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I write on behalf of BSSL Cambsbed 1 Ltd (the 'Applicant') in response to the Examining Authority's (ExA) Rule 8 letter dated 02 April 2026 in respect of Examination Deadline 1. This letter sets out the submissions made by the Applicant for Deadline 1.

1. The Applicant's revised documents submitted at Deadline 1

The Applicant has provided the following updated application documents as part of this submission:

Document	Rev.	Reason(s) for updates
Application Document Tracker <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P04	Updated to accurately set out the current status of all documents submitted by the Applicant as of Deadline 1.
Draft Development Consent Order <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P04	Various updates including in response to Relevant Representations and Issue Specific Hearing 1. Refer to the Schedule of Changes to the draft Development Consent Order for a list of all updates.
Explanatory Memorandum <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P03	Various updates including in response to Relevant Representations and Issue Specific Hearing 1.

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Traffic Regulation Measures Plan	P02	Updated to remove the lifting of weight restriction along the B645.
ES Vol 1 Chapter 8: Hydrology and Flood Risk <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P02	Updated in response to comments from the Environment Agency.
ES Vol 1 Chapter 12: Ground Conditions <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P02	Updated in response to comments from the Environment Agency.
ES Vol 2 Appendix 2-3: Site Preparation Works <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P02	Updated in response to comments from the Environment Agency.
ES Vol 2 Appendix 4-4 Long List of Other Development	P02	Updated to consider any new proposals coming forward since submission of the application.
ES Vol 2 Appendix 5-6: Glint and Glare Assessment <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P02	Updated to include Bedford Aerodrome and Little Staughton Airfield in response to relevant representations.
ES Vol 2 Appendix 6-4: Settings Impact Assessment <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P02	Updated to amend LVIA viewpoint references in response to relevant representations.
ES Vol 2 Appendix 7-1: Ecological Baseline Report <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P02	Updated in response to relevant representations.
ES Vol 2 Appendix 7-5: Great Crested Newt Presence or Absence Survey Report <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P02	Updated in response to relevant representations.
ES Vol 3 Figure 2-3: Indicative Crossings Plan	P02	Updated only to make the Former Oil Pipeline and Existing Overhead Power Line layers clearer.
ES Vol 3 Chapter 4 EIA Methodology Figures	P02	Updated Figure 4-1 only to reflect changes made to ES Vol 2 Appendix 4-4 Long List of Other Development.
Design Parameters and Principles Statement <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P02	Updated in response to comments from the Environment Agency.

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Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P02	Various updates including in response to Relevant Representations and Issue Specific Hearings.
Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P02	Various updates including in response to Relevant Representations and Issue Specific Hearings.
Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P02	Various updates including in response to Relevant Representations and Issue Specific Hearings.
Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P02	Various updates including in response to Relevant Representations and Issue Specific Hearings.
Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P02	Various updates including in response to Relevant Representations and Issue Specific Hearings.
Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P02	Various updates including in response to Relevant Representations and Issue Specific Hearings.
Outline Soil Management Plan <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P02	Various updates including in response to Relevant Representations and Issue Specific Hearings.
Outline Surface Water Management Plan <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P02	Various updates including in response to Relevant Representations and Issue Specific Hearings.
Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P02	Various updates including in response to Relevant Representations.
Outline Heritage Enhancement Strategy <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P02	Various updates including in response to Relevant Representations.
Biodiversity Net Gain Report <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P02	Various updates including in response to Relevant Representations.
Schedule of Changes to the draft Development Consent Order	P03	Updated to set out the changes made to the draft DCO at Deadline 1.

