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1. Introduction

1.1. Overview

- 1.1.1. This Statement of Common Ground ('SoCG') has been prepared by Enso Green Holdings D Limited (the 'Applicant') in conjunction with Historic England in respect of the Helios Renewable Energy Project Development Consent Order (DCO) (the 'Proposed Development').
- 1.1.2. The SoCG sets out the matters of agreement between the Applicant and Historic England.
- 1.1.3. This SoCG covers all the matters which are relevant to Historic England.

2. Record of Engagement

2.1. Summary of consultation and engagement

- 2.1.1. Consultation between the Applicant and Historic England is set out in Table 6.4 of the ES Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage **[APP-026]**.

3. Current Position

3.1.1. Table 3.1 provides a schedule that summarises the position on key matters between the Applicant and Historic England. Appendix A details the position between the Applicant and Historic England on each relevant representation.

3.1.2. Each matter is attributed a status as follows:

Agreed	The matter is agreed between the parties, or there are no significant disagreements such that the matter is considered closed.
Under discussion	This matter is neither 'agreed' or 'not agreed'. Technical work is being undertaken with the aim of achieving agreement, though the risk of disagreement remains.
Not agreed	The matter is not agreed between the parties and the outcome of the approach taken by the Applicant or Historic England is considered to result in a materially different impact to the assessment conclusions.

Table 3.1: Key Matters

Matter	Status	Date
Assessment of Heritage Assets		Apr 2025
Archaeological and Geophysical survey		Apr 2025
Listed Buildings		Apr 2025
Camblesforth Hall – Grade I (NHLE Ref: 1173983)		Apr 2025
Carlton Towers – Grade I (NHLE Ref: 1295955)		Apr 2025

4. **Signatures**

4.1.1. This Statement of Common Ground is agreed upon:

On behalf of Historic England:

Name: [redacted]

Signature [redacted]

Date: 23.04.2025

On behalf of the Applicant:

Name: [redacted]

Signature: [redacted]

Date: 24.04.2025

Appendix A: Detailed Matters

Ref.	Description of Matter	Applicant – Current Position	Historic England – Current Position	Status
1.1	<p>Assessment of Heritage Assets</p> <p>The methodology used to assess the impact of the Proposed Development on Heritage Assets.</p>	<p>The assessment methodology is set out in section 6.3 of Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage of the ES [APP-026].</p> <p>The assessment has been carried out in line with Historic England guidance and advice notes. Support is provided in Environmental Statement Appendix 6.1 - Cultural Heritage Technical Appendix [APP-125] which provides supporting evidence and assessment pursuant to a Heritage Impact Assessment.</p>	<p>Historic England advised at the section 42 Formal Pre-Application stage that a Heritage Impact Assessment would be required.</p> <p>Whilst this was not provided as a single document, Historic England agree that the contents of the ES Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage [APP-026] and ES Appendix 6.1 - Cultural Heritage Technical Appendix [APP-125], together, assessed the significance of Camblesforth Hall and Carlton Towers, including the contribution of setting to their significance, and the potential impact of the scheme upon that significance as stated in Historic England's Written Representations [REP2-028].</p> <p>Historic England agrees that this methodology has been carried out using Historic England guidance 'The Setting of Heritage Assets' and cumulatively is an acceptable methodology [REP2-028].</p>	Agreed

Ref.	Description of Matter	Applicant – Current Position	Historic England – Current Position	Status
1.2	<p>Archaeology and Geophysical survey</p> <p>The approach to the assessment of archaeological potential on Site.</p>	<p>During the Section 42 Formal Pre-Application stage Historic England deferred comment on the approach to the assessment of archaeological potential on the site to the Local Planning Authority's archaeological advisors. This assessment was contained with the ES and informed by geophysical survey [APP-127 to APP-129].</p> <p>North Yorkshire Council have confirmed within their SoCG [REP5-010] that the archaeological potential of the site has been appropriately assessed and the mitigation strategy is suitable.</p>	<p>Historic England welcome the geophysical survey that has been completed and have no concerns regarding archaeology and as such defer to the local authority archaeologist on this matter as set out in the Section 42 Formal Preapplication Consultation response of 13th November 2023 [APP-222].</p> <p>Historic England understand that archaeological matters have been agreed with the Local Authority's archaeological advisors and have no comments to make on archaeology [REP2-028].</p>	Agreed
1.3	<p>Listed buildings</p> <p>Identification of Listed buildings to be considered.</p>	<p>The Applicant has assessed the listed buildings within the 3km study area. In their Section 42 Formal Pre-application Consultation response of November 2023 [APP-222], Historic England highlighted the</p> <p>Grade I – Carlton Towers (NHLE Ref: 1295955) and the</p> <p>Grade I – Camblesforth Hall (NHLE Ref: 1173983) as having potential for changes to setting which may have an</p>	<p>Historic England confirms that the settings of the Grade I listed Camblesforth Hall and Carlton Towers may be affected by the Proposed Development [RR-143].</p>	Agreed

