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4	Paragraph 4.5.1 to 4.5.4	Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with Historic England.	Updated to demonstrate progress with Historic since Deadline 2.
4	Paragraph 4.6.1 to 4.6.2	Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with the Environment Agency.	Updated to demonstrate progress with the Environment Agency since Deadline 2.
4	Paragraph 4.7.1 to 4.7.2	Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with Cotswolds National Landscape Board.	Updated to demonstrate progress with Cotswolds National Landscape Board since Deadline 2.
4	Paragraph 4.8.1 to 4.8.2	Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with National Highways.	Updated to demonstrate progress with National Highways since Deadline 2.
4	Paragraph 4.9.1 to 4.9.3	Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with Network Rail.	Updated to demonstrate progress with Network Rail since Deadline 2.
4	Paragraph 4.10.2 to 4.10.3	Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with Wessex Water.	Updated to demonstrate progress with Wessex Water since Deadline 2.

4	Paragraph 4.11.2	Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with Bristol Water.	Updated to demonstrate progress with Bristol Water since Deadline 2.
4	Paragraph 4.12.1 to 4.12.3	Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc.	Updated to demonstrate progress with National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc since Deadline 2.
4	Paragraph 4.14.1 to 4.14.3	Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.	Updated to demonstrate progress with Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service since Deadline 2.
4	Paragraph 4.15.3	Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation.	Updated to demonstrate progress with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation since Deadline 2.
4	Paragraph 4.16.1 to 4.16.3	Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with the British Horse Society.	Updated to demonstrate progress with the British Horse Society since Deadline 2.
4	Paragraph 4.17.1 to 4.17.4	Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with the Wiltshire Bridleway Association.	Updated to demonstrate progress with the Wiltshire Bridleway Association since Deadline 2.
4	Paragraph 4.18.1 to 4.18.2	Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with Stop Lime Down.	Updated to demonstrate progress with Stop Lime Down since Deadline 2.

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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 Lime Down Solar Park Limited (the Applicant) and SoCG parties comprising the host Local Authorities, statutory bodies, statutory undertakers and other Interested Parties (the 'parties') in relation to the proposed Lime Down Solar Park (the 'Scheme').

1.1.2 This document provides the position on various matters at Deadline [23](#).

1.1.3 The Applicant will, for each deadline during the course of the Examination, update this Statement of Commonality as a record of the progress being made with the SoCG parties. When sufficient progress has been made on agreements between 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

1.1.4 This Statement of Commonality is structured as follows:

- Section 2 details the structure of each SoCG document. **Table 2** provides a full list of SoCGs being produced and sets out an overview of the status of each SoCG being submitted at Deadline 7, when final and signed SoCGs are required (unless a signed SoCG has already been submitted);
- 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 SoCGs

2.1.1 Each SoCG adopts a standard format to ensure consistency in the approach taken to documenting 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, identifies the relevant parties and describes the purpose of the document;
- Section 2 summarises the parties' engagement undertaken to date; and
- Section 3 details those matters agreed, those matters under discussion and those matters which have not been agreed.

Table 1 List of and Status of SoCGs at Deadline 23

Doc. Ref	SoCG Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 1A	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EN010168/E XAM/8.2	Wiltshire Council	Draft issued by the Applicant. The Applicant understands that Wiltshire Council is currently reviewing the draft SoCG and will provide its comments after Deadline 1 Discussions Ongoing.	Wiltshire Council is currently reviewing the draft SoCG and will provide its comments after Deadline 1A Discussions ongoing.	Comments received and draft SoCG submitted. Discussions ongoing.	The Applicant is reviewing and updating its position in the SoCG. The Applicant will share with Wiltshire Council for comment before Deadline 4.				
EN010168/E XAM/8.3	South Gloucestershire Council	Discussions ongoing regarding the requirement for a SoCG.	Discussions ongoing regarding the requirement for a SoCG.	Discussions ongoing regarding the requirement for a SoCG.	South Gloucester Council responded via email on 11 June 2026 to confirm they do not require a SoCG with the Applicant.				

