



## **Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park**

Statement of Common Ground with Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust

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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT**

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared to support an application (the Application) for a Development Consent Order (DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONCENT ORDER) from the Secretary of State (SoS) for Energy Security and Net Zero under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) for the proposed Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park Development (the Development). The Application has been submitted by Elements Green Trent Limited (the Applicant).
- 1.1.2 This SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority (ExA) where agreement has been reached between the Parties, and where agreement has not (yet) been reached.
- 1.1.3 SoCGs are an established means in the planning process of allowing all Parties to identify and focus on specific issues that may need to be addressed during the examination. This SoCG will be revised and updated as discussions between the Parties progress during the Examination.

### **1.2 PARTIES TO THIS STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND**

- 1.2.1 This SoCG has been prepared by (1) Elements Green Trent Limited as the Applicant and (2) Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust (collectively, 'the Parties').

### **1.3 TERMINOLOGY**

- 1.3.1 In the table in the Issues section of this SoCG:
- "Agreed" (Green) indicates where the issue has been resolved;
  - "Under discussion" (Amber) indicates where a matter is the subject of ongoing discussion; and
  - "Not Agreed" (Red) indicates a final position.
- 1.3.2 Where Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust expresses agreement, it does so only in so far as it has considered the issue with regards to its statutory remit and on the basis of the information provided by the Applicant. Agreement is offered without prejudice to the submissions of other interested Parties who may have greater knowledge of technical or site-specific issues.

### **1.4 RECORD OF RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1.4.1 The Applicant has undertaken consultation and engagement with Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust throughout the development of the Application. The Applicant consulted Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust in accordance with Section 42 of the PA 2008, about the Development and environmental impact assessment as part of the formal pre-application consultation and publicity procedures. This process afforded Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust the opportunity to provide responses to the information provided at various stages of the pre-application process.

## 2 CURRENT POSITION OF THE APPLICANT AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

### 2.1 GENERAL MITIGATION AND ENHANCEMENT MEASURES

Table 2-1 General Mitigation And Enhancement Measures

Ref	Relevant Documents	Description Of Matter	<u>Applicant's Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's Position</u>	<u>Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's Applicant's Position</u>	Status
	RR	LEMP - Steering Group	<del>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline</del> <u>The Steering Group has been formed to help inform the development of the Landscape and <b>Ecological</b> Environmental Management Plan (LEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.A1] includes details of the Steering Group and the proposed habitats. The Steering Group has provided to provide advice and oversight during the development of the LEMP but has not and will not be responsible for the content of the LEMP or its implementation and outcomes.</u>	<del>The Steering Group has been formed to help inform the development of the <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Environmental</b> Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.A1] includes details of the Steering Group and to provide the proposed habitats. The Steering Group has provided advice and oversight during the development of the LEMP but has not and will not be responsible for the content of the LEMP or its implementation and outcomes.</del>	Agreed
	RR	CEMP - Programme	<del>Section 8.6.2 of ES Volume 2, Chapter 8: Ecology and Biodiversity [EN010162/APP/6.2.8] [APP-</del> <u>Section 8.6.2 of <b>ES Volume 2, Chapter 8: Ecology and Biodiversity</b> [EN010162/APP/6.2.8] [APP-</u>	<del>We note that the start date</del> <u>Section 8.6.2 of <b>ES Volume 2, Chapter 8: Ecology and Biodiversity</b></u>	Agreed

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			<p><del>051] outlines how the phasing of the We note that the start date of construction programme is anticipated to be 2027 but this is not definite. We support that approach because it will facilitate ecological mitigation.</del></p> <p><b>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.3: Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)</b>  <b>[EN010162/APP/6.4.5.3B]</b>                      provides details of the ecological mitigation during the construction phase. <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP)</b>  <b>[EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]</b>                      provides details of provide higher quality habitat enhancement and creation, some of into which will start before and during construction. The phasing of construction will be determined post consent and will birds can be reflected in displaced and provide conditions to improve</p>	<p><b>[EN010162/APP/6.2.8]</b> [APP-051] outlines how the phasing of the construction is anticipated to be 2027 but this is not definite. We support that approach because it programme will provide higher quality facilitate ecological mitigation.</p> <p><b>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.3: Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)</b>  <b>[EN010162/APP/6.4.5.3B]</b>                      provides details of the ecological mitigation during the construction phase. <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP)</b>  <b>[EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]</b>                      provides details of habitat into enhancement and creation, some of which birds can will start before and during construction. The phasing of construction will be determined post-consent and will be displaced and provide conditions to improve reflected in the productivity final versions of</p>	

