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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of this Document

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

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

and

National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)

- 1.1.2 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.

1.3 The Site

- 1.3.1 The ‘Site’ 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 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 Site has 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 National Grid's Eaton Socon Substation). 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. East Park Sites A to D can be described as follows:

- **East Park Site A** – covering land west of the B660 between Pertenhall and Swineshead at the western end of the Site. East Park Site A comprises arable fields located to the north, west and east side of a small hill that lies between Pertenhall and Riseley. East Park Site A lies either side of the Pertenhall Brook, with access proposed from the B660 to the east.
- **East Park Site B** – covering land between Pertenhall, Keysoe, and Little Staughton. East Park Site B comprises arable fields located north of an elevated ridgeline which runs between Keysoe and Little Staughton. East Park Site B is crossed by a number of small watercourses, with access proposed from the B660, Great Staughton Road, Little Staughton Road, and an unnamed road between Little Staughton and Great Staughton Road.
- **East Park Site C** – covering land south of Great Staughton. East Park Site C comprises arable fields located south of the River Kym, with access proposed from Moor Road to its south-eastern boundary, and from Little Staughton Road to the north-west.
- **East Park Site D** – covering land around Pastures Farm between Great Staughton and Hail Weston. East Park Site D comprises arable fields with access proposed via a new access from the B645.

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. These are identified as:

- **Cable Corridor** – Site B to Site C – which connects Site B to Site C across an unnamed road and arable fields.
- **Cable Corridor** – Site C to Site D – which connects Site C to Site D across Moor Road and an arable field.
- **Grid Connection** – Site D to Eaton Socon Substation – which connects Site D to the Eaton Socon Substation and crosses open arable fields, the Duloe Brook, and Duloe Road and Bushmead Road.

1.4 Status of the SoCG

1.4.1 This SoCG is a 'live' document that will be updated and amended as the Examination phase progresses. It identifies the matters relating to the Scheme that have been agreed between the parties, the matters under discussion, together with other matters not agreed. It is intended that it will be finalised and signed by the Applicant and NGET as requested by the Examining Authority during the Examination of the submitted application.

1.5 Structure of the SoCG

1.5.1 This SoCG is structured as follows:

- Section 2.0 – provides a summary of consultation undertaken with NGET; 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 NGET is provided at Appendix A.

2.0 ROLE OF NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION IN DCO PROCESS AND SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION

2.1 Role of NGET

- 2.1.1 NGET is the owner and operator of the high voltage transmission network across the UK. NGET own and operate the Eaton Socon 400 kV Substation, Eaton Socon 132 kV Substation, overhead lines and associated infrastructure within the vicinity of those substations. NGET is also the owner of some land in the vicinity of those substations.
- 2.1.2 NGET is a statutory undertaker within the meaning of sections 127 and 138 of the Planning Act 2008.

2.2 Summary of Consultation Undertaken

- 2.2.1 The SoCG has been informed by the meetings summarised in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Consultation between the Applicant and NGET

Date	Method of Consultation	Points of Discussion
23/07/2024	Virtual meeting	Meeting in relation to NGET's substation development.
11/11/2024	Virtual meeting	General meeting to discuss status of East Park Energy and NGET's substation development.
11/12/2024	Virtual meeting	General meeting to discuss status of East Park Energy and NGET's substation development.
07/04/2025	Virtual meeting	General meeting to discuss status of East Park Energy and NGET's substation development.
14/05/2025	Virtual meeting	General meeting to discuss status of East Park Energy and NGET's substation development.

Date	Method of Consultation	Points of Discussion
13/06/2025	Virtual meeting	General meeting to discuss status of East Park Energy and NGET's substation development.
13/08/2025	Virtual meeting	General meeting to discuss status of East Park Energy and NGET's substation development.
10/09/2025	Virtual meeting	General meeting to discuss status of East Park Energy and NGET's substation development.
08/10/2025	Virtual meeting	Meeting to discuss the DCO Order limits around the NGET substation, focusing on balancing land take against the need for design flexibility to accommodate National Grid's future works. NGET reviewed the Applicant's approach and indicated support for it.
10/11/2025	Virtual meeting	General meeting to discuss status of East Park Energy and NGET's substation development.
23/12/2025	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Addleshaw Goddard (NGET's solicitors) to Burges Salmon (Applicant's solicitors) to provide copy of NGET's Protective Provisions
16/02/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Addleshaw Goddard to Burges Salmon to request an update on NGET's Protective Provisions
16/02/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Burges Salmon to Addleshaw Goddard to provide an update on NGET's Protective Provisions
06/03/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Addleshaw Goddard to Burges Salmon to request an update on NGET's Protective Provisions
17/03/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Burges Salmon to Addleshaw Goddard to provide an update on NGET's Protective Provisions
17/03/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Addleshaw Goddard to Burges Salmon regarding NGET's Protective Provisions

Date	Method of Consultation	Points of Discussion
26/03/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Burges Salmon to Addleshaw Goddard regarding NGET's Protective Provisions and the Statement of Common Ground
01/04/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence between Addleshaw Goddard and Burges Salmon regarding the Statement of Common Ground
02/04/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Addleshaw Goddard to Burges Salmon regarding the Statement of Common Ground
07/04/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence between Addleshaw Goddard and Burges Salmon regarding the Statement of Common Ground
09/04/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Burges Salmon to Addleshaw Goddard regarding the Statement of Common Ground
21/04/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Burges Salmon to Addleshaw Goddard regarding the Statement of Common Ground
22/04/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Addleshaw Goddard to Burges Salmon regarding the Statement of Common Ground
23/04/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence between Addleshaw Goddard and Burges Salmon regarding the Statement of Common Ground
27/04/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence between Addleshaw Goddard and Burges Salmon regarding the Statement of Common Ground
28/04/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence between Burges Salmon and Addleshaw Goddard regarding the Statement of Common Ground
08/05/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence between Burges Salmon and Addleshaw Goddard regarding NGET's Protective Provisions

