



Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park

Final Statement of Common Ground with Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service

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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 (DCO) 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 (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 Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) (collectively, 'the Parties').
- 1.2.2 NFRS is the relevant fire and rescue authority. Therefore, NFRS is a prescribed consultee, in accordance with Section 42 of the PA 2008, and has been consulted during the preparation of the Application and following its acceptance.

1.3 RECORD OF RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE

- 1.3.1 The Applicant has undertaken consultation and engagement with NFRS throughout the development of the Application. The Applicant consulted NFRS 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 NFRS the opportunity to respond to the information provided at various stages of the pre-application process.

1.4 CURRENT POSITION OF THE APPLICANT AND NFRS

- 1.4.1 The Applicant has prepared **ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.4: Outline Fire Safety Management Plan (oFSMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.4C]**, which has been updated at Deadline 4 to refer to the updated NFCC guidance, which was published in December 2025. The Applicant undertook consultation with NFRS, during which NFRS requested that the oFSMP should ensure that the Development commits to the standards set out in the NFCC guidance. The oFSMP submitted with the Application confirmed this, and the Deadline 5 updates now reflect the updated guidance published in December 2025.



1.4.2 The Applicant and NFRS have held a number of constructive discussions in relation to the measures set out in the **ES Volume 4, Appendix A5.4: Outline Fire Safety Management Plan (oFSMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.5.C]**.

1.4.3 There are no matters of disagreement between the Parties.

2 SIGNATURES

2.1.1 The above SoCG is agreed between the Applicant and Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, as specified below.

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