

Steeple Renewables Project

Statement of Common Ground between Applicant and City of Doncaster Council

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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 the Examination of the Development Consent Order ('DCO') application for the Steeple Renewables Project (the 'Proposed Development').

1.1.2 The SoCG has been prepared jointly by Steeple Solar Farm Limited (the 'Applicant') and City of Doncaster Council ('CDC') to clarify the current position of the relative parties on specific matters that are, or have been, under discussion. It seeks to confirm to the Examining Authority ('ExA') where there are points of agreement between the parties and where agreement has not been reached to date. It therefore aids the ExA in identifying any specific issues that may need to be addressed during the Examination and provides a structure to any further discussions for the parties engaged in the SoCG.

1.1.3 This document has been prepared in response to a specific request from the ExA as per the Rule 6 Letter Issued 10th October 2025.

1.2 Terminology

1.2.1 Section 2 of this document sets out the relevant matters raised through discussion between the parties. It provides a summary of the position of each party and identifies the status of discussion on each matter:

- "Agreed" means that a matter has been resolved between the parties and is not anticipated to be subject to further discussion;
- "Under discussion" means that a matter remains in active dialogue between the parties and a final position has been reached;
- "Not Agreed" means that the parties have established a final position that they cannot resolve the matter and will remain a point of difference.

1.2.2 In accordance with the request from the ExA in the Rule 6 Letter, a **Low**, **Medium** and **High** 'traffic light' (also known as a RAG system) is applied to each matter to indicate the likelihood of their resolution during the exam. In this case the matter has been agreed between the parties.

1.3 Status of this document

1.3.1 This document is currently at completed stage. Matters engage are summarised in Table 1

Table 1 – Matters engaged in this SoCG



2 Current Position

2.1.1 Table 2 on the next page provides a summary of the current position of the Applicant and CDC in relation to specific matters that have been under discussion to date.

2.1.2 Where a matter is not represented in the table, it should be assumed that it is either: (i) agreed between the parties and has never required detailed discussion; or (ii) not relevant to the discussion between the parties.

2.1.3 Appendix A of this document provides a record of engagement undertaken between the parties in relation to the Proposed Development. This is limited to engagement which is materially relevant to the contents of this SoCG and does not seek to include every correspondence between the parties (e.g. that which was primarily administrative).

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Table 2 – Current position of matters relevant to the parties' discussions

Row ID	Topic	Applicants Position	CDC's Position	Status
CDC-1	Highways	Construction traffic numbers at the A361 / A368 signalised junction at Bawtry have been considered, reviewed and are included within the Transport Assessment (TA) at ES Appendix 13.1 [APP-128] .	CDC were involved in pre-application scoping work with the applicant in December 2024, where CDC requested a review and assessment of the A361 / A368 signalised junction at Bawtry as part of the Transport Assessment informing the ES. The submitted Transport Assessment shows an assessment has been undertaken.	Agreed.

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A1 Record of Engagement

20/01/2025	Email to City of Doncaster Council	S42 Notification
15/07/2025	Email	S56 Notification
11/11/2025	Email	Draft SoCG emailed to City of Doncaster Council
03/12/2025	Email	Applicant chasing comments on the SoCG
08/12/2025	Email	City of Doncaster Council provide comments via email but SoCG was not attached
08/12/2025	Email	Applicant acknowledged response, highlighted SoCG was not attached to email and requested the SoCG is returned.
09/12/2025	Email	Applicant highlighting SoCG was not attached to email from City of Doncaster Councils Email
09/12/2025	Email	City of Doncaster Council return SoCG attached to email
09/12/2025	Email	Applicant acknowledged receipt and comments
17/12/2025	Email	SoCG returned to City of Doncaster with minor admin amendments for consideration before completing

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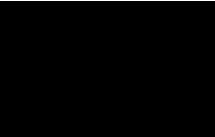
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A2 Signing Sheet

Duly signed and authorised on behalf of

Steeple Solar Farm Limited (the 'Applicant')

Name:	Will Bridges
Job Title:	DCO Lead Developer
Date:	24 th December 2025
Signature:	

Duly signed and authorised on behalf of

City of Doncaster Council

Name:	Roy Sykes
Job Title:	Head of Planning
Date:	9 th Dec 25
Signature:	<i>R Sykes</i>