

Green Hill Solar Farm

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Document

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared as part of the proposed Green Hill Solar Farm Development Consent Order (the Application) made by Green Hill Solar Farm Ltd (the Applicant) to the Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero (the Secretary of State) pursuant to the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008).
- 1.1.2 This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere within the Application documents. All documents are available on the Planning Inspectorate's website.
- 1.1.3 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. SoCGs are an established means in the DCO consenting process, of allowing all parties to identify and focus on specific issues that may need to be addressed during the examination.

1.2 Parties to this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.2.1 This SoCG has been prepared by (1) Green Hill Solar Farm Ltd. as the Applicant and (2) National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (NGET).
- 1.2.2 Collectively, Green Hill Solar Farm Ltd. and National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc are referred to as 'the parties'.

1.3 Terminology and Referencing

- 1.3.1 In the Tables in Section 3 of this SoCG below:
- "Agreed" indicates where the issue has been resolved;
 - "Not Agreed" indicates a final position; and
 - "Under discussion" indicates where these points will be the subject of ongoing discussion wherever possible to resolve, or refine, the extent of disagreement between the parties.



2 Record of Engagement

2.1 Summary of Consultation

- 2.1.1 The parties have been engaged in consultation since August 2024.
- 2.1.2 A non-statutory consultation took place in March to May 2024. The statutory consultation process took place between 7th November and 19th December 2024.
- 2.1.3 A summary of the meetings and correspondence that has taken place between Green Hill Solar Farm Ltd and NGET in relation to the Application is outlined in **Table 2.1** below.

Table 2.1: Record of Engagement

Date	Form of Correspondence	Key Topics Discussed	Key Outcomes
26 August 2025	Email Correspondence	Following review of the NGET relevant representation [RR-1240], contact was made to understand the nature and scope of interaction between the Scheme and the Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire scheme.	NGET sent the Applicant Shapefiles of the NGET project.
24 October 2025	Email Correspondence	Establish appropriate contacts to discuss Protective Provisions and SoCG.	NGET provided appropriate contact details

- 2.1.4 It is agreed that this is an accurate record of the key meetings and consultation undertaken between (1) Green Hill Solar Farm Ltd and (2) National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc in relation to the issues addressed in this SoCG.



3 Matters of Discussion

3.1 Overview

3.1.1 **Table 3.1** below details the matters agreed, under discussion, or not agreed with National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc at the point of this document being published.

3.2 Project-wide Matters

Table 3.1: Project-wide Matters

	Matter	Details of Matters for Discussion	Applicant Position	Consultee Position	Status
PP-001	Protective Provisions	Draft Development Consent Order [APP-017]	Draft protective provisions for the protection of National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC (NGET) have been included Part 3 of Schedule 15 to the draft Green Hill DCO [APP-017] , and the parties are in discussions to agree the form of these. Under these provisions, the Applicant will only be able to	The Applicant awaits NGET's comments on this matter.	Matter Under Discussion



	Matter	Details of Matters for Discussion	Applicant Position	Consultee Position	Status
			<p>exercise any powers in the DCO subject to those protective provisions, which ensures protection and safeguards for NGET assets and interests are in place. The parties therefore agree that appropriate protection is in place for NGET and that as a result NGET will not suffer serious detriment to the carrying on of its undertaking as a result of the Scheme.</p> <p>With the protective provisions in place, the parties agree</p>		



	Matter	Details of Matters for Discussion	Applicant Position	Consultee Position	Status
			that the tests set out in section 127 and 138 of the Planning Act 2008, to the extent they apply, are satisfied.		
CA-001	Compulsory Acquisition of NGET infrastructure	Draft Development Consent Order [APP-017]	Appropriate Protective Provisions are contained within the Draft DCO [APP-017] for the protection of NGET infrastructure, including the exercise of compulsory acquisition powers in relation to NGET infrastructure.	The Applicant awaits NGET's comments on this matter.	Matter Under Discussion
WMEL-001	Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire (WMEL) project	Draft Development Consent Order [APP-017]	The Applicant has engaged with NGET to understand the extent of the interaction	The Applicant awaits NGET's comments on this matter.	Matter Under Discussion



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			between the Scheme and the land required for the WMEL Project. The limited nature of the works proposed by NGET, and that the Scheme has been designed to accommodate the existing overhead lines, means the projects can readily coexist.		
SGRE-001	Sundon to Grendon (SGRE) project	Draft Development Consent Order [APP-017]	The Applicant has engaged with NGET to understand the extent of the interaction between the Scheme and the land required for the SGRE Project. The limited nature of the works	The Applicant awaits NGET's comments on this matter.	Matter Under Discussion



	Matter	Details of Matters for Discussion	Applicant Position	Consultee Position	Status
			proposed by NGET, and that the Scheme has been designed to accommodate the existing overhead lines, means the projects can readily coexist.		



4 Signatories

4.1 Overview

4.1.1 The above SoCG is agreed between Green Hill Solar Farm Ltd. (the Applicant) and National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc, as specified below.

4.1.2 Duly authorised for and on behalf of **Green Hill Solar Farm Ltd.**

Name:	
Job Title:	
Date:	
Signature:	

4.1.3 Duly authorised for and on behalf of **National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc.**

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