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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This document has been prepared to provide the Examining Authority ('ExA') with the latest position on Statements of Common Ground ('SoCG') between Steeple Solar Farm Limited (the 'Applicant') and statutory consultees, statutory undertakers and other Interested Parties (the 'parties') in relation to the Steeple Renewables Project (the 'Proposed Development').
- 1.1.2 This document provides a position on the commonality on specific points between SoCG's at Deadline 1 (being 25 November 2025).
- 1.1.3 The Applicant will, for each deadline during the course of the Examination, update this Statement as a record of the progress being made with the various parties. When sufficient progress has been made on agreements between the parties, this document will also discuss those areas of commonality between parties to enable the efficient resolution and focusing in on the remaining issues.

1.2 Structure of this Document

- 1.2.1 This Statement of Commonality is structured as follows:
- Section 2 details the structure of each SoCG document. **Table 2.1** provides a full list of SoCG's being produced and offers an overview of the status of each SoCG being submitted to each Deadline;
 - Section 3 sets out the commonality between SoCGs; and
 - Section 4 provides a narrative on specific topic areas for each SoCG being progressed.

2 Statement of Common Ground

2.1 Structure of the SoCGs

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

2.1.2 Each SoCG is structured as follows:

- Section 1 provides an introduction to the SoCG, identified the relevant parties and describes the purpose of the document;
- Section 2 summarises the parties' position and engagement undertaken to date. It also details those matters agreed, those matters under discussion and those matters which have not been agreed.

Table 2.2 – List and Status of SoCG’s at Deadline 1

Doc. Ref.	Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
TBC	Nottinghamshire County Council	Draft submitted to party. Discussions on going.						
TBC	Bassetlaw District Council	Draft submitted to party. Discussions on going.						
TBC	Environment Agency	Draft submitted to party. Comments received and being reviewed by Applicant. Discussions on going.						
TBC	Historic England	Draft submitted to party. Comments received and being reviewed by Applicant Discussions on going.						
TBC	Natural England	Draft submitted to party. Comments received and being reviewed by Applicant.						

		Discussions on going..						
TBC	National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (NGET)	The Applicant has noted the ExA's Rule 8 letter requesting the parties agree an SoCG. The Applicant is progressing a draft to be shared with NGET.						
TBC	National Highways	Draft submitted to party. Discussions on going.						
TBC	UK Health Security Agency and the Health and Safety Executive	Draft submitted to party. Discussions on going.						
TBC	Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue	Draft submitted to party. Discussions on going.						
TBC	Network Rail	Draft submitted to party. Discussions on going.						
TBC	Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	Draft submitted to party. Discussions on going.						
TBC	Anglian Water	Draft submitted to party.						

		Discussions on going.						
TBC	Canal and River Trust	Draft submitted to party. Comments received and being reviewed by Applicant. Discussions on going.						
TBC	City of Doncaster	Draft submitted to party. Discussions on going.						
TBC	Lincolnshire County Council	Draft submitted to party. Discussions on going.						
TBC	West Lindsey District Council	Draft submitted to party. Discussions on going.						
TBC	North Leverton with Habblesthorpe Parish Council	Draft submitted to party. Discussions on going.						
TBC	North and South Wheatley Parish Council	Draft submitted to party. Comments received and being reviewed by Applicant. Discussions on going.						

TBC	Sturton-le-Steeple Parish Council	Draft submitted to party. Discussions on going.						
TBC	Hayton Parish Council	Draft submitted to party. Comments received and being reviewed by Applicant. Discussions on going.						

3 Commonality

3.1 Structure of the SoCGs

- 3.1.1 This section of the Statement provides an overview of the topics covered in the SoCGs. **Table 3.1** presents, at a high level, where there is commonality in the topics discussed between the Applicant and the parties or where matters are progressing through discussion, or where matters discussed have been reached a final position of 'Not Agreed'.
- 3.1.2 Where a topic is not relevant to a particular party, the cell has been greyed out. Where the topic is relevant to the party, the status is shown as follows:

Figure 3.1: Summary of Commonality Key

Cell	Status
	Matter Agreed
	Matter subject to ongoing discussion
	Matter not agreed
	Matter not relevant to parties

- 3.1.3 The colour of each cell corresponds to the status figure (as above) in each individual SoCG.
- 3.1.4 At Deadline 1, the Applicant has shared draft SoCGs with a number of parties. Comments have been received from 6 parties that are current under consideration with discussions on-going. A response from parties to the other SoCG is awaited. Where the Applicant considers there to be a high degree of certainty over matters being agreed and is awaiting confirmation, they are marked as green in **Table 3.1**.
- 3.1.5 Following the Summary of Commonality in **Table 3.1**, **Section 3.2** outlines the principal outstanding matters which are subject to further discussion before a final position can be reached.