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			<p><del>the final versions</del> <u>productivity of both the CEMP and LEMP.</u>  <u>Requirement 12 in Schedule 2 of the Draft Development Consent Order [EN010162/APP/3.1C] secures that no phase of the authorised development may commence until a construction environmental management plan unaffected birds, for that phase has been submitted to and approved by Newark and Sherwood District Council. This must be prepared in accordance with the ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.3: Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.3A].</u>  <u>Requirement 8 in Schedule 2 to the Draft Development Consent Order [EN010162/APP/3.1C] secures that no phase of the authorised development may commence until a written landscape and ecological management plan for that phase has been submitted</u></p>	<p><del>both the unaffected birds,</del> <u>CEMP and LEMP.</u>  <u>Requirement 12 in Schedule 2 of the Draft Development Consent Order [EN010162/APP/3.1C] secures that no phase of the authorised development may commence until a construction environmental management plan for example that phase has been submitted to and approved by Newark and Sherwood District Council. This must be prepared in accordance with the ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.3: Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.3A].</u>  <u>Requirement 8 in Schedule 2 to the Draft Development Consent Order [EN010162/APP/3.1C] secures that no phase of the authorised development may commence until a written landscape and ecological management plan for that phase has been submitted to and approved by Newark and</u></p>	

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			<p><del>to and approved by Newark and Sherwood District Council. This must be in accordance with <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]</b> and must be implemented as approved example.</del></p>	<p><u>Sherwood District Council. This must be in accordance with <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]</b> and must be implemented as approved.</u></p>	
	RR	CEMP	<p><del><b>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.3: Outline Construction</b></del> We note that an <u>Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.3B]</u> Clerk of Works (EnvCoW) is to be appointed. The EnvCoW will be responsible for monitoring and reporting on compliance with <u>planning consents, environmental permits, legislation and mitigation.</u> The role provides details of a <u>mechanism to support the EnvCoW and ecological mitigation during the construction phase, including a Construction Ecological Management Plan in section A5.3.11.</u></p>	<p>We note that an <u><b>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.3: Outline Construction Environmental</b></u> Clerk of Works (EnvCoW) is to be appointed. The EnvCoW will be responsible for monitoring and reporting on compliance with <u>planning consents, environmental permits, legislation and mitigation.</u> The role <u><b>Management Plan (CEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.3B]</b></u> provides a mechanism to <u>support details of the EnvCoW and ecological mitigation during the construction phase, including a Construction Ecological Management Plan in section A5.3.11.</u></p>	Agreed

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			<p><del>Requirement 12 in Schedule 2 of the <b>Draft Development Consent Order</b> [EN010162/APP/3.1C] secures that no phase of the authorised development may commence until a construction environmental management plan for in delivering its obligations. It is important, however, that phase has been submitted to and approved by Newark and Sherwood District Council. This must be prepared in accordance with the <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.3: Outline CEMP</b> [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.3A]. <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP)</b> [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B] provides details of habitat enhancement and creation other environmental specialists be appointed, as required, to provide long-term ecological benefits and contribute to local</del></p>	<p><u>Requirement 12 in Schedule 2 of the <b>Draft Development Consent Order</b> [EN010162/APP/3.1C] secures that no phase of the authorised development in delivering its obligations. It is important, however, may commence until a construction environmental management plan for that other environmental specialists be appointed, as required, phase has been submitted to and approved by Newark and Sherwood District Council. This must be prepared in accordance with the <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.3: Outline CEMP</b> [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.3A]. <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP)</b> [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B] provides details of habitat enhancement and creation to provide advice and support long-term ecological benefits and contribute to local strategies and</u></p>	