Doc. Ref	SoCG Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 1A	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EN010168/E XAM/8.4	Natural England	Draft issued by the Applicant. The Applicant is awaiting a response from Natural England on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.	The Applicant is awaiting a response from Natural England on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.	Comments received and draft SoCG submitted. Discussions ongoing.	Following ongoing engagement with Natural England an updated draft SoCG has been submitted at Deadline 3. Discussions ongoing on remaining outstanding matters.				
EN010168/E XAM/8.5	Historic England	Draft issued by the Applicant. The Applicant is awaiting a response from Historic England on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.	The Applicant is awaiting a response from Historic England on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.	Meeting held on 22 May 2026. The Applicant is awaiting the updated draft SoCG from Historic England. Draft SoCG provided to Historic England submitted. Discussions ongoing.	Comments received from Historic England and draft SoCG submitted at Deadline 3.				

Doc. Ref	SoCG Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 1A	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EN010168/E XAM/8.6	Environment Agency	Draft issued by the Applicant. Response has been received from the Environment Agency which the Applicant is reviewing. Discussions ongoing.	The Applicant is updating the SoCG based on comments from the Environment Agency. Discussions ongoing.	Comments received and draft SoCG submitted. Discussions ongoing.	Discussions ongoing. The Applicant will send an updated draft SoCG to the Environment Agency before Deadline 4 for comment.				
EN010168/E XAM/8.7	Cotswolds National Landscape Board	Draft issued by the Applicant. The Applicant is awaiting a response from Cotswold National Landscape Board on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.	The Applicant is awaiting a response from Cotswold National Landscape Board on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.	Comments received and draft SoCG submitted. Discussions ongoing.	Discussions ongoing. The Applicant will send an updated draft SoCG to the Cotswolds National Landscape Board before Deadline 4 for comment.				

Doc. Ref	SoCG Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 1A	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EN010168/E XAM/8.8	National Highways	Draft issued by the Applicant. Comments have been received from National Highways which the Applicant is reviewing. Discussions ongoing.	The Applicant is updating the SoCG based on comments from National Highways. Discussions ongoing.	Comments received and draft SoCG submitted. Discussions ongoing.	Discussions ongoing. The Applicant will provide National Highways with an updated draft SoCG for comment and resubmission at a future deadline.				
EN010168/E XAM/8.9	Network Rail	Draft issued by the Applicant. The Applicant is awaiting a response from Network Rail on the SoCG. Discussions Ongoing.	The Applicant is awaiting a response from Network Rail on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.	The Applicant is awaiting a response from Network Rail on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.	The Applicant is awaiting a response from Network Rail on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.				

Doc. Ref	SoCG Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 1A	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EN010168/E XAM/8.10	Wessex Water	Draft issued by the Applicant. The Applicant is awaiting a response from Wessex Water on the SoCG. Discussions Ongoing.	The Applicant is awaiting a response from Wessex Water on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing	The Applicant is awaiting a response from Wessex Water on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.	The Applicant is awaiting a response from Wessex Water on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.				
EN010168/E XAM/8.11	Bristol Water	Discussions ongoing about the requirement for a SoCG.	Discussions ongoing about the requirement for a SoCG.	Discussions ongoing about the requirement for a SoCG.	Discussions ongoing about the requirement for a SoCG.				

Doc. Ref	SoCG Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 1A	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EN010168/E XAM/8.12	National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc	Draft issued by the Applicant. The Applicant is awaiting a response from NGET on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.	Draft SoCG with National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc's legal team for review. Discussions ongoing	The Applicant received comments from National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc on the SoCG on 21 May 2026. A meeting was held to discuss matters on 22 May 2026. Draft SoCG submitted. Discussions ongoing.	Discussions ongoing. The Applicant will provide National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc with an updated draft SoCG for comment and resubmission at a future deadline.				