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		effect on significance.		
1.4	<p>Camblesforth Hall – Grade I (NHLE Ref: 1173983)</p> <p>The impact of the Proposed Development on Camblesforth Hall.</p>	<p>The Applicant's assessment in Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage of the ES [APP-026] concludes that the significance of Camblesforth Hall is largely made up by the physical fabric of the asset, rather than its setting.</p> <p>There is no material interaction of the Proposed Development and Camblesforth Hall. Therefore, the physical fabric of the heritage asset will remain unchanged by the Proposed Development.</p> <p>With regards to the setting of Camblesforth Hall, the operational Proposed Development will not alter the primary contributing factors to the significance of Camblesforth Hall's setting, nor will it change the ability to understand and appreciate views of the asset, which form part of its setting and contribute to its significance. Where the Site of the Proposed Development lies within the wider surroundings of the asset, the asset cannot be experienced, understood, or appreciated from within this area and there is no longer any historic or functional link between the asset and the Site.</p>	<p>Historic England assessed potential for a very small degree of harm to the significance of Camblesforth Hall, through a change in setting, as set out in their Section 42 Formal Preapplication Consultation response of 13th November 2023 [APP-222].</p> <p>In paragraph 3.2.12 of Historic England's Written Representations [REP2-028] it was assessed that there would be a low level of less than substantial harm.</p> <p>Historic England acknowledge that although all efforts should be made to minimise this harm through design, it is such a small degree of harm that it is likely to be outweighed by the clear public benefits of the Proposed Development [APP-222].</p> <p>In paragraph 4.6 of Historic England's Written Representations [REP2-028] Historic England set out that they consider that the safeguards for dealing with the impact can</p>	Agreed

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		<p>As such, there is no harm to this heritage asset.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that the Applicant has not identified harm to this asset arising from the Scheme and that Historic England have identified a low level of LTSH.</p> <p>The Applicant now considers that it is a matter for the ExA to take this into account.</p>	<p>be appropriately dealt with through the proposed design and conditions of the DCO.</p> <p>At paragraph 4.7 of Historic England's Written Representations [REP2-028] Historic England set out that they have no further concerns relating to the impact on the significance of the two Grade I listed buildings. highlighted in [the] preapplication advice as being points of potential concern.</p> <p>Historic England now considers that it is a matter for the ExA to take this into account.</p>	
1.5	Carlton Towers – Grade I (NHLE Ref: 1295955)	The Applicant's assessment of the asset (further detail of this assessment is in Chapter 6: Cultural Heritage of the ES [APP-026]) concluded that the Proposed Development would introduce a change in the character of the land within	Historic England assessed potential for a very small degree of harm to the significance of Carlton Towers, through a change in setting, as set out in their Section 42 Formal	Agreed

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	The impact of the Proposed Development on Carlton Towers.	<p>the Site. This change in character would be visible in one particular aspect of a panoramic view from the tower with the built form of the Proposed Development over 1.5km to the north of Carlton Towers.</p> <p>There are no historic associations with the Site and this asset, no functional association, and the only change would be in a glimpsed view from an area which is not publicly accessible.</p> <p>The impact of the Proposed Development on the view from Carlton Towers is considered to be a negligible impact upon the significance of the asset, and would result in a minor adverse effect, which is not significant.</p> <p>Any harm is considered to be at the lower end of less than substantial harm.</p>	<p>Preapplication Consultation response of 13th November 2023 [APP-222].</p> <p>In paragraph 3.2.12 of Historic England's Written Representations [REP2-028] it was assessed that there would be a low level of less than substantial harm.</p> <p>Historic England acknowledge that although all efforts should be made to minimise this harm through design, it is such a small degree of harm that it is likely to be outweighed by the clear public benefits of the Proposed Development [APP-222].</p> <p>Historic England agree to the conclusions of the Applicant regarding the impact of the Development on Carlton Towers [REP2-028].</p>	