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			<p><del>strategies and policies. The final LEMP will include details about programme/phasing and will be developed with input from the Steering Group.</del></p> <p><del>Requirement 8 in Schedule 2 advice and support to the <b>Draft DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER [EN010162/APP/3.1C]</b> secures that no phase of the authorised development may commence until a written landscape and ecological management plan for that phase has been submitted to and approved by Newark and Sherwood District Council. This must be in accordance with <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.1: Outline LEMP [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]</b> and must be implemented as approved.</del></p> <p><u>EnvCoW.</u></p>	<p><u>policies. The final LEMP will include details about programme/phasing and will be developed with input from the Steering Group.</u></p> <p><u>Requirement 8 in Schedule 2 to the EnvCoW. <b>DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER [EN010162/APP/3.1C]</b> secures that no phase of the authorised development may commence until a written landscape and ecological management plan for that phase has been submitted to and approved by Newark and Sherwood District Council. This must be in accordance with <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.1: Outline LEMP [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]</b> and must be implemented as approved.</u></p>	

## 2.2 EFFECTS ON HABITATS, SPECIES AND NATIONALLY DESIGNATED SITES

Table 2-2 Effects On Habitats, Species And Nationally Designated Sites

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	RR	oLEMP and BNG	<p><del>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape</del>                      We acknowledge that the CEMP and <b>Ecological Management Plan (LEMP)</b> <del>[EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]</del> provides details of habitat enhancement and creation to provide long-term ecological benefits and contribute to local strategies and policies. The final OUTLINE LANDSCAPE AND ECOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT PLAN will include details about <u>are at outline document stage and that they will be finalised, when the construction programme/phasing and will be developed with input from the Steering Group.</u></p> <p><del>Requirement 8 in Schedule 2 to the Draft DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER [EN010162/APP/3.1C]</del></p>	<p>We acknowledge that the <del>CEMP</del> <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP)</b> <del>[EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]</del> provides details of habitat enhancement and creation to provide long-term ecological benefits and contribute to local strategies and policies. The final OUTLINE LANDSCAPE AND ECOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT PLAN are at outline document stage and that they will be finalised, when the construction will include details about programme is known. In the case of the OUTLINE LANDSCAPE AND ECOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT PLAN/phasing and will be developed with input from the biodiversity steering group. We</p>	Agreed

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			<p><del>secures that no phase of is known. In the authorised development may commence until a written landscape and ecological management plan for that phase has been submitted to and approved by Newark and Sherwood District Council. This must be in accordance with ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.1: Outline</del> <u>case of the OUTLINE LANDSCAPE AND ECOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT PLAN [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B] and must be implemented as approved.</u></p> <p><u>with input from the biodiversity steering group. We fully support the production of a vegetation removal plan that will set out the location and timing of vegetation removal so that ecological effects are minimised (e.g., reducing clearances during the bird nesting season). If vegetation removal is required during the bird breeding season,</u></p>	<p><u>fully support the production Steering Group. Requirement 8 in Schedule 2 to the DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER [EN010162/APP/3.1C] secures that no phase of the authorised development may commence until a vegetation removal written landscape and ecological management plan that will set out the location and timing of vegetation removal so that ecological effects are minimised (e.g., reducing clearances during the bird nesting season). If vegetation removal is required during the bird breeding season, then areas should for that phase has been submitted to and approved by Newark and Sherwood District Council. This must be checked by a suitably qualified ecologist, in accordance with ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B] and</u></p>	

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			<u>then areas should be checked by a suitably qualified ecologist.</u>	<u>must be implemented as approved.</u>	
	RR	Designated Sites (including LWS)	<p><del>Table 8.9 in ES Volume 2, Chapter 8: Ecology and Biodiversity [EN010162/APP/6.2.8] [APP-051] includes an assessment of effects on Work no. 8 Access Works is provided in the section of the Local Wildlife Sites (Clarity is required on impacts to LWS) from all Work Areas. The assessment concludes that with appropriate mitigation due to access measures which are secured, the Development would have no significant adverse effects.</del></p> <p><del>No works will take place in. An example is Maplebeck Viewpoint Verges LWS, a LWS designated for its notable flora. The verges, 600m in length, are to be subjected to Work No. 2: Cables will pass under crossing the LWS via Horizontal Directional Drilling to avoid adverse ecological effects. and</del></p>	<p><del>No Table 8.9 in ES Volume 2, Chapter 8: Ecology and Biodiversity [EN010162/APP/6.2.8] [APP-051] includes an assessment of Work no. 8 Access Works is provided in the section of the effects on Local Wildlife Sites. Clarity is required on impacts to (LWS) due to access measures. An example is) from all Work Areas. The assessment concludes that with appropriate mitigation measures which are secured, the Development would have no significant adverse effects.</del></p> <p><del>No works will take place in Maplebeck Viewpoint Verges, a LWS designated for its notable flora. The verges, 600m in length, are to be subjected to Work No. 2: Cables crossing will pass under the LWS and a 350 m stretch of via Horizontal Directional Drilling to avoid</del></p>	Agreed

