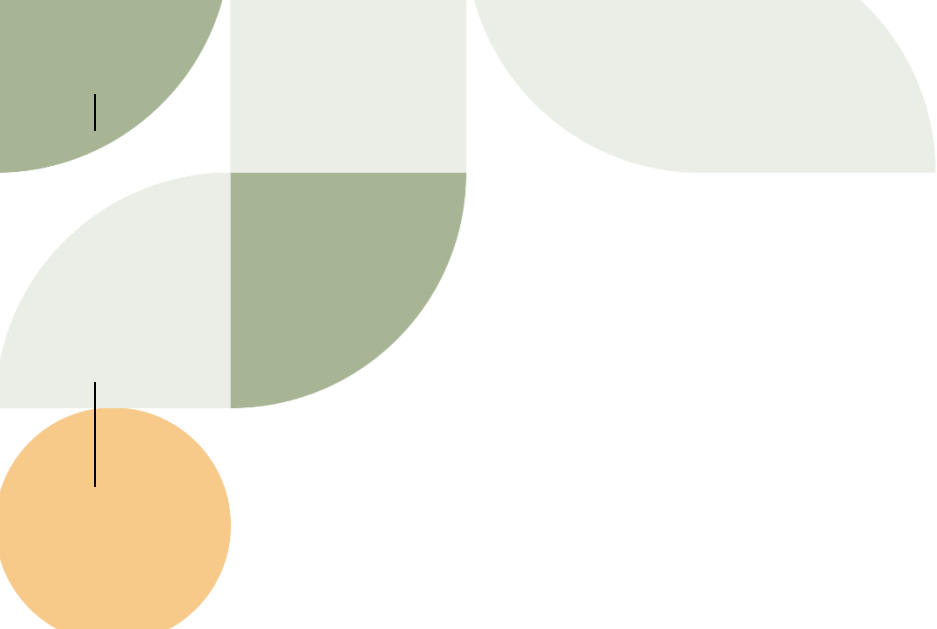




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3	Paragraph 4.9.2 to 4.9.3	Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with Network Rail	Updated to demonstrate progress with Network Rail since Deadline 1A
3	Paragraph 4.10.2 to 4.10.3	Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with Wessex Water	Updated to demonstrate progress with Wessex Water since Deadline 1A
3	Paragraph 4.11.2	Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with Bristol Water	Updated to demonstrate progress with Wessex Water since Deadline 1A
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3	Paragraph 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 1A
3	Paragraph 4.17.2 to 4.17.3	Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with Wiltshire Bridleway Association	Updated to demonstrate progress with Wiltshire Bridleway Association since Deadline 1A
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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.
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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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<u>5</u>	<u>Paragraphs 4.2.2 – 4.2.4</u>	<u>Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with Wiltshire Council</u>	<u>Updated to demonstrate progress with Wiltshire Council since Deadline 3.</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Paragraph 4.4.2 to 4.4.3</u>	<u>Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with Natural England.</u>	<u>Updated to demonstrate progress with Natural England since Deadline 3.</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Paragraph 4.5.4 to 4.5.5</u>	<u>Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with Historic England.</u>	<u>Updated to demonstrate progress with Historic England since Deadline 3.</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Paragraph 4.6.1 to 4.6.3</u>	<u>Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with the Environment Agency.</u>	<u>Updated to demonstrate progress with the Environment Agency since Deadline 3.</u>

<u>5</u>	<u>Paragraph 4.7.2</u>	<u>Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with Cotswolds National Landscape Board.</u>	<u>Updated to latest position with the Cotswolds National Landscape Board.</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Paragraph 4.8.2</u>	<u>Text updated with latest document references.</u>	<u>Updated for consistency with the Examination Library.</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Paragraph 4.12.1 to 4.12.3</u>	<u>Text updated with latest document references.</u>	<u>Updated for consistency with the Examination Library.</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Paragraph 4.14.3 to 4.14.4</u>	<u>Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.</u>	<u>Updated to demonstrate progress with Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service since Deadline 3.</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Paragraph 4.15.3</u>	<u>Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with Defence Infrastructure Organisation.</u>	<u>Updated to demonstrate finalisation and signing of SoCG by both parties.</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Paragraph 4.16.3</u>	<u>Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with the British Horse Society.</u>	<u>Updated to latest position with the British Horse Society.</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Paragraph 4.17.2 to 4.17.3</u>	<u>Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with the Wiltshire Bridleway Association.</u>	<u>Updated to demonstrate progress with the Wiltshire Bridleway Association since Deadline 3.</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Paragraph 4.18.2 to 4.18.3</u>	<u>Text updated with latest status of the SoCG with Stop Lime Down.</u>	<u>Updated to demonstrate progress with Stop Lime Down since Deadline 2.</u>

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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 3.
- 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 3

Doc. Ref	SoCG Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 1A	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EN010168/E XAM/8.2	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.	Following ongoing engagement with Wiltshire Council an updated draft SoCG has been submitted at Deadline 4. Discussions ongoing on remaining outstanding matters.			
EN010168/E XAM/8.3	South Gloucestersh ire 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.	Following ongoing engagement with Natural England an updated draft SoCG has been submitted at Deadline 4. 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.	Following ongoing engagement with Historic England an updated draft SoCG has been submitted at Deadline 4. Discussions ongoing on remaining outstanding matters.			

