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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared to support the Examination of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for Light Valley Solar (the Proposed Development).
- 1.1.2 This SoCG has been prepared jointly by Light Valley Solar Ltd. (the Applicant) and National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC (NGET) to clearly identify the current position of the respective parties on specific matters that are, or have been, under discussion. It seeks to confirm to the Examining Authority (ExA) where there are points of agreement between the parties and where agreement has not been reached to date. It therefore aids the ExA in identifying any specific issues that may need to be addressed during the Examination and provides a structure to any further discussions for the parties engaged in the SoCG.
- 1.1.3 This document has been prepared in response to a specific request from the ExA as per the Rule 6 Letter [PD-004] issued on 19 June 2026.

1.2 Terminology

- 1.2.1 Section 2 of this document sets out the relevant matters raised through discussion between the parties. It provides a summary of the position of each party and identifies the status of discussions on each matter:
 - 1) “Agreed” means that a matter has been resolved between the parties and is not anticipated to be subject to further discussion.
 - 2) “Under discussion” means that a matter remains in active dialogue between the parties and a final position has not been reached.
 - 3) “Not agreed” means that the parties have established a final position that they cannot resolve the matter and will remain a point of difference.
- 1.2.2 In accordance with the request from the ExA in the Rule 6 Letter [PD-004], a **Low**, **Medium** and **High** ‘traffic light’ system is applied to each matter to indicate the likelihood of their resolution during the Examination period.

1.3 Status of this document

- 1.3.1 This document is in draft.

2 Current Position

- 2.1.1 Table 1 below provides a summary of the current position of the Applicant and NGET.
- 2.1.2 Appendix 1 of this document provides a record of engagement undertaken between the parties in relation to the Proposed Development. This is limited to engagement which is materially relevant to the contents of this SoCG and does not seek to include every correspondence between the parties (e.g. that which was primarily administrative).

Table 1 Current position of matters relevant to the parties' discussions

Row ID	Topic	NGET position	Applicant position	Status
Protective Provisions (PPs)				
1. RR-1037 and REP1-022	Principle of Protective Provisions	NGET requires appropriate protection for retained or proposed infrastructure, including compliance with relevant standards for works proposed within close proximity of its apparatus or proposed apparatus.	The Applicant included draft PPs for NGET's benefit in Schedule 15 of the Draft DCO at application to ensure that NGET's interests and apparatus are protected. The Applicant will continue to negotiate bespoke protections and any commercial agreement necessary with NGET, in the context of the broader Island Green Power (IGP) (as the Applicant's parent company) portfolio/NGET negotiations.	Agreed
2. RR-1037 and REP1-022	NGET consent required	Where the Applicant seeks powers of compulsory acquisition over NGET land, or land in which NGET holds rights or apparatus, the PPs must require the Applicant to obtain NGET's prior written consent to the exercise of such powers.	The Applicant accepts this requirement and confirms that the current form of draft PPs provides for this.	Agreed
3. RR-1037 and	Existing infrastructure	<u>Substation</u> • MONK FRYSTON 275 kV Substation • MONK FRYSTON 400 kV Substation	The Applicant is aware of NGET's existing assets which require protection.	Agreed

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REP1-022		• Associated overhead and underground apparatus including cables <u>Overhead Lines</u> • 4YS 400 kV OHL EGGBOROUGH - MONK FRYSTON 1 EGGBOROUGH - MONK FRYSTON 2 • 4ZT 400 kV OHL FERRYBRIDGE 'C' - FERRYBRIDGE 'B' - MONK FRYSTON FERRYBRIDGE 'C' - MONK FRYSTON • 4ZS 400 kV OHL FERRYBRIDGE 'C' - FERRYBRIDGE 'B' - SKELTON GRANGE 1 FERRYBRIDGE 'C' - SKELTON GRANGE 2 • 4ZZ 400 kV OHL MONK FRYSTON - PADHAM BRADFORD WEST - MONK FRYSTON • XK 275 kV OHL FERRYBRIDGE 'C' - FERRYBRIDGE 'B' - SKELTON GRANGE 1 FERRYBRIDGE 'C' - FERRYBRIDGE 'B' - SKELTON GRANGE 2 • XC 275 kV OHL MONK FRYSTON - POPPLETON 1 MONK FRYSTON - POPPLETON 2		
4. REP1-022	Form of Protective Provisions	NGET provided its preferred form of PPs at Schedule 1 of REP1-022 .	The Applicant acknowledges that the current form of PPs in the Draft DCO depart from NGET's standard PPs. The Applicant is reviewing the form of PPs at Schedule 1 and will provide an updated draft to NGET.	Under Discussion