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			<p><del>a 350 m stretch of Work No. 8 Access is not proposed in the vicinity of the LWS.</del></p> <p><del>Work No. 8: Access includes relatively discrete and small-scale works, such as Works wholly covers the construction remainder. The extent of new passing places. An iterative design process ensured that none of these works are proposed in LWS.</del></p> <p><del>Measures damage and loss to avoid or reduce the risk of adverse effects during construction, operation LWS is not clear and decommissioning, and to provide enhancements, are secured in we therefore request further information about the following management plans:</del></p> <p><del><b>ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.3: Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.3A].</b></del></p> <p><del>Section A5.3.11.2 of the CEMP addresses control LWS that</del></p>	<p><del>adverse ecological effects. Work No. 8: Access is not proposed in the vicinity of the LWS.</del></p> <p><del>Work No. 8 Access Works wholly covers the remainder. The extent of damage includes relatively discrete and loss to small-scale works, such as the LWS is not clear construction of new passing places. An iterative design process ensured that none of these works are proposed in LWS.</del></p> <p><del>Measures to avoid or reduce the risk of adverse effects during construction, operation and we therefore request further information about the LWS that could be affected by access decommissioning, and to provide enhancements, are secured in the following management plans:</del></p> <p><del><b>ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.3: Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.3A].</b></del></p> <p><del>Section A5.3.11.2 of the CEMP</del></p>	

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			<p><del>could be affected by access measures for designated sites.</del></p> <p><del>ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP)</del> <del>[EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]</del></p> <p><del>ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.5: Outline Operation Environmental Management Plan (OEMP)</del> <del>[EN010162/APP/6.4.5.5A]</del></p> <p><del>ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.6: Outline Decommissioning and Restoration Plan (DRP)</del> <del>[EN010162/APP/6.4.5.6A]</del></p> <p><del>The Applicant also notes that the approach to biodiversity and wildlife mitigation is under discussion with NCC, NSDC, NE and EA and the discussions are set out within the respective Statement of Common Grounds:</del></p> <p><del>Statement of Common Ground with Nottinghamshire County Council</del> <del>[EN010162/APP/8.1]</del></p>	<p>addresses control measures.” for designated sites.</p> <p><u>ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP)</u> <u>[EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]</u></p> <p><u>ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.5: Outline Operation Environmental Management Plan (OEMP)</u> <u>[EN010162/APP/6.4.5.5A]</u></p> <p><u>ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.6: Outline Decommissioning and Restoration Plan (DRP)</u> <u>[EN010162/APP/6.4.5.6A]</u></p> <p><u>The Applicant also notes that the approach to biodiversity and wildlife mitigation is under discussion with NCC, NSDC, NE and EA and the discussions are set out within the respective Statement of Common Grounds:</u></p> <p><u>Statement of Common Ground with Nottinghamshire County Council</u> <u>[EN010162/APP/8.1]</u></p>	

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			<p><u>Statement of Common Ground with Newark and Sherwood District Council [EN010162/APP/8.2]</u></p> <p><u>Statement of Common Ground with Environment Agency [EN010162/APP/8.3]</u></p> <p><u>Statement of Common Ground with Natural England [EN010162/APP/8.4].”</u></p>	<p><u>Statement of Common Ground with Newark and Sherwood District Council [EN010162/APP/8.2]</u></p> <p><u>Statement of Common Ground with Environment Agency [EN010162/APP/8.3]</u></p> <p><u>Statement of Common Ground with Natural England [EN010162/APP/8.4]</u></p>	
	RR	oLEMP - Livestock Grazing	<p><u>We strongly advocate that conservation grazing is implemented, that is, with a biodiversity focus. Conservation grazing implements a lower stocking density to maintain some structural diversity within the grassland. Maintaining grassland structure through the winter is beneficial for invertebrates. Grazing should be halted for periods of the spring and summer. A qualified ecologist should work closely with the grazier to develop a conservation grazing regime that is suited to the site's characteristics and management objectives. The Biodiversity</u></p>	<p><u>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]</u> includes details of grassland management. Sheep grazing and mowing are proposed as methods to manage grassland, the choice of which will depend on site-specific conditions and the prevailing time in the overall programme. Low-density and rotational grazing is proposed, in keeping with conservation principles, which will create a mosaic in grassland structure. A proposed grazing density of 2–3 sheep ha<sup>-2</sup> (equivalent to 0.24–</p>	Under Discussion/Agreed

