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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the 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 Island Green Power (IGP) (the 'Applicant') and statutory consultees, statutory undertakers and other Interested Parties (the 'parties') in relation to the proposed Green Hill Solar Project (the 'Scheme').

1.1.2 This document provides a position on the commonality on specific points between SoCGs ~~at~~[up to](#) Deadline ~~23~~ (being ~~19 November~~[17 December](#) 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 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 SoCGs being produced and offers an overview of the status of each SoCG being submitted to Deadline 2;
- 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 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, 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 2.1 List of and Status of SoCGs at Deadline ~~23~~**

Doc. Ref.	Party	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EX2/GH8.3.1 REP2-056	North Northamptonshire Council	Draft Submitted. Comments have been received. Discussion Ongoing.	Comments received from NNC on the 11 December 2025. The Applicant and NNC will be meeting to discuss. Please see 4.2 below for further details.				
EX2/GH8.3.2 REP2-057	West Northamptonshire Council	Draft Submitted. Comments have been received. Discussion Ongoing.	The Applicant is waiting for comments on the version submitted as Deadline 2. Discussions continue.				
EX2/GH8.3.3 REP2-058	Milton Keynes	Draft Submitted. Comments have been received. Discussion Ongoing.	The Applicant is waiting for comments on the version submitted as Deadline 2. Discussions continue.				
EX2/GH8.3.4 REP2-059	Historic England	Draft Submitted. No comments have yet been received. Discussions Ongoing.	The Applicant is waiting for comments on the version submitted as Deadline 2. Discussions continue.				
EX2/GH8.3.5 REP2-060	The Environment Agency	Draft Submitted. Comments have been received. Discussion Ongoing.	Comments received from the Environment Agency on the 16 December 2025. The Applicant and				



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			Environment Agency are to meet to discuss. Please see 4.6 below for further details.				
EX2 EX3 /GH8.3.6 _A	Natural England	Draft Submitted. Comments have been received. Discussion Ongoing.	Matters relating to the Methodology: Definition of FLL and Proposed Mitigation for wintering birds are still under discussion, all other matters are now agreed. Please see 4.7 below for further details.				
EX2 EX3 /GH8.3.7 _A	National Highways	Draft Submitted. No comments have yet been received. Discussions Ongoing.	Matters relating to the Draft Development Consent Order and Protective Provisions are still under discussion, all other matters are now agreed.				
EX2/GH8.3.8 REP2-063	Northampton Fire and Rescue Service	Submitted Final signed SoCG with all matters agreed.					
EX2/GH8.3.9 REP2-064	Anglian Water Services	Draft Submitted.	The Applicant is waiting for comments on the				



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		Comments have been received. Discussion Ongoing.	version submitted as Deadline 2. Discussions continue.				
EX2/GH8.3.10 REP2-065	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Draft Submitted. No comments have yet been received. Discussions Ongoing.	The Applicant is waiting for comments on the version submitted as Deadline 2. Discussions continue.				



3 Commonality

3.1 Overview

3.1.1 This section of the Statement provides an overview of the topics covered in the SoCGs. **Table 3.2** 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'.

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:

Table 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 2, the Applicant has shared draft SoCGs with a number of parties and is awaiting 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 3.2**.

3.1.5 Following the Summary of Commonality in **Table 3.2**, **Section 3.2** outlines the principal outstanding matters which are subject to further discussion before a final position can be reached.



Table 3.2: Summary of Commonality with Parties

SoCG Party	Scheme Description	Energy Need	Planning Statement	Alternatives and Design Evolution	EIA Methodology	Climate Change	Landscape and Visual	Ecology and Biodiversity	Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage	Minerals	Cultural Heritage	Transport and Access	Noise and Vibration	Glint and Glare	Air Quality	Socio Economics	Human Health	Arboriculture	Agricultural Land Classification	Electromagnetic Fields	Ground Conditions and Contamination	Major Accidents and Disasters	Other Environmental Matters	Assessment of Cumulative Effects	Fire Safety	Protective Provisions
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4 Positions at Deadline 2

4.1.1 This section provides a summary of the position reached across all SoCGs being progressed and submitted to Deadline 2. The Applicant will continue to engage with those parties through the examination on matters which are ongoing.

