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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 P02** and has been submitted at **Deadline 2**.

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	Version P01 submitted and has been reviewed by BBC	No update at Deadline 3.	No update at Deadline 4.			
Cambridgeshire County Council	EN010141/DR/8.15	P01	Draft shared with CCC – No comments received	Version P01 submitted and has been reviewed by CCC	No update at Deadline 3.	No update at Deadline 4.			
Huntingdonshire District Council	EN010141/DR/8.14	P01	Draft shared with HDC – No comments received	Version P01 submitted and has been reviewed by HDC	No update at Deadline 3.	No update at Deadline 4.			
Prescribed Consultees									
Environment Agency	EN010141/DR/8.17	P01	Version P01 submitted and has been reviewed by EA	No update at Deadline 2.	No update at Deadline 3.	Final – all matters agreed. Not yet signed.			
Historic England	EN010141/DR/8.19	P01	Version P01 submitted and has been reviewed by HE	No update at Deadline 2.	No update at Deadline 3.	Final (Signed) – all matters agreed.			
National Highways	EN010141/DR/8.16	P01	Version P01 submitted and has been reviewed by NH	No update at Deadline 2.	No update at Deadline 3.	Final – all matters agreed. Not yet signed.			
Natural England	EN010141/DR/8.18	P02	Version P01 submitted and has been reviewed by NE	Final – all matters agreed. Not yet signed.	-	-			
Statutory Undertakers									
National Grid Electricity Transmission	EN010141/DR/8.20	P01	Draft shared with NGET – remains under discussion	Version P01 submitted and has been reviewed by NGET	No update at Deadline 3.	No update at Deadline 4.			
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

Host Authorities

- 4.2.1 The Applicant is continuing to engage positively with Bedford Borough Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, and Huntingdonshire District Council (collectively the 'Host Authorities'). The Applicant is not aware that there is an in-principle objection from any of the Host Authorities, and expects to submit an updated SoCG at Deadline 5 with significant progress being demonstrated.
- 4.2.2 The Applicant and Host Authorities are collectively reviewing the draft DCO and the framework of environmental management plans secured by the DCO and are making positive progress in resolving areas of disagreement. In addition, the Applicant and Host Authorities are progressing a side agreement as an alternative to the inclusion of protective provisions for local highways authorities.
- 4.2.3 The Applicant considers the principal areas of disagreement currently relate to:
- The proposed approach to mitigation for ground-nesting birds;
 - The utilisation of any public rights of way for construction access; and
 - The provision of additional permissive access across the Site.
- 4.2.4 The above matters remain in discussion and the Applicant is confident that these areas of disagreement could be narrowed or resolved prior to the close of Examination.

Environment Agency

- 4.2.5 The Applicant has submitted a draft SoCG with the Environment Agency at Deadline 4 with all matters agreed.

Historic England

- 4.2.6 The Applicant has submitted a final, signed SoCG with Historic England at Deadline 4 with all matters agreed.

National Highways

- 4.2.7 The Applicant has submitted a draft SoCG with National Highways at Deadline 4 with all matters agreed.

Natural England

- 4.2.8 The Applicant submitted a SoCG with Natural England at Deadline 2 with all matters agreed.

National Grid Electricity Transmission

- 4.2.9 The Applicant and National Grid Electricity Transmission continue to engage proactively and constructively with a view to reaching agreement on outstanding matters set out in the Statement of Common Ground. Discussions have progressed during the course of the examination and the parties have made advances in refining their respective positions. While progress has been made, the principal areas of disagreement remain, at a high level, substantially the same as those identified in the latest version of the Statement of Common Ground. The parties will continue to engage throughout the Examination with the aim of narrowing and, where possible, resolving the outstanding matters.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

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