Table 3.1: Summary of commonality with parties

SoCG Party		Benefits	Biodiversity and Ecology	BMV Agricultural Land	Cumulative Impact	Cultural Heritage	Draft Development Consent Order	Employment	Energy Generation and Grid Connection	Fire	Flood Risk and Drainage	Glint and Glare	Health and Wellbeing	Impact to Local Communities	Landscape and Visual Amenity	Noise	Other Matters	Planning Policy	Public Rights of Way	Site Selection, Design and Scale	Transport, Access and Highways	Waste	Water Quality, Supply and Usage
Nottinghamshire County Council																							
Bassetlaw District Council																							
Environment Agency																							
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Hayton Parish Council																						

4 Positions at Deadline 1

4.1.1 This section provides a summary of the position reached across all SoCGs being progressed and submitted at Deadline 1. The Applicant will continue to engage with those parties through the examination on matters which are on-going.

4.2 Nottinghamshire County Council

4.2.1 The Applicant has submitted a SoCG to Nottinghamshire County Council. Comments are awaited. Discussions are on-going.

4.3 Bassetlaw District Council

4.3.1 The Applicant has submitted a SoCG to Bassetlaw District Council. Comments are awaited. Discussions are on-going.

4.4 Environment Agency

4.4.1 The Applicant has submitted a SoCG to the Environment Agency. Comments have been received and are currently being reviewed by the Applicant. Discussions are on-going.

4.5 Historic England

4.5.1 The Applicant has submitted a SoCG to Historic England. Comments have been received and are currently being reviewed by the Applicant. Discussions are on-going.

4.6 Natural England

4.6.1 The Applicant has submitted a SoCG to Natural England. Comments have been received and are currently being reviewed by the Applicant. Discussions are on-going.

4.7 National Highways

4.7.1 The Applicant has submitted a SoCG to National Highways. Comments are awaited. Discussions are on-going.

4.8 UK Health Security Agency and the Health and Safety Executive

4.8.1 The Applicant has submitted a SoCG to the UK Health Security Agency and the Health and Safety Executive. Comments are awaited. Discussions are on-going.

4.9 Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue

4.9.1 The Applicant has submitted a SoCG to Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue. Comments are awaited. Discussions are on-going.

4.10 Network Rail

4.10.1 The Applicant has submitted a SoCG to Network Rail. Comments are awaited. Discussions are on-going.

4.11 Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust

4.11.1 The Applicant has submitted a SoCG to Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust. Comments are awaited. Discussions are on-going.

4.12 Anglian Water

4.12.1 The Applicant has submitted a SoCG to Anglian Water. Comments are awaited. Discussions are on-going.

4.13 Canal and River Trust

4.13.1 The Applicant has submitted a SoCG to the Canal and River Trust. Comments have been received and are currently being reviewed by the Applicant. Discussions are on-going.

4.14 City of Doncaster Council

4.14.1 The Applicant has submitted a SoCG to City of Doncaster Council. Comments are awaited. Discussions are on-going.

4.15 Lincolnshire County Council

4.15.1 The Applicant has submitted a SoCG to Lincolnshire County Council. Comments are awaited. Discussions are on-going.

4.16 West Lindsey District Council

4.16.1 The Applicant has submitted a SoCG to West Lindsey District Council. Comments are awaited. Discussions are on-going.

4.17 North Leverton with Habbleshthorpe Parish Council

4.17.1 The Applicant has submitted a SoCG to North Leverton with Habbleshthorpe Parish Council. Comments are awaited. Discussions are on-going.

4.18 North and South Wheatley Parish Council

4.18.1 The Applicant has submitted a SoCG to North and South Wheatley Parish Council. Comments have been received and are currently being reviewed by the Applicant. Discussions are on-going.

4.19 Sturton-le-Steeple Parish Council

4.19.1 The Applicant has submitted a SoCG to Sturton-le-Steeple Parish Council. Comments are awaited. Discussions are on-going.

4.20 Hayton Parish Council

4.20.1 The Applicant has submitted a SoCG to Hayton Parish Council. Comments have been received and are currently being reviewed by the Applicant. Discussions are on-going.

4.21 National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited (NGET)

4.21.1 The Applicant has noted the ExA's Rule 8 letter requesting the parties agree an SoCG. The Applicant is progressing a draft to be shared with NGET.