4.2 North Northamptonshire Council

[4.2.1](#) The matters recorded in the SoCG have been subject to discussion, through monthly catchups, between the Applicant and North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) as well as some topic specific meetings e.g. landscape and visual impact, and historic environment. ~~The Applicant submitted a draft to NNC and received comments back on the 17 November 2025.~~ Following the submission of the draft SoCG at Deadline 2, the Applicant has received comments from NNC on the 11 December 2025. These comments have moved four matters from under discussion to agreed (LVIA-09 Landscape Receptors: Value; CH-02 Cultural Heritage Baseline Conditions; TA-06 Prow and TA-07 Permissive Paths). The Applicant is seeking to arrange a meeting with NNC to follow up on the comments received and to progress further matters.

~~4.2.14.2.2~~ The Applicant's landscape consultant is meeting with NNC's landscape consultant on the 19 December 2025 to further progress landscape matters which are still under discussion. The matters listed as agreed in **Table 3.2** are based on the current position of NNC on the listed matters.

~~4.2.24.2.3~~ The main matters subject to further discussion relate to planning, landscape and visual impact, ecology, hydrology, heritage, transport, arboriculture, soils and agriculture and the Draft DCO [~~REP1-008~~[EX3/GH3.1 C](#)].

~~4.2.34.2.4~~ An updated SoCG will be submitted for Deadline ~~34~~ where it is anticipated a number of ongoing matters will become agreed.

4.3 West Northamptonshire Council

[4.3.1](#) The matters recorded in the SoCG have been subject to discussion, through monthly catchups, between the Applicant and West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) as well as some topic specific meetings e.g. landscape and visual impact, historic environment and transport. ~~The Applicant submitted a draft to WNC and received comments back on the 17 November 2025.~~ Following the submission of the draft SoCG at Deadline 2, the Applicant has requested comments from WNC on that draft and the **Applicant's Response to Local Impact Reports [REP2-049]**. Comments are awaited and the Applicant expects to provide a further update at Deadline 4.

~~4.3.14.3.2~~ The Applicants landscape consultant is meeting with NNC's landscape consultant on 19 December 2025 to further progress landscape matters which are still under discussion. The matters listed as agreed in **Table 3.2** are based on the current position of WNC on the listed matters.

~~4.3.24.3.3~~ The main matters subject to further discussion relate to scheme description, energy need, planning statement, alternative and design evolution, EIA residual effects, landscape and visual impact, ecology, hydrology (LLFA), minerals, heritage, transport, noise, socioeconomic, tourism and recreation, arboriculture, soils and agriculture and the Draft DCO [~~REP1-008~~]. [EX3/GH3.1 C](#)].



~~4.3.3~~[4.3.4](#) An updated SoCG will be submitted for Deadline ~~34~~ where it is anticipated a number of ongoing matters will become agreed.

4.4 **Milton Keynes [City Council](#)**

4.4.1 The matters recorded in the SoCG have been subject to discussion, through monthly catchup meetings, between the Applicant and Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) as well as some topic specific meetings e.g. landscape and visual impact. Detailed discussions on cultural heritage and ecology and biodiversity matters have also taken place. ~~The Applicant submitted a draft to MKCC and received comments back on the 17 November 2025.~~ Following the submission of the draft SoCG at Deadline 2, the Applicant has requested comments from MKCC on that draft and the **Applicant's Response to Local Impact Reports [REP2-049]**. Comments are awaited and the Applicant expects to provide a further update at Deadline 4. The Applicant has requested a meeting with the MKCC landscape officer to discuss matters but this still hasn't been arranged. The matters listed as agreed in **Table 3.2** are based on the current position of MKCC on the listed matters.

4.4.2 The main matters subject to further discussion relate to alternative and design evolution, EIA residual effects, landscape and visual impact, ecology, hydrology, transport, arboriculture and the Draft DCO **[REP1-008]**.

4.4.3 An updated SoCG will be submitted for Deadline ~~34~~ where it is anticipated a number of ongoing matters will become agreed matters.

4.5 **Historic England**

4.5.1 The Applicant has submitted a draft to the party and ~~is awaiting comments back.~~ held a meeting with them on the 8 December 2025 to discuss wording within the [Archaeological Mitigation Strategy](#) and is waiting comments back. The matters listed as agreed in **Table 3.2** are based on extensive discussions between the parties with the high likelihood of them being agreed.

