

Tween Bridge Solar Farm

9.1 Statement of Commonality

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1 Introduction

1.1. Overview

1.1.1. This Statement of Commonality has been prepared on behalf of RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Ltd (the 'Applicant'). This document provides the Examining Authority (ExA) with the position on Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) between the Applicant and relevant statutory consultees and Interested Parties in relation to the proposed Tween Bridge Solar Farm. It will be updated throughout the course of the Examination. The content of this revision (Revision ~~23~~), submitted at Deadline ~~23~~, is accurate as of ~~18-May~~29 June -2026.

1.2. Structure of Statement of Commonality

1.2.1. This Statement of Commonality document is structured as follows:

- Section 2 – Details the structure of each SoCG document and provides a list of the SoCGs that are being produced;
- Section 3 – Addresses the status of each SoCG; and
- Section 4 – Sets out the commonality between SoCGs and a summary of their position

2 List of SoCGs and Content Structure

2.1. List of SoCGs

2.1.1. The following SoCGs have been prepared in draft form and are currently under discussion with the relevant stakeholders:

- City of Doncaster Council Statement of Common Ground [Document Reference 9.1 Revision [24](#)]
- North Lincolnshire Council Statement of Common Ground [Document Reference 9.2 Revision [24](#)]
- Environment Agency Statement of Common Ground [Document Reference 9.3 Revision [24](#)]
- National Grid Energy Transmission Statement of Common Ground [Document Reference 9.4 Revision [24](#)]
- Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust Statement of Common Ground [~~Document Reference 9.5 Revision 1~~ [REP1-051](#)]
- Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board Statement of Common Ground [Document Reference 9.6 Revision [31](#)]
- Isle of Axholme and North Nottingham Water Level Management Statement of Common Ground [Document Reference 9.7 Revision [24](#)]
- Natural England Statement of Common Ground [[REP1-057](#) ~~Document Reference 9.8 Revision 1~~]
- National Highways Statement of Common Ground [Document Reference 9.9 Revision [31](#)]
- Network Rail Infrastructure Statement of Common Ground [[REP1-059](#) ~~Document Reference 9.10 Revision 1~~]
- Canal and River Trust Statement of Common Ground [Document Reference 9.11 Revision [24](#)]

- South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Statement of Common Ground [Document Reference 9.12 Revision 21]

2.1.2. The ExA requested in the **Rule 6 Letter [PD-005]** that a SoCG be prepared with Historic England. Historic England confirmed that no SoCG was required for this application. A copy of this correspondence is provided at Appendix A of this document.

2.1.3. As explained at the Preliminary Meeting (PM), and confirmed in the Written Summary of Oral Submissions at the Open Floor Hearing 1 [REP1-045], the Applicant has contacted Humberside Fire and Rescue Service to enquire about preparing a SoCG regarding the scheme. Humberside Fire & Rescue Service have confirmed that they do not require a SoCG for this application. A copy of this correspondence is provided at Appendix B of this document.

2.2. Structure of the SoCGs

2.2.1. In terms of the SoCGs submitted at Deadline 23 (~~19 May~~ 30 June 2026), they adopt a uniform structure as follows:

- Section 1 – Introduction, setting out the purpose of the document, stating the parties the SoCG is relevant to, and cross reference to the definition of terminology.
- Section 2 – Record of Engagement, presented in a table from the initial correspondence through to present day.
- Section 3 – Current Position, outlining separate topics including each party's position and whether it is agreed, under discussion or not agreed.
- Section 4 – Signatures of each party.

3 Status of SoCGs

3.1. Summary of Current Position

- 3.1.1. Table 1 provides a high-level position on the status of each SoCG and where necessary includes further detail to aid the understanding of the status.