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5. RR-1037 and REP1-022	Monk Fryston Substation – Yorkshire Green Project	The extension of Monk Fryston Substation (the Yorkshire Green Project) includes the construction of a new 400 kV substation on land to the immediate north and east of the existing substation. This will set out the location of potential future connection points to the east of the existing substation if a 400 kV connection was preferred. The Applicant's preference for the development to be located within the Northeast of the existing substation is noted, though may be in conflict to new installed infrastructure surrounding the existing substation.	The Applicant is aware of NGET's new 400kV Substation. The Applicant has secured a connection to the existing 275kV substation and NGET is aware of the need for the Applicant's cable to cross the new 400kV substation. The Applicant awaits NGET confirmation of the Point of Connection within the existing substation as this will enable any potential conflicts / design solutions to be identified. The Applicant will continue to engage with NGET on this point.	Under Discussion
6. RR-1037 and REP1-022	Monk Fryston Substation – Yorkshire Green Project	Plot 21-032 covers the operational compound at Monk Fryston Substation, no rights are sought over this area, but it is included for the benefit of Work No. 4 (works to the National Grid substation to facilitate connection of the authorised development to the National Grid including population of the substation bay). NGET is comfortable this matter can be resolved through PPs.	The Applicant notes the footprint of the new 400kV will occupy the majority of Plot 21-032. Once built and commissioned NGET will classify this as an operational area. Plot 21-031 is larger than this future operational area. On this basis, rights across the non-operational areas are sought.	Under Discussion
7. RR-1037 and REP1-022	Interface with new, future infrastructure	<u>Interface with new OHL Tower:</u> Part of the area highlighted in the target consultation is identified for access along Rawfield Lane. This area would include a part of land within the permanent easement of the Monk Fryston Substation and may potentially interface with a new permanent soil bund and a new OHL Tower (known as	The Applicant confirms it has considered NGET's new OHL tower. The Applicant is confident that there is a solution that does not conflict with NGET's works (bund and OHL tower) but requires flexibility until the connection is	Under Discussion

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		XC526) feeding the substation. NGET requires protection for its future projects both in terms of protection for future assets and future land and rights for the delivery of these projects to accord with the NPS which require co-ordinated development of the grid network (para 4.11.3 EN-1) and for the Applicant to demonstrate how its proposals have been co-ordinated with that for other similar projects in the area on a similar timeline (para 2.14.2 EN-5).	designed. The Applicant is engaging with NGET on this point.	
Land/Compulsory Acquisition				
8. RR-1037	Monk Fryston Substation – Yorkshire Green Project	NGET requests the Applicant to review plots 20-001, 20-002 and 20-003 where permanent rights are sought for (Works No.5) the proposed cable route and access at CA41 (Rawfield Lane) as this directly conflicts with the landscape mitigation required as part of the Yorkshire GREEN Project.	The Applicant has reviewed the proposed landscape mitigation works. The Applicant is confident that there is a solution that does not conflict with the landscape mitigation and has discussed high level principles with NGET and Yorkshire Green. As noted above, the Applicant awaits NGET confirmation of the Point of Connection within the existing substation as this will enable any potential conflicts / design solutions to be identified but at this stage requires flexibility until the connection is designed. The Applicant is engaging with NGET on this point. Details of the permanent and	Under Discussion

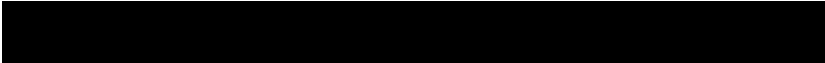
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			temporary rights to be acquired are set out in the Book of Reference [APP-022] .	
Landscape and Visual				
9. RR-1037	Monk Fryston Substation – Yorkshire Green Project	<u>Landscape Mitigation:</u> The Yorkshire Green Project is under construction and final detailed plans are being prepared to discharge NGET's DCO requirements in relation to landscape and biodiversity mitigation. A number of permanent bunds are located to the north, east and south of the new substation that will be planted to ensure there is no net loss of biodiversity as a result of the development. NGET recommends close review of the detailed plans submitted specifically to discharge Stage 3 of the project as this will directly impact the proposed access at CA41 (Rawfield Lane). These documents also set out the likely proposals for the landscaping works that will be maintained by National Grid following completion of the Yorkshire Green Project.	The Applicant has reviewed the plans submitted to discharge Stage 3 of the Project as suggested and engaged further with NGET on this point, noting that final plans are being developed and the Point of Connection needs to be fixed. The Applicant considers the LVS connection can be accommodated and noting that Protective Provisions in the draft DCO will ensure there is no net loss of biodiversity. The Applicant requests that, to the extent it is possible to do so and recognising substantive changes cannot be made, Yorkshire Green Project ought consider the Proposed Development.	Under Discussion

Appendix 1: Record of Engagement

Date	Method of engagement	Purpose / description
17/09/24	Meeting	Project Introduction / update, request for information on Point of Connection and land rights
7/08/2025	Letter	NGET response to Phase 2 Consultation
20/11/2025	Letter	NGET response to Targeted Consultation
10/12/2025	Email	Project Update
10/12/2025	Emails	Introductory correspondence between the parties and agreement to use Lime Down Solar PPs as a starting point for negotiations. Applicant provided NGET with draft PPs on this basis.
13/03/2026 19/03/2026 2/04/2026	Emails	NGET confirmed instructing solicitors and requested an undertaking. Emails between the parties negotiating the scope and amount of undertaking.
16/07/2026	Email	LVS provided undertaking to NGET.
14/08/2026	Meeting	Meeting with NGET discussing interfaces with Yorkshire Green and project related updates
25/08/26	Email	NGET information sharing
07/09/2026	Email	LVS issued draft SoCG to NGET.
01/10/2026	Email	NGET confirmed agreement with the draft SoCG.

Appendix 2: Signing Sheet

		
Position	Lead Development Liaison Officer	
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