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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 7 (being 8 April 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 6;
- 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 7**

Doc. Ref.	Party	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
EX7/GH8.3.1_C	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.	Discussions ongoing, please see 4.2 below for further details.	Submitted Final signed SoCG
EX7/GH8.3.2_C	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.	Discussions ongoing, please see 4.3 below for further details.	Submitted Final signed SoCG
EX7/GH8.3.3_C	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.	Discussions ongoing, please see 4.4 below for further details.	Submitted Final signed SoCG



Doc. Ref.	Party	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
REP6-075	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.	Discussions ongoing, please see 4.5 below for further details.	Submitted  Final signed SoCG with all matters agreed	
EX7/GH8.3.5_D	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.	Discussions ongoing, please see 4.6 below for further details.	Submitted  Final SoCG with all matters agreed
EX7/GH8.3.6_C	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	All matters agreed. Please see 4.7 below for further details.	Submitted  Final signed SoCG with all matters agreed.		Submitted  Amendments to final SoCG with all matters agreed following ExA Rule 17 Letter <b>[PD-019]</b>



Doc. Ref.	Party	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
			are now agreed. Please see 4.7 below for further details.				
EX7/GH8.3.7_B	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 draft agreement and updated Protective Provisions have been shared with National Highways. The Applicant is awaiting comments.	The form of agreement and Protective Provisions have been agreed. Discussions are ongoing, please see 4.8 below	Submitted Final SoCG with all matters agreed, except Requirement 3 under DCO-007
REP2-063	Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service	Submitted Final signed SoCG with all matters agreed.					
REP6-079	Anglian Water Services	Draft Submitted. Comments have been received.	The Applicant is waiting for comments on the version submitted as Deadline 2.	The Applicant is seeking to meet with Anglian Water to discuss further comments.	Discussions ongoing, please see 4.10 below	Submitted Final signed SoCG with all matters agreed	



Doc. Ref.	Party	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7
		Discussion Ongoing.	Discussions continue.	Discussions continue.	for further details.		
EX7/GH8.3.10_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.	The Applicant has received a draft side agreement from NGET which it is considering. The Applicant is seeking a meeting to discuss. Discussions continue.	Discussions are ongoing, please see 4.11 below	Discussions are ongoing, please see 4.11 below







### 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 6, the Applicant shared draft SoCGs with a number of parties and received 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
North Northamptonshire Council							All other matters	All other matters			All other matters															
							LVIA-10.2; LVIA-13.2.2; LVIA-13.3.2; LVIA-13.4.2; LVIA-15	EB-05			CH-03															
West Northamptonshire Council							All other matters																			
							LVIA-10.2; LVIA-13.3.2; LVIA-13.4.2; LVIA-15																			
Milton Keynes City Council				All other matters			LVIA-02; LVIA-04; LVIA-08	All other matters																		
				ALT-01; ALT-04			All other matters	EB-03																		
Historic England																										





## 4 Positions at Deadline 7

4.1.1 This section provides a summary of the position reached across all SoCGs being progressed and submitted to Deadline 7. 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 position on matters has not changed since the submission of the Statement of Commonality at Deadline 6. In summary the matters not agreed are LVIA-10.2 (embedded design and mitigation); LVIA-13.2.2 (landscape assessment for Sites E and F); LVIA-13.3.2 (landscape assessment proposed planting and habitat measures); LVIA 13.4.2 (landscape assessment cumulative effects of the Scheme); LVIA-15 (scheme duration) and ALC-03 (impacts on ALC due to scheme duration).

4.2.2 All other matters relating across the topics are agreed and a signed SoCG is submitted at Deadline 7 **[EX7/GH8.3.1\_C]**.

### 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 Statement of Commonality at Deadline 6, the Applicant received comments from WNC on the 31 March 2026. These comments have moved all matters to agreed other than the following LVIA-10.2 (embedded design and mitigation); LVIA-13.3.2 (landscape assessment proposed planting and habitat measures); LVIA 13.4.2 (landscape assessment cumulative effects of the Scheme); LVIA-15 (scheme duration); EB-05 (Functionally Linked Land); CH-03 (cultural heritage mitigation) and ALC-03 (impacts on ALC due to scheme duration).

4.3.2 All other matters across the topics are agreed and a signed SoCG is submitted at Deadline 7 **[EX7/GH8.3.2\_C]**.

### 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.

4.4.2 The position on matters has not changed since the submission of the Statement of Commonality at Deadline 6. In summary the matters not agreed are ALT-01 (site selection); ALT-04 (site selection and design approach); LVIA-01 (meetings and workshop); LVIA-03 (appendices and figures); LVIA-05 (assessment methodology); LVIA-06 (landscape character assessment); LVIA-07 (visual receptors: assessment viewpoints for the sites); LVIA-09 (landscape receptors: value) LVIA-10 (embedded design mitigation); LVIA-11 (presentation of assessment findings); LVIA-12 (Landscape and Ecological Management Plan:



Landscape and Ecological Improvements); LVIA-13 (landscape assessment); LVIA-14 (visual assessment) and EB-03 (ecology and biodiversity mitigation: skylark).

4.4.3 All other matters relating across the topics are agreed and a signed SoCG is submitted at Deadline 7 **[EX7/GH8.3.3\_C]**.

#### **4.5 Historic England**

4.5.1 All matters have been agreed between the parties. A signed SoCG was submitted at Deadline 6 **[REP6-075]**.

#### **4.6 The Environment Agency**

4.6.1 All matters have been agreed between the parties. The final SoCG is submitted at Deadline 7 **[EX7/GH8.3.5\_D]**. The Environment Agency advised the Applicant that they will not sign the SoCG but have included a statement which is appended at the end to confirm that they agree to the final SoCG.

#### **4.7 Natural England**

4.7.1 A Rule 17 Request for Further Information **[PD-019]** was issued by the Examining Authority to request that the previously final and signed SoCG be updated to reflect greater detail on a number of matters. This has been done under items ECO-04 and ECO-16.

4.7.2 All matters have been agreed between the parties. A further signed SoCG is submitted at Deadline 7 **[EX7/GH8.3.6\_C]**.

#### **4.8 National Highways**

4.8.1 Following the submission at Deadline 6 of additional commitments in the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan, further discussion has taken place with National Highways to amend the wording in the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan **[EX7/GH7.1\_D]** to secure engagement with National Highways where any works are proposed within close proximity or adjacent to the Strategic Road Network (SRN).

4.8.2 All matters have now been agreed between the parties with the exception of DCO-007 specifically regarding Requirement 3 which is disagreed. An email is appended at the end to confirm that they agree to the final SoCG **[EX7/GH8.3.7\_B]** but is unsigned.

#### **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 All matters have been agreed between the parties. A signed SoCG is submitted at Deadline 6 **[REP6-079]**.

#### **4.11 National Grid Electricity Transmission**

Following the meeting between the Applicant and National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (NGET) on the 13 March 2026 discussions have continued on the appropriate Protective Provisions. 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.