Table 1-1: Summary of current position of each SoCG

Document Reference	Party	Position at Deadline 1	Position at Deadline 2	Position at Deadline 3	Position at Deadline 4	Position at Deadline 5	Position at Deadline 6
9.2 Revision 2 1	City of Doncaster Council	SoCG in draft. Comments received from relevant party and addressed by Applicant in version submitted.	No changes to content since Deadline 1. The Applicant and stakeholder are continuing discussions.	<u>Updated SoCG by both parties in draft. Content updated to reflect latest engagement with officers. Some transport matters progressed to 'agreed'. The Council added more rows under the topic of landscape (Table 3-7) which the Applicant has responded to. The Applicant will update their position re</u>			

Document Reference	Party	Position at Deadline 1	Position at Deadline 2	Position at Deadline 3	Position at Deadline 4	Position at Deadline 5	Position at Deadline 6
				<u>Archaeology for Deadline 4.</u>			
9.3 Revision 2 4	North Lincolnshire Council	SoCG in draft. Comments received from relevant party and addressed by Applicant in version submitted.	No changes to content since Deadline 1. The Applicant and stakeholder are continuing discussions.	<u>Updated SoCG by both parties in draft. Most matters regarding flooding have been progressed to 'agreed'. Other matters are continuing to be progressed.</u>			
9.4 Revision 2 4	Environment Agency	SoCG in draft. Comments received from relevant party and addressed by Applicant in version submitted.	No changes to content since Deadline 1. The Applicant and stakeholder are continuing discussions.	<u>Updated SoCG in draft. The content has been updated by both parties following latest correspondence. Some additional items have been</u>			

Document Reference	Party	Position at Deadline 1	Position at Deadline 2	Position at Deadline 3	Position at Deadline 4	Position at Deadline 5	Position at Deadline 6
				<u>progressed to 'agreed'.</u>			
9.5 Revision 2 4	National Grid Energy Transmission (NGET)	SoCG in draft. Comments received from relevant party and addressed by Applicant. The second revision is submitted.	No changes to content since Deadline 1. The Applicant and stakeholder are continuing discussions.	<u>SoCG, updated by the Applicant, in draft pending input from NGET. Content updated to be consistent with responses provided to ExQ1.</u>			
9.6 Revision 1	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust (LWT)	SoCG in draft. The first revision has been issued to the party and comments are expected w/c 4 May 2026. Subsequent additions made to the draft SoCG, included in this submission, to reflect	No changes to content since Deadline 1. LWT have confirmed they are engaging with Natural England. The Applicant and	<u>No changes to content so has not been submitted at Deadline 3. The Applicant is waiting to receive latest revision back from LWT.</u>			

Document Reference	Party	Position at Deadline 1	Position at Deadline 2	Position at Deadline 3	Position at Deadline 4	Position at Deadline 5	Position at Deadline 6
		latest correspondence.	stakeholder are continuing discussions.				
9.7 Revision 3 4	Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board	SoCG in draft. Comments received from relevant party and updated by the Applicant. Meeting to be arranged to discuss. The second revision is submitted.	Updated SoCG submitted to confirm additional item, regarding Byelaw Number 10 (row 2 of Document Reference 9.7 Revision 2), is agreed between parties.	<u>Updated SoCG in draft including latest input from the IBD. One item updated to 'agreed'.</u>			
9.8 Revision 2 1	Isle of Axholme and North Nottingham Water Level Management	SoCG in draft. Comments received from relevant party and addressed by	No changes to content since Deadline 1. The Applicant	<u>Updated SoCG by both parties in draft including latest input from the IBD. One</u>			