Doc. Ref	SoCG Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 1A	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EN010168/E XAM/8.13	Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service	The need for a SoCG has been confirmed and document drafting is underway. Discussions ongoing.	The Applicant is drafting the SoCG based on comments from Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service. Discussions ongoing	The Draft SoCG has been submitted to Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service for their comment. Draft SoCG submitted to Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service submitted. Discussions ongoing.	Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue provided comments on the draft SoCG. The Applicant has updated the SoCG based on the response provided and reshared for comment. Updated draft SoCG submitted.				
EN010168/E XAM/8.14	National Grid Electricity Distribution - (South West) plc	Discussions ongoing about the requirement for a SoCG are ongoing.	Discussions about the requirement for a SoCG are ongoing.	Discussions about the requirement for a SoCG are ongoing.	Discussions about the requirement for a SoCG are ongoing.				

Doc. Ref	SoCG Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 1A	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EN010168/E XAM/8.15	Defence Infrastructure Organisation	Draft issued by the Applicant. Comments have been received. All matters agreed.							
EN010168/E XAM/8.16	British Horse Society	Draft issued by the Applicant. Comments have been received which the Applicant is reviewing. Discussions ongoing.	The Applicant is updating the SoCG based on comments provided by the British Horse Society. Discussions ongoing.	Comments received and draft SoCG submitted. Discussions ongoing.	The Applicant has issued an updated SoCG to the British Horse Society for comment. Updated draft SoCG to be resubmitted at a future deadline. Discussions ongoing.				

Doc. Ref	SoCG Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 1A	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EN010168/E XAM/8.17	Wiltshire Bridleway Association	Draft issued by the Applicant. The Applicant is awaiting a response from Wiltshire Bridleway Association on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.	The Applicant met with the Wiltshire Bridleway Association on 8 May 2026 to discuss the SoCG.	The Wiltshire Bridleway Association provided comments on the draft SoCG on 22 May 2026. Draft SoCG submitted. Discussions ongoing.	The Applicant has issued an updated SoCG to the Wiltshire Bridleway Association for comment. Updated draft SoCG to be resubmitted at a future deadline. Discussions ongoing.				

Doc. Ref	SoCG Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 1A	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EN010168/E XAM/8.18	Stop Lime Down	Draft issued by the Applicant. The Applicant is awaiting a response from Stop Lime Down on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.	The Applicant is awaiting a response from Stop Lime Down on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.	The Applicant is awaiting a response from Stop Lime Down on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.	Stop Lime Down have provided an updated SoCG to the Applicant on 8 June 2026. The Applicant is reviewing the draft SoCG. Updated draft SoCG to be resubmitted at a future deadline. Discussions ongoing.				

3 Commonality

3.1 Overview

3.1.1 This section of the Statement provides an overview of the topics covered in the SoCGs.

3.1.2 **Table 3** 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 reached a final position of 'Not Agreed'. 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:

Table 2 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 Prior to Deadline [43](#), the Applicant shared draft SoCGs with a number of parties and received feedback from them. Therefore, where the Applicant considers there to be a high degree of certainty over matters being agreed and is waiting for confirmation, they are marked as green in **Table 3**.

3.1.5 Following the Summary of Commonality in **Table 3**, Section 4 outlines the principal outstanding matters which are subject to further discussion before a final position can be reached.

Table 3 List of and Status of SoCGs at Deadline 23

SoCG Party	Principle of Development	Draft Development Consent Order / Planning Statement	Alternatives and Design Evolution	Climate Change	Landscape and Visual	Ecology and Biodiversity	Arboriculture	Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage	Cultural Heritage	Transport and Access	Noise and Vibration	Air Quality	Socio-Economic, Tourism and Recreation	Soils and Agriculture	Human Health	Ground Conditions	Fire Safety	Glint and Glare	Aerodrome safeguarding zone	Other Environmental Matters
Wiltshire Council	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	Grey	Yellow
South Gloucestershire Council	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
Natural England	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Green	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
Historic England	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
Environment Agency	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow
Cotswolds National Landscape Board	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Green	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
National Highways	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Green	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
Network Rail	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
Wessex Water	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
Bristol Water	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service	Green	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Grey	Grey	Grey

