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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 Gas Transmission PLC (NGT) 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 NGT.

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

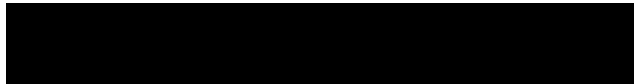
Row ID	Topic	NGT position	Applicant position	Status
1. RR-1036 and REP1-021	Principle of Protective Provisions	NGT requires appropriate protection for retained apparatus, including compliance with relevant standards for works proposed within close proximity to its apparatus.	The Applicant included draft [Protective Provisions (JPPs)] in Schedule 15 of the Draft DCO at application. The Applicant will continue to negotiate bespoke PPs and any commercial agreement necessary with NGT, in the context of the broader Island Green Power (IGP) (as the Applicant's parent company) portfolio/NGT negotiations [as explained in row 4 below].	Agreed
2. RR-1036 and REP1-021	Existing apparatus	NGT has the following apparatus located within and in close proximity to the proposed Order Limits: - Feeder Main – FM07 (Cawood to Susworth T West) (plots: 05-048, 05-049, 06-001, 06-002 and 06-003) - Feeder Main – FM29 (Asselby to Pannal) (plots: 11-036, 15-009, 16-003 and 16-004) - Associated apparatus, including Cathodic Protection	The Applicant is aware of NGT's existing assets and acknowledges the NGT Assets Plan at Appendix 1 of REP1-021 .	Agreed

Row ID	Topic	NGT position	Applicant position	Status
		Groundbeds/Transformer Rectifier(s), are also located within and in close proximity to the proposed Order Limits.		
3.	Scope of Undertaking	NGT requested an undertaking of a certain form and amount which it considers necessary to cover the costs it will need to incur in order to ensure that its apparatus will be protected. NGT does not agree that there is a 'standard' form of undertaking.	Undertaking proposed is broader than what the Applicant is prepared to accept and beyond standard. Applicant suggested a narrower form of undertaking, but this has not been agreed.	Under Discussion
4. RR-1036 and REP1-021	Form of Protective Provisions	NGT's standard form PPs are required to be included on the face of the Order.	IGP is negotiating PPs with NGT across its NSIP portfolio. Whilst the Applicant recognises that the physical nature of each project's interactions with NGT's assets is separate, the key points of negotiation apply to all projects. As such, the Applicant is focussed on seeking to reach completion of negotiation on another project which is further advanced (where the same solicitors are appointed), such that the position there can be 'rolled out' to other projects including the Proposed Development. This will enable a standard NGT/IGP position.	Under Discussion

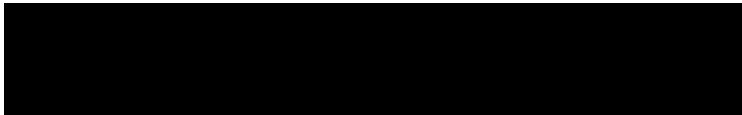
Appendix 1: Record of Engagement

Date	Method of engagement	Purpose / description
20/05/2025	Meeting	Project introduction, interface review
09/06/2025	Emails	Follow up provision of LVS meeting actions; provision of solicitor contact details to progress PPs
02/07/2025	Email	Follow up provision of NGT information
05/08/2025	Letter	NGT response to Phase 2 Consultation
21/08/2025 3/09/2025 11/11/2025 19/01/2026	Emails	NGT request for undertaking. Emails negotiating the appropriate scope and amount of undertaking between the parties from September - January. Scope of undertaking not yet agreed therefore undertaking yet to be provided.
08/09/2025	Email	LVS issued draft SoCG to NGT.
30/09/2026	Email	NGT responded to LVS on the SoCG.

Appendix 2: Signing Sheet

	
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