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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of this Document

- 1.1.1 This is a draft Statement of Common Ground (“dSoCG”) made between the following parties:

BSSL Cambsbed 1 Ltd (hereafter referred to as the ‘Applicant’)

and

Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC)

- 1.1.1 The purpose and scope of this SoCG is to identify areas of agreement, areas under discussion and, as appropriate, areas of disagreement, between the parties in respect of the assessment of the Applicant’s proposals.

1.2 The Scheme

- 1.2.1 The Scheme comprises a new ground-mounted solar photovoltaic energy generating station and an associated on-site battery energy storage system (BESS) on land to the north-west of St Neots. The Scheme also includes the associated infrastructure for connection to the national grid at the Eaton Socon National Grid Substation.
- 1.2.2 Subject to the Scheme securing Development Consent in Winter 2026/27 it is anticipated that works would start on site in early 2028 and be completed by mid-to late 2030 (although initial energisation of the Scheme is likely to commence prior to 2030). The Scheme comprises a temporary development with an operational phase of 40 years; decommissioning activities would therefore likely commence in 2070, 40 years after commissioning, lasting for a period of up to approximately 2 years.

1.3 The Site

- 1.3.1 The Scheme is located to the north-west of the town of St Neots, and is across two administrative areas; Bedford Borough Council (BBC) (a unitary authority) and Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) (a two-tier authority with Cambridgeshire County Council) (the Site). The Site location is shown on **ES Vol 3 Figure 1-1: Site Location [APP-120]**. The Site area extends to approximately 773 hectares (ha).
- 1.3.2 With reference to **ES Vol 3 Figure 1-2: Site References [APP-120]**, for ease of reference the Order Limits have been sub-divided into East Park Sites A to D, in which all of the above ground infrastructure proposed as part of the operational Scheme would be located (excluding works to the Eaton Socon Substation). Sites C and D are located in the Huntingdonshire District Council area. The Order Limits also cover land outside of East Park Sites A to D which will be required for access, cabling, and the grid connection to the Eaton Socon Substation.
- 1.3.3 With reference to **ES Vol 3 Figure 1-2: Site References [APP-120]**, there are three linear corridors proposed for underground cabling that connect the different parts of the Site and provide a grid connection to the Eaton Socon Substation.

1.4 Status of the dSoCG

- 1.4.1 This dSoCG is a 'live' document that will be updated and amended as the Examination progresses. It identifies those aspects, matters and issues relating to the Scheme that have been agreed between the parties, those under discussion, together with those not agreed. The following definitions are provided for Matters Agreed, Under Discussion, or Not Agreed:
- **Matter Agreed** – means that agreement on the point recorded in the dSoCG has been reached, having regard to the information available at the date of that version of the document. No further discussion on that matter is considered necessary unless new information, amendments to

the Application, or other material changes arise. Agreement on a particular matter does not, of itself, indicate that the Council supports the Application overall.

- **Under Discussion** – means the Applicant and the Council have not yet reached agreement on the point recorded in the SoCG, but discussions remain ongoing with a view to resolving the matter, clarifying the parties' respective positions, or narrowing the extent of any disagreement. Further information, drafting, evidence or engagement may be required before the matter can move to 'Matter Agreed' or 'Not Agreed'.
- **Not Agreed** – means the Applicant and the Council have reached a clear and settled difference in position such that the matter is not capable of agreement. In these circumstances, further discussion is not expected to resolve the issue.

1.4.2 It is intended that the final SoCG will be finalised and signed by the Applicant and Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) as requested by the Examining Authority during the Examination of the submitted application.

1.5 Structure of the dSoCG

1.5.1 This dSoCG is structured as follows:

- Section 2.0 – provides a summary of consultation undertaken with HDC; and
- Section 3.0 – sets out whether matters are 'agreed', 'under discussion', or 'not agreed'.

1.5.2 A signing sheet between the Applicant and HDC is provided at Appendix A to be signed on final agreement.

2.0 ROLE OF HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL IN DCO PROCESS AND SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION

2.1 Role of Huntingdonshire District Council

2.1.1 HDC is one of three local planning authorities for the area within which the Scheme is located and is a prescribed consultee under Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended).