SoCG Party	Principle of Development	Draft Development Consent Order / Planning Statement	Alternatives and Design Evolution	Climate Change	Landscape and Visual	Ecology and Biodiversity	Arboriculture	Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage	Cultural Heritage	Transport and Access	Noise and Vibration	Air Quality	Socio-Economic, Tourism and Recreation	Soils and Agriculture	Human Health	Ground Conditions	Fire Safety	Glint and Glare	Aerodrome safeguarding zone	Other Environmental Matters
National Grid Electricity Distribution (South West) plc																				
Defence Infrastructure Organisation																				
British Horse Society																				
Wiltshire Bridleway Association																				
Stop Lime Down																				

4 Positions at Deadline 23

4.1.1 This section provides a summary of the position reached across all SoCGs being progressed at Deadline 23. The Applicant will continue to engage with those parties through the examination on matters which are ongoing.

4.2 Wiltshire Council

4.2.1 The initial Statement of Common Ground with Wiltshire Council [REP2-025] was submitted at Deadline 2. The matters recorded in the SoCG have been discussed through targeted meetings on specific topics, as well as monthly Steering Group meetings, between the Applicant and Wiltshire Council.

4.2.2 Matters included in the SoCG include the principle of development, the **Draft DCO [REP1-007]**, alternatives and design evolution, climate change, landscape and visual effects, ecology and biodiversity, arboriculture, hydrology, flood risk and drainage, cultural heritage, transport and access, noise and vibration, air quality, socio-economic, tourism and recreation, soils and agriculture, human health, and other environmental matters.

~~4.2.3 The Applicant issued a draft SoCG to Wiltshire Council on 15 April 2026 and Wiltshire Council has provided a response on 15 May 2026. Many of the matters are still 'under discussion' and the Applicant will continue discussions with Wiltshire Council.~~

~~4.2.4.2.3~~ The matter of air quality is considered agreed following Wiltshire Council's response to the SoCG dated 15 May 2026. ~~The initial draft SoCG with Wiltshire Council [EN010168/EXAM/8.2] has been submitted at Deadline 2.~~

~~4.2.4 It was agreed with Wiltshire Council on 9 June 2026 that the initial SoCG will be updated by both parties after Deadline 3 with the intention that the revised document will be submitted at Deadline 4.~~

4.3 South Gloucestershire Council

~~4.3.1 The Applicant is seeking requested confirmation from South Gloucestershire Council via email on the 16 April 2026 if there are any matters which require the preparation of a SoCG.~~

~~4.3.24.3.1 The Applicant notes A response was provided by Jon Severs, Head of Regeneration on the 11 June 2026 confirming that South Gloucestershire Council has does not provided require a Written Representation or a Local Impact Report at Deadline 1. SoCG.~~

4.4 Natural England

~~4.4.1 The matters included in the SoCG have been discussed through targeted meetings between the Applicant and Natural England, with consideration given to landscape and visual effects, ecology and biodiversity and soils and agriculture.~~

~~4.4.24.4.1~~ ~~The Applicant submitted a draft SoCG to Natural England on 17 April 2026. Natural England provided a response on 12 May 2026 and met with the Applicant on 18 May 2026. On 20 May 2026, the Applicant provided Natural England with an updated draft SoCG which captured the points discussed in the meeting. Natural England confirmed on 21 May 2026 they were satisfied with the updated document. The initial Statement of Common Ground with Natural England [REP2-026] was submitted at Deadline 2.~~

~~4.4.34.4.2~~ Matters relating to landscape and visual impacts are considered to be agreed following a meeting between the Applicant and Natural England on 18 February 2026, as set out in **Table 3**. Matters relating to ecology and biodiversity were discussed in a meeting on 18 May 2026 and the **Habitat Regulations Assessment Report [EN010168/APP/7.10 (Rev 2)]** updated and shared with Natural England on 3 June 2026, ahead of submission at Deadline 3. Natural England confirmed they were satisfied with the updated document on 12 June 2026 and the SoCG updated to capture topics which have now been agreed by both parties. Remaining matters relating to ecology and biodiversity and soils and agriculture remain under discussion.