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.	Following ongoing engagement with the Environment Agency an updated draft SoCG has been submitted at Deadline 4. Discussions are ongoing on remaining outstanding matters.			
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.	Discussions are ongoing between the two parties in progressing the SoCG for submission 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/8.8	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.	<u>Discussions are ongoing between the two parties in progressing the SoCG for submission at a future deadline.</u>			
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.	<u>Discussions are ongoing between the two parties in progressing the SoCG for submission at a future deadline.</u>			

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.	<u>The Applicant is awaiting a response from Wessex Water on the SoCG. Discussions ongoing.</u>			
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.	<u>Discussions ongoing about the requirement for a SoCG.</u>			

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.	<u>Discussions are ongoing between the two parties in progressing the SoCG for submission at a future deadline.</u>			

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.	Following ongoing engagement the Final Statement of Common Ground signed by both Applicant and Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service was submitted at Deadline 4.			
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.	Discussions are ongoing between the two parties in progressing the SoCG for submission 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/8.15	Defence Infrastructure Organisation	Draft issued by the Applicant. Comments have been received. All matters agreed.				<u>The Final Statement of Common Ground signed by both Applicant and Defence Infrastructure Organisation was submitted at Deadline 4.</u>			
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.	<u>The British Horse Society confirmed that no updates were to be made for Deadline 4. Discussions are ongoing between the two parties in progressing the SoCG for submission at a future deadline.</u>			

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.	<u>Following ongoing engagement with Wiltshire Bridleway Association an updated draft SoCG has been submitted at Deadline 4. Discussions are ongoing on remaining outstanding matters.</u>			

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.	<u>Discussions are ongoing between the two parties in progressing the SoCG for submission at a future deadline, the two parties are arranging topic specific calls to discuss outstanding matters.</u>			

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 3, 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 3

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																				
South Gloucestershire Council																				
Natural England																				
Historic England																				
Environment Agency																				
Cotswolds National Landscape Board																				
National Highways																				
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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 34

4.1.1 This section provides a summary of the position reached across all SoCGs being progressed at Deadline 34. 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** [REP1-007REP3-005], 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 matter of air quality is considered agreed following Wiltshire Council's response to the SoCG dated 15 May 2026.

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. The Applicant shared a copy of a revised draft SoCG with Wiltshire Council for review and update on 30 June 2026. Wiltshire Council subsequently shared a version of the draft SoCG with their amendments on 7 July 2026. The Applicant reviewed and prepared the revised SoCG for submission at Deadline 4. The two parties have held several topic specific calls since Deadline 3 including socio-economics, public rights of way, human health, hydrology, flood risk and drainage. Furthermore, it should be noted that matters relating to Landscape and Visual, and, Transport and Access have not been updated since Deadline 3 but both parties are progressing matters for Deadline 5. The matter of noise and vibration has been agreed following further discussions between the two parties.

4.3 South Gloucestershire Council

4.3.1 The Applicant 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. A response was provided by Jon Severs, Head of Regeneration on the 11 June 2026 confirming that South Gloucestershire Council does not require a SoCG.

4.4 Natural England

4.4.1 The initial Statement of Common Ground with Natural England [REP2-026] was submitted at Deadline 2.

4.4.2 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)]REP3-090** 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. An updated Statement of Common Ground with Natural England [REP3-112] was submitted at Deadline 3.

~~4.4.3 The updated Statement of Common Ground with Natural England [EN010168/EXAM/8.4 (Rev 2)] has been submitted at Deadline 3.~~

4.4.3 Following review of the Applicant's Deadline 3 submission Natural England confirmed on 29 June 2026 that several matters were subsequently agreed following revision to relevant documents, leaving the only matters outstanding relating to badgers. The Applicant responded via email on 1 July 2026 with further clarification regarding the outstanding matters and updated the SoCG accordingly for Deadline 4.

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. This version of the **Statement of Common Ground with Historic England [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.

4.5.4 The Applicant ~~has~~ submitted ~~the an~~ updated Statement of Common Ground with Historic England [**EN010168/EXAM/8.5 (Rev. 2)]REP3-114** at Deadline 3, which presents Historic England's revised position.

4.5.5 Following Deadline 4 the Applicant held a meeting with Historic England on 29 June 2026 to discuss the Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy, following the meeting the Applicant provided Historic England with the revised SoCG document on 30 June 2026, for their subsequent review and update. On 9 July

2026 Historic England confirmed the amendments to the SoCG were appropriate, the revised SoCG has been submitted at Deadline 4.