2.1.2 HDC is responsible for the preparation and implementation of the development plan for its area and for providing local planning, environmental and technical input to the Examination of the application, including through the submission of a Local Impact Report under section 60 of the Planning Act 2008.

2.1.3 Subject to the grant of development consent HDC will be one of the local planning authorities responsible for the approval of applications made pursuant to the requirements set out in Schedule 2 of the DCO, and for monitoring and taking appropriate enforcement action in respect of compliance with those requirements within its administrative area.

2.2 Summary of Consultation Undertaken

2.2.1 The Applicant has consulted with HDC from the earliest stages of the application process, with an initial inception meeting held in June 2023. Since this time, the Applicant has held regular joint progress meetings generally at monthly intervals with Bedford Borough Council, Huntingdonshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council (collectively, the 'Host Authorities'). Following submission of the application in October 2025, the frequency of these joint progress meetings has increased to a fortnightly basis.

2.2.2 From the outset of the project the Host Authorities requested a joint Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) with the Applicant. To achieve this, the Host Authorities agreed a separate Memorandum of Understanding between the three Host Authorities setting out areas of delegated authority in order to speak as a 'single voice' on the project. The Applicant is not privy to this Memorandum of Understanding but has supported the approach. The Applicant has agreed a single PPA with the Host Authorities that was signed in July 2025, before being extended to cover the post-submission phase through to the Secretary of State issuing a decision. The PPA includes an intent for the PPA to be extended to cover the post-decision phase, should the Scheme be granted development consent.

2.2.3 It is noted that each Host Authority retains their independence in reviewing the application.

2.2.4 The Applicant has not sought to set out every correspondence or meeting record with the Host Authorities within this dSoCG. Key areas of discussion from the pre-application and pre-examination of the project have included:

- Approach to consultation;
- Approach to Environmental Impact Assessment;
- Approach to Scheme design;
- Approach to environmental surveys and assessment; and
- Approach to assessment of cumulative effects.

3.0 MATTERS OF AGREEMENT AND DISAGREEMENT

3.1 Introduction

- 3.1.1 The matters covered by the dSoCG on which agreement between the parties has been sought include (but are not necessarily limited to) the matters as requested in Annex F of the Examining Authority's **Rule 6 Letter [PD-005]**.
- 3.1.2 The matters that have been agreed, are under discussion, or are not agreed between the Applicant and Huntingdonshire District Council are set out in Table 2.

Table 2: Position between the Applicant and Huntingdonshire District Council on matters of discussion / consultation

Ref.	Summary of Matter	HDC Position	Applicant Position	Status
Topic: Draft Development Consent Order				
01	The Articles of the draft DCO set out in Parts 1 to 7.	HDC is continuing its review of the Articles of the draft DCO and reserves the right to provide further comments during the examination.	The Applicant notes this comment and will continue to engage with HDC on this matter.	Under Discussion
02	The description of the Authorised Development at Schedule 1 of the draft DCO.	HDC is continuing its review of the draft DCO and reserves the right to provide further comments during the examination.	The Applicant notes this comment and will continue to engage with HDC on this matter.	Under Discussion
03	The Requirements at Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the draft DCO, and the discharge procedure set out in Part 2 of Schedule 2 of the draft DCO.	HDC is continuing its review of the draft DCO and reserves the right to provide further comments during the examination.	The Applicant notes this comment and will continue to engage with HDC on this matter.	Under Discussion
04	The highways and rights of way works set out in Schedules 4 to 8 of the draft DCO.	HDC has reviewed Schedules 4 to 8 of the draft DCO and has no comment to make, deferring to Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) as Local Highway Authority.	The Applicant notes this comment and will continue to engage with HDC and CCC on this matter.	Under Discussion
05	The hedgerow works set out in Schedule 12 of the draft DCO.	HDC is continuing to review Schedule 12 of the draft DCO and reserves the right to	The Applicant notes this comment and will continue to engage with HDC on this matter.	Under Discussion

