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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of this Document

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Commonality (the ‘Statement’) has been prepared on behalf of BSSL Cambsbed 1 Ltd (the ‘Applicant’) in respect of the application for development consent for the East Park Energy project (the ‘Scheme’). An application for development consent for the Scheme was made on the 3rd October 2025, and subsequently accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate on 30th October 2025.
- 1.1.2 The Statement has been prepared to provide the Examining Authority (ExA) with a summary of the latest position of all Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) being prepared by the Applicant.
- 1.1.3 This Statement will be updated as required during the examination to reflect the progress that has been made on SoCGs.
- 1.1.4 This Statement is **Revision P01** and has been submitted at **Deadline 1**.

1.2 Document Structure

- 1.2.1 This Statement is structured as follows:
- **Section 1: Introduction** – provides an introduction to the document and sets out the structure of the Statement;
 - **Section 2: Statements of Common Ground** – provides a summary of the current status of all Statements of Common Ground, structured by examination deadlines;
 - **Section 3: Statement of Commonality** – provides a summary of the commonality between Statements of Common Ground, setting out matters that are ‘agreed’, ‘under discussion’, or ‘not agreed’.
 - **Section 4: Summary of Progress** – provides a brief summary of the progress made on Statements of Common Ground, as well as next steps.

2.0 STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND

2.1 Approach to Statements of Common Ground

2.1.1 The Applicant began preparing SoCGs following acceptance of the application for examination. Each of the SoCGs being prepared has a consistent approach and structure, setting out:

- The role of the relevant organisation or interested party in the DCO process and a summary of consultation undertaken;
- The matters which are agreed, under discussion, or not agreed; and
- A signing sheet, to be completed once the SoCG is considered final.

2.1.2 The Applicant is preparing SoCGs with the following organisations as directed by the ExA in Annex B of the **Rule 8 Letter [PD-006]**:

- Local Authorities:
 - Bedford Borough Council;
 - Cambridgeshire County Council; and
 - Huntingdonshire District Council.
- Prescribed Consultees:
 - Environment Agency;
 - Historic England;
 - National Highways; and
 - Natural England.
- Statutory Undertakers:
 - National Grid Electricity Transmission.
- Other:
 - Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

2.1.3 **Table 1** presents a summary of the current position of each of the above SoCGs.

Table 1: Current position of each Statement of Common Ground

Organisation	Applicant's Document Reference	Revision	Deadline 1: 7 th April 2026	Deadline 2: 28 th April 2026	Deadline 3: 26 th May 2026	Deadline 4: 10 th July 2026	Deadline 5: 21 st July 2026	Deadline 6: 4 th August 2026	Deadline 7: 18 th August 2026
Local Authorities									
Bedford Borough Council	EN010141/DR/8.13	P01	Draft shared with BBC – No comments received						
Cambridgeshire County Council	EN010141/DR/8.15	P01	Draft shared with CCC – No comments received						
Huntingdonshire District Council	EN010141/DR/8.14	P01	Draft shared with HDC – No comments received						
Prescribed Consultees									
Environment Agency	EN010141/DR/8.17	P01	Version P01 submitted and has been reviewed by EA						
Historic England	EN010141/DR/8.19	P01	Version P01 submitted and has been reviewed by HE						
National Highways	EN010141/DR/8.16	P01	Version P01 submitted and has been reviewed by NH						
Natural England	EN010141/DR/8.18	P01	Version P01 submitted and has been reviewed by NE						
Statutory Undertakers									
National Grid Electricity Transmission	EN010141/DR/8.20	P01	Draft shared with NGET – remains under discussion						
Other									
Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service	EN010141/DR/8.6	P01	Final (Signed) – All matters agreed.						

3.0 STATEMENT OF COMMONALITY

3.1 Approach to Statement of Commonality

3.1.1 This section of the Statement sets out the ‘commonality’ or current agreement status for each of the topics set out in the SoCGs. This is presented in **Table 2** on the following page by topic and by Party to a SoCG.

