

# **Green Hill Solar Farm**

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### **Statement of Common Ground:**

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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 7<sup>th</sup> November and 19<sup>th</sup> 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
27 October 2025	Email correspondence	First contact between NGET's solicitors (Addleshaw Goddard (AG) and the Applicant's solicitors (Pinsent Masons (PM))	
10 November 2025	Email correspondence	Correspondence from PM to AG in relation to the form of Protective Provisions	
12 November 2025	Email correspondence	Correspondence from AG to PM in relation to the form of Protective Provisions	
13 November 2025	Email correspondence	Correspondence from PM to AG in relation to the form of Protective Provisions	
14 November 2024	Email correspondence	Correspondence from AG to PM in relation to the form of Protective Provisions	
20 November 2025	Email correspondence	AG circulated NGET preferred form of protective provisions to PM	Draft protective provisions in circulation
16 December 2025	Email correspondence	AG correspondence with PM in relation to comments on protective provisions	



16 December 2025	Email correspondence	PM correspondence with AG in relation to interactions and comments on protective provisions	
31 December 2025	Email correspondence	AG correspondence with PM in relation to progress and arranging an all parties call	
8 January 2026	Email correspondence	PM correspondence with AG in relation to comments on protective provisions and all parties call	
10 February 2026	Email correspondence	PM correspondence with AG regarding all parties call arrangements	
10 February 2026	Email correspondence	AG correspondence with PM regarding status update and all parties call	
13th March	Meeting	Meeting to review interactions between NGET's WMEL DCO project and the Green Hill Solar Farm project.	
18 March 2026	Email correspondence	PM correspondence with AG regarding comments on Protective Provisions	
7-8 April 2026	Email correspondence	PM and AG correspondence regarding comments on Protective Provisions	

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	<b>Draft Development Consent Order [EX7/GH3.1_F]</b>	<p>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 [EX7/GH3.1_F], and the parties are in discussions to agree the form of these.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>NGET has existing and proposed infrastructure located within or in close proximity to the Order boundary.</p> <p>NGET therefore requires adequate protective provisions to be included within the Order to ensure that its infrastructure, interests and statutory undertaking are adequately protected and to ensure compliance with relevant safety standards.</p> <p>A form of protective provisions was provided by NGET’s solicitors (Addleshaw Goddard (<b>AG</b>)) to the Applicant’s solicitors (Pinsent Masons) on 20th November 2025.</p> <p>These protective provisions contain specific safeguarding provisions for NGET’s future upgrade projects (the WMEL Project and the SGRE Project) as well as existing</p>	Matter Under Discussion



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			<p>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 that the tests set out in section 127 and 138 of the Planning Act 2008, to the extent they apply, are satisfied.</p> <p>The Protective Provisions are agreed in principle in respect of existing NGET apparatus. Drafting to protect NGET’s future projects is being</p>	<p>infrastructure. The protective provisions provided by the Applicant in <b>[EX7/GH3.1_F]</b> only relate to existing NGET apparatus and land which NGET do not consider provide its statutory undertaking with sufficient protection.</p> <p>NGET is discussing a form of protective provisions with the Applicant and is confident that an agreement can be reached with the Applicant either before the close of the Examination or shortly thereafter.</p>	



	Matter	Details of Matters for Discussion	Applicant Position	Consultee Position	Status
			<p>considered by NGET's solicitor.</p> <p>The Applicant remains committed to reaching an agreement with NGET on the form of protective provisions, and remains confident that an agreement will be reached, likely to be shortly after the close of Examination, such that the agreed form can be included in any DCO as made by the Secretary of State.</p>		
CA-001	Compulsory Acquisition of NGET infrastructure	<b>Draft Development Consent Order [EX7/GH3.1_F]</b>	<p>Appropriate Protective Provisions are contained within the <b>Draft DCO [EX7/GH3.1_F]</b> for the protection of NGET infrastructure, including the exercise of compulsory acquisition powers in relation to NGET infrastructure.</p>	<p>As above, NGET does not consider that the protective provisions provided in the Draft DCO provide sufficient protection for existing and future apparatus and interests.</p> <p>NGET requires sufficient provision within any agreed PPs to restrict the exercise of compulsory acquisition powers in relation to NGET interests.</p> <p>NGET is discussing a form of protective provisions with the Applicant and is confident that an</p>	Matter Under Discussion