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			<p><del>Steering group should have input into that process too. we think that details of the proposed conservation grazing regime and how it will be coordinated across a significant area of land should be included in the LEMPEES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B] includes details of grassland management. Sheep grazing and mowing are proposed as methods to manage grassland, the choice of which will depend on site specific conditions and the prevailing time in the overall programme. Low density and rotational grazing is proposed, in keeping with conservation principles, which will create a mosaic in grassland structure. A proposed grazing density of 2-3 sheep ha<sup>-2</sup> (equivalent to 0.24-0.36 Livestock Units ha<sup>-2</sup>) is in keeping with general conservation grazing principles. Further details about the grazing</del></p>	<p><del>0.36 Livestock Units ha<sup>-2</sup>) is in keeping with general conservation grazing principles. Further details about the grazing regime will be developed following consent, in consultation with the Steering Group, and included in the final LEMP. We strongly advocate that conservation grazing is implemented, that is, with a biodiversity focus. Conservation grazing implements a lower stocking density to maintain some structural diversity within the grassland. Maintaining grassland structure through the winter is beneficial for invertebrates. Grazing should be halted for periods of the spring and summer. A qualified ecologist should work closely with the grazier to develop a conservation grazing regime that is suited to the site's characteristics and management objectives. The Biodiversity Steering group should have input into that process too. we</del></p>	

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			<del>regime will be developed following consent, in consultation with the Steering Group, and included in the final LEMP.</del>	<del>think that details of the proposed conservation grazing regime and how it will be coordinated across a significant area of land should be included in the LEMP</del>	
	RR	OLEMP- Proposed hedge and tree belts	<p><u>We request clarification due to conflicting statements regarding management of hedgerows</u><del>The specification for Proposed Hedge and Tree Belts is provided in section 5 of Table A5.1.3 in <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]</b>. October to February is the general period in which hedgerow cutting may take place, whereas January to February is proposed once hedgerows have become established. The final CEMP will make clear at what times hedgerows should be cut and the method by which this will be done.</del></p> <p><del>The specification for Proposed Hedge and Tree Belts is</del></p>	<p><u>The specification for Proposed Hedge and Tree Belts is provided in section 5 of Table A5.1.3 in <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]</b>. October to February is the general period in which hedgerow cutting may take place, whereas January to February is proposed once hedgerows have become established. The final CEMP will make clear at what times hedgerows should be cut and the method by which this will be done.</u></p> <p><u>The specification for Proposed Hedge and Tree Belts is provided in section 6 of Table A5.1.3 in <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline</b></u></p>	Under discussion Agreed

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			<p><del>provided in section 6 of Table A5.1.3 in <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]</b>. Non native tree species are not currently proposed, but there may be exceptional circumstances where they could fulfil an important role, such as providing visual screening within a short timeframe. However, wherever possible, native species or cultivars will be preferred. It is anticipated that the final CEMP will include few if any non-native species.</del></p>	<p><u><b>Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]</b>. Non-native tree species are not currently proposed, but there may be exceptional circumstances where they could fulfil an important role, such as providing visual screening within a short timeframe. However, wherever possible, native species or cultivars will be preferred. It is anticipated that the final CEMP will include few if any non-native species. We request clarification due to conflicting statements regarding management of hedgerows</u></p>	
	RR	oLEMP - Proposed grassland (PV areas)	<p><u>We don't support the example species mix because it lacks diversity of forbs. Specific details are required on an appropriate mix to ensure tangible benefits for wildlife are achieved.</u></p> <p><u>We are concerned that the proposed density of grazing may be too high and will not provide flowering plants and a diversity</u></p>	<p><u>The specification for Proposed Grassland (PV areas) has been revised in section 8 of Table A5.1.3 in <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1C]</b> to show a general specification and an indicative mix in keeping with BNG target condition, and it</u></p>	Under Discussion Agreed

