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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 Rosefield Energyfarm Limited ('the Applicant') in relation to the Development Consent Order (DCO) Application for the construction, operation (including maintenance), and decommissioning of Rosefield Solar Farm (hereafter referred to as the 'Proposed Development').
- 1.1.2. This document has been updated at Deadline [3-4](#) and provides the Examining Authority ('ExA') with an up to date position on the Statements of Common Ground ('SoCG') between the Applicant and relevant consultees and Interested Parties in relation to the Proposed Development. This Statement of Commonality will be updated throughout the course of the Examination.
- 1.1.3. The Proposed Development is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ('NSIP') as defined under Section 15 of the Planning Act 2008 (the 'PA 2008'), as the capacity exceeds 50MW and, as such, must be consented by a DCO. The PA 2008 sets out that the Secretary of State is responsible for determining whether to grant a DCO for the Proposed Development and, under the PA 2008, has the power to appoint an ExA of an appointed person(s) to manage and examine the DCO Application on behalf of the Secretary of State.

1.2. Description of Development

- 1.2.1. The Proposed Development comprises the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of Solar Photovoltaic ('PV') development and energy storage, together with associated infrastructure and Grid Connection Cabling Corridor to the National Grid East Claydon Substation.
- 1.2.2. A description of the Proposed Development can be found in Section 3.1 of **Environmental Statement (ES) Volume 1, Chapter 3: Proposed Development Description [EN010158/APP/6.1.2]**. The terminology used in this Statement of Commonality is defined in **ES Volume 1, Chapter 0: Glossary [EN010158/APP/6.1] [APP-043]**.
- 1.2.3. The main objective of the Proposed Development is to generate low-carbon renewable energy that can contribute to addressing the urgent need to decarbonise the UK's energy supply. This is explained within Section 3 of the **Statement of Need [EN010158/APP/5.6] [APP-036]**.

1.3. Structure of this Statement of Commonality

1.2.4.1.3.1. This Statement of Commonality is structured as follows:

- **Section 2** details the structure of each SoCG and also provides a list of the SoCGs that have been produced to date;
- **Section 3** addresses the current status of each SoCG; and
- **Section 4** sets out the commonality between topics covered in SoCGs with a summary of their position.

2. Position

2.1. Structure of the SoCGs

2.1.1. Each SoCG adopts a standard format to ensure consistency in the approach taken to documenting the matters agreed, matters subject to ongoing discussion, or matters that are not agreed upon.

2.1.2. Each of the SoCGs are structured in the following way:

- Section 1 provides an introduction to the SoCG, including a description of the document and the relevant SoCG party;
- Section 2 provides a summary of engagement between the Applicant and the relevant party so far; and
- Section 3 provides a schedule of matters raised by the relevant party and the Applicant's responses to these.

2.2. List of SoCGs

2.2.1. Following continuous and ongoing engagement with relevant statutory and non-statutory consultees, the Applicant jointly prepared and submitted two SoCGs as part of the DCO Application at submission. These SoCGs were with Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority and the UK Health Security Agency.

2.2.2. In terms of those submitted at this stage, this includes:

- ~~Draft~~ SoCG with Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority [EN010158/APP/5.11.~~32~~]
- Draft SoCG with UKHSA [EN010158/APP/5.12.2]
- Draft SoCG with Natural England [EN010158/APP/5.14]
- Draft SoCG with Environment Agency [EN010158/APP/5.15.~~34~~]
- SoCG with Historic England [EN010158/APP/5.16.~~23~~]
- SoCG with National Trust [EN010158/APP/5.17.2]
- Draft SoCG with Anglian Water Services Limited [EN010158/APP/5.18]
- Draft SoCG with High Speed 2 Limited [EN010158/APP/5.19]
- Draft SoCG with National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc [EN010158/APP/5.20]

- SoCG with National Highways [EN010158/APP/5.21.2]
- Draft SoCG with Buckinghamshire Council [EN010158/APP/5.22.34]
- Draft SoCG with Claydons Solar Action Group [EN010158/APP/5.23.2]

2.2.3. In their Written Representation [REP1-133] Preston Farms and TCS Biosciences Ltd requested that the Applicant enter into an SoCG with them in order to narrow the issues and identify matters in dispute. The Applicant has confirmed, in the **Applicant's Response to Written Representations [EN010158/APP/8.12]** that a draft SoCG has been shared with Preston Farms and TCS Biosciences Ltd. This draft was shared on 15 May 2025 and that the draft SoCG would be submitted into examination at Deadline 3. Following the submission of the Applicant's Response to Written Representations [EN010158/APP/8.12], Preston Farms and TCS Biosciences Ltd have informed the Applicant that they would not be able to share a reviewed copy until after Deadline 3, as such, the Applicant hopes that the draft SoCG will be submitted at Deadline 4. Preston Farms Ltd and TCS Biosciences Ltd have acknowledged receipt of the draft SoCG and that the document is with them to respond, but no response has been received by the Applicant as of Deadline 4.

