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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 SSE Hydrogen Developments Limited (SSE) 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 SSE.
- 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	SSE position	Applicant position	Status
Protective Provisions (PPs)				
1. RR-1298	Principle of Protective Provisions	SSE 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 has received SSE's draft Protective Provisions and will continue to negotiate these and any other commercial agreement necessary with SSE.	Under Discussion
2. RR-1298 and REP2-112	Ferrybridge Next Generation Power Station (EN0110011) (the "Ferrybridge Development")	SSE is preparing a DCO application for a new low-carbon power station at the former Ferrybridge C Power Station Site, Kirkhaw Lane, Ferrybridge. The proposed Ferrybridge Development includes a c.10km gas pipeline corridor that will extend eastwards to a proposed AGI on the gas transmission system (Feeder 29), near Gateforth. The application is at the pre-application stage, with submission anticipated in June 2027 (EN0110011). The Order Limits overlap with the proposed Ferrybridge Development at SDS 4 where the northern route option for the underground natural gas connection traverses the site. The construction programme for	The Applicant has been proactively engaging with SSE on the overlap between the Proposed Development and the proposed Ferrybridge Development. The Applicant has produced an Interrelationships Report (REP2-112) as part of the application, as agreed to by SSE, and is cooperating on the development of a second interrelationship document to be submitted alongside SSE's DCO application.	Under Discussion

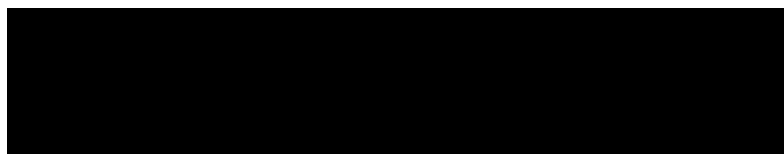
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		both projects is expected to overlap. SSE wishes to protect its position regarding the future development of Ferrybridge by securing co-location rights for the construction of a gas pipeline across SDS 4.	The Applicant and SSE are negotiating the Protective Provisions and any commercial agreements necessary for the management of the interrelationships of the projects and the co-location of infrastructure.	

Appendix 1: Record of Engagement

Date	Method of engagement	Purpose / description
Ongoing	Email, telephone	General email correspondence and informal engagement.
07/02/2025	Meeting	Introductory meeting to provide an overview of both projects and teams.
08/04/2025	Email	Red Line Boundary for gas pipeline shared with the Applicant
16/04/2025	Email	The Applicant shared a draft layout for LVS Site 4.
30/05/2025	Meeting	Update meeting on progress with surveys and consultee engagement
05/06/2025	Online	The Applicant shared completed environmental surveys and relevant PEIR documents
06/08/2025	Meeting	Design and engineering meeting to discuss proposed pipeline corridor and interaction with the Proposed Development.
08/10/2025	Meeting	Meeting to review respective progress on design, statutory consultation and surveys.
13/10/2025	Meeting	Meeting between land teams
15/10/2025	Meeting	Meeting between respective legal teams to discuss the interface between the projects (on-going).
04/02/2026	Email	The Applicant received draft PPs and Side Agreement as a starting point for negotiations, which have been ongoing between the parties.
03/03/2026	Meeting	Meeting to catch-up following recent submission of IGP's DCO and progress on legal discussions.
02/04/2026	Email	The Applicant provided mark-up of PPs and S/A to SSE.
29/06/2026	Email	SSE provided mark-up of PPs and S/A to the Applicant.
06/08/2026	Email	The Applicant provided mark-up of PPs and S/A to SSE.
02/09/2026	Meeting	Meeting to discuss progress and inter-relationships
11/09/2026	Email	The Applicant issued draft SoCG to SSE.
29/09/2026	Email	SSE confirmed agreement to the draft SoCG.

Appendix 2: Signing Sheet

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