Ref.	Summary of Matter	HDC Position	Applicant Position	Status
		provide further comments during the examination.		
06	The Protective Provisions set out in Schedule 13 of the draft DCO	There are currently no protective provisions set out in Schedule 13 of the draft DCO relevant to HDC.	The Applicant notes this comment and will continue to engage with HDC on this matter.	Under Discussion
07	The list of documents to be certified, set out in Schedule 15 of the draft DCO.	HDC is continuing to review Schedule 15 of the draft DCO and reserves the right to provide further comments during the examination.	The Applicant notes this comment and will continue to engage with HDC on this matter.	Under Discussion
Topic: Other Consents and Licences				
08	The Applicant's scope of other consents and licences required for the Scheme, and the approach to obtaining these.	HDC has reviewed the list of other consents and licences set out in the Applicant's Other Consents and Licences Statement [APP-033] and has no comment to make, deferring to Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) as Local Highway Authority and Lead Local Flood Authority and other relevant statutory bodies.	The Applicant notes this comment and will continue to engage with CCC on these matters.	Matter Agreed
Topic: Control Documents				
09	The scope of the Design Parameters and Principles Document.	HDC is continuing to review the Applicant's Design Parameters and Principles	The Applicant notes this comment and will continue to engage with HDC on this matter.	Under Discussion

Ref.	Summary of Matter	HDC Position	Applicant Position	Status
		Document and will provide further comments at Deadline 3.	The Applicant is not aware of any specific disagreements that BBC has with the design parameters or principles set out in the Design Parameters and Principles Document [REP1-030] .	
10	The scope of the outline Construction Environmental Management Plan	HDC broadly agrees with the oCEMP, but requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reasonable avoidance measures for protected species are provided; measures are included for the management of peat should it be discovered Matters as identified in the Local Impact Report [REP1-078] 	The Applicant acknowledges the matters raised in HDC's relevant representation and updated the oCEMP [REP1-032] for submission at Deadline 1. The Applicant trusts these updates will ensure the oCEMP is satisfactory to HDC. The Applicant will remain in discussion with HDC on this matter.	Under Discussion
11	The scope of the outline Operational Environmental Management Plan	HDC is in-principle supportive of the outline Operational Environmental Management Plan, insofar as it relates to matters relevant to HDC's statutory functions. However, matters have been raised in paragraphs 6.107 to 6.108 and 6.305 to 6.309 of the Local Impact Report [REP1-078] which should be addressed by the Applicant.	The Applicant notes this comment and has provided a response in the Applicant Response to Local Impact Reports, submitted alongside this SoCG at Deadline 1. The Applicant recognises there is some uncertainty amongst stakeholders about how any replacements during the operational phase will be undertaken, and is preparing a standalone Technical Note providing a consolidated summary of these works, the assessed environmental effects in the ES, and the embedded mitigation measures. The Applicant expects to have	Under Discussion

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			<p>this Technical Note ready to submit to the examination for Deadline 3.</p> <p>The Applicant will remain in discussion with HDC on this matter.</p>	
12	The scope of the outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan	<p>HDC considers the outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan to be acceptable in principle at this stage, insofar as it relates to matters relevant to HDC's statutory functions. HDC reserves the right to make further comments during the examination following detailed review of the draft DCO, including whether the drafting appropriately secures decommissioning and the proposed reliance on the oDEMP.</p>	<p>The Applicant notes this comment and will continue to engage with HDC on this matter.</p>	Under Discussion
13	The scope of the outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan	<p>HDC has concerns regarding aspects of the oLEMP, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adequacy of ecological mitigation measures set out in the oLEMP; • matters relevant to securing adequate biodiversity net gain; • matters relevant to successfully establishing species-diverse grasslands; • Matters raised in the Local Impact Report [REP1-078] and in comments on the Applicant's responses to relevant 	<p>The Applicant acknowledges the matters raised in HDC's relevant representation and updated the oLEMP [REP1-040] at Deadline 1. The Applicant trusts these updates will ensure the oLEMP is satisfactory to HDC, but will remain in discussion with HDC on this matter.</p>	Under Discussion

