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Glossary of Acronyms

AWS	Anglian Water Services Ltd
NFOW	North Falls Offshore Windfarm

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

- 1. This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared by NFOW (the Applicant) and Anglian Water. It identifies areas of North Falls Offshore Wind Farm (hereafter 'the Project' or 'North Falls') where matters are agreed, not agreed or that remain under discussion between the parties.
- 2. The Applicant has had regard to the Planning Inspectorate (2024) guidance regarding Statements of Common/Uncommon Ground for Hearings and Inquiries when compiling the SoCG.
- 3. This SoCG has been structured to reflect topics of the application which are of interest to Anglian Water. The applicable matters considered within the SoCG apply to Anglian Water statutory and non-statutory remit.
- 4. Table 1.1 presents the topics included in the SoCG with the Applicant and Anglian Water.

Table 1.1 Topics included in the SoCG

Topic/Chapter
Identification of Anglian Water Assets
Protection of Anglian Water Assets
Demand on Infrastructure
Protective Provisions

- 5. Details of the consultation undertaken on those topics not included in the Evidence Plan Process (EPP) are set out in the corresponding chapters of the Environmental Statement (ES).
- 6. Topic specific matters agreed, not agreed, and matters that remain under discussion between the Applicant and Anglian Water are included within this SoCG. Matters that are not yet agreed will be the subject of ongoing discussion between the Applicant and Anglian Water to reach agreement on each matter whatever possible or refine the extent of disagreement between parties.
- 7. Throughout the SoCG the phrase "Agreed" identifies any point of agreement between the Applicant and Anglian Water. The phrase "Not Agreed" identifies any point that is not agreed between the Applicant and Anglian Water.

1.2 Consultation with Anglian Water

8. The Applicant has engaged with Anglian Water on the project during the pre-Application process, both in terms of informal non-statutory engagement and formal consultation carried out pursuant Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008.

1.3 Summary of Agreed, Not Agreed and In Discussion

- 9. In order to easily identify whether a matter is 'agreed', 'not agreed', or 'in discussion' the position status colour coding system set out in Table 2.1 is used in the SoCG.
- 10. Details of specific topics that are 'agreed', 'not agreed', or 'in discussion' between the Applicant and Anglian Water are presented in Table 1.2.

Table 1.2 Position status key

Position Status	Position Colour Coding
Agreed. The matter is considered to be agreed between the parties.	Agreed
Not Agreed- no material impact The matter is not yet agreed between the parties however the outcome of the approach taken by either the Applicant and Anglian Water is not considered to result in a material impact to the assessment conclusions and the matter is considered to be closed for the purposes of this SoCG. Discussion on these matters have concluded.	Not Agreed- no material impact
Not Agreed- material impact The matter is not agreed between the parties and the outcome of the approach taken by either the Applicant and Anglian Water is considered to result in a materially different impact to the assessment conclusions. Discussions on these matters have concluded.	Not Agreed- material impact
In discussion The matter is neither 'agreed' nor 'not agreed' and is a matter where further discussion is required between the parties (e.g. where the documents are yet to be shared with Anglian Water.	In discussion

2. Statement of Common Ground

11. A summary of the consultation undertaken to date with Anglian Water and the matters agreed or not agreed between the Applicant and Anglian Water (based

on discussions and information exchanged between the Applicant and Anglian Water during the pre-application phase of the Application) are set out below for each of the SoCG topic areas.

2.1 Meetings and Engagement

Table 2.1 Summary of Consultation with Anglian Water regarding Plant Protection and Safety.

Date	Contact Type	Торіс
Pre-Application		
April to May 2021	Written Consultation	Consultation on terms for the North Falls EIA / HRA Evidence Plan process.
12th August 2021	Scoping Report	Written response to PINs regarding the EIA Scoping Report.
13 th July 2023	Written Consultation	Response to the Statutory consultation.
18 th October 2024	Relevant Representation	Response to the relevant representation consultation.
Between 18 th March 2025 to 29 th May 2025	Written communication	Email exchanges (numerous) and iterations of document, concerning Bespoke Protective Provisions to reach agreement on its content.
20 th May 2024	Meeting	To discuss matters, including interactions with AWS assets and crossing methodologies; demand on infrastructure and content of the draft SofCG.

Table 2.2 Topics agreed, in discussion or not agreed in relation to Anglian Water Assets

ID	The Applicant Position	Anglian Water Position	Position Summary
Identification of A	nglian Water Assets		
AnW_1	ES Appendix 5.1 Crossing Schedule [APP-092] shows there will be no interaction during construction of the onshore cables or onshore substation with any Anglian Water assets. One Anglian Water asset has been identified near Short Lane, which interacts with Work No. 10 of the Works Plans (Onshore) [AS-019]. The Draft Development Consent Order [REP5-008] does not allow any intrusive works pursuant to Work No.10, as it is solely a means of access to the cable route for operational maintenance.	No further comment. See Protective Provisions under AnW_4.	Agreed
Protection of Ang	glian Water Assets		
AnW_2	NFOW have engaged with AWS to discuss the management of construction activity and likely impacts to AWS's infrastructure. It is noted Anglian Water only manage sewerage and not potable water supply within the Order Limits.	As per AWS's Relevant Representations, the framework documents Code of Construction Practice and Construction Traffic Management Plan are welcomed. Whilst Bespoke Protective Provisions should address those interaction with AWS Assets, 24 hours/ 7-day access to assets should not be compromised and should be further addressed in the final versions of these documents.	Agreed
Demand on Infra	structure		
AnW_3	The project will not have any significant demand upon AWS's infrastructure. The project will require a permanent low volume water supply for the onshore substation welfare facilities. There is no permanent mains sewer connection proposed for the onshore substation welfare facilities as there is no existing infrastructure nearby to connect into. Waste will be managed on-site through a septic tank or equivalent. It is anticipated that	AWS is only the sewerage undertaker within the Order Limits and no mains sewer connection is proposed for the onshore element of the project. The Applicant has been provided with information for making any future requests and the approval process for this. It should not be implied or agreed that any wastewater collected by any licence waste	Agreed





ID	The Applicant Position	Anglian Water Position	Position Summary
	very limited sewerage facilities would be required, given the nature of the requirements for an onshore substation. Temporary connection applications may be made for (temporary) water supplies and potentially sewerage connections to construction compounds where suitable existing infrastructure is in place.	carrier will be receive at an Anglian Water site for processing.	
Protective Provisions are agreed			
AnW_4	AWS has provided NFOW with its standard protective provisions and these have been agreed at Deadline 8.	Discussions on the Bespoke Protective Provisions have concluded and an agreed set were included in the draft DCO (Schedule 14 - Protective Provisions Part 9 – For the protection of Anglian Water) at Deadline 6.	Agreed
Public Sewer Network			
AnW_5	The Outline Operational Drainage Strategy [APP-254] confirms that the public sewer network is not required to manage additional surface water flows.	No further comment.	Agreed.

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3. **Signatures**

The above SoCG is agreed between the Applicant and Anglian Water on the day specified below. 12.

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