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# 1. INTRODUCTION

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## 1.1. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

- 1.1.1. This Statement of Commonality has been prepared in order to provide the Examining Authority ('ExA') with the current position on Statements of Common Ground ('SoCG') between Cory Environmental Holdings Limited ('the Applicant') and Interested Parties in relation to the proposed Cory Decarbonisation Project in Bexley, London (the 'Proposed Scheme').
- 1.1.2. It reports on the SoCG that have been submitted during pre-Examination and is a report that will be updated as SoCG are developed throughout the Examination.
- 1.1.3. The **Rule 8 Letter (PD-006)** requires the submission of the SoCG as requested by the ExA and a Statement of Commonality is requested at deadlines 1, 3, 4, 5 as required. Final versions of each are to be submitted by Deadline 7 (2nd May 2025). At Deadline 7, the Applicant will set out the position with each party with whom a final SoCG has not been reached.

## 1.2. STRUCTURE OF THIS DOCUMENT

- 1.2.1. The remainder of this document is structured as follows:
  - Section 2 sets out the status of the SoCG requested by the ExA.
  - Section 3 sets out the commonality between the SoCG and a summary of the current position.

## 2. LIST OF STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND

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### 2.1. LIST AND STATUS OF STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND

- 2.1.1. In accordance with the guidance published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government<sup>1</sup>, the Applicant has prepared SoCG with a number of Interested Parties.
- 2.1.2. The SoCG identify matters on which the Parties agree (meaning the Applicant and the third party with whom the SoCG is drafted), what matters remain under discussion and what matters are confirmed to be not agreed.
- 2.1.3. **Table 2-1** provides a list and the status of SoCG that are in place and their status as at the date of this document.
- 2.1.4. Where a SoCG status is listed as 'for review', this reflects that the version that has been sent to the relevant Interested Party but that the Applicant has not yet received a response from that Party for discussion. These SoCG are submitted so the ExA has an understanding of the Applicant's position as to progress on matters of interest to the Interested Party.
- 2.1.5. This table will be updated each time the SoCG are submitted for consideration by the ExA.
- 2.1.6. Document reference numbers 8.1.8, 8.1.10, 8.1.20, and 8.1.25 are not in use at this time.

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<sup>1</sup> Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. Planning Act 2008: Examination Stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, 2024

**Table 2-1: List and Status of SoCG at Deadline 6, 29th April 2025**

Document Reference Number	Interested Party	Status	Submitted at this Deadline?
8.1.1	London Borough of Bexley (LBB)	<b>Rev F (AS-96)</b> submitted with Applicant's update of 16 April 2025. Agreed and signed on 16 April 2025.	No
8.1.2	Greater London Authority (GLA)	<b>Rev B (REP4-017)</b> submitted at Deadline 4. The parties have agreed text of a Rev C, with the intention to submit it as a signed document by the close of Examination.	No
8.1.3	Environment Agency (EA)	<b>Rev D</b> submitted at Deadline 6. Agreed and signed on 29 April 2025.	Yes
8.1.4	Port of London Authority (PLA)	<b>Rev B (AS-097)</b> submitted with Applicant's update of 16 April 2025. Agreed and signed on 7 April 2025.	No
8.1.5	Natural England (NE)	<b>Rev F</b> submitted at Deadline 6. Agreed and signed on 28 April 2025.	Yes
8.1.6	Friends of Crossness Nature Reserve (FoCNR)	<b>Rev D (REP3-018)</b> Agreed and signed on 8 January 2025.	No
8.1.7	Marine Management Organisation (MMO)	<b>Rev E</b> submitted at Deadline 6. Agreed and signed on 25 April 2025.	Yes

Document Reference Number	Interested Party	Status	Submitted at this Deadline?
8.1.9	Greater London Archaeology Advisory Service	<b>Rev A (AS-041)</b> Agreed and signed on 6 September 2024.	No
8.1.11	Historic England	<b>Rev A (AS-032)</b> Agreed and signed on 6 September 2024.	No
8.1.12	Iron Mountain	<b>Rev A (REP3-019)</b> submitted in agreement with Iron Mountain at Deadline 3 as a draft.	No
8.1.13	ASDA	<b>Rev A (PDA-003)</b> with ASDA for review.	No
8.1.14	Thames Water Utilities Ltd (TWUL)	<b>Rev A (AS-081)</b> submitted as a mutually acceptable draft on 22 January.	No
8.1.15	Peabody Trust and Tilfen Land Ltd (Peabody Trust)	<b>Rev A (REP1-017)</b> submitted as a draft with the agreement of Peabody Trust at Deadline 1.	No
8.1.16	Landsul Limited and Munster Joinery (UK) Ltd	Further to the chronology of the SoCG set out in the Applicant's response to the Rule 17 letter <b>(AS-077)</b> , its Follow-Up <b>(AS-083)</b> and the discussions at CAH2 and ISH2, the Applicant considered that a SoCG will now be of limited value to the Examination, as both parties' positions are clear at this time and there is very limited agreement between the parties.	No
8.1.17	Creek Side Developments (UK) Ltd		No