Ref.	Summary of Matter	HDC Position	Applicant Position	Status
		representations which require further consideration by the Applicant.		
14	The scope of the outline Soil Management Plan	HDC raised concerns in its relevant representation about the adequacy of the soil surveys undertaken to date being suitable for the construction phase of the Scheme.	The Applicant updated the oSMP [REP1-044] at Deadline 1 to commit to undertaking further detailed soil surveys of the Order limits prior to the construction phase. The Applicant trusts this update will ensure the oSMP is satisfactory to HDC. The Applicant will remain in discussion with HDC on this matter.	Under Discussion
15	The scope of the outline Battery Safety Management Plan	HDC supports the outline Battery Safety Management Plan in principle, noting that the detailed content, technical adequacy and acceptability of the document are matters for Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (and the Environment Agency where applicable) in their capacities as consultees identified in Schedule 2 of the draft DCO.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed
16	The scope of the outline Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan	HDC welcomes the inclusion of an Outline Skills Supply Chain and Employment Plan (oSCEP), however it considers that, even as an outline document, it lacks detail in areas and specific measures and outputs for delivering employment and skills benefits/opportunities. Without such information, HDC considers that the potential for the Scheme to have positive	The Applicant has set out that the oSSCEP establishes an overarching framework and commitments for maximising local employment, skills development and supply chain opportunities. Requirement 19 of the draft DCO [AS-008] secures the submission of a final Skills Supply Chain and Employment Plan (SSCEP), following consultation with the relevant local planning authorities, prior to	Under Discussion

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		economic benefits for its residents is not fully supported by the oSSCEP.	commencement of construction. The final SSCEP will include further analysis of local skills gaps and provision, identification of tailored initiatives, measurable outputs, and a clear programme for stakeholder engagement, thereby providing the route map sought by HDC.	
17	The scope of the outline Heritage Enhancement Strategy	HDC consider the oHES to be satisfactory but defers to Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) given its focus on archaeological assets.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed
18	The approach to mitigation for Site Preparation Works	HDC agrees with the Applicant's approach to mitigating any site preparation works insofar as it relates to matters relevant to HDC's statutory functions.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed
Topic: Project Benefits				
19	The benefits of the Scheme set out in Section 5 of the Planning Statement.	HDC notes the project benefits identified in Section 5 of the Planning Statement. HDC does not express a view on, or attribute weight to, the benefits identified at this stage.	The Applicant notes this comment.	Under Discussion

Ref.	Summary of Matter	HDC Position	Applicant Position	Status
Topic: Landscape and Visual				
20	The study area and methodology used for the landscape and visual impact assessment.	HDC has raised points in its Local Impact Report [REP1-078] and in its comments on the Applicant's responses to relevant representations which require further consideration by the Applicant.	The Applicant notes this comment and will continue to engage with HDC on this matter.	Under Discussion
21	The baseline data for the landscape and visual impact assessment.	HDC agree in principle with the landscape character areas and approach to identifying representative viewpoints and visual receptors for the purposes of the assessment.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed
22	The measures proposed to mitigate landscape and visual effects.	HDC consider that the landscape proposals are tailored to the location and required functions of each part of the Scheme, noting that these change across the Site. The design is well considered and retains the legibility and character of the landscape and reduces the visual effects, where possible, especially for visual receptors, at the edges of settlements, and along routes connecting settlements.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed
23	The conclusions in respect of the assessment of landscape and visual effects.	HDC broadly agree with the assessment of landscape and visual effects, but has raised points of clarity in its relevant representation and Local Impact Report	The Applicant has set out responses to the points raised by HDC in its relevant representation in the Applicant Response to Relevant Representation [REP1-055] , and to the Local Impact Report in the	Under Discussion