Date	Method of Consultation	Points of Discussion
19/05/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence between Burges Salmon and Addleshaw Goddard regarding NGET's Protective Provisions
21/05/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence between Addleshaw Goddard and Burges Salmon regarding NGET's Protective Provisions
29/05/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Burges Salmon to Addleshaw Goddard regarding Protective Provisions
12/06/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Burges Salmon to Addleshaw Goddard regarding Protective Provisions
29/06/2026	Virtual Meeting	Meeting in relation to point of connection for East Park and Protective Provisions
17/06/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Addleshaw Goddard to Burges Salmon regarding Protective Provisions and point of connection for East Park
02/07/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence between Burges Salmon and Addleshaw Goddard regarding Protective Provisions
10/07/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence between Burges Salmon and Addleshaw Goddard regarding Protective Provisions
27/07/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence between Addleshaw Goddard and Burges Salmon regarding Protective Provisions
29/07/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence between Addleshaw Goddard and Burges Salmon regarding Protective Provisions
31/07/2026	Virtual meeting	Meeting between Addleshaw Goddard and Burges Salmon in relation to the Protective Provisions
03/08/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Addleshaw Goddard to Burges Salmon regarding Protective Provisions

Date	Method of Consultation	Points of Discussion
04/08/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Addleshaw Goddard to Burges Salmon regarding Protective Provisions
05/08/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Burges Salmon to Addleshaw Goddard regarding Protective Provisions
10/08/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Burges Salmon to Addleshaw Goddard regarding Protective Provisions
12/08/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence between Addleshaw Goddard and Burges Salmon regarding Protective Provisions
13/08/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Addleshaw Goddard to Burges Salmon regarding Protective Provisions
17/08/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Burges Salmon to Addleshaw Goddard regarding Protective Provisions
18/08/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence between Addleshaw Goddard and Burges Salmon regarding Protective Provisions
20/08/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence between Burges Salmon and Addleshaw Goddard regarding Protective Provisions and Statement of Common Ground
24/08/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence from Addleshaw Goddard to Burges Salmon regarding Protective Provisions
25/08/2026	Email correspondence	Correspondence between Burges Salmon and Addleshaw Goddard regarding Protective Provisions

3.0 MATTERS OF AGREEMENT AND DISAGREEMENT

3.1 Introduction

3.1.1 The matters covered by the SoCG on which agreement between the parties has been sought include (but are not necessarily limited to) the following matters as requested in Annex F of the Examining Authority's **Rule 6 Letter [PD-005]**:

- Agreement on connection;
- The draft Development Consent Order; and
- Compulsory acquisition and temporary possession provisions.

3.1.2 The matters that have been agreed, are under discussion, or are not agreed between the Applicant and NGET are set out in Table 2.

Table 2: Position between the Applicant and National Grid Electricity Transmission on matters of discussion / consultation

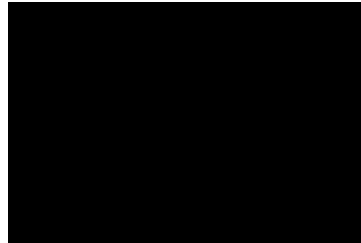
Ref.	Summary of Matter	NGET Position	Applicant Position	Status
Topic: Other Consents and Licences				
001	The Applicant's connection agreement.	NGET is satisfied that the Protective Provisions included for the benefit of NGET included at Part 6 of Schedule 13 to the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 8 [EN010141/DR/3.1/P08] provide the necessary framework to manage the connection of the Scheme to the National Grid. NGET consider that this matter is resolved.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with NGET on this matter.	Matter Agreed
Topic: Draft Development Consent Order				
002	The Articles and Schedules of the draft DCO	NGET has reviewed the articles and schedules in the draft DCO and has no further comment to make. This matter is considered to be resolved.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with NGET on this matter.	Matter Agreed
003	The Applicant's approach to Protective Provisions.	NGET has reached agreement with the Applicant in relation to the Protective Provisions included in the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 8 [EN010141/DR/3.1/P08]. NGET is satisfied that these protective provisions will adequately protect NGET's existing and future apparatus and as such this matter is considered to be resolved.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with NGET on this matter.	Matter Agreed
Topic: Compulsory Acquisition				

Ref.	Summary of Matter	NGET Position	Applicant Position	Status
004	The Applicant's approach to compulsory acquisition.	In light of the Protective Provisions included in the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 8 [EN010141/DR/3.1/P08], NGET is satisfied with the Applicant's approach to compulsory acquisition in respect of the Eaton Socon substation area and has no further comments. This matter is considered to be resolved.	The Applicant welcomes agreement with NGET on this matter.	Matter Agreed

APPENDIX A

BSSL Cambsbed 1 Ltd

Name:



Signature:

Position:

Head of Project Development

On behalf of:

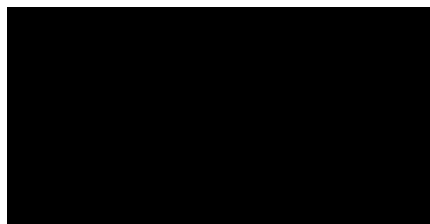
BSSL Cambsbed 1 Ltd

Date:

11/09/2026

National Grid Electricity Transmission

Name:



Signature:

Position:

Lead Development Liaison Officer

On behalf of:

National Grid Electricity Transmission

Date:

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