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				agreement can be reached with the Applicant either before the close of the Examination or shortly thereafter.	
WMEL-001	Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire (WMEL) project	<b>Draft Development Consent Order [EX7/GH3.1_F]</b>	<p>The Applicant has engaged with NGET to understand the extent of the interaction 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.</p> <p>Following the meeting on 13 March 2026, the ability for these projects to coexist has been confirmed, subject to appropriate Protective Provisions. NGET’s solicitor is</p>	<p>The Order Limits for the Green Hill Project directly overlap with the WMEL project Reconductoring Works. The interaction between the WMEL Project and the Green Hill Project is shown in Appendix 1 of NGET’s Written Representation <b>[REP1-177]</b>.</p> <p>NGET is concerned that there should be sufficient space to undertake the Reconductoring Works around Grendon Substation, particularly with regards to Towers ZA300D and ZA300C which are located in proximity to the proposed energy storage facility to the west of Grendon Substation proposed as part of the Green Hill Project.</p> <p>There therefore needs to be a co-ordinated approach to the works and construction programmes to ensure that no project causes undue interference with the other. Careful co-ordination and consultation is required between NGET and the</p>	Matter Under Discussion



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			<p>currently considering amendments to the form of Protective Provisions.</p> <p>The Applicant remains committed to reaching an agreement with NGET on the form of protective provisions, with discussions well progressed. The Applicant remains confident that an agreement will be reached, likely to be shortly after the close of Examination, such that the agreed form can be included in any DCO as made by the Secretary of State.</p>	<p>Green Hill Project to ensure that each project can be delivered without unduly interfering with any other project. NGET believes this can be provided for in the form of protective provisions that NGET is seeking to include in the Order (NGET Protective Provisions), and for which discussions with the applicant are well progressed.</p>	
SGRE-001	Sundon to Grendon (SGRE) project	<b>Draft Development Consent Order [EX7/GH3.1_F]</b>	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	The SGRE Project constitutes the reinforcement of the existing 400kV double circuit overhead line from Grendon to Sundon (A486 & A487). The SGRE Project was classified as 'Proceed – Critical' in the Beyond 2030 report published by 10-106744580-3\340758-292 ESO (now NESO) and plays a vital role in	Matter Under Discussion



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			<p>works proposed by NGET, and that the Scheme has been designed to accommodate the existing overhead lines, means the projects can readily coexist.</p> <p>Following the meeting on 13 March 2026, the ability for these projects to coexist has been confirmed, subject to appropriate Protective Provisions. NGET’s solicitor is currently considering amendments to the form of Protective Provisions.</p> <p>The Applicant remains committed to reaching an agreement with NGET on the form of protective provisions, with discussions well progressed. The Applicant remains confident that an</p>	<p>achieving national objectives for net-zero by 2050 and decarbonising the power sector by 2035.</p> <p>NGET requires adequate protective provisions to be included within the Order to ensure that its existing infrastructure and interests are adequately protected. NGET believes this can be provided for in the form of protective provisions that NGET is seeking to include in the Order (NGET Protective Provisions).</p>	



	Matter	Details of Matters for Discussion	Applicant Position	Consultee Position	Status
			agreement will be reached, likely to be shortly after the close of Examination, such that the agreed form can be included in any DCO as made by the Secretary of State.		



## 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:	[REDACTED]
Job Title:	Project Development Manager
Date:	09/04/2026
Signature:	[REDACTED]

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

Name:	
Job Title:	
Date:	
Signature:	

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:**  
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Hi [REDACTED]

I confirm that NGET approves the attached version of the SoCG as the final agreed version between the parties.

Kind regards

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Managing Associate

**Addleshaw Goddard LLP**

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