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		The overall conclusion is that there is some slight under-representation of significant effects.	Applicant Response to Local Impact Reports [as provided alongside this submission] . The Applicant will continue to consult with HDC to reach agreement on the conclusions of the landscape and visual assessment.	
Topic: Glint and Glare				
24	The conclusions in respect of the glint and glare assessment	HDC is satisfied that the glint and glare impacts of the Scheme would be acceptable.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed
Topic: Cultural Heritage				
25	The study area and methodology used for the assessment of impacts on the historic environment.	HDC broadly agree with the study area and methodology used for the heritage assessment. Notwithstanding this, comments have been made in respect of methodology and the assessment of Warren House in the Local Impact Report [REP1-078] and in HDC's comments on the Applicant's responses to Relevant Representations.	The Applicant notes this comment and has provided a response in the Applicant Response to Relevant Representations [REP1-055] .	Under Discussion
26	The baseline data for the historic environment.	HDC is satisfied with the baseline presented for the assessment to the historic environment.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed

Ref.	Summary of Matter	HDC Position	Applicant Position	Status
27	The measures proposed to mitigate impacts on the historic environment.	HDC is satisfied with the mitigation proposed for the historic environment, but defers to CCC with respect to comments on mitigation for archaeology.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed
28	The conclusions in respect of the assessment of effects on the historic environment.	<p>HDC is in broad agreement with the conclusions of the assessment of effects on the historic environment, with the singular area of disagreement being the setting impacts to Warren House. HDC has set out its position in relation to this asset in its relevant representation and the Local Impact Report [REP1-078]. An additional viewpoint from the asset itself is requested.</p> <p>Both parties agree that the proposed development would have an impact on the setting of Warren House during the operational phase. The unresolved issue is the magnitude of impact and therefore the level of effect.</p>	<p>The Applicant has provided a response to HDC's comments in relation to Warren House in its Responses to Relevant Representations [REP1-055]. The Applicant stands by its assessment of Warren House.</p> <p>The Applicant has provided further explanation to HDC on its opinion in relation to the level of effect to Warren House, and will continue to discuss the matter with HDC to see if a common position can be reached.</p>	Under Discussion
Topic: Ecology and Biodiversity				
29	The study areas and methodology used for the assessment of ecological receptors and resources.	HDC agree with the study areas and methodology used for the assessment of ecological receptors and resources.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed

Ref.	Summary of Matter	HDC Position	Applicant Position	Status
30	The baseline data for the assessment of ecological receptors and resources.	HDC acknowledges a broad survey base and welcomes updated ecology information, including 2025 bird data, but remains concerned that the baseline for some receptors may rely on incomplete survey coverage and insufficient information.	The Applicant acknowledges the matters raised in HDC's relevant representation and has provided responses in the Applicant's Responses to Relevant Representations [REP1-055] . The Applicant considers the survey data relied on for the assessment to be adequate, and will continue to consult with HDC on this matter.	Under Discussion
31	The measures proposed to mitigate impacts to ecological receptors and resources.	HDC broadly welcomes the proposed ecological mitigation and compensation, but some key measures are insufficiently detailed and not yet secured; further work is needed on species-specific mitigation (notably for farmland birds), lighting, habitat creation, monitoring, and long-term management/retention to ensure delivery.	The Applicant acknowledges the matters raised in HDC's relevant representation and has updated the oCEMP [REP1-032] and oLEMP [REP1-040] at Deadline 1 to address most of the issues raised. The Applicant will continue to consult with HDC on this matter.	Under Discussion
32	The conclusions in respect of the assessment of impacts and effects to ecological receptors and resources.	HDC agree with the Applicant's assessment in respect of statutory designated sites for nature conservation. HDC has raised points of clarity in relation to some non-statutory designated sites, and protected species.	The Applicant acknowledges the matters raised in HDC's relevant representation and has provided responses in the Applicant's Responses to Relevant Representations [REP1-055] . The Applicant will continue to consult with HDC on this matter.	Under Discussion
33	The biodiversity net gain assessment.	HDC is broadly satisfied with the Applicant's approach to BNG, acknowledging that it is not mandatory for this Scheme. However, HDC has requested clarity around measures proposed to mitigate significant effects and measures proposed to support	The Applicant acknowledges the matters raised in HDC's relevant representation and has updated the BNG report [REP1-052] and oLEMP [REP1-040] for submission at Deadline 1 to address most of the issues	Under Discussion