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 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 [REP1-007REP3-005]**. 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.
- 4.6.3 At Deadline 3, the Environment Agency provided their Responses to the ExA's first written questions (ExQ1) **[REP3-146]** which included an updated position on the Environment Agency's Relevant / Written Representation. The Applicant updated the draft SoCG accordingly and provided further information, this was shared with the Environment Agency on 26 June 2026. The Environment Agency subsequently reviewed and updated their position, sharing their revised draft 6 July 2026. Through this iterative process several matters have been progressed to Agreed.

4.7 Cotswolds National Landscape Board

- 4.7.1 The initial Statement of Common Ground with Cotswolds National Landscape Board **[REP2-029]** was submitted at Deadline 2. The matters recorded in the SoCG have been subject to discussion, through targeted meetings, between the Applicant and the Cotswolds National Landscape Board.
- 4.7.2 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 45 as discussions are still on going.

4.8 National Highways

- 4.8.1 The initial Statement of Common Ground with National Highways **[REP2-030]** was submitted at Deadline 2. The matters recorded in the SoCG have been subject to discussion through targeted meetings between the Applicant and the National Highways.

- 4.8.2 Transport and access matters have been agreed, subject to agreement on Requirement 15 of the **Draft DCO [REP1-007REP3-005]**. Matters relating to the **Draft DCO [REP1-007REP3-005]** 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.

4.9 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 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 Discussions between the parties are ongoing and the Applicant is currently considering a draft Framework Agreement provided by Network Rail. It is anticipated that the draft SoCG will be submitted at Deadline 45.

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 4.~~

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 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 [REP1-007REP3-005]**.

- 4.12.2 The main matter subject to further discussion relates to the protective provisions **Draft DCO [REP1-007REP3-005]** and associated side agreement. The Applicant is awaiting comments from NGET's solicitors in respect of the draft Side Agreement and the form of protective provisions provided.

- 4.12.3 An updated SoCG with National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc will be submitted at a 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.

- 4.13.2 The protective provisions for the benefit of NGED included at Deadline 1 are agreed and an engrossed Side Agreement is in circulation and awaiting signature. The Applicant anticipates that this will be completed shortly and NGED's objection withdrawn.

4.14 Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

- 4.14.1 The initial Statement of Common Ground with Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service **[REP2-032]** was submitted at Deadline 2 and recorded the initial position 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 matters 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

- 4.14.3 The updated Statement of Common Ground with Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service **[EN010168/EXAM/8.13 (Rev 2)]REP3-116]** has been submitted at Deadline 3.

- 4.14.4 Following revisions made to the Outline Battery Safety Management Plan made at Deadline 3, the Applicant revised the Statement of Common Ground to reflect the latest position and shared the revised draft SoCG with Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service on 7 July 2026. On 8 July 2026 Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service confirmed that the outstanding matter had been agreed, meaning all matters are now agreed between the two parties. Accordingly, on 8 July 2026 the Applicant issued a final draft of the SoCG for signing by Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, who returned the signed version on 10 July 2026. The final Statement of Common Ground with the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, signed by both the Applicant

and Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service has been submitted at Deadline 4.

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 final Statement of Common Ground with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation ~~[REP2-033] has been shared at Deadline 2., signed by both~~ the Applicant ~~is arranging for the finalised SoCG to be signed and the completed SoCG will be~~ Defence Infrastructure Organisation has been submitted ~~before~~at Deadline ~~7.~~ 4.

4.16 British Horse Society

- 4.16.1 The 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 provided the initial draft SoCG to the British Horse Society on 5 June 2026 for review and update following consideration of the Applicant's position.
- 4.16.3 On 23 June 2026 the Applicant shared the latest version of the draft SoCG with the British Horse Society to try and progress outstanding matters, the British Horse Society confirmed that no updates are to be made at the moment.

~~4.16.34.16.4~~ 4.16.4 An updated SoCG with the British Horse Society will be submitted at a future deadline.

4.17 Wiltshire Bridleway Association

- 4.17.1 The initial Statement of Common Ground with Wiltshire Bridleway Association **[REP2-035]** was submitted at Deadline 2 and recorded the initial position of both parties.
- 4.17.2 Matters relating to access and Public Rights of Way remain under discussion. The Applicant provided the initial draft SoCG to the Wiltshire Bridleway Association on 5 June 2026 for review and update following consideration of the Applicant's position.

4.17.3 On 23 June 2026 the Applicant shared the latest version of the draft SoCG with the Wiltshire Bridleway Association to try and progress outstanding matters. On 2 July 2026 Wiltshire Bridleway Association shared a document identifying their updated position on several matters. These have been subsequently reflected in the updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 4.

~~4.17.3~~4.17.4 An updated SoCG with the Wiltshire Bridleway Association will be submitted at a future deadline.

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.

4.18.2 Stop Lime Down provided the Applicant with an updated draft on 8 June 2026 confirming their position on matters raised.

~~4.18.2~~4.18.3 The Applicant ~~is reviewing and~~ Stop Lime Down are in the document process of holding a number of topic specific calls to progress SoCG matters, with the intention ~~that a revised SoCG~~ will be submitted at Deadline 4-5.