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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) Anglian Water Services Limited.

1.2.2 Collectively, Green Hill Solar Farm Ltd. and Anglian Water Services Ltd. (AWS) 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 May 2025.

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. AWS has responded on these consultation stages as well as contributing to the Scoping Opinion issued by the Planning Inspectorate (3 August 2024).

2.1.3 A summary of the meetings and correspondence that has taken place between Green Hill Solar Farm Ltd and AWS 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
13 May 2025	Teams Meeting	Meeting to discuss the proposals, specific requirements and progress on the Application.	AWS informed of the Proposed Scheme and status of Application.
15 October 2025	Teams Meeting	Meeting to discuss the contents of the Relevant Representation including: • Clash Detection and Technical Assurance; • Protective Provisions; and • Statement of Common Ground (SoCG).	Applicant to consider the option of progressing the Clash Detection and Technical Assurance. Discussions ongoing on protective provisions and SoCG.
22 October 2025	Email correspondence	Correspondence with AWS on protective provisions and Supplemental Powers and Requirement 11 of Schedule 2 of the draft DCO.	Ongoing correspondence between the Applicant and AWS on the drafting of the Protective Provisions.
22 January 2026	Teams Meeting	Meeting to discuss outstanding matters relating to assets identified in the Book of Reference.	AWS identified the correct contact at Savills to provide the data to identify AWS assets. The Applicant has been in contact with Savills and the missing assets are included in the

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			Book of Reference Revision E [EX5/GH4.3_E] submitted at Deadline 5.

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) AWS in relation to the issues addressed in this SoCG.

3 Matters of Discussion

3.1.1 **Table 3.1** below details the matters agreed, under discission, or not agreed with AWS at the point of this document being published.

3.2 Project Wide Matters

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	Matter	Details of Matters for Discussion	Applicant Position	Consultee Position	Status
PP-01	Protective Provisions	**Draft Development Consent Order Revision D [EX5/GH3.1_D]**	Draft protective provisions for the protection of AWS has been included Part 5 of Schedule 15 to the draft Green Hill DCO Revision D **[EX5/GH3.1_D]** and the parties are in discussions to agree the form of these. Under these provisions, the Applicant will only be able to exercise any powers in the DCO subject to those protective provisions, which ensures protection and safeguards for AWS's assets and interests are in place. The parties therefore agree that appropriate protection is in place for	AWS has confirmed in writing to the Applicant on 13th November 2025 that bespoke Protective Provisions can now be agreed. It is understood that these will be included in the draft DCO Revision at Deadline 3	Matter Agreed

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			AWS and that as a result AWS will not suffer serious detriment to the carrying on of its undertaking as a result of the Scheme. With the protective provisions in place, the parties agree that the tests set out in section 127 and 138 of the Planning Act 2008, to the extent they apply, are satisfied.		
HYD-01	Sustainable Drainage	**ES Chapter 10 Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage [EX5/GH6.2.10_B]** **ES Appendix 10.1 Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy Report [EX5/GH6.3.10.1_B]**	The Applicants approach is set out in the **ES Appendix 10.1 Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy Report [EX5/GH6.3.10.1_B]** and supporting annexes **[APP-098 to APP-106; EX5/GH6.3.10.6_B; EX5/GH6.3.10.10_A; EX5/GH6.3.10.11_B]**. Sufficient space for SuDS has been provided across the Scheme. It is considered that the Sites	The Applicant's proposals for providing SuDS across the Scheme and in line with the drainage hierarchy. On this basis, there would be no discharge of surface water into any AWS infrastructure. AWS has been confirmed as a consultee on the Drainage Strategy under Requirement 11 of Schedule 2 relating to Surface and Foul Water Drainage.	Matter Agreed

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			will remain largely permeable following development (with the proposed solar panels being raised). The implementation of SuDs will be provided in line with the drainage hierarchy.		
HYD-02	Surface Water Drainage	**ES Chapter 10 Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage [EX5/GH6.3.10.1_B]** **Draft Development Consent Order [EX5/GH3.1_D]**	At this stage, no connection to AWS foul or surface-water infrastructure is proposed or considered necessary for the BESS or substation compounds. Surface water from the wider Scheme will discharge to ground or adjacent watercourses and/or land drains as set out above. In the unlikely event that any localised connection be required at detailed design stage, AWS is a named consultee in Requirement 11 of	AWS notes that the Applicant does not propose discharging wastewater from the development into any AWS infrastructure and therefore require sewage connection points. AWS has been confirmed as a consultee on the Drainage Strategy under Requirement 11 of Schedule 2 relating to Surface and Foul Water Drainage. In the event that a connection(s) is required, AWS's 'In Flow" system can be used to assess the sewage connection points through a pre-planning enquiry. If a third-party is used instead, it should be not implied or agreed that any wastewater collected by	Matter Agreed