Document Reference Number	Interested Party	Status	Submitted at this Deadline?
8.1.18	Seamus Gannon	The Applicant has issued draft SoCGs to both parties to review and comment on. A response is awaited.	No
8.1.19	UK Power Networks (UKPN)	<b>Rev A (PDA-005)</b> submitted as a draft at Procedural Deadline A.	No
8.1.21	Aviva	<b>Rev B (PDA-006)</b> submitted as a draft at Procedural Deadline A.	No
8.1.22	Lidl	<b>Rev C (REP4-021)</b> agreed and signed on 19 February 2025.  <i>Note: although there are some formatting discrepancies in the signed version submitted, these do not affect the substance of the SoCG.</i>	No
8.1.23	Alaska RE	<b>Rev A (REP4-022)</b> agreed and signed on 14 February 2025.  <i>Note: although there are some formatting discrepancies in the signed version submitted, these do not affect the substance of the SoCG.</i>	No
8.1.24	Mr Percy Anderson	<b>Rev A (REP3-020)</b> agreed and signed on 8 January 2025 to complete the SoCG.  <i>Note: this is marked as Rev D which is incorrect and for internal correspondence only.</i>	No



Document Reference Number	Interested Party	Status	Submitted at this Deadline?
8.1.26	Save Crossness Nature Reserve (SCNR)	<b>Rev D (REP3-021)</b> Agreed and signed on 9 January 2025.	No
8.1.27	Royal Society of Protection of Birds (RSPB)	RSPB confirmed by email to ExA (on 17 October 2024) that it will not prepare a SoCG and will not engage further with the Examination.  Confirmed by ExA in Rule 8 letter (PD-006) RSPB SoCG is no longer required.	No
8.1.28	Buglife	<b>Rev B (REP2-012)</b> Agreed and signed 13 December 2024.	No
8.1.29	Kent County Council (KCC)	<b>Rev C</b> agreed and signed on 25 March 2025 and submitted as final at Deadline 5.	No
8.1.30	Dartford Borough Council (DBC)	<b>Rev B (REP2-013)</b> agreed and signed as a final SoCG on 10 December 2024.	No
8.1.31	National Highways	<b>Rev C</b> agreed and signed on 18 March 2025 and submitted as final at Deadline 5.	No

### 3. COMMONALITY

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#### 3.1. SUMMARY

- 3.1.1. As requested by the ExA in the Rule 8 Letter (**PD-006**), this section of the document provides a summary of the principal issues covered in the SoCG and demonstrates where there is commonality in the topics or matters being discussed with the various parties.
- 3.1.2. **Table 3-1** presents the topics covered within the various SoCG and shows how these are relevant to each party and the current position for each topic. This reflects the current position within the SoCG, as most recently updated by those submitted alongside this Statement for Deadline 5, using a RAG (red, amber, green) system as shown in **Figure 3-1**. It will be updated as the Examination progresses.

**Figure 3-1: RAG system used for matters within the SoCG**

	Matter agreed
	Matters under discussion
	Matter not agreed

**Table 3-2: Principal Issues Covered in the Statements of Common Ground**

SoCG Party	Planning Policy	Draft DCO (Including Protected Provisions)	Consideration of Site Alternatives	EIA Methodology	Air Quality	Noise and Vibration	Terrestrial Biodiversity	Marine Biodiversity	Historic Environment	Townscape and Visual	Water Environment and Flood Risk	Climate Resilience	Greenhouse Gases	Population Health and land Use	Socio-Economics	Materials and Waste	Ground Conditions and Soils	Landside Transport	Marine Navigation	Major Accidents and Disasters	Cumulative Effects
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8.1.11 Historic England																					
8.1.12 Iron Mountain																					
8.1.13 ASDA																					
8.1.14 Thames Water																					
8.1.15 Peabody Trust																					
8.1.16 Landsul & Munster Joinery																					
8.1.17 Creek Side																					
8.1.18 Seamus Gamon																					
8.2.19 UKPN																					
8.1.21 Aviva																					
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8.1.23 Alaska RE																					

SoCG Party

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