examination on the status of the Side Agreement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|       | Socio-economics | Mitigation – Compensation package for local communities | An Outline Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan has been submitted as part of the DCO Application <b>[APP-268]</b> and updated at Deadline 7. This seeks to secure the potential improvements, mitigation and compensation to local communities that could be implemented as part of the Scheme.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|       | S106            | Provision of S106                                       | Discussions on the S106 are progressing and should be concluded prior to the end of the examination. The Applicant will update the Examining Authority prior to the end of examination on the status of the S106.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

| Party                                      | Topic                                            | Sub-topic                      | Matters 'Under Discussion'                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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|                                            | Public Rights of Way (PRoW) and Permissive Paths | Provision of accessible routes | Discussions are continuing on the provision of permissive routes through the Scheme and potential impacts on users of existing PRoWs, including noise, health etc.<br><br>The Applicant will update the Examining Authority prior to the end of examination on the status of the PRoWs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Natural England                            | Agricultural land use and Soils                  | Soil Handling                  | All soil handling will be subject to a Soil Management Plan that will form part of the CEMP. A Framework CEMP is included in Appendix 16C of the Environmental Statement <b>[REP7-033]</b> which sets out the underlying principles of this plan. Natural England has provided additional comments on this at Deadline 7 <b>[REP7-104]</b> where additional wording and clarification was suggested. Natural England is satisfied that these can be resolved before the end of the examination.<br><br>The Applicant expects soil handling operations to be confined to April to October inclusive. However, suspension of site works to protect soil will be based on rainfall and soil consistence, not calendar date.<br><br>Soil excavated from cable trenches will be placed to the side of the cable trench, with a separation of topsoil and subsoils materials maintained. This soil material will be returned to trench immediately following laying of the buried services. Topsoil recovered from areas of access track will be stored in bunds for the duration of the operational development, to be reinstated at decommissioning. |
| Historic England                           | Mitigation                                       | Outline HEMP                   | The Outline HEMP will be updated to address Historic England's comments outlined in an email received on 8 March 2023.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| National Grid Electricity Transmission plc | Protective provisions                            | Protective provisions          | The protective provisions are substantively agreed and the Parties are in the late stages of finalising the terms of ancillary matters in order to facilitate the withdrawal of NGET's objection. The parties expect to submit a signed final SoCG before the end of Examination.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| National Gas Transmission plc              | Protective provisions                            | Protective provisions          | The protective provisions are substantively agreed and the Parties are in the late stages of finalising the terms of ancillary matters in order to facilitate the withdrawal of National Gas Transmission's objection. The parties expect to submit a signed final SoCG before the end of Examination.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |