



Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park

Statement of Commonality

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Commonality (the Statement) has been prepared to provide the Examining Authority (ExA) with a summary of the final position regarding the negotiation of Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) between the Applicant, relevant statutory consultees and other parties in relation to Elements Green Trent Limited (the Applicant).
- 1.1.2 The Rule 6 Letter [[PD-005](#)] dated 23 October 2025 requires the submission of SoCGs to inform the ExA and all other parties on matters where there is agreement and where differences lie at an early stage in the Examination process. The Rule 6 Letter requests that these are accompanied by an Issues Tracker (this Statement) detailing the progression of discussions.
- 1.1.3 Annex F of the Rule 6 Letter identifies the following parties with which the Applicant has sought to develop SoCGs, and Annex C of the Rule 8 Letter [[Link](#)] dated 2 December 2025 requests the Applicant to produce a SoCG with Norwell Solar Farm Steering Group in relation to the Applicant's greenhouse gas assessment. The Applicant noted the ExA has requested for a triparted SoCG between the Applicant and Natural England and Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust. An agreement has been reached for the SoCG between the Parties for these to be prepared separately.
- 1.1.4 Accordingly, the following parties with which the Applicant has sought to develop SoCGs with the following parties:
- Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC);
 - Newark and Sherwood District Council (NSDC);
 - Environment Agency (EA);
 - Natural England (NE);
 - Historic England (HE);
 - National Highways (NH);
 - National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET);
 - RWE Generation UK plc;
 - Cadent Gas Ltd;
 - Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd;
 - Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust;
 - Norwell Solar Farm Steering Group;
 - Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue;
 - National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) plc;
 - National Gas Transmission plc;
 - Trent Valley International Drainage Board;
 - Severn Trent Water Limited
- 1.1.5 This Statement is to be treated as an iterative document throughout the Examination and will be updated and submitted at subsequent deadlines to provide an up to date overview of the latest position on the SoCGs.

1.2 STRUCTURE OF THIS STATEMENT

1.3 This Statement is structured as follows:

- Section 2 sets out the status of each SoCG;
- Section 3 provides a summary of where agreement has been reached with each party;
- Section 4 provides details of any steps to be taken to progress outstanding matters towards resolution.

2 STATUS OF THE SOCGS

2.1.1 Relevant Representations were submitted by Interested Parties with whom the Applicant has produced a SoCG. Table 2-1 identifies the status of each SoCG.

- SoCG in draft – where a SoCG has been drafted (with matters recorded as agreed, ongoing and not agreed) and is subject to further discussions to resolve any outstanding matters;
- Final signed SoCG – where a final position has been reached on all matters, as either agreed or not agreed positions.

Table 2-1 Status of SoCGs at Deadline 1

Party	Document Reference	Status of SoCG at Deadline 1
Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC)	8.1	SoCG in draft
Newark and Sherwood District Council (NSDC)	8.2	SoCG in draft
Environment Agency (EA)	8.3	SoCG in draft
Natural England (NE)	8.4	SoCG in draft
Historic England (HE)	8.5	SoCG in draft
National Highways (NH)	8.6	SoCG in draft
National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET)	8.7	SoCG in draft
RWE Generation UK plc	8.8	SoCG in draft
Cadent Gas Ltd	8.9	SoCG in draft
Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd	8.10	SoCG in draft
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	8.11	SoCG in draft
Norwell Solar Farm Steering Group	8.12	SoCG in draft

2.1.2 A number of parties where SoCGs have been requested relate to bodies who had not submitted Relevant Representations, or registered as Interested Parties. The Applicant has reached out to these bodies, but a substantive response has not yet been received. These relate to:

- Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue;
- National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) plc;
- National Gas Transmission plc;
- Trent Valley International Drainage Board; and
- Severn Trent Water Limited

2.1.3 The Applicant will continue to engage with all SoCG parties and updates will be provided at subsequent deadlines.

3 COMMONALITY

3.1 OVERVIEW

- 3.1.1 This section provides an overview of the matters identified and that remain unresolved at Deadline 1 with each of the parties and sets out how the Applicant is intending to progress matters with those parties with the intention of reaching a final agreed position before the close of the Examination.

3.2 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (NCC) [EN010162/APP/8.1]

- 3.2.1 The Applicant has been in active discussions with NCC. Agreement has been reached on a number of matters, with outstanding matters relating to the following topics:
- **Ecology and Biodiversity:** The Parties are making constructive progress in resolving the matters on the location of the mammal gates and fencing, and the effects on protected species.
 - **Cultural Heritage:** Further discussion will be undertaken on trial trenching
 - **Water Environment:** Further discussion will be undertaken on the approach to the assessment, SuDs and Flood Risk. The Applicant noted that NCC will provide further details of their review by Deadline 1.
 - **Traffic:** Further
- 3.2.2 The Applicant will continue to discuss these matters with NCC and progress will be reported at Deadline 2.

