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## Statement of Commonality

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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 Frodsham Solar Limited (the 'Applicant') in respect of an application for development consent for the Frodsham Solar development (the 'Proposed Development'). An application for development consent for the Proposed Development was made on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025, and subsequently accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate on 27<sup>th</sup> June 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 P01 and has been submitted at Deadline 1.

### 1.2 Document Structure

- 1.2.1 This Statement is structured as follows:
- i) **Section 1: Introduction** – provides an introduction to the document and sets out the structure of the Statement.
  - ii) **Section 2: Statements of Common Ground** – provides a summary of the current status of all Statements of Common Ground, structured by examination deadlines.
  - iii) **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'.
  - iv) **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:

- i) The role of the relevant organisation or interested party in the DCO process and a summary of consultation undertaken;
- ii) A summary of topics agreed, under discussion, or not agreed;
- iii) Matters of agreement and disagreement; and
- iv) A signing sheet, to be completed once the SoCG is considered final.

2.1.2 The Applicant is preparing SoCGs with the following organisations:

- i) Cheshire West and Chester Council;
- ii) Environment Agency;
- iii) Natural England;
- iv) National Highways; and
- v) Liverpool Bay CCS Limited in relation to the proposed Runcorn Carbon Dioxide Spur Pipeline.

2.1.3 **Table 1** presents a summary of the current position of each of the above SoCGs.

**Table 1: Current position of each SoCG**

Party	Status of SoCG at Deadline 1
Cheshire West and Chester Council	SoCG in draft and issued as version P01 at Deadline 1. This draft was previously sent to CWCC with comments expected early in the New Year. This version therefore reflects the Applicant's understanding of the position as at Deadline 1.
Environment Agency	Submitted (version P01) as an agreed draft by both parties at Deadline 1
Natural England	SoCG in draft and issued as version P01 at Procedural Deadline B

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### 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: Statement of Commonality

Topic (Right)  Organisation (Below)	Draft DCO	Other Consents and Licences	Control Documents	Project Benefits	Land and Compulsory Acquisition	Green Belt	Landscape and Visual	Ecology and Biodiversity	Habitats Regulations Assessment	Flood Risk and Drainage	Water Quality and Resources	Land and Soils	Ground Conditions	Peat Resources	Cultural Heritage and Archaeology	Transport and Highways	Tourism and Recreation	Health and Amenity	Waste	Decommissioning	Cumulative Effects	Community Benefit Fund
Cheshire West and Chester Council*																						
Environment Agency																						
Natural England																						
National Highways																						
Liverpool Bay CCS Ltd																						

\* Note: At Deadline 1 the draft SoCG with CWCC has been drafted by the Applicant based on CWCC's relevant representation. The draft SoCG has been shared with CWCC for review and comment but CWCC has not been able to review in advance of Deadline 1. The current draft SoCG therefore represents only the Applicant's opinion on where matters are agreed, under discussion or not agreed with CWCC, and is subject to change in future iterations once CWCC have provided comment. The Applicant will continue working with CWCC on this SoCG and provide an update at Deadline 3, as requested by the ExA in the Rule 8 Letter.



## **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.

### **4.2 Summary of Progress**

#### ***Cheshire West and Chester Council***

- 4.2.1 The Applicant is engaging with CWCC to resolve any matters under discussion. It should be noted that at Deadline 1 the draft SoCG with CWCC has been drafted by the Applicant based on CWCC's relevant representation. The draft SoCG has been shared with CWCC for review and comment but CWCC has not been able to review in advance of Deadline 1. The current draft SoCG therefore represents only the Applicant's opinion on the status of discussions with CWCC, and is subject to change in future iterations once CWCC have provided comment. The Applicant will continue working with CWCC on this SoCG and provide an update at Deadline 3, as requested by the ExA in the Rule 8 Letter.

#### ***Environment Agency***

- 4.2.2 The Applicant is engaging with the Environment Agency (EA) and the first draft SoCG submitted at Deadline 1 is an agreed draft between the Parties. The principal areas that are still under discussion relate to the Applicant's approach to the disapplication of Flood Risk Activity Permits through the draft DCO; the approach to the design of watercourse crossings and the consideration of these in the assessment work; and the approach to the design of the overhead cable across the River Weaver. The Applicant has provided further information to the EA in relation to these matters and expects to provide an update to the ExA through the next draft SoCG at Deadline 3.

#### ***Natural England***

- 4.2.3 The Applicant agreed a first draft of the SoCG with Natural England at Procedural Deadline B, and has not updated this at Deadline 1. The principal area that is still under discussion with Natural England relates to the Habitats Regulations Assessment. The Applicant has provided further information to Natural England in

relation to this matter and expects to provide an update to the ExA through the next draft SoCG at Deadline 3.

### ***National Highways***

- 4.2.4 The Applicant is engaging with National Highways and the first draft SoCG submitted at Deadline 1 is an agreed draft between the Parties. The principal areas still under discussion relate to the assessment of cumulative traffic impacts at the construction phase, and the articles, requirements and protective provisions in the DCO. The Applicant has provided further information to National Highways in relation to these matters and expects to provide an update to the ExA through the next draft SoCG at Deadline 3.

### ***Liverpool Bay CCS Ltd***

- 4.2.5 The Applicant is engaging with Liverpool Bay CCS Ltd and the first draft SoCG submitted at Deadline 1 is an agreed draft between the Parties. The Applicant and LBCCS are cooperating with the aim of ensuring that both their respective projects can be constructed and operated in a way that minimises impacts on the other. The principal areas still under discussion relate to the timings of the construction phase for the Proposed Development and the Runcorn Spur CO2 Pipeline, land agreements, and other side agreements. The Applicant has provided further information to Liverpool Bay CCS Ltd in relation to these matters and expects to provide an update to the ExA through the next draft SoCG at Deadline 3.