2.2.4. ~~Additionally, following the initial engagement and submission of the **draft SoCG with Claydons Solar Action Group [EN010158/APP/5.23]** they have advised that they do not consider there is much value in meeting at present and consider that the SoCG can be regarded as final unless the Applicant proposes to make amendments to the Proposed Development to address their concerns. The Applicant does not currently propose any Proposed Development amendments but remains open to engagement during the remainder of the examination, noting that the Examining Authority has requested further engagement following the Issue Specific Hearings.~~

3. Status of SoCGs

3.1. Summary of Current Position

3.1.1. This Section confirms the current status of each SoCG at Deadline 2.

3.1.2. **Table 3.1** provides a high-level position on the status of each SoCG and, where necessary, includes further detail to aid the understanding of an SoCG's status.

3.1.3. The terms used in **Table 3.1** can be described as follows:

- 'Final SoCG' - the final SoCG has been agreed upon by both parties, with no outstanding matters to resolve;
- 'Draft SoCG' - the SoCG continues to be discussed between both parties with some level of agreement and some issues still outstanding, meaning the SoCG is yet to be signed off on;
- 'Initial draft SoCG' - the initial SoCG has been drafted by the Applicant (using any matters identified from meetings with the party alongside responses to Statutory Consultation and Relevant and/or Written Representations) and is with the consultee for review. An initial draft SoCG has not yet had feedback from the consultee and is not signed off; and
- 'Not yet submitted' – the Applicant is progressing or soon to be progressing these SoCGs with a party with the intent to submit a draft at a subsequent deadline.

Table 3.1 – Current Status of SoCGs

Document Ref.	Relevant Party	Position at Deadline 24
[EN010158/APP/5.11.23]	Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority	Draft <u>Final</u> SoCG
[EN010158/APP/5.12.2]	UK Health Security Agency	Draft SoCG
[EN010158/APP/5.14]	Natural England	Draft SoCG
[EN010158/APP/5.15.34]	Environment Agency	Draft SoCG
[EN010158/APP/5.16.23]	Historic England	Final SoCG
[EN010158/APP/5.17.2]	National Trust	Final SoCG

[EN010158/APP/5.18]	Anglian Water Services Limited	Draft SoCG
[EN010158/APP/5.19]	High Speed 2 Limited	Draft SoCG
[EN010158/APP/5.20]	National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc	Draft SoCG
[EN010158/APP/5.21.2]	National Highways	Final SoCG
[EN010158/APP/5.22.34]	Buckinghamshire Council	Draft SoCG
[EN010158/APP/5.2324]	Claydons Solar Action Group	Draft SoCG
TBC	TCS Biosciences / Preston Farm	Not yet submitted

3.1.4. With regard to the SoCG with Historic England, the Applicant notes that this was submitted as final at Deadline 2, however, following a request in the Examining Authority's second written questions [PD-016] there has been a minor change to terminology at matter 2.1 and the SoCG is resubmitted as final at Deadline 4.

3.1.5. A final SoCG with Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority is submitted at Deadline 4. The Applicant notes that this document states Deadline 3 and April 2026 on its Cover page as that was the timeline when the document was sent for final signing. There is only a clean version of this SoCG submitted as there has been no change to its contents since it was last submitted.

4. Summary

4.1.1. This Section provides the overarching position across the main topics covered by the SoCGs at Deadline 1 with **Table 4.1** below identifying where commonality has been reached between the Applicant and SoCG parties.

4.1.2. **Table 4.1** also recognises where topics require further discussion, are not applicable or have concluded in disagreement. Colour coding is used within **Table 4.1** to clarify the status of the commonality reached, as reflected in the below table.

Cell	Status
	Agreed
	Subject to further discussion
	Currently subject to disagreement
	Not applicable

Table 4.1 – Summary of Commonality with Parties

DOC REF.	PARTY	TOPICS																										
		Planning Policy	BESS/Fire Safety	Cumulative Impacts	Climate Change	Cultural Heritage / Historic Environment	Public Health / Wellbeing	Land Use / Agriculture	Air Quality	Construction	Glint and Glare	Noise and vibration	Landscape and Visual	PRoW and Permissive Footpaths	Traffic and Transport	Alternatives	Water, Flood Risk & Drainage	Waste Management	Decommissioning	Land Interest/ CA / PPs	Draft DCO	Impact on existing apparatus/infrastructure	Land contamination	Ecology and Biodiversity	Population/Economic Impacts	Grid Connection	Design	Approach to the EIA
[EN010158/APP/5.11.23]	Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority		Green																								Green	
[EN010158/APP/5.12.2]	UK Health Security Agency		Green					Green																				Green
[EN010158/APP/5.14]	Natural England						Green																	Yellow				
[EN010158/APP/5.15.34]	Environment Agency		Green						Yellow							Yellow					Red		Green	Green				
[EN010158/APP/5.16.23]	Historic England					Green																						
[EN010158/APP/5.17.2]	National Trust					Green								Green														
[EN010158/APP/5.18]	Anglian Water Services Limited															Yellow												
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