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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 up to Deadline [45](#) (being ~~14 January~~[26 February](#) 2026).

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 [25](#);
- 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 [45](#)**

Doc. Ref.	Party	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
<a href="#">EX4EX5/GH8.3.1_AB</a>	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.	Comments received from NNC on the 11 December 2025. Please see 4.2 below for further details. Discussions continue.	<a href="#">Discussions ongoing, please see 4.2 below for further details.</a>		
<a href="#">EX4EX5/GH8.3.2_AB</a>	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.	Comments received from WNC on the 17 December 2025. Please see 4.3 below for further details. Discussions continue.	<a href="#">Discussions ongoing, please see 4.3 below for further details.</a>		
<a href="#">EX4EX5/GH8.3.3_AB</a>	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.	Comments received from MKCC on the 17 December 2025. Please see 4.4 below for further details. Discussions continue.	<a href="#">Discussions ongoing, please see 4.4 below for further details.</a>		



Doc. Ref.	Party	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
<a href="#">EX4/GH8.3.4_A</a> <a href="#">REP2-059</a>	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.	The Applicant is waiting for comments on the version submitted as Deadline 2. Discussions continue.	<a href="#">Discussions ongoing, please see 4.5 below for further details..</a>		
<a href="#">EX4/GH8.3.5_A</a> <a href="#">REP4-033</a>	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 Environment Agency are to meet to discuss. Please see 4.6 below for further details.	Comments received from Environment Agency on the 16 December 2025. Please see 4.6 below for further details. Discussions continue.	<a href="#">Discussions ongoing, please see 4.6 below for further details.</a>		
<del>EX4</del> <a href="#">EX5</a> /GH8.3.6_B	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	All matters agreed. Please see 4.7 below for further details.	<a href="#">Submitted</a> <a href="#">Final signed SoCG with all matters agreed.</a>		



Doc. Ref.	Party	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
			below for further details.				
<a href="#">EX4/GH8.3.7_BREP3-083</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.	A meeting was held with National Highways and their legal representatives on 16 December 2025. A draft agreement and updated Protective Provisions will be shared with National Highways shortly for consideration.	<a href="#">A draft agreement and updated Protective Provisions have been shared with National Highways. The Applicant is awaiting comments.</a>		
REP2-063	Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service	Submitted Final signed SoCG with all matters agreed.					
<a href="#">EX4EX5/GH8.3.9_A-B</a>	Anglian Water Services	Draft Submitted. Comments have been received. Discussion Ongoing.	The Applicant is waiting for comments on the version submitted as Deadline 2. Discussions continue.	The Applicant is seeking to meet with Anglian Water to discuss further comments. Discussions continue.	<a href="#">Discussions ongoing, please see 4.10 below for further details.</a>		



Doc. Ref.	Party	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
<a href="#">EX4/GH8.3.10_A</a> <a href="#">REP2-065</a>	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.	The Applicant is waiting for comments on the version submitted as Deadline 2. Discussions continue.	<a href="#">The Applicant has received a draft side agreement from NGET which it is considering. The Applicant is seeking a meeting to discuss. Discussions continue.</a>		



### 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 23~~, the Applicant shared draft SoCGs with a number of parties and received feedback from them ~~following Deadline 3~~[following Deadline 4](#). 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
North Northamptonshire Council																										
West Northamptonshire Council								All other matters					All other matters													
								EB-06; EB-07					NV-03; NV-04													
Milton Keynes <a href="#">City Council</a>								All other matters	All other matters																	
								EB-03	HYD-06																	
Historic England																										
The Environment Agency																										
Natural England																										
National Highways																										
Northampton Fire and Rescue Service																										
Anglian Water Services																										
National Grid Electricity Transmission																										



## 4 Positions at Deadline **25**

4.1.1 This section provides a summary of the position reached across all SoCGs being progressed and submitted to Deadline **25**. 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. Following the submission of the draft SoCG at Deadline **24**, the Applicant received comments from NNC on the ~~11 December 2025~~ 16 February 2026. These comments have moved ~~four~~ all matters ~~from under transport and access to agreed; all matters on arboriculture to agreed; all matters under other environmental matters to agreed and all matters under cumulative effects to agreed.~~ There are still matters under discussion to agreed (LVIA-09 Landscape Receptors: Value; CH-02 Cultural Heritage Baseline Conditions; TA-06 Prow and TA-07 Permissive Paths) which relate to landscape, ecology and biodiversity, hydrology, flood risk and drainage, cultural heritage and agricultural circumstances.