3.1.2 The table includes colour coding to identify whether a matter is agreed, under discussion, or not agreed. Where a topic is not relevant to a Party, the relevant cell has been greyed out. The colour coding used is as per the key below:





Status	Colour Code
Matter agreed	
Matter under discussion	
Matter not agreed	
Matter not relevant to Party for purpose of SoCG	

Table 2: Summary of Commonality

Topic (Right) Organisation (Below)	Draft DCO	Other Consents and Licences	Control Documents	Project Benefits	Landscape and Visual	Glint and Glare	Cultural Heritage	Archaeology	Ecology and Biodiversity	Habitats Regulations Assessment	Flood Risk and Drainage	Water Quality and Resources	Traffic and Transport	Noise and Vibration	Air Quality	Ground Conditions	Land Use and Soils	Socio Economics	Climate Change	Human Health	Waste	Major Accidents and Disasters	Electromagnetic Fields	Cumulative Effects	Compulsory Acquisition		
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4.0 SUMMARY OF PROGRESS

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 This section of the Statement sets out a summary of the progress reached in achieving a final SoCG, as well as any principal remaining areas of disagreement and next steps to resolving them (if possible).

4.2 Summary of Progress

Bedford Borough Council

4.2.1 The Applicant is in regular dialogue with officers at Bedford Borough Council (BBC) and shared a draft SoCG with BBC in advance of Deadline 1 for comment. The Applicant has additionally shared draft responses to all matters raised in BBC's relevant representation in advance of Deadline 1, to inform discussion around the first draft SoCG. BBC has 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 SoCG. The Applicant is therefore not submitting the draft SoCG at Deadline 1, and expects to submit this at Deadline 2.

4.2.2 The Applicant is not aware that there are any significant points of disagreement or an in-principle objection to the Scheme from BBC 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.

Cambridgeshire County Council

4.2.3 The Applicant is in regular dialogue with officers at Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and shared a draft SoCG with BBC in advance of Deadline 1 for comment. The Applicant has additionally shared draft responses to all matters raised in CCC's relevant representation in advance of Deadline 1, to inform discussion around the first draft SoCG. CCC has 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 SoCG. The Applicant is therefore not submitting the draft SoCG at Deadline 1, and expects to submit this at Deadline 2.

- 4.2.4 The Applicant is not aware that there are any significant points of disagreement or an in-principle objection to the Scheme from CCC 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.

Huntingdonshire District Council

- 4.2.5 The Applicant is in regular dialogue with officers at Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) and shared a draft SoCG with BBC in advance of Deadline 1 for comment. The Applicant has additionally shared draft responses to all matters raised in HDC's relevant representation in advance of Deadline 1, to inform discussion around the first draft SoCG. HDC has 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 SoCG. The Applicant is therefore not submitting the draft SoCG at Deadline 1, and expects to submit this at Deadline 2.

- 4.2.6 The Applicant is not aware that there are any significant points of disagreement or an in-principle objection to the Scheme from HDC 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.

Environment Agency

- 4.2.7 The Applicant is in regular dialogue with the Environment Agency and has submitted a first draft SoCG at Deadline 1. In addition, the Applicant has

shared draft responses to relevant representations with the EA. The Applicant understands that the submissions being made at Deadline 1 will resolve most of the comments made by the EA in their relevant representation, however all topics have been left as 'under discussion' at this stage as it is the EA's policy not to mark matters as agreed until such time as the Applicant has submitted documents into the Examination at Deadline 1.

- 4.2.8 The Applicant is confident that an updated SoCG can be provided at Deadline 2 with most matters marked as agreed. The Applicant understands that there are no principal areas of disagreement with the EA.

Historic England

- 4.2.9 The Applicant has submitted a draft SoCG with Historic England at Deadline 1. Historic England is in continued discussion with the Applicant in relation to securing the long-term benefits from the Scheme, the archaeological mitigation strategy, and the assessment of impact on a number of designated assets. Historic England has confirmed it will provide an update on these matters in the Deadline 1 written representation.
- 4.2.10 The Applicant is not aware that there are any significant points of disagreement with Historic England.

National Highways

- 4.2.11 The Applicant has submitted a draft SoCG with National Highways at Deadline 1. National Highways has requested additional survey and assessment of the A1 / B645 junction which the Applicant has undertaken and submitted at Deadline 1, and shared with National Highways in advance of Deadline 1. This assessment demonstrates there are no capacity issues with the junction. The Applicant is confident therefore that a fully agreed SoCG could be submitted at Deadline 2.

Natural England

4.2.12 The Applicant has submitted a draft SoCG with Natural England at Deadline 1 with all matters agreed except for the approach to other consents and licences. Natural England has requested a draft protected species licence application for Great Crested Newts, in order to provide a Letter of No Impediment (LONI). The Applicant has submitted this application and is advised that a decision on the LONI should be made before Deadline 2. The Applicant is confident therefore that a fully agreed SoCG could be submitted at Deadline 2.

National Grid Electricity Transmission

4.2.13 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.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

4.2.14 The Applicant submitted a final agreed and signed SoCG with Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service at Deadline 1, with no areas of disagreement.