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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 5 (being 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 5;
- 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 5

Doc. Ref.	Party	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EX5/GH8.3.1_B	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.	Discussions ongoing, please see 4.2 below for further details.		
EX5/GH8.3.2_B	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.	Discussions ongoing, please see 4.3 below for further details.		
EX5/GH8.3.3_B	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.	Discussions ongoing, please see 4.4 below for further details.		
REP2-059	Historic England	Draft Submitted. No comments have yet been received.	The Applicant is waiting for comments on the version submitted as Deadline 2.	The Applicant is waiting for comments on the version submitted as Deadline 2.	Discussions ongoing, please see 4.5 below for further details..		

Doc. Ref.	Party	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
		Discussions Ongoing.	Discussions continue.	Discussions continue.			
REP4-033	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.	Discussions ongoing, please see 4.6 below for further details.		
EX5/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 below for further details.	All matters agreed. Please see 4.7 below for further details.	Submitted Final signed SoCG with all matters agreed.		
REP3-083	National Highways	Draft Submitted. No comments have yet been received.	Matters relating to the Draft Development Consent Order and Protective Provisions are still	A meeting was held with National Highways and their legal representatives on 16 December 2025. A draft	A draft agreement and updated Protective Provisions have been shared		

Doc. Ref.	Party	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
		Discussions Ongoing.	under discussion, all other matters are now agreed.	agreement and updated Protective Provisions will be shared with National Highways shortly for consideration.	with National Highways. The Applicant is awaiting comments.		
REP2-063	Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service	Submitted Final signed SoCG with all matters agreed.					
EX5/GH8.3.9_B	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.	Discussions ongoing, please see 4.10 below for further details.		
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.	The Applicant is waiting for comments on the version submitted as Deadline 2. Discussions continue.	The Applicant has received a draft side agreement from NGET which it is considering. The Applicant is seeking a meeting to discuss.		

Doc. Ref.	Party	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
					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 3, the Applicant shared draft SoCGs with a number of parties and received feedback from them 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 EB-06; EB-07					All other matters NV-03; NV-04													
Milton Keynes City Council								All other matters EB-03	All other matters HYD-06																	
Historic England																										
The Environment Agency																					All other matters GCC-01; GCC-04					
Natural England																										
National Highways																										
Northampton Fire and Rescue Service																										
Anglian Water Services																										
National Grid Electricity Transmission																										

4 Positions at Deadline 5

4.1.1 This section provides a summary of the position reached across all SoCGs being progressed and submitted to Deadline 5. 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 4, the Applicant received comments from NNC on the 16 February 2026. These comments have moved all matters 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 which relate to landscape, ecology and biodiversity, hydrology, flood risk and drainage, cultural heritage and agricultural circumstances.

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 6 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, and historic environment. Following the submission of the draft SoCG at Deadline 4, the Applicant received comments from WNC on the 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 The Applicant has received confirmation from the highway officer on the 24 February 2026 that they are agreed that all matters have been resolved which were raised in the 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 them. Therefore all matters relating to transport and access will all be agreed at Deadline 6. The main matters subject to further discussion relate to EIA residual effects, landscape and visual impact, ecology, minerals, noise, arboriculture, soils and agriculture and cumulative effects.

4.3.3 An updated SoCG will be submitted for Deadline 6 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 catchups, between the Applicant and Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) as well as some topic specific meetings e.g. landscape and visual impact, historic environment and ecology. Following the submission of the draft SoCG at Deadline 4, the Applicant received comments from MKCC on the 24 February 2026. These comments have moved all matters under transport and access to agreed and all matters on arboriculture to agreed. There are still matters under discussion which relate to alternatives and design evolution, landscape, hydrology, flood risk and drainage and ecology and bioversity with many of these topics with only one or two matters remaining as still under discussion.

4.4.2 An updated SoCG will be submitted for Deadline 6 where it is anticipated a number of ongoing matters will become agreed.

4.5 Historic England

4.5.1 The Applicant held a meeting with Historic England on the 25 February 2026 to finalise the SoCG but HE were not in a position to review and sign off the SoCG in time for Deadline 5.

4.5.2 An updated SoCG will be submitted for Deadline 6 where it is anticipated all ongoing matters will become agreed.

4.6 The Environment Agency

4.6.1 Following the submission of the draft SoCG at Deadline 4 **[REP4-033]**, the Applicant received comments on the 13 February 2026. A meeting was held on the 19 February 2026 to discuss the matters raised in the correspondence. The Applicant set out their approach to how comments will be addressed though the submission of updated documents at Deadline 5. The Environment Agency agreed with the principle of approach in the meeting subject to reviewing the revised documents. Further comments on the SoCG were received on the 24 February 2026.

4.6.2 These comments 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 number of the other matters under discussion will be agreed by Deadline 6 following review of the updated documents.

4.7 Natural England

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. Updated documents have shared with National Highways, 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 met with AWS on the 22 January 2026 and received comments from Anglian Water on the 09 February 2026. This has moved matter HYD-03 to agreed. The Applicant 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 assist with ongoing discussions.

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 6.

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 6.