~~4.2.2 Since those comments were received the Applicant's landscape consultant met with NNC's landscape consultant on the 19 December 2025 to further progress landscape matters which are set out in the SoCG. This has progressed a number of matters to agreed with a few matters remaining under discussion on landscape which relate to embedded design mitigation (LVIA-10.2); Landscape Assessment (LVIA-13.3.2 and 13.4.2) and duration (LVIA-15). The matters listed as agreed in Table 3.2 are based on the current position of NNC on the listed matters.~~

~~4.2.3 The Applicant has included matter 'CH-08' under Table 3.11 to cover discussions for the written scheme of investigation. A draft written scheme of investigation has been shared with the NNC and the Applicant is currently awaiting feedback. It is anticipated that a draft written scheme of investigation will be submitted for Deadline 5 (12 February 2026).~~

~~4.2.4 The main matters subject to further discussion relate to landscape and visual impact, ecology, hydrology, heritage, transport, arboriculture, soils and agriculture and the Draft DCO [REP3-024].~~

4.2.2 The Applicant has a meeting arranged with the Lead Local Flood Authority on 6 March 2026 to discuss hydrology, flood risk and drainage matters.

4.2.3 The Applicant has been seeking to set up a meeting with the Council's ecologist for some time but has been unable to make contact and comments have not been provided via the planning officer. The Applicant will continue to seek to set up a meeting ahead of Deadline 6.

4.2.4 An updated SoCG will be submitted for Deadline **56** where it is anticipated a number of ongoing matters will become agreed.

~~4.2.5~~



### 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, and historic environment and transport. Following the submission of the draft SoCG at Deadline 24, the Applicant received comments from WNC on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025-24 February 2026. These comments have moved all matters to agreed under scheme description; all matters under energy need; all matters under alternatives and design evolution; all matters under hydrology, flood risk and drainage; cultural heritage; all matters under minerals and all matter under socio-economics.

~~4.3.2~~ ~~Since those comments were~~ The Applicant has received confirmation from the Applicant's landscape consultant ~~met with WNC's landscape consultant~~ highway officer on the ~~19 December 2025 to further progress landscape~~ 24 February 2026 that they are agreed that all matters have been resolved which ~~are set out~~ were raised in the SoCG. ~~This has progressed a number of~~ Local Impact Report. Therefore matters in the SoCG can be agreed but the planning officer is waiting for the highway officer to communicate that to agreed with a few them. Therefore all matters ~~remaining under discussion on landscape which relate~~ relating to ~~embedded design mitigation (LVIA-10.2); Landscape Assessment (LVIA-13.3.2~~ transport and 13.4.2) and duration (LVIA-15). The matters listed as agreed in ~~Table 3.2~~ are based on the current position of NNC on the listed matters.

~~4.3.3~~ ~~The Applicant has included matter 'CH-08' under Table 3.11 to cover discussions for the written scheme of investigation. A draft written scheme of investigation has been shared with the NNC and the Applicant is currently awaiting feedback. It is anticipated that a draft written scheme of investigation~~ access will all be submitted for agreed at Deadline 5 (12 February 2026).

~~4.3.4~~ 3.2 6. 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 [REP3-024]~~ cumulative effects.

~~4.3.5~~ 4.3.3 An updated SoCG will be submitted for Deadline 56 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 catchups, 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, historic environment and ecology and biodiversity matters have also taken place. The~~ Following the submission of the draft SoCG at Deadline 4, the Applicant received comments from MKCC on the ~~17 December 2025 with updates presented in the SoCG. The Applicant has requested a meeting with the MKCC landscape officer~~ 24 February 2026. These comments have moved all matters under transport and access to discuss agreed and all matters ~~but this~~ on arboriculture to agreed. There are 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.~~

~~4.4.24.4.1 The main matters subject to further~~under discussion which relate to alternative~~alternatives~~ and design evolution, EIA residual effects, landscape and visual impact, ecology, hydrology, transport, arboriculture~~flood risk and drainage~~ and the Draft DCO [REP3-024]~~ecology and bioversity with many of these topics with only one or two matters remaining as still under discussion.~~

~~4.4.34.4.2~~ An updated SoCG will be submitted for Deadline 56 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~~ held a meeting with ~~them~~Historic England on the ~~8 December 2025~~25 February 2026 to finalise the SoCG but HE were not in a position to ~~discuss wording within~~review and sign off the Archaeological Mitigation Strategy and SoCG in time for Deadline 5.