Document Reference	Party	Position at Deadline 1	Position at Deadline 2	Position at Deadline 3	Position at Deadline 4	Position at Deadline 5	Position at Deadline 6
		Applicant in version submitted.	and stakeholder are continuing discussions.	<u>item updated to 'agreed'.</u>			
9.9 Revision 1	Natural England	SoCG in draft. First draft issued by Applicant and pending comments from relevant party. Subsequent additions made to the draft SoCG to reflect latest correspondence.	Additional comments received from Natural England which the Applicant is considering. This includes additional records of engagement and details regarding items of discussion. This revision is submitted at Deadline 2.	<u>SoCG is progressing but not submitted at Deadline 3 by the Applicant. Natural England have advised they will provide comments on the Deadline 2 version by the end of June 2026. Updated SoCG to be submitted at Deadline 4.</u>			
9.10 Revision 3 1	National Highways (NH)	SoCG in draft. Comments received	The Applicant and NH are	<u>The Applicant has updated</u>			

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		from relevant party and addressed by Applicant in version submitted.	continuing to discuss items within the SoCG. An updated SoCG is submitted at Deadline 2.	<u>content following the continued engagement with NH. NH have not provided comments on the latest content prior to Deadline 3 submission. The Applicant proposes to provide a further updated version at Deadline 4 reflecting any comments received by NH in advance of that deadline.</u>			
9.11 Revision 1	Network Rail Infrastructure	SoCG in draft. First draft issued by	No changes to content since Deadline 1.	<u>No changes to content since Deadline 1. so no updated version</u>			

Document Reference	Party	Position at Deadline 1	Position at Deadline 2	Position at Deadline 3	Position at Deadline 4	Position at Deadline 5	Position at Deadline 6
		Applicant and pending comments.	The Applicant and stakeholder are continuing discussions regarding protective provisions.	<u>submitted at Deadline 3</u> The Applicant and stakeholder are continuing discussions regarding protective provisions.			
9.12 Revision <u>21</u>	Canal and River Trust	SoCG in draft. First draft issued by Applicant and pending comments.	No changes to content since Deadline 1. The Applicant and stakeholder are continuing discussions regarding protective provisions.	<u>SoCG updated by the Applicant in draft, pending comments from the Canal & River Trust. Content updated regarding protective provisions updated.</u>			
9.13 Revision <u>21</u>	South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (SYFRS)	SoCG in draft. First draft issued by	SYFRA confirmed they have no	<u>Updated SoCG submitted. All matters now</u>			

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		Applicant and pending comments.	comments on the draft SoCG issued by the Applicant and await any questions from the ExA.	<u>'agreed' between SYFRS and the Applicant.</u>			

4 Summary of Commonality

- 4.1.1. The section provides a summary of the main topics covered by the draft SoCGs submitted at Deadline 1 and identifies where there is a commonality in topics between the SoCG parties.
- 4.1.2. The colour coding within Table 2 is described below.

Cell Colour	Status
Green	Agreed
Yellow	Under discussion
Red	Not agreed
Grey	Not applicable

Table 2: Summary of Commonality with Relevant Stakeholders

Document Reference	Party	Agricultural Land	Air Quality	Approach to EIA	Biodiversity	Consultation & Engagement	Cultural Heritage	Design of Development	Draft DCO	Export Connection	Glint & Glare	Human Health	Hydrology & Flood Risk	Landscape and Visual	Noise and Vibration	Principle of Development	Policy & Legislation	Socio Economics	Transport and Access	Waste
9.2 Revision <u>21</u>	City of Doncaster Council																			
9.3 Revision <u>21</u>	North Lincolnshire Council																			
9.4 Revision <u>21</u>	Environment Agency																			
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9.10 Revision <u>13</u>	National Highways																			
9.11 Revision 1	Network Rail Infrastructure																			
9.12 Revision <u>12</u>	Canal and River Trust																			
9.13 Revision <u>12</u>	South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service																			

5 References

Ref.1: Planning Act 2008. Available online:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/29/section/14>

Ref.2: Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (2023). Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1). Available online:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/overarching-national-policy-statement-for-energy-en-1-2025>

APPENDIX A – Letter from Historic England

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Our Ref: PL00792299

8 April 2026

Dear Mr Millward

Request for Statement of Common Ground

TWEEN BRIDGE SOLAR FARM, BETWEEN THRONE, SOUTH YORKSHIRE AND CROWLE, NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE (EN010148)

Thank you for contacting us on 11 February 2026 seeking a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with Historic England in relation to the above site.

