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1. Introduction

1.1. Overview

- 1.1.1. This Statement of Commonality ('SoC') has been prepared by Enso Green Holdings D Limited (the 'Applicant') in respect of the Helios Renewable Energy Project Development Consent Order (DCO) (the 'Proposed Development').
- 1.1.2. The purpose of this document is to summarise the status and progress of the Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) and to provide a Statement of Commonality, setting out matters that are common to more than one SoCG.
- 1.1.3. Section 2 summarises the status of each SoCG at each Examination Deadline.
- 1.1.4. Section 3 shows the status of matters that are common to several interested parties which span over multiple SoCGs.
- 1.1.5. Section 4 provides a summary of the current position between the Applicant and other parties. The individual SoCGs provide full detail on specific matters.

2. Statement of Common Ground Status

2.1. Summary of Current Position

2.1.1. This section provides an update on each SoCG, with Table 2.1 providing a high-level position on the status of each SoCG. Within Table 2.1:

- **SoCG in draft** – the draft has been drafted by the Applicant and discussion is ongoing prior to reaching a signed SoCG;
- **Final signed SoCG with all matters agreed** – the final SoCG has been signed by both parties and all matters are agreed; and
- **Final signed SoCG with some matters not agreed** – the final SoCG has been signed by both parties and there are matters that the Applicant and other party are not in agreement on.

Table 2.1 Status of SoCGs

SoCG Party	Procedural Deadline A	Deadline 1	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7	Deadline 8	Deadline 9	Deadline 10
North Yorkshire Council	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	Final SoCG (unsigned) with some matters not agreed	Final signed SoCG with some matters not agreed		
Natural England	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	SoCG in draft	Final signed SoCG with all matters agreed	N/A – final version submitted at D5.	N/A – final version submitted at D5	N/A – final version submitted at D5		
The Environment Agency	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	Final signed SoCG with all matters agreed		
National Highways	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	Final signed SoCG with all matters agreed	N/A – final version submitted at D2.	N/A – final version submitted at D2.	N/A – final version submitted at D2.	N/A – final version submitted at D2.	N/A – final version submitted at D2.	N/A – final version submitted at D2.		
Historic England	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	Final signed SoCG with all matters agreed	N/A – final version submitted at D7.		
North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted	N/A – no SoCG submitted at	N/A – no SoCG submitted at	N/A – no SoCG submitted at	N/A – no SoCG submitted at	The SoCG with NYFRS will not be	The SoCG with NYFRS will not be	The SoCG with NYFRS will not be		

		at this time.	this time.	this time.	this time.	this time.	completed.	completed.	completed.		
Burn Gliding Club	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	Final signed SoCG with some matters not agreed	N/A – final version submitted at D7.		
Carlton Parish Council	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	The SoCG with Carlton PC will not be completed.	The SoCG with Carlton PC will not be completed.		
Hirst Courtney and West Bank Parish Council	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	The SoCG with HC & WB PC will not be completed.	The SoCG with HC & WB PC will not be completed.	The SoCG with HC & WB PC will not be completed.		
Camblesforth Parish Council	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	SoCG in draft	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	N/A – no SoCG submitted at this time.	The SoCG with Camblesforth PC will not be completed.	The SoCG with Camblesforth PC will not be completed.		

3. Commonality

3.1. Introduction to Commonality

3.1.1. This section of the SoC provides an overview of the topics covered in the SoCGs. **Table 3.2** sets out where there is commonality in the topics discussed between the Applicant and the parties, where matters have ongoing discussions, or where the matters have reached a final position with no agreement.

3.1.2. The figure below shows the status of each topic based on the colour provided.

Table 3.1 – Key

Cell	Status
	Matter agreed
	Matter subject to ongoing discussion
	Matter not agreed
	Matter not relevant / raised by party

3.1.3. **Table 3.2** is a live table and will be updated at each deadline.

Table 3.2 – Statement of Commonality

			Topics Considered																		
SoCG Party	Principle	Alternatives	Cultural Heritage	Archaeology	Landscape & Views	Biodiversity	Water Environment	Transport & Access	Public Rights of Way	Noise & Vibration	Climate Change	Socio-Economics	Public Health	Soils & Agricultural Land	Cumulative Effects	Air Quality	Ground Conditions	Safety	Glint and Glare	Gliding	Draft DCO / Requirements
North Yorkshire Council																					
Natural England																					
The Environment Agency																					
National Highways																					
Historic England																					
Burn Gliding Club																					

4. Current Position

4.1. Overview

- 4.1.1. This section of the SoC provides a summary of the current position between the Applicant and other parties. The individual SoCGs provide full detail on specific matters.