~~4.5.14.5.2~~ An updated SoCG will be submitted for Deadline 6 where it is ~~waiting comments back. The~~anticipated all ongoing matters ~~listed as~~will become 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 Following the submission of the draft SoCG at Deadline ~~2,4~~ [REP4-033], the Applicant received comments on the ~~16 December 2025 with updates presented~~13 February 2026. A meeting was held on the 19 February 2026 to discuss the matters raised in the SoCG correspondence. The Applicant has provided responses set out their approach to some of the how comments under 'matters under discussion' and will look to provide further information as requested by the EA to assist with ongoing discussions. will be addressed though the submission of updated documents at Deadline 5. The Applicant is seeking to arrange a meeting with Environment Agency to follow up on the agreed with the principle of approach in the meeting subject to reviewing the revised documents. Further comments on the SoCG were received and to progress further matters from the Environment Agency on the draft SoCG with on the 24 February 2026.

~~4.6.1~~ These comments ~~still awaited.~~

~~4.6.2~~ 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. moved the following matters to now be agreed: HYD-07; HYD-010; GCC-02; GCC-03; GCC-05; GCC-06; GCC-07 and GCC-08.

~~4.6.3~~ The Applicant will continue to liaise with the Environment Agency, and it is hoped that a ~~large~~ number of the other matters under discussion will be agreed by Deadline ~~5.6~~ following review of the updated documents.



#### 4.7 Natural England

~~4.7.1 Following the submission of the draft SoCG at Deadline 2, the Applicant received comments from Natural England on the 13 January 2026 and it has moved all remaining matters to agreed. The Applicant is seeking clarification on a matter and signing and will submit the final signed version at Deadline 5.~~

4.7.1 All matters have been agreed between the parties. A signed SoCG is submitted at Deadline 5 [EX5/GH8.3.6 B].

#### 4.8 National Highways

4.8.1 There has been progression on matters with National Highways since Deadline 2 with all matters now agreed except for matters relating to the Draft DCO [REP3-024], specifically protective provisions. The matters listed as agreed are set out in in **Table 3.2**. Discussions are ongoing in respect of the protective provisions, including at meeting with National Highways and its legal representatives on 16 December 2025, ~~and updated. Updated~~ documents ~~will be~~ have shared with National Highways ~~shortly, and the Applicant awaits comments from National Highways.~~

#### 4.9 Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

4.9.1 All matters have been agreed between the parties by Deadline 2. A signed SoCG was submitted at Deadline 2 [REP2-063].

#### 4.10 Anglian Water Services

4.10.1 Following the submission of the draft SoCG at Deadline 2, [REP2-064], the Applicant ~~has requested met with AWS on the 22 January 2026 and received~~ comments from Anglian Water on the ~~draft SoCG. There has been an email exchange but the~~ 09 February 2026. This has moved matter HYD-03 to agreed. The Applicant is seeking to have a meeting with has provided responses to some of the comments under 'matters under discussion' and will look to provide further information as requested by Anglian Water to ~~discuss the final matters. The matters listed as agreed in Table 3.2 are based on~~ assist with ongoing discussions between the parties and the high likelihood of them being agreed.

4.10.2 The Applicant will continue to liaise with Anglian Water, and it is hoped that a large number of matters will be agreed by Deadline ~~56~~.

#### 4.11 National Grid Electricity Transmission

4.11.1 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.

4.11.2 Discussions relate to agreeing the wording of the protective provisions and the Draft DCO [REP3-024] for the benefit of National Grid, along with the consideration of National Grid schemes which they have raised. The Applicant is considering a draft agreement and is seeking a meeting with National Grid to better understand their projects in the area.

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 ~~56~~.