Having reviewed the draft SoCG sent by you on 9 March 2026, we have taken further legal advice and believe that all that is necessary is a short statement.

Application by RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Ltd for a Development Consent Order in relation to the development of Tween Bridge Solar Farm, between Throne, South Yorkshire and Crowle, North Lincolnshire (EN010148) (“the Application”)

1. The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (HBMCE) is better known as Historic England. We are the Government’s adviser on all aspects of the historic environment in England, including historic buildings and areas, archaeology and historic landscapes.
2. We have a duty under statute to promote conservation, public understanding and enjoyment of the historic environment. We are an executive non-departmental public body, and we are sponsored by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). Historic England is a statutory consultee for applications for development consent which may affect the historic environment.



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3. The Application is for the construction, operation, management and decommissioning of a ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating facility exceeding 50 megawatt (MW) output capacity, together with associated works including substation, energy storage and green infrastructure (“the Proposal”).
4. There are numerous designated heritage assets within 5km of the order limits of the Proposal, including:
 - Peel Hill motte and bailey castle (Scheduled; NHLE 1013451),
 - Sandhill Farmhouse (Grade II; NHLE 1151565),
 - Grove House Farmhouse (Grade II; NHLE 1192943),
 - Dirtness Cottage (Grade II; NHLE 1083285),
 - Dirtness Pumping Station (Grade II; 1083284),
 - Sand Hall Lodge Cottage (Grade II; NHLE 1083264), and
 - Thorne Conservation Area.
5. Historic England has provided pre-application advice to the applicant, including a written response to the PIER dated [8 May 2025]. In summary:
 - a. Historic England suggested that the applicant involve the local conservation officers and the archaeological staff of the relevant HERs in the development of its heritage assessment and made suggestions as to the scope of the assessment. We understand that this is now being done.
 - b. Historic England also commented on the applicant’s archaeological investigation work, and we have noted the further information provided in the application documents.
6. Historic England defers to the expertise of local planning authority conservation officers and archaeologists in relation to the impacts of the Proposal on grade II listed buildings and on non-designated heritage assets, including archaeology, together with any appropriate mitigation. As such, Historic England has not registered as an interested party, and will not participate in the examination of the Application.

Yours Sincerely

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APPENDIX B – Humberside Fire & Rescue Service Correspondence

Re: Tween Bridge Solar Farm Development Consent Order Application

From
To

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Subject: Re: Tween Bridge Solar Farm Development Consent Order Application

Hi Jon,

Thank you for confirming that a SoCG is not requested.

The Applicant has been committed to using the NFCC guidance to inform the design and will continue to use the guidance to inform the design through the development process.

Please refer to Table 1-1 of the Outline Battery Safety Management Plan [Document Ref. APP-179] submitted with the application, whereby the NFCC recommendations have been considered against the design. A copy of the document is available on the Planning Inspectorate website, here: <https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010148-000244-7.4%20Outline%20Battery%20Safety%20Management%20Plan.pdf>

To confirm, we are in communication with South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue directly on this application.

Kind regards,

Henri Scanlon
Director - Planning

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Cc: [REDACTED]@pegasusgroup.co.uk>

Subject: RE: Tween Bridge Solar Farm Development Consent Order Application

Hi Henri,

I have received the below which will hopefully assist in informing the Examining Authority.

HFRS do not require a SoCG preparing if the applicant confirms that the NFCC guidance is being used as a fundamental input to develop the design from the start, and that it will continue to be an input throughout the applicant design stages into construction and operation.

Id also like to point out that when discussing your location with our Control Room, Tween Bridge itself is in South Yorkshires service area. I am not sure on whether your project will encroach on Humberside's area, but I wanted you to be aware in case you wanted to consult with them also.

I hope this helps.

Kind regards



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