~~4.4.44.4.3~~ The initial draft SoCG updated Statement of Common Ground with Natural England [EN010168/EXAM/8.4] (Rev 2) has been submitted at Deadline 23.

4.5 Historic England

4.5.1 The matters recorded in the SoCG have been subject to discussion through targeted meetings between the Applicant and Historic England. The main matters subject to further discussion relate to the **Draft DCO [REP1-007]** and Cultural Heritage.

4.5.2 The Applicant issued a draft SoCG to Historic England on 14 April 2026 and followed up by email on 29 April 2026. ~~A meeting was held on 22 May 2026 to discuss~~ This version of the SoCG document and **Statement of Common Ground with Historic England** will provide the Applicant with the revised SoCG document after [REP2-027] was submitted at Deadline 2.

~~4.5.3~~ Historic England provided the Applicant with the revised SoCG document on 12 June 2026. Matters relating to the Draft DCO and Cultural Heritage remain under discussion.

~~4.5.34.5.4~~ The Applicant has submitted the initial draft SoCG as provided to updated Statement of Common Ground with Historic England [EN010168/EXAM/8.5] (Rev. 2) at Deadline 23, which presents Historic England's revised position as presented in their Relevant Representation [RR-1880].

4.6 Environment Agency

4.6.1 The initial Statement of Common Ground with the Environment Agency [REP2-028] was submitted at Deadline 2. The matters recorded in the SoCG have

been subject to discussion through targeted meetings between the Applicant and the Environment Agency.

~~4.6.2 The Applicant issued a draft SoCG to the Environment Agency on 10 April 2026 and received their response on 24 April 2026. The Applicant has reviewed the comments received and updated the SoCG, and will then engage with the Environment Agency further to continue discussions over outstanding matters.~~

~~4.6.34.6.2~~ The main matters subject to further discussion relate to landscape and visual impact, ecology and biodiversity, hydrology, ground conditions, other environmental matters and the **Draft DCO [REP1-007]**. It was agreed with the Environment Agency on 2 June 2026 that the initial SoCG will be updated by both parties after Deadline 3 with the intention that the revised document will be submitted at Deadline 4.

4.7 Cotswolds National Landscape Board

~~4.7.1 The initial draft SoCG Statement of Common Ground with the Environment Agency [EN010168/EXAM/8.6] has been Cotswolds National Landscape Board [REP2-029] was~~ submitted at Deadline 2.

~~4.7.24.7.1~~ The matters recorded in the SoCG have been subject to discussion, through targeted meetings, between the Applicant and the Cotswolds National Landscape Board.

~~4.7.3 The Applicant issued a draft SoCG to the Cotswolds National Landscape Board on 22 April 2026 and followed up by email on 6 May 2026. Cotswolds National Landscape Board provided their response on 13 May 2026.~~

~~4.7.44.7.2~~ The main matters subject to further discussion relate to landscape and visual impact, and transport and access. The matter of ecology and biodiversity quality is considered agreed following the Cotswolds National Landscape Board's response to the SoCG dated 13 May 2026. The main matters subject to further discussion relate to landscape and visual impact, and transport and access and it anticipated that an updated SoCG with Cotswolds National Landscape Board will be submitted at Deadline 4.

4.8 National Highways

~~4.8.1 The initial draft SoCG Statement of Common Ground with the Cotswolds National Landscape Board [EN010168/EXAM/8.7] has been National Highways [REP2-030] was~~ submitted at Deadline 2.

~~4.8.24.8.1~~ The matters recorded in the SoCG have been subject to discussion through targeted meetings between the Applicant and the National Highways.