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			<p><del>in structure. The specification for Proposed Grassland (PV areas) has been revised in section 8 of Table A5.1.3 in <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]</b> to show a general specification in keeping with BNG target condition, and it is likely that the precise mix will vary across the solar PV grassland habitat. Further details of the proposed grazing regime will be developed in consultation with the Steering Group and specified in the final LEMP.</del></p>	<p><del>is likely that the precise mix will vary across the solar PV grassland habitat. Further details of the proposed grazing regime will be developed in consultation with the Steering Group and specified in the final LEMP. We don't support the example species mix because it lacks diversity of forbs. Specific details are required on an appropriate mix to ensure tangible benefits for wildlife are achieved.</del></p> <p><del>We are concerned that the proposed density of grazing may be too high and will not provide flowering plants and a diversity in structure.</del></p>	
	RR	oLEMP - Proposed diverse grassland (Maplebeck)	<p><u>We note that conservation grazing may be considered for this area. We believe that rotational grazing is essential within this area to ensure that some grassland is always in flower and that there is a varied structure to the sward. We strongly advocate creating and enhancing habitats (including</u></p>	<p><u>The specification for Proposed Grassland (Maplebeck) is provided in section 13 of Table A5.1.3 in <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]</b>. This grassland habitat/area has been selected for enhancement due</u></p>	Under Discussion <u>Agreed</u>

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			<p><del>potential floodplain meadow and a possible Local Wildlife Site around The Beck, c. 500 m downstream of Eakring and Maplebeck Meadows SSSI. Established habitats should be retained in perpetuity for the benefit of wildlife and the local community. The specification for Proposed Grassland (Maplebeck) is provided in section 13 of Table A5.1.3 in ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]. This grassland habitat/area has been selected for enhancement due to its long term potential to be restored to valuable grassland and in doing so create a landscape corridor that supports the conservation status of nearby designated sites. The specification, including details about cutting/grazing regime, will be confirmed in the final LEMP.</del></p>	<p><del>to its long-term potential to be restored to valuable grassland and in doing so create a landscape corridor that supports the conservation status of nearby designated sites. The specification, including details about cutting/grazing regime, will be confirmed in the final LEMP. We note that conservation grazing may be considered for this area. We believe that rotational grazing is essential within this area to ensure that some grassland is always in flower and that there is a varied structure to the sward. We strongly advocate creating and enhancing habitats (including potential floodplain meadow and a possible Local Wildlife Site around The Beck, c. 500 m downstream of Eakring and Maplebeck Meadows SSSI. Established habitats should be retained in perpetuity for the benefit of wildlife and the local community.</del></p>	

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2.2.1	RR	Displacement of Skylark	<p><u>Table A5.1.4 Agricultural Land Management Prescriptions and Timing</u></p> <p><u>To ensure adequate compensation for the displacement of skylark from their existing nesting sites the measures to enhance agricultural land highlighted above must be secured through the planning system. Where crop rotation and overwintering stubble habitats are not sustaining yield or attracting biodiversity in the expected numbers it is stated that their locations and suitability will be assessed, and new approaches will be considered. This process should involve the Biodiversity Steering Group.</u></p> <p><del>Section 8.8.15 of ES Volume 2, Chapter 8: Ecology and Biodiversity [EN010162/APP/6.2.8] [APP-051] presents an assessment of potential effects, and associated mitigation, on breeding birds, including skylark. It concludes that through the implementation</del></p>	<p><u>Section 8.8.15 of ES Volume 2, Chapter 8: Ecology and Biodiversity [EN010162/APP/6.2.8] [APP-051] presents an assessment of potential effects, and associated mitigation, on breeding birds, including skylark. It concludes that through the implementation of measures secured in ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.3: Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.3A] and, more importantly, the habitat management (including enhancements to agricultural land) proposed ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B], there will be no significant adverse effects on skylark during construction, and beneficial, albeit not significant in EIA terms, effects during operation.</u></p>	Under Discussion Agreed