3.3 NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL (NSDC) [EN010162/APP/8.2]

- 3.3.1 The Applicant has been in active discussions with NSDC. Agreement has been reached on a number of matters, with outstanding matters relating to the following topics:
- **Alternatives:** NSDC considers that the Applicant should have considered more alternatives than those set out in the ES
 - **Landscape and Visual:** The Applicant has set out the LVIA methodology in the PEIR, and are awaiting specific feedback from NSDC.
 - **Permissive Routes:** whether permissive routes in place for the duration of the Development can be considered beneficial.
 - **BNG Assessment:** detailed discussions ongoing regarding the BNG assessment.
 - **Cumulative Schemes:** The Applicant is awaiting feedback from NSDC on the long and shortlist for cumulative schemes.
- 3.3.2 The Applicant will continue to discuss these matters with EA and progress will be reported at Deadline 2.

3.4 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (EA) [EN010162/APP/8.3]

3.4.1 The Applicant has been in active discussions with the EA. Agreement has been reached on a number of matters, with outstanding matters relating to the following topics:

- The applicant has updated the DCO and Management Plans to reflect EA feedback and the EA are reviewing these updates. The Parties are confident that agreement will be reached.

3.4.2 The Applicant will continue to discuss these matters with EA and progress will be reported at Deadline 2.

3.5 NATURAL ENGLAND (NE) [EN010162/APP/8.4]

3.5.1 The Applicant has been in active discussions with NE. Agreement has been reached on a number of matters, with outstanding matters relating to the following topics:

- Further details have been requested on the approach to minimising BMV. This has been shared and the parties are confident that agreement will be reached shortly.

3.5.2 The Applicant will continue to discuss these matters with NE and progress will be reported at Deadline 2.

3.6 HISTORIC ENGLAND (HE) [EN010162/APP/8.5]

3.6.1 The Applicant has been in active discussions with HE. Agreement has been reached on most matters. Agreement of the small number of matters is expected at D2.

3.7 NATIONAL HIGHWAYS (NH) [EN010162/APP/8.6]

3.7.1 The Applicant has been in active discussions with NH. NH have shared further comments on the 10th December and the Applicant is now considering those matters.

3.7.2 The Applicant will continue to discuss these matters with NH and progress will be reported at Deadline 2.

3.8 NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC (NGET) [EN010162/APP/8.7]

3.8.1 The Applicant has been in active discussions with NGET and further updates will be reported at Deadline 2.

3.9 RWE GENERATION UK PLC [EN010162/APP/8.8]

3.9.1 The Applicant has been in active discussions with RWE Generation UK Plc and progress will be reported at Deadline 2.

3.10 CADENT GAS LTD [EN010162/APP/8.9]

3.10.1 The Applicant has been in active discussions with Cadent Gas Ltd and progress will be reported at Deadline 2.

3.11 NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LTD [EN010162/APP/8.10]

- 3.11.1 The Applicant has been in active discussions with NR and progress will be reported at Deadline 2.

3.12 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST [EN010162/APP/8.11]

- 3.12.1 The Applicant has been in active discussions with NWT and progress will be reported at Deadline 2.

3.13 NORWELL SOLAR FARM STEERING GROUP [EN010162/APP/8.12]

- 3.13.1 The Applicant has been in active discussions with NSFSG in relation to the GHG matter. The Applicant will continue to discuss these matters with NSFSG and progress will be reported at Deadline 2.

3.14 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE;

- 3.14.1 The Applicant has reached out to NFRS bodies, but a substantive response has not yet been received. The Applicant looks forward to receiving this and will be in a position to update the SoCG once further discussions have been held with Party regarding the outstanding matters.

3.15 NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION (EAST MIDLANDS) PLC;

- 3.15.1 The Applicant has reached out to National Grid, but a substantive response has not yet been received. The Applicant looks forward to receiving this and will be in a position to update the SoCG once further discussions have been held with Party regarding the outstanding matters.

3.16 NATIONAL GAS TRANSMISSION PLC;

- 3.16.1 The Applicant has reached out to NGT, but a substantive response has not yet been received. The Applicant looks forward to receiving this and will be in a position to update the SoCG once further discussions have been held with Party regarding the outstanding matters.

3.17 TRENT VALLEY INTERNATIONAL DRAINAGE BOARD;

- 3.17.1 The Applicant has reached out to TVIDB and have held a meeting to discuss next steps. The IDB are due to share comments on the DCO and Drainage Strategy and the Applicant will consider and respond to these points as soon as they have been received.

3.18 SEVERN TRENT WATER LIMITED

- 3.18.1 The Applicant has reached out to Severn Trent Water, but a substantive response has not yet been received. The Applicant looks forward to receiving this and will be in a position to update the SoCG once further discussions have been held with Party regarding the outstanding matters.