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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 by Light Valley Solar Ltd. (the Applicant) 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 SoCG was issued to Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (NRIL) for review on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2026 however NRIL have been unable to review and as such the Applicant has not received comments from NRIL before submission at Deadline 3.
- 1.1.4 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 NRIL.
- 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                              | NRIL position                                                                                                                                                                               | Applicant position                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Status           |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1.<br><a href="#">RR-1045</a> | Principle of Protective Provisions | The Proposed Development must not have a detrimental impact on the operation of the railway and the safety of the Railway must be maintained during all phases of the Proposed Development. | The Applicant accepts this position and included draft Protective Provisions (PPs) in Schedule 15 of the Draft DCO at application to ensure NRIL's interests and apparatus are protected. The Applicant will continue to negotiate bespoke PPs with NRIL. | Agreed           |
| 2.<br><a href="#">RR-1045</a> | Form of Protective Provisions      | Appendix 1 of <a href="#">RR-1045</a> is the form of PPs NRIL requires be adopted in order to be in a position to withdraw its objection.                                                   | Following review of Appendix 1, the Applicant has updated the draft PPs. The key provision under discussion is the dispute resolution mechanism. The updated draft PPs were issued to NRIL for review on 10 July 2026.                                    | Under Discussion |

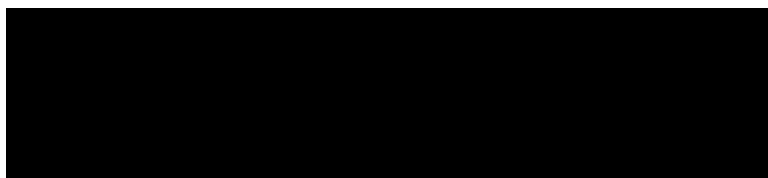
# Appendix 1: Record of Engagement

| Date                     | Method of engagement   | Purpose / description                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 29/01/2025               | Email                  | 3 crossing locations (Hambleton, Burton Salmon and Thorpe Willoughby) were submitted for clearance by NRIL.                                                                                                        |
| 02/04/2025               | Email                  | 2 crossing locations (Turpin Lane and Common Lane) were submitted for clearance by NRIL.                                                                                                                           |
| April 2025               | Email / Site Visits    | Engagement to establish suitability and acceptability of use of level crossings by construction traffic                                                                                                            |
| 09/07/2025               | Email                  | NRIL confirmed that the Hambleton, Burton Salmon and Thorpe Willoughby crossings passed business and technical clearance.                                                                                          |
| 09/07/2025 – present day | Emails and Teams Calls | LVS has requested the business and technical certificates for the crossings that passed the clearance process.                                                                                                     |
| 15/07/2025               | Email                  | NRIL response to Phase Two (statutory) consultation, seeking more details on the interaction with NRIL's infrastructure. Advised Protective Provisions (PPs) and/or an Asset Protection Agreement may be required. |
| 04/12/2025               | Email                  | LVS confirmed that LVS's land referencing team had identified NRIL assets within the Order Limits. LVS suggested recently negotiated PPs with NRIL from Lime Down Solar Park as a starting point for negotiation.  |
| 05/01/2026               | Emails                 | NRIL requested undertaking and plans in SHP file format.                                                                                                                                                           |
| 05/01/2026               | Email                  | LVS provided shape files.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 13/01/2026<br>15/01/2026 | Emails                 | LVS provided undertaking and draft PPs.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 04/02/2026               | Email                  | Draft Heads of Terms for the cable route crossings shared with NRIL.                                                                                                                                               |
| 12/02/2026 - present Day | Emails and Team Calls  | Dalcour Maclaren on behalf of LVS has requested feedback on the Heads of Terms provided.                                                                                                                           |
| 12/03/2026               | Teams Meeting          | Meeting between NRIL and LVS to discuss the abnormal loads using the Harry Moor Lane level crossing.                                                                                                               |
| 17/03/2026               | Email                  | NRIL sent LVS a Basic Asset Protection Agreement (BAPA) to enter into in order to progress discussions about the possibility of having an abnormal load pass through the Harry Moor Lane level crossing.           |
| 23/03/2026               | Email                  | LVS sent NRIL their signed copy of the BAPA.                                                                                                                                                                       |

| Date                     | Method of engagement                         | Purpose / description                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 01/04/2026               | Email                                        | NRIL sent the countersigned BAPA.                                                                                                                            |
| 23/04/2026               | Site Visit at Harry Moor Lane level crossing | Site visit attended by LVS abnormal specialist Wynns, and NRIL. NRIL advised that abnormal loads could be taken over the crossing.                           |
| 27/04/2026               | Teams Call                                   | NRIL confirmed that the last 2 crossings (Turpin Lane and Common Lane) had passed technical and business clearance.                                          |
| 30/04/2026               | Email                                        | LVS sought permission to undertake a topographical survey on land around the Harry Moor Lane and Dam Lane level crossings.                                   |
| 15/05/2026               | Email                                        | NRIL provided a Letter of No Objection to the topographical survey work.                                                                                     |
| 10/07/2026               | Email                                        | Following review of NRIL's Relevant Representation <a href="#">[RR-1045]</a> which included draft PPs at Appendix 1, LVS provided updated draft PPs to NRIL. |
| 17/08/2026<br>19/08/2026 | Email                                        | Correspondence between the parties confirming the position on VAT recovery. NRIL advised it was reviewing draft documents.                                   |
| 09/09/2026               | Email                                        | LVS issued draft SoCG to NRIL.                                                                                                                               |
| 30/09/2026               | Telephone Call                               | NRIL acknowledged the draft document and will review once response to Examining Authority's Written Questions completed                                      |
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## Appendix 2: Signing Sheet

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| <b>Signature</b>    |                                     |
| <b>Name</b>         |                                     |
| <b>Position</b>     |                                     |
| <b>On behalf of</b> | Network Rail Infrastructure Limited |
| <b>Date</b>         |                                     |



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