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			Schedule 2 of the **draft DCO [EX5/GH3.1_D].**	the licensed waste carrier will be received at an AWS site for processing.	
HYD-03	Water Demand and Supply	**ES Chapter 10 Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage [EX5/GH6.2.10_B]**	All water needed for the Scheme (including firewater for the BESS) will be delivered to Site by a tanker. The Scheme does not require a permanent water supply, with only occasional panel washing undertaken by tanker delivery. Any limited consumption associated with construction or operational staff will be managed through the Principal Contractor and minimised by standard water efficiency measures such as low-use fixtures in welfare facilities. These commitments are secured through the **Outline Construction Environmental**	AWS notes the Applicant's assumptions in the **Water Resources Assessment [EX5/GH7.22_B]** that water supply could be accessed by third party means and tankered to the Site for operational purposes. During construction, water will be required for welfare, dust suppression, wheel washing and temporary activities such as concrete batching and trenchless cable installation, with supply sourced either from existing infrastructure (subject to agreement with the relevant undertaker) or by tanker. The location of this Project is in a designated area of serious water stress. The Water Resource Assessment indicates a higher rate of water requirement with the peak construction water	Matter Agreed

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			Management Plan [EX5/GH7.1_B].	demand for the whole Scheme of 137m3 /day. AWS has provided the Applicant with information for making water supply requests for both temporary and permanent purposes covering domestic and non-domestic purposes. This includes details on the approval process for this, including the policy position statement on water requests for non-domestic purposes for over 20m3 per day and a Water Resources Assessment form to be completed. Anglian Water recommends the Applicant undertakes further engagement on its requirement for potable water (domestic and non-domestic purposes) at the different stages of the Project. Given the preliminary estimation of water demand figures quoted in the ES and Project delivery timescales, it would be prudent to undertake this as soon as possible and submit a pre-	

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				planning enquiry including a completed WRA. This should indicate those temporary requirements for water supply at the construction stage as this will require the most amount of water resource in the shorter term.	
BoR-01	AWS Assets	**Book of Reference Revision E [EX5/GH4.3_E]**	The **Book of Reference [EX5/GH4.3_E]** reflects the interests that AWS has within the Order limits as the Applicant has been able to establish from its diligent enquiries. **Applicant's Response to Consultee Position** The Applicant has been communicating with the Consultee's agent to source the required data to identify the missing assets.The Consultee has updated the **Book of Reference Revision E [EX5/GH4.3_E]** in relation to twelve assets. The Applicant has	AWS agree that the **Book of Reference Revision E [EX5/GH4.3_E]** and **Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker Revision D [EX5/GH4.4_D]** is an accurate reflection of AWS assets and easements which are affected by the Scheme.	Matter Agreed

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			georeferenced these agreements and updated the relevant Plots in the **Book of Reference Revision E [EX5/GH4.3_E]** which has been submitted at Deadline 5 and corrects any previous missing entries.		
DCO-001	Interfaces between the Project and AWS assets (underground and surface assets)	**Draft Development Consent Order (DCO) [EX5/GH3.1_D]**	The Crossing Schedule **[APP-562].** This document sets out the likely construction method of how the assets and obstacles will be crossed (i.e by way of open cut trench, trenchless techniques such as Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) or a combination of both). Impacts on utility infrastructure will be mitigated through the measures set out in Table 3.18 in **OCEMP Revision B [EX5/GH7.1_B].** This is secured through Schedule 2, Requirement	AWS owns and operates the water supply and sewerage infrastructure within the order limits. In locations where the Project intersects with these assets, measures will need to be in place to ensure their protection and operational continuity of water and sewerage services to customers will be required, including bespoke Protective Provisions referenced above. AWS has identified some notable assets within or in the vicinity of the order limits. There are a number of existing underground assets, including strategic supply pipelines which are in the Project's order limits.	Matter Under Discussion