~~4.8.3 Transport and access matters have been agreed, subject to agreement on Requirement 15 of the Draft DCO [REP1-007]. The Applicant issued a draft to~~

~~National Highways on 13 April 2026 and received their response on 23 April 2026.~~

~~4.8.44.8.2~~ Matters relating to the **Draft DCO [REP1-007]** are still under discussion. Updated protective provisions have been included in the **Draft DCO [REP1-007]** submitted at Deadline 1. An updated SoCG with National Highways will be submitted at a future deadline.

~~4.8.5~~ ~~The initial draft SoCG with National Highways [EN010168/EXAM/8.8] has been submitted at Deadline 2.~~

4.9 Network Rail

4.9.1 The matters recorded in the SoCG have been discussed through targeted meetings between the Applicant and Network Rail, with consideration given to the **Draft DCO [REP1-007]**.

4.9.2 The Applicant issued a draft SoCG to Network Rail on 21 April 2026 ~~and followed up by email on 6 May 2026. The Applicant is awaiting their response, however following engagement with Network Rail following submission, the Applicant intends to provide an updated draft for review and comment after Deadline 3.~~

4.9.3 It is anticipated that the draft SoCG will be submitted at Deadline ~~34~~.

4.10 Wessex Water

4.10.1 The matters recorded in the SoCG have been discussed through targeted meetings between the Applicant and Wessex Water, with consideration given to the **Draft DCO [REP1-007]**, and hydrology, flood risk and drainage.

4.10.2 The Applicant issued a draft SoCG to Wessex Water on 17 April 2026 and followed up by email on 6 May 2026- and 5 June 2026. The Applicant is awaiting their response.

4.10.3 It is anticipated that the draft SoCG will be submitted at Deadline ~~34~~.

4.11 Bristol Water

4.11.1 The Applicant is seeking confirmation from Bristol Water whether there are any matters which require the preparation of a SoCG.

4.11.2 Bristol Water responded to the Applicant on 21 May 2026 requesting confirmation of suitable protective provisions within the **Draft DCO [REP1-007]** to ascertain whether a SoCG is required. The Applicant ~~will continue its discussions with provided~~ Bristol Water with the Draft DCO [REP1-007] on 2 June 2026 and is awaiting a response.

4.12 National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc

4.12.1 The initial Statement of Common Ground with National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc [REP2-031] was submitted at Deadline 2. The matters recorded in the SoCG have been discussed through targeted meetings between the Applicant and National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc, with consideration given to the **Draft DCO [REP1-007]**.

~~4.12.2 The Applicant has issued a draft SoCG to National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc on 17 April 2026 and followed up by email on 6 May 2026. National Grid Electricity Transmission provided their comments on the draft SoCG on 21 May 2026 and a meeting was held to discuss the matters raised in the SoCG on 22 May 2026.~~

~~4.12.34.12.2~~ The main matter subject to further discussion relates to the protective provisions **Draft DCO [REP1-007]** and associated side agreement.

~~4.12.44.12.3~~ The initial draft An updated SoCG with National Grid Electricity Transmission **[EN010168/EXAM/8.12]** has been Plc will be submitted at Deadline 2a future deadline.

4.13 National Grid Electricity Distribution (South West) plc

4.13.1 The Applicant is seeking confirmation from National Grid Electricity Distribution (South West) plc whether there are any matters which require the preparation of a SoCG.

4.14 Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

4.14.1 The ~~Applicant sought confirmation from~~ initial Statement of Common Ground with Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service ~~about whether there were any matters they considered required~~ **[REP2-032]** was submitted at Deadline 2 and recorded the ~~preparation of a SoCG. Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service responded on 25 April 2026 confirming they wish to have a SoCG with the Applicant and provided their initial position on matters of both parties.~~

~~4.14.2~~ The Applicant shared the initial SoCG with the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service on 21 May 2026. An amended document was issued to the Applicant on 2 June 2026 which indicated agreement for their comment.