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		BNG; further detail on how BNG is secured through the draft DCO; and further clarity with regard baseline condition data.	raised. The Applicant will continue to consult with HDC on this matter.	
Topic: Habitats Regulations Assessment				
34	The Applicant's conclusion that the Scheme will not have adverse effects on the integrity of a European Site.	This matter is agreed. As set out in the Statement of Common Ground (REP1-062) with Natural England, which confirms agreement with the conclusions of the Applicant's Information to Inform a Habitats Regulations Assessment [APP-035].	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed
Topic: Flood Risk and Drainage				
35	The Applicant's Flood Risk Assessment.	HDC is satisfied with the Applicant's Flood Risk Assessment insofar as it relates to matters relevant to HDC's statutory functions. HDC defers to CCC as Lead Local Flood Authority and the Environment Agency.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed
36	The Scheme meets the requirements of the 'Sequential Test'.	HDC is satisfied that the Scheme meets the requirements of the Sequential Test.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed

Ref.	Summary of Matter	HDC Position	Applicant Position	Status
37	The Scheme meets the requirements of the 'Exception Test'.	HDC is satisfied that the Scheme meets the requirements of the Exception Test.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed
Topic: Noise and Vibration				
38	The conclusions in respect of the assessment of noise and vibration.	HDC agree with the conclusions of the Applicant's assessment of noise and vibration.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed
Topic: Air Quality				
39	The conclusions in respect of the assessment of air quality.	HDC agree with the conclusions of the Applicant's assessment of air quality.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed
Topic: Ground Conditions				
40	The conclusions in respect of the assessment of ground conditions.	HDC agree with the conclusions of the Applicant's assessment of ground conditions.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed

Ref.	Summary of Matter	HDC Position	Applicant Position	Status
Topic: Land Use and Soils				
41	The methodology used for the assessment of impacts and effects on land and soils.	HDC agree with the methodology used for the assessment of impacts and effects on land and soils.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed
42	The survey data for the assessment of land and soils.	HDC raised concerns in its relevant representation regarding the adequacy of the survey data for land and soils, and whilst it enables an assessment of the worst-case project effects, it hinders development of a detailed soil management plan. HDC considered the Applicant's oral submission on this matter at Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) and accept the approach undertaken by the Applicant.	The Applicant acknowledges that whilst the approach taken to classifying soils is appropriate for planning and EIA purposes, the absence of data could hinder the final detailed soil management strategy. The Applicant has therefore updated the oSMP for submission at Deadline 1 to commit to undertaking further detailed soil surveys of the Order limits prior to the construction phase, in order to inform the final Soil Management Plan.	Matter Agreed
43	The measures proposed to mitigate impacts on soils.	HDC is satisfied with the Applicant's proposed mitigation measures set out in the outline Soil Management Plan, subject to the further detailed soil surveys being undertaken prior to construction to inform the final Soil Management Plan.	The Applicant has updated the oSMP [REP1-044] at Deadline 1 to commit to undertaking further detailed soil surveys of the Order limits prior to the construction phase, in order to inform the final Soil Management Plan.	Under Discussion
44	The conclusions in respect of the assessment of land and soils.	HDC consider the overall conclusions broadly meet professional judgement regarding the significance of residual effects.	The Applicant acknowledges the matters raised by HDC in its relevant representation, and has provided a response in the Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations [REP1-055] , as	Under Discussion