4.6 **The Environment Agency**

4.6.1 ~~Comments have been received from the Environment Agency on the draft SoCG.~~ Following the submission of the draft SoCG at Deadline 2, the Applicant received comments on the 16 December 2025. These comments have moved three matters from under discussion to agreed (EB-08 Avoidance of coarse fish spawning period; HYD-03 Surface Water Flooding and HYD-05 Surface Water Management). The Applicant is in the process of reviewing these comments and is seeking to arrange a meeting with Environment Agency to follow up on the comments received and to progress further matters. from the Environment Agency on the draft SoCG with comments still awaited. The Parties are in agreement on some matters within the draft SoCG relating to legislation and consultation for Ecology and Biodiversity, and WFD, Design and Surface Water Management for Hydrology and Flood Risk.

4.6.2 The Applicant will continue to liaise with the Environment Agency, and it is hoped that a large number of matters will be agreed by Deadline ~~34~~.



4.7 Natural England

~~4.7.1~~ ~~Extensive discussions have been undertaken between the parties with agreement already reached on a number of ecology, landscape and agricultural issues, as indicated in the draft document. The SoCG at Deadline 2, the Applicant is in the process of responding to received comments from Natural England's requests~~ Following the parties' submission of ecology, landscape and agricultural issues, as indicated in the draft document. The SoCG at Deadline 2, the Applicant is in the process of responding to received comments from Natural England on the 15 December 2025. These comments have moved all matters except for Methodology: Definition of FLL and Proposed Mitigation for wintering birds remaining under discussion. These final matters require Natural England to review survey data relating to provide some additional clarity these matters. The Application responded on proposed mitigation, methodology and baseline conditions the 16 December 2025 to signpost where that information can be found within Chapter 9: Ecology and Biodiversity [REP1-033] and the Outline Decommissioning Statement [REP1-135], and the DCO submission.

~~4.7.14.7.2~~ Following the review of this data it is hoped that all matters can be agreed by Deadline ~~34~~.

4.8 National Highways

~~4.8.1~~ ~~Comments have been received from~~ There has been progression on matters with National Highways on since Deadline 2 with all matters now agreed except for matters relating to the draft SoCG. Draft DCO [EX3/GH3.1 C], specifically protective provisions. The matters listed as agreed are set out in in Table 3.2. Discussions are based on extensive discussions between ongoing in respect of the parties on the high likelihood of them being agreed. protective provisions.

4.9 Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

~~4.9.1~~ All matters have been agreed between the parties by Deadline 2. A signed SoCG ~~has been~~ was submitted at Deadline 2 [~~EX2/GH8.3.8~~ [REP2-063](#)].

4.10 Anglian Water Services

~~4.10.1~~ Following the submission of the draft SoCG at Deadline 2, the Applicant has requested comments from Anglian Water on the draft SoCG with comments still awaited. The matters listed as agreed in Table 3.2 are based on discussions between the parties on the high likelihood of them being agreed.

~~4.10.2~~ ~~Comments have been received from Anglian Water Services on the draft SoCG. The Applicant will continue to liaise with Anglian Water, and it is hoped that a large number of matters will be agreed by Deadline 4.~~

4.11 National Grid Electricity Transmission

~~4.10.14.11.1~~ Following the submission of the draft SoCG at Deadline 2, the Applicant has requested comments from National Grid on the draft SoCG with comments still awaited. The matters listed as agreed in Table 3.2 are based on discussions between the parties on the high likelihood of them being agreed.

~~4.10.2~~ ~~Discussions have also involved agreeing the wording of the protective provisions for the benefit of Anglian Water Services and Requirement 11 in Schedule 2 of the Draft DCO [REP1-008].~~

~~4.11.1~~ National Grid Electricity Transmission



~~4.11.11.1.1 The Applicant has submitted a draft to the party and is awaiting comments back. The matters listed as agreed in **Table 3.2** are based on discussions between the parties on the high likelihood of them being agreed.~~

[4.11.2](#) Discussions relate to agreeing the wording of the protective provisions and the Draft DCO [~~REP1-008~~[EX3/GH3.1 C](#)] for the benefit of National Grid, along with the consideration of National Grid schemes which they have raised.

[4.11.3](#) [The Applicant will continue to liaise with National Grid, and it is hoped that a large number of matters will be agreed by Deadline 4.](#)

~~4.11.2~~