2. The Applicant's additional documents submitted at Deadline 1

The Applicant has provided the following additional documents to support the Examination:

Document	Rev.	Reason(s) for submission
Applicant Responses to Relevant Representations - Host Authorities, Statutory Environmental Bodies, and Other Interested Parties	P01	As requested in the ExA's Rule 8 Letter.
Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations – Thematic Responses	P01	As requested in the ExA's Rule 8 Letter.
Written Summary of Applicant's Oral Submissions at Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)	P01	As requested in the ExA's Rule 8 Letter.
Written Summary of Applicant's Oral Submissions at Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) and Action Points	P01	As requested in the ExA's Rule 8 Letter.
Written Summary of Applicant's Oral Submissions at Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) and Action Points	P01	As requested in the ExA's Rule 8 Letter.
Statement of Common Ground with National Highways	P01	As requested in the ExA's Rule 8 Letter.
Statement of Common Ground with the Environment Agency	P01	As requested in the ExA's Rule 8 Letter.
Statement of Common Ground with Natural England	P01	As requested in the ExA's Rule 8 Letter.
Statement of Common Ground with Historic England	P01	As requested in the ExA's Rule 8 Letter.
Statement of Commonality	P01	Provides a summary of the current status of each SoCG, and at Section 4 provides a summary of progress with each relevant stakeholder, including any areas of disagreement.
Applicant's Draft Itinerary for an Accompanied Site Inspection	P01	As requested in the ExA's Rule 8 Letter.

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Technical Note on Impact on A1 / B645 St Neots Junction	P01	In response to comments made by National Highways and the Local Highway Authorities.
Hydraulic Modelling Report	P01	In response to comments made by the Environment Agency.
Drive Through of Local Highway Network <i>[Video file]</i>	P01	As requested by the ExA.

3. Statements of Common Ground

Host Authorities

The Applicant is in regular dialogue with officers at each of the Host Authorities and has shared draft SoCGs with each in advance of Deadline 1 for comment. The Applicant has additionally shared draft responses to all matters raised in the Host Authority’s relevant representations in advance of Deadline 1, to inform discussion around the first draft SoCG. The Host Authorities have advised that until such time that the responses to relevant representations are submitted at Deadline 1 and reviewed alongside the Local Impact Report, they are not in a position to make public comment on the SoCGs. The Applicant is therefore not submitting the draft SoCGs at Deadline 1, and expects to submit these at Deadline 2.

The Applicant is not aware that there are any significant points of disagreement or an in-principle objections to the Scheme from any of the Host Authorities at this early stage in the Examination, but areas that require further clarification and discussion. The Applicant will be in a better position to update on any potential principal areas of disagreement after Deadline 1.

National Grid Electricity Transmission

The Applicant is in dialogue with National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) and a draft SoCG is in circulation between the parties. However, discussions relating to compulsory acquisition are ongoing and it has not been possible for the parties to submit the draft SoCG

at Deadline 1. The Applicant expects to submit the draft SoCG by Deadline 2 and is confident that a fully agreed SoCG could be submitted before the end of examination.

4. Issues Tracker

The ExA has requested at Item 4e of Annex F of the **Rule 6 letter [PD-005]** that the Applicant provides an updated 'Issues Tracker' contained within the **Potential Main Issues for Examination [APP-171]** document at each deadline. As set out in the Applicant's **Procedural Deadline A Cover Letter [PDA-001]**, the Applicant has instead opted to submit a '**Statement of Commonality**' alongside the SoCGs at Deadline 1, and will keep the Statement of Commonality updated at the necessary examination deadlines. The Applicant's Statement of Commonality will summarise the key issues and areas of disagreement with the relevant SoCG parties in Section 4 of the Statement of Commonality.

5. Update with respect to land and compulsory acquisition

The Applicant is making good progress on further land agreements to reduce the scope of compulsory acquisition being sought under the DCO. The Applicant provided a land update at Procedural Deadline A on 10th March 2026, and is proposing to provide a further update at Deadline 2 on Tuesday 26th May 2026. There are no land updates to report at Deadline 1.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant if you have any questions or require any further information regarding this submission.

Yours sincerely,


DCO Project Manager on behalf of BSSL Cambsbed 1 Limited