~~4.14.34.14.2~~ The main matters ~~subject to further discussion relating~~ relating to fire safety ~~in the SoCG. An additional matter was also raised, which the Applicant has included into the SoCG and has marked as Under Discussion~~

~~4.14.44.14.3~~ The initial draft SoCG The updated Statement of Common Ground with Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service **[EN010168/EXAM/8.13] (Rev 2)** has been submitted at Deadline 23.

4.15 Defence Infrastructure Organisation

- 4.15.1 The matters recorded in the SoCG have been discussed through targeted meetings between the Applicant and the Defence Infrastructure Organisation, with consideration given to the aerodrome safeguarding zone. The Applicant issued a draft SoCG to the Defence Infrastructure Organisation on 14 April 2026 and received their response on 24 April 2026.
- 4.15.2 All matters are now considered to be agreed, based on the Defence Infrastructure Organisation's current position, as set out in **Table 3**.
- 4.15.3 The ~~SoCG~~Statement of Common Ground with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation [~~EN010168/EXAM/8.15~~REP2-033] has been shared at Deadline 2. The Applicant is arranging for the finalised SoCG to be signed and the completed SoCG will be submitted before Deadline 7.

4.16 British Horse Society

- 4.16.1 ~~The matters recorded in the SoCG have been identified through the relevant representation submitted by~~initial Statement of Common Ground with the British Horse Society (Wiltshire Access Team) [~~REP2-034~~] was submitted at Deadline 2 and recorded the initial position of both parties.
- 4.16.2 Matters relating to Public Rights of Way and transport and access remain under discussion. The Applicant ~~submitted a~~provided the initial draft SoCG to the British Horse Society on ~~15 April~~5 June 2026 ~~and received their response on 25 April 2026, which identified additional matters to be added relating to transport and access for review and update following consideration of the Applicant's position.~~
- 4.16.3 ~~The~~An updated SoCG with the British Horse Society [~~EN010168/EXAM/8.16~~] has been~~will be~~ submitted at ~~Deadline 2.~~ a future deadline.

4.17 Wiltshire Bridleway Association

- 4.17.1 ~~The matters~~The initial Statement of Common Ground with Wiltshire Bridleway Association [~~REP2-035~~] was submitted at Deadline 2 and recorded in the SoCG have been identified through the relevant representation submitted by the Wiltshire Bridleway Association.~~initial position of both parties.~~
- 4.17.14.17.2 Matters relating to access and Public Rights of Way remain under discussion. The Applicant ~~issued~~provided the initial draft SoCG to the Wiltshire Bridleway Association on ~~13 April 2026.~~ 5 June 2026 for review and update following consideration of the Applicant's position.
- 4.17.24.17.3 ~~A meeting between~~An updated SoCG with the Applicant and Wiltshire Bridleway Association ~~to discuss the matters raised took place on 8 May 2026.~~ will be submitted at a future deadline.

~~4.17.3 — Wiltshire Bridleway Association provided comments of the SoCG on 22 May 2026. Matters relating to the closure of rights of way, surface and cable management and security are considered to be agreed. Matters relating to noise mitigation, drainage, fencing, additional permitted paths and visual screening remain under discussion.~~

~~4.17.4 — The draft SoCG with the Wiltshire Bridleway Association [EN010168/EXAM/8.17] has been submitted at Deadline 2.~~

4.18 Stop Lime Down

4.18.1 The Applicant issued a draft SoCG to Stop Lime Down on 1 April 2026, based on their relevant representation. The form and content of the SoCG was subsequently discussed with Stop Lime Down at a meeting held on 20 April 2026. ~~The Applicant is awaiting an amended SoCG to be provided from Stop Lime Down which sets out agreed matters and any additional matters which have been informed by the production of their written representation.~~

4.18.2 ~~It is anticipated that Stop Lime Down provided the Applicant with an updated draft SoCG on 8 June 2026 confirming their position on matters raised. The Applicant is reviewing the document with the intention it will be submitted at Deadline 3-4.~~