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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 **[PD-006]** dated 01 April 2026, and subsequent Rule 8(3) letters on 04 August 2026 **[PD-011]** and 20 August 2026 **[PD-012]** in respect of Examination Deadline 7. This letter sets out the submissions made by the Applicant for Deadline 8.

1. The Applicant's revised documents submitted at Deadline 8

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

Document	Rev.	Reason(s) for updates
Guide to the Application <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P03	Updated to set out the current status of the application documents as of Deadline 8 (final Examination deadline).
Application Document Tracker <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P11	Updated to accurately set out the current status of all documents submitted by the Applicant as of Deadline 8.
Draft Development Consent Order <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P08	Various updates as set out in the Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order [EN010141/DR/8.2].

Document	Rev.	Reason(s) for updates
Explanatory Memorandum <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P07	Various updates to reflect Revision P08 of the draft Development Consent Order.
SI Validation Report	P03	Updated for the Revision P08 of the draft Development Consent Order at Deadline 8 (final Examination deadline).
Funding Statement <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P06	Updated to set out the latest position at Deadline 8.
Book of Reference <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P06	Updated to set out the latest position at Deadline 8.
Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P08	Updated to reflect the latest position in relation to land and compulsory acquisition at Deadline 8 (final Examination deadline).
Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P06	Minor amendment to address comment raised by Host Authorities.
Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P06	Minor amendment to address comment raised by Host Authorities.
Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P07	Minor amendment to address comment raised by Host Authorities.
Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P07	Minor amendment to address comment raised by Host Authorities.
Outline Surface Water Management Plan <i>['Clean' and 'Tracked' provided]</i>	P05	Minor amendment to address drainage capacity modelling comment raised by Host Authorities, in order to close out matter for Statement of Common Ground.
Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order	P07	Updated to set out the latest position at Deadline 8.
Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference	P04	Updated to set out the latest position at Deadline 8.
Statement of Common Ground with Bedford Borough Council	P03	Updated to set out the final position at Deadline 8 (final Examination deadline).

Document	Rev.	Reason(s) for updates
Statement of Common Ground with Huntingdonshire District Council	P03	Updated to set out the final position at Deadline 8 (final Examination deadline).
Statement of Common Ground with Cambridgeshire County Council	P03	Updated to set out the final position at Deadline 8 (final Examination deadline).
Statement of Common Ground with National Highways	P03	Document signed by the Applicant and National Highways.
Statement of Common Ground with the Environment Agency	P03	Document signed by the Applicant and Environment Agency.
Statement of Common Ground with Natural England	P03	Document signed by the Applicant and National England.
Statement of Common Ground with National Grid Electricity Transmission	P02	Updated to set out the final position at Deadline 8 (final Examination deadline).
Statement of Commonality	P05	Updated to set out the final position at Deadline 8 (final Examination deadline).

2. The Applicant's additional documents submitted at Deadline 8

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

Document	Rev.	Reason(s) for submission
Applicant Response to Deadline 7 Submissions	P01	As requested in the Rule 8(3) and 17 Letter [PD-012] .
Applicant Closing Statement	P01	As set out under Item 6 below.
Applicant Response to Rule 17 Request	P01	As set out under Item 7 below.

3. Final Submission

The Applicant has updated the **Guide to the Application [as updated alongside this submission]** and the **Application Document Tracker [as updated alongside this submission]** to reflect the final position at the final Examination deadline, including the submissions accompanying this letter. The Guide to the Application provides an overview of the application documentation and the Applicant's subsequent Examination submissions, while the Application Document Tracker identifies the latest revision of each document.

These documents should be read together to assist the Examining Authority and the Secretary of State in navigating the final suite of application and Examination documents and distinguishing the current versions from those superseded during the Examination.

4. Development Consent Order

The Applicant is submitting the final version of the Development Consent Order (DCO) in both clean and tracked-change formats, together with the final Explanatory Memorandum (EM) in clean and tracked-change formats. The Applicant has also provided a Schedule of Changes which identifies and explains each amendment made since the previous iteration of the DCO.

The amendments introduced to both the DCO and EM are limited in scope and principally comprise the correction of minor omissions, typographical and formatting matters, and amendments intended to ensure consistency of drafting, terminology and cross-referencing throughout the document and are necessary to ensure that the document meets the drafting convention and requirements for a statutory instrument. The Applicant considers that these changes improve the clarity and accuracy of the DCO and Explanatory Memorandum and do not alter the substance or effect of the proposed Order.

5. Statutory undertakers and protective provisions

The Applicant has provided a detailed update on the status of negotiations and agreement reached with statutory undertakers. This is reflected in the Applicant's response to the Rule 17 Letter issued by the ExA on the 27 August 2026 **[PD-013]** which is submitted alongside

this application. The Applicant has also provided its final position in the Closing Statement submitted at Deadline 8.

6. Closing Statement

The Applicant has prepared a **Closing Statement [EN010141/DR/8.81]** to set out its case for the grant of development consent in light of the evidence submitted and the matters considered during the Examination. It summarises the need for and benefits of the Scheme, the principal issues addressed during the Examination, and the Applicant's final position on matters that remain outstanding. It also explains the Applicant's conclusions on the overall planning balance and why development consent should be granted.

The Closing Statement is intended to assist the Examining Authority in preparing its recommendation, and the Secretary of State in determining the Application, by providing a consolidated account of the Applicant's case at the close of the Examination. It does not seek to repeat all of the detailed evidence and submissions, which should be read alongside it.

7. Applicant Response to Rule 17 Request

The Applicant has prepared a detailed response to the Rule 17 letter issued on the 27 August 2026 **[PD-013]** setting out its position and providing updates in relation to engagement to statutory undertakers and affected parties. The Applicant's response is submitted as the **Applicant Response to Rule 17 Request [EN010141/DR/8.82]**.

8. Statements of Common Ground

The Applicant has submitted final Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) reflecting the position reached by the close of Examination. The final SoCGs identify the matters on which agreement has been reached and those on which disagreement remains, together with the respective parties' positions. The final SoCGs therefore provide a record of the extent of agreement and the matters that remain for the Examining Authority and the Secretary of State to consider.

The Applicant has also updated the Statement of Commonality to reflect the final SoCGs. This includes a high-level summary of the principal areas of disagreement alongside an overview of the agreement or disagreement on different topics. The Statement of Commonality should be read alongside the final SoCGs, which set out the detailed positions on each matter.

The Applicant has not updated the **Summary of outstanding matters on the draft DCO between the Host Authorities and the Applicant [REP6-053]** which was provided at Deadline 6. A further update is not considered necessary because the final SoCGs with the Host Authorities now capture the relevant points of agreement and disagreement on the draft DCO, including the parties' final positions on matters previously addressed in that summary. A separate update would therefore duplicate the information contained in the final SoCGs.

The Applicant would like to thank the Examining Authority, the Planning Inspectorate, the Host Authorities, Statutory Environmental Bodies, and all other Interested Parties for their time and effort throughout the Examination.

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