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			13 of the **Draft DCO Revision D [EX5/GH3.1_D]** which requires a detailed Construction Environmental Management Plan. The maximum parameters of the construction methods are set out in the **CDPP Revision A [REP1-151]** and these will need to be complied with at the detailed/construction stage **Applicant's Response to Consultee Position** The Applicant will undertake a review of the Crossing Schedule for Deadline 6 to ensure all updates made to the **Book of Reference Revision E [EX5/GH4.3_E]** are	Supply pipes cross the access road for site B, for example, including mains water transfer pipelines from Pitsford Reservoir to the northwest that will require specific protection measures. Water recycling assets including foul sewers are within the village areas and so are within the Cable Route corridor. The design of the Project should minimise interaction with AWS assets/ critical infrastructure and specifically to avoid the need for mitigation works and diversions which have associated carbon costs. **Chapter 24 Other Environmental Matters of the Environmental Statement [REP1-027]** acknowledges the construction of the Project has the potential to affect existing below ground utility infrastructure. The **Crossing Schedule [APP-56]** lists numerous locations where AWS assets are located relating to water, surface and foul sewers	

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			reflected in the Crossing Schedule. The Applicant has confirmed to AWS that they will consider the clash detection and technical review at the detailed design review.	and some de-commissioned pipes, with the proposed crossing method to be used. AWS has recommended the Applicant to carry out a clash detection and technical assurance review of the Project in order to confirm, for example, any sensitive plant, open cut locations, access works, diversions any above ground plant and shared access locations. We strongly recommend that this assessment be undertaken at the earliest opportunity and are preparing a quote to undertake this . This would ensure clarity, reduce risk, and support the timely and efficient delivery of the Project. AWS would not agree that a review of utilities plans is used to inform plans for proposed works prior to construction. Given the substantial number of NSIPs and other AWS projects being delivered in this Asset Management Period 8 (2025-	

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				2030), there is a strong advantage to having upfront discussions with AWS in relation to our asset interfaces with the Project. Further discussion is required between AWS and the Applicant to confirm these aspects, for example, trenchless crossings, ducting, open cut locations, access works, likely diversions, any above ground plant, and shared access locations. These matters should be addressed in supporting documents and will need to be amended accordingly as these matters are agreed.	
DCO-002	Outline Framework Management Plans	**Draft Development Consent Order (DCO) [EX5/GH3.1_D]**	The **draft DCO [EX5/GH3.1_D]** secures a number of the outline management plans through requirements set out in Schedule 2. Where it is required, Anglian Water are stated as a consultee for the requirement discharge process such as Requirement 11 along	AWS notes the submission of these framework documents. AWS would welcome specific reference on how the interfaces with utility assets such as for sewers and water supply within the Order Limits will be managed through the construction of haul roads, bellmouths. Whilst Protective Provisions should address those interfaces with assets, AWS would	Matter Under Discussion

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			with the agreed Protective Provisions. **Applicant's Response to Consultee Position** The **Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan Revision B [EX5/GH7.1_B]** has been updated at Deadline 5 to include reference to ongoing engagement with Anglian Water Services and other utility services where required to ensure they have access to their assets throughout the construction period.	welcome further discussion with the Applicant regarding such matters and their inclusion in the final versions of these documents. These documents should include steps to remove the risk of damage to AWS assets from plant and machinery (compaction and vibration during the construction phase) including any haul and access roads and crossings. AWS would seek to ensure that 24 hours /7-day access to our assets is not compromised and, therefore, would welcome further discussion with the Applicant regarding such matters and their inclusion in the finalised documents.	
CR-001	Change application proposals	**All Change Application document CR1-001 to CR-040**	The Applicant submitted a Change Application on the 10 November which was accepted on the 21 November 2025. Those changes have now been added into the examination documents.	AWS is aware the Applicant has submitted a request for changes to the application and these are being considered for acceptance by the Examining Authority. On this basis, AWS will review the change request documents once this is confirmed with a view to	Matter Under Discussion

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			A second Change Application was submitted on the 17 February 2026 and accepted on the 25 February 2026. These changes will be added into the examination documentation at Deadline 6. Change Application 2 does not change the order limits so does not bring in any additional AWS assets. **Applicant's Response to Consultee Position** Relevant Representation **[CR-005]** from AWS relating to Change Application 1 relates to not all AWS asset easements and freehold assets have been recorded. The Applicant has updated the **Book of Reference Revision E [EX5/GH4.3_E]** submitted at Deadline 5 to reflect all	making any further representations.	

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			AWS assets that are affected by the Scheme.		

4 Signatories

4.1 Overview

4.1.1 The above SoCG is agreed between Green Hill Solar Farm Ltd. (the Applicant) and AWS, 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 **Anglian Water Services Limited.**

Name:	
Job Title:	
Date:	
Signature:	