

# **Cory Decarbonisation Project** **DCO**

## **LB Bexley Deadline 6 Response**

*23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.*

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This document is being submitted in response to documents submitted by Cory at Deadline 5.

## **UPDATE SINCE DEADLINE 5**

Since Deadline 5 the Council and Cory have been in discussion following the Council's submission of its Deadline 5 response and the updated Statement of Common Ground (SoCG).

Since Deadline 5 the Council and Cory have been focusing primarily on agreeing further matters in the SoCG as well as all legal agreements.

Through these discussions the Council and the Cory have agreed all outstanding matters in the SoCG. A signed SoCG was submitted by Cory to the Examining Authority on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.

With regard to legal matters, the Council is currently reviewing all S106 agreements, and these will be completed and submitted by Cory on or before Deadline 7.

As a result of the above, the Council does not anticipate submitting any further responses as part of this examination.

## **RESPONSE TO EXAMINERS RULE 17 LETTER**

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025 the Examiner issued a letter under Rule 17 which requested further information following Deadline 5 submissions. In his Rule 17 letter, the Examiner asked a question which requires a response from the Council.

Both the question and the Council's response are provided below:

**R17Q2.6- The Statement of Common Ground - London Borough of Bexley [REP5-019] confirms agreement between the parties and that "The Outline LaBARDS, including the provision for management, maintenance and monitoring as set out in Rev C, is agreed", and this is reflected in and applicant's response to ExQ2.3.1 [REP5-033]. However in LBBC's responses to ExQ2.3.1 and ExQ2.3.2 in its D5 submission [REP5-042] there is an apparent difference in expectations for monitoring provisions in the dDCO and LaBARDS including the terminology, frequency, report content, stakeholder review and agreement provisions, and mechanism for securing the monitoring. Please can the parties confirm whether there is agreement on the detailed wording of the dDCO and outline LaBARDS and if not clarify where the differences lie.**

With regard to the outline LaBARDS both the Council and Cory have been working on a revised document, which has now been agreed upon and was submitted by Cory to the Examiner on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.