

One Earth Solar Farm

Statement of Commonality [EN010159]

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1. Introduction

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Commonality has been prepared in respect of the application for the Proposed One Earth Solar Farm Development Consent Order (the “Application”) made by One Earth Solar Farm Ltd (the ‘Applicant’).
- 1.1.2 This document provides the Examining Authority (ExA) with the position of the Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) between the Applicant and statutory consultees and Interested Parties in relation to the proposed One Earth Solar Farm. It will be updated throughout the course of the examination.
- 1.1.3 The DCO Application is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) for the installation, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels, Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and associated grid connection infrastructure which will allow for the generation and export of electricity to the High Marnham substation (hereafter ‘the Proposed Development’).

2. Description of the Proposed Development

- 2.1.1 The Proposed Development comprises the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic (PV) array electricity generating facility with a total capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW), a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with an import and export connection to the National Grid.
- 2.1.2 The principal components of the Proposed Development will consist of the following:
- Solar PV Modules;
 - Mounting Structures;
 - Power Conversion Stations (PCS);
 - Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS);
 - Onsite Substations and Ancillary Buildings;
 - Low Voltage Distribution Cables;
 - Grid Connection Cables;
 - Fencing, security and ancillary infrastructure;
 - Access Tracks; and
 - Green Infrastructure (GI).

3. Structure of the Statement of Commonality

3.1.1 This Statement of Commonality document is structured as follows:

- Section 4 details the structure of each SoCG document and provides a list of the SoCGs that are being produced;
- Section 5 addresses the status of each SoCG; and
- Section 6 sets out the commonality between SoCGs and a summary of their position.

4. Position

4.1 Structure of the SoCGs

4.1.1 Each of the SoCGs adopts a standard format to ensure consistency in the approach taken to documenting matters agreed, matters under discussion, or matters not yet agreed upon.

4.1.2 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 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.

4.2 List of SoCGs

4.2.1 The Rule 6 letter identified a number of statutory consultees and interested parties with which SoCGs were to be prepared. Accordingly, the Applicant has drafted a number of SoCGs with the relevant stakeholders. However, some technical matters are not yet included, as discussions on these issues are still ongoing. The SoCGs submitted at Deadline 1 include:

- Lincolnshire County Council (incl. Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service)
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Bassetlaw District Council
- Newark and Sherwood District Council
- West Lindsey District Council
- Historic England
- Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
- National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc

4.2.2 In addition to the above updated SoCGs, the Applicant has drafted and submitted additional SoCGs at Deadline 2, including: ;

- Natural England
- Environment Agency
- National Highways

4.2.3 Furthermore, the Applicant is progressing a Statement of Common Ground with Anglian Water. This was requested through the relevant representations process, and whilst this is being progressed, discussions are still ongoing between the parties to agree to a draft submitted. Therefore, a draft of the SoCG will be submitted at a later deadline.

~~4.2.2~~ ~~a number of other SoCGs are in the process of being discussed and drafted with the relevant stakeholders, but will be submitted at a later deadline. These include:~~

- ~~• Natural England — Technical details are still being discussed through both written correspondence and meetings. Once both parties are happy with the draft SoCG, this will be submitted at a later deadline.~~
- ~~• Environment Agency — Technical details are still being discussed through both written correspondence and meetings. Once both parties are happy with the draft SoCG, this will be submitted at a later deadline.~~
- ~~• Anglian Water — this was requested through the relevant representations process, and whilst this is being progressed there has not been sufficient time to finalise a draft for submission at Deadline 1.~~

5. Status of SoCGs

5.1.1 This section confirms the current status of each of SoCG as of Deadline [24](#).

5.1.2 Table 5.1 provides a high-level position on the status of each SoCG and where necessary includes further detail to aid the understanding of the status.

5.1.3 The terms used in Table 5.1 are as follows:

- Final SoCG – the final SoCG has been agreed upon by both parties, with no outstanding matters to resolve.
- Draft SoCG – the SoCG has mainly been agreed upon by both parties, but there are a number of issues still outstanding, and it is yet to be signed off.
- Initial Draft SoCG – the initial SoCG has been drafted by the Applicant (using matters identified from meetings with the party alongside responses to Statutory Consultation, Relevant Representations) and is with the party for review, this has not had feedback by the party and is not signed off.
- Not yet submitted – the Applicant is progressing these SoCGs with the intent to submit drafts at subsequent deadlines.

Table 5.1: Current Status of SoCGs

Document Ref.	Relevant Party	Position at Deadline 1
8.2	Lincolnshire County Council (incl. Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service)	Draft SoCG
8.3	Nottinghamshire County Council	Draft SoCG
8.4	West Lindsey District Council	Draft SoCG Initial Draft SoCG
8.5	Bassetlaw District Council	Draft SoCG

8.6	Newark and Sherwood District Council	Draft SoCG
8.7	Historic England	Draft SoCG
8.8	Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service	Draft SoCG
8.9	National Grid Electricity Transmission Ltd.	Draft SoCG
8.10	Natural England	Draft SoCG-Not yet submitted
8.11	Environment Agency	Draft SoCG-Not yet submitted
8.12	National Highways	Draft SoCG
-	Anglian Water	Not yet submitted

6. Commonality

6.1 Summary

6.1.1 This section provides a summary of the main topics covered by the draft SoCGs submitted at this deadline (Deadline [24](#)) and identifies where there is a commonality in the topics between the SoCG parties.

6.1.2 Table 6.1 has been produced to set out the topics covered across the SoCGs and the status of the matter at this deadline with the relevant party. The colour coding used within this table has been described further below.

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

6.1.3 The colours of each cell correspond to the status table in each individual SoCG.

Table 6.1 – Summary of Commonality with relevant stakeholders					
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8.8	Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service																		
8.9	National Grid Electricity Transmission Ltd.																		
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