Ref.	Summary of Matter	HDC Position	Applicant Position	Status
		HDC has raised a number of points of clarification in its relevant representation, including in relation to the claimed benefit on soil resources, and the impact of the Scheme resulting from proposed areas of woodland and hedgerow.	well as through oral submissions at ISH2 [REP1-059] . The Applicant trusts these clarifications are satisfactory to HDC, and will continue to consult with them on these matters.	
Topic: Socio Economics				
45	The conclusions in respect of the assessment of socio-economics.	HDC has requested a number of points of clarification on the assessment of socio-economic effects in its relevant representation, and will await the Applicant's responses before commenting further.	The Applicant has provided responses to the matters raised by HDC in the Applicant's Responses to Relevant Representations [REP1-055] , to be submitted at Deadline 1. The Applicant will remain in discussion with HDC on this matter.	Under Discussion
Topic: Climate Change				
46	The methodology used for the assessment of climate change impacts and effects.	HDC welcome the approach taken by the Applicant in carrying out the greenhouse gas assessment, and the methodology applied to the Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA) and note that it is consistent with guidance issued by ISEP.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed
47	The baseline data for the assessment of climate change impacts.	HDC note that an inconsistent use of historic climate data is apparent. The current baseline uses data for Bedford for the period 1991-2020 while the future	The Applicant acknowledges the noted inconsistency in the presentation of the historic climate data within the Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA). Upon	Matter Agreed

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		baseline uses data for the same location from 1981-2010. This inconsistency is unlikely to compromise the overall outcome of the CCRA, but should be addressed.	review, the Applicant confirms that this inconsistency is an error in reporting. The 1991-2020 dataset has been consistently used to calculate both the current and future climate baselines, in line with the methodology and guidance issued by ISEP.	
48	The measures proposed to mitigate climate change impacts.	HDC broadly agree with the measures proposed to mitigate impacts on climate change, but request further measures should peat be discovered on site during construction.	The Applicant acknowledges the matters raised in HDC's relevant representation and has updated the oCEMP [REP1-032] at Deadline 1 to include mitigation measures for peat. The Applicant trusts these clarifications are satisfactory to HDC, and considers this matter can be marked as agreed.	Under Discussion
49	The conclusions in respect of the assessment of climate change impacts and effects.	HDC broadly agree with the conclusions of the climate change assessment, but have requested clarifications in relation to the operational (replacement) phase, the use of the BESS in a grid balancing capacity, and the assessed counterfactual scenario.	The Applicant acknowledges the matters raised in HDC's relevant representations and has provided responses in the Applicant's Responses to Relevant Representations [REP1-055] . The Applicant considers the assessment adequately addresses the matters raised by HDC. The Applicant will continue to consult with HDC on this matter.	Under Discussion

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Topic: Human Health				
50	The conclusions in respect of the Scheme's effects on human health.	HDC is satisfied that subject to the required mitigation being secured through the draft DCO, the Scheme does not pose a significant risk to human health insofar as it relates to matters relevant to HDC's statutory functions.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed
Topic: Major Accidents and Disasters				
51	The conclusions in respect of major accidents and disasters.	HDC do not dispute the conclusions in respect of major accidents and disasters, insofar as it relates to matters relevant to HDC's statutory functions.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed
Topic: Electromagnetic Fields				
52	The conclusions in respect of the Scheme's impacts arising from electromagnetic fields.	HDC notes and does not dispute the conclusions in respect of the Scheme's impacts arising from electromagnetic fields.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed

Ref.	Summary of Matter	HDC Position	Applicant Position	Status
Topic: Cumulative Effects				
53	The scope of other developments assessed for potential cumulative effects.	HDC agree with the scope of other developments assessed by the Applicant in its assessment of cumulative effects.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed
54	The conclusions of the assessment of cumulative effects.	HDC agree with the conclusions of the Applicant's assessment of cumulative effects.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with HDC on this matter.	Matter Agreed
Topic: Compulsory Acquisition				
55	The land rights sought by the Applicant through the draft DCO insofar as they relate to HDC.	HDC has no objection to the land rights identified in the draft DCO, as these do not relate to any HDC land interests or assets.	The Applicant notes this comment.	Matter Agreed

APPENDIX A

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