4.2. North Yorkshire Council

- 4.2.1. The Applicant has actively engaged with North Yorkshire Council (NYC) throughout the Examination. The SoCG was progressed following submission of NYC's Relevant Representations **[RR-277 and RR-278]** and Local Impact Report **[REP2-034]**, through further engagement and dialogue with NYC and reference to NYC's Principle Areas of Disagreement Statement (PADS) **[REP4-051, REP5-018 and REP7-025]**.
- 4.2.2. The final SoCG was provided to NYC prior to Deadline 7. NYC have subsequently made arrangements for the SoCG to be signed and the final signed SoCG dated 13th May 2025 is submitted at Deadline 8.

4.3. Natural England

- 4.3.1. The agreed SoCG dated 20th March 2025 was submitted at Deadline 5.

4.4. The Environment Agency

- 4.4.1. The Applicant has actively engaged with the Environment Agency (EA) throughout the Examination. The SoCG was progressed following submission of the EA's Relevant Representation **[RR-117]** and Written Representation **[REP2-027]**, through further engagement and dialogue with the EA and reference to the EA's PADS **[PDA-022, REP4-053, REP5-020, REP6-039 and REP7-026]**. The final signed SoCG dated 13th May 2025 is submitted at Deadline 8 with all matters agreed.

4.5. National Highways

- 4.5.1. The agreed SoCG dated 7th January 2025 was submitted at Deadline 2.

4.6. Historic England

4.6.1. The agreed SoCG dated 24th April 2025 was submitted at Deadline 7.

4.7. North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

4.7.1. The Applicant submitted a draft SoCG with North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (NYFRS) at Procedural Deadline A and subsequently shared it with NYFRS directly on 26th November 2024. The Applicant has been liaising with NYFRS since this date and the NYFRS confirmed on 10th January 2025 that it is awaiting 'further sector guidance from the National Fire Chiefs Council' regarding these types of consultation.

4.7.2. The Applicant discussed the SoCG with NYFRS on 4th April 2025. NYFRS advised that they would not enter into a SoCG as there is no statutory requirement for them to do so. They also advised that the appropriate point for the FRS to respond to the Proposed Development would be at consultation from the LPA when the requirement to submit a final Battery Safety Management Plan is discharged, as per Requirement 9 in the dDCO [REP7-003]. The Applicant is therefore not continuing to engage with NYFRS regarding the SoCG.

4.8. Burn Gliding Club

4.8.1. The agreed SoCG dated 22nd April 2025 was submitted at Deadline 7.

4.9. Carlton Parish Council

4.9.1. The Examining Authority (ExA) requested a SoCG be prepared between the Applicant and Carlton Parish Council in the Rule 8 letter dated 11th December 2024. The Applicant prepared a draft SoCG based on Carlton Parish Council's Relevant Representation [RR-050]. This draft version was submitted at Deadline 2 and was shared with Carlton Parish Council on 10th January 2025.

4.9.2. Carlton Parish Council acknowledged receipt of the draft SoCG in an email dated 11th January 2025 and advised that it would be discussed at a future Parish Council meeting.

4.9.3. The Applicant met with representatives for Carlton Parish Council on 20th March 2025 and discussed the Statement of Common Ground process. The Parish Council contacted the Applicant on 15th April 2025 to advise that it could not agree to the SoCG. The Applicant does not therefore intend to enter into further discussions on the draft SoCG on the basis that there is no common ground between the parties

and a SoCG will not be provided.

4.10. Hirst Courtney and West Bank Parish Council

4.10.1. The Examining Authority (ExA) requested a SoCG be prepared between the Applicant and Hirst Courtney and West Bank Parish Council in the Rule 8 letter dated 11th December 2024. The Applicant prepared a draft SoCG based on their Relevant Representation **[RR-142]**. This draft version was submitted at Deadline 2 and was shared with Hirst Courtney and West Bank Parish Council on 10th January 2025.

4.10.2. Hirst Courtney and West Bank Parish Council has advised in an email dated 12th January 2025 that a draft SoCG would be discussed at future Parish Council meeting.

4.10.3. Hirst Courtney and West Bank Parish Council provided a submission at Deadline 5 **[REP5-015]**. The Parish Council set out its continuing objection to the Proposed Development and its objection to the SoCG. The Applicant does not therefore intend to enter into further discussions on the draft SoCG on the basis that there is no common ground between the parties and a SoCG will not be provided.

4.11. Camblesforth Parish Council

4.11.1. The Examining Authority (ExA) requested a SoCG be prepared between the Applicant and Camblesforth Parish Council in the Rule 8 letter dated 11th December 2024. The Applicant prepared a draft SoCG based on their Additional Submission **[AS-004]**. This draft version was submitted at Deadline 2 and was shared with Camblesforth Parish Council on 10th January 2025.

4.11.2. Camblesforth Parish Council acknowledged receipt of the draft SoCG in an email dated 10th January 2025 and advised that it would be discussed at a future Parish Council meeting. The Applicant contacted the Parish Council on 10th March requesting confirmation as to whether it would be entering into a SoCG. The Applicant has received no further communication from the Parish Council. The Applicant does not therefore intend to enter into further discussions on the draft SoCG on the basis that there is no common ground between the parties and a SoCG will not be provided.