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			<p><del>of measures secured in ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.3: Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.3A] and, more importantly, the habitat management (including enhancements to agricultural land) proposed in ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B], there will be no significant adverse effects on skylark during construction, and beneficial, albeit not significant in EIA terms, effects during operation.</del></p> <p><del>The CEMP adopts adaptive management principles to ensure that habitats remain fit for purpose.</del></p> <p><del>Requirement 8 in Schedule 2 to the Draft DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER [EN010162/APP/3.1C] secures that no phase of the</del></p>	<p><u>The CEMP adopts adaptive management principles to ensure that habitats remain fit for purpose.</u></p> <p><u>Requirement 8 in Schedule 2 to the Draft Development Consent Order [EN010162/APP/3.1C] secures that no phase of the authorised development may commence until a written landscape and ecological management plan for that phase has been submitted to and approved by Newark and Sherwood District Council. This must be in accordance with ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B] and must be implemented as approved. Table A5.1.4 Agricultural Land Management Prescriptions and Timing</u></p> <p><u>To ensure adequate compensation for the displacement of skylark from their existing nesting sites the measures to enhance</u></p>	

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			<p><del>authorised development may commence until a written landscape and ecological management plan for that phase has been submitted to and approved by Newark and Sherwood District Council. This must be in accordance with <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.1: Outline OUTLINE LANDSCAPE AND ECOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT PLAN [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]</b> and must be implemented as approved.</del></p>	<p><del>agricultural land highlighted above must be secured through the planning system. Where crop rotation and overwintering stubble habitats are not sustaining yield or attracting biodiversity in the expected numbers it is stated that their locations and suitability will be assessed, and new approaches will be considered. This process should involve the Biodiversity Steering Group.</del></p>	
2.2.2	RR	oLEMP - Proposed Wildlife Scrapes	<p><u>We support the strategy of locally sourced trees and the species that Sherwood Forest Trust have recommended, as specified in A5.1.8 Freshwater Habitats. We fully support the aim to create scrapes, shallow waterbodies, to support waders and wildfowl.</u></p> <p><del>The specification for Proposed Riparian Corridor is provided in section 22 of Table A5.1.5 in <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1:</b></del></p>	<p><u>The specification for Proposed Riparian Corridor is provided in section 22 of Table A5.1.5 in <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]</b>. We welcome the practical support of both the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust and the Sherwood Forest Trust for this element of</u></p>	Agreed

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			<p><del>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]. We welcome the practical support of both the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust and the Sherwood Forest Trust for this element of the LEMP. Black poplar will be included in the final LEMP. The specification for Proposed Wildlife Scrapes is provided in section 24 of Table A5.1.5 in ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]. Further details about the locations and design parameters of the scrapes will be provided in the final CEMP.</del></p>	<p><u>the LEMP. Black poplar will be included in the final LEMP. The specification for Proposed Wildlife Scrapes is provided in section 24 of Table A5.1.5 in ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1B]. Further details about the locations and design parameters of the scrapes will be provided in the final CEMP. We support the strategy of locally sourced trees and the species that Sherwood Forest Trust have recommended, as specified in A5.1.8 Freshwater Habitats. We fully support the aim to create scrapes, shallow waterbodies, to support waders and wildfowl.</u></p>	
2.2.3	<u>Meeting (27/01/2026)</u>	<u>Scattered tree planting</u>	<p><u>Concerned that tree planting in or near open areas would discourage nesting birds such as lapwing and waders. Recommend that black poplar is</u></p>	<p><u>The specification of the tree planting in the riparian corridor has been revised in section 22 of Table A5.1.5 in ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.1: Outline Landscape and Ecological</u></p>	<u>Agreed</u>

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			<u>included in the tree planting specification.</u>	<u>Management Plan (LEMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.1C] to make clear that the locations of tree planting will be selected to limit their potential to discourage nesting birds. The locations shown on the Masterplan are therefore purely indicative. Black poplar has been added to the specification.</u>	

### 3 SIGNATURES

3.1.1 The above SoCG is agreed between the Applicant and Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, as specified below.

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Duly authorised for and on behalf of <b>Elements Green Trent Limited</b>	Name
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