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# Statements of Common Ground

## 1. Overview

- 1.1.1 In accordance with government guidance (Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, published 30 April 2024), the Applicant has been developing Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) with a number of statutory prescribed and non-prescribed consultees, statutory undertakers and interested parties throughout project development. The SoCGs seek to identify matters on which parties agree, and to track progress towards the resolution of any matters where agreement has not yet been reached.
- 1.1.2 The SoCGs are largely structured as follows:
- Summary of key engagement undertaken to date with the consultee
  - Table(s) summarising the key interests of the Parties (arranged by topic/discipline where relevant) and the status of each matter:
    - ‘Not agreed’ indicates a final position, where it has not been possible to resolve the issue to the agreement of both parties and there remains a difference of opinion;
    - ‘Under discussion’ indicates where issues are the subject of active ongoing discussion;
    - ‘Agreed’ indicates where an issues has been agreed or resolved satisfactorily to the agreement of both parties.
- 1.1.3 The Applicant welcomes the clarity provided in the **Rule 6 letter [PD-009]** regarding SoCGs. We note that no additional stakeholders (beyond those listed within this document) were requested by the Examining Authority to require a SoCG.
- 1.1.4 The Applicant also welcomes the level of engagement from stakeholders during the pre-application and pre-examination phases, together with the progress that has been made on the SoCGs in advance of Deadline 5.
- 1.1.5 The Applicant looks forward to continued engagement with stakeholders to resolve outstanding matters as far as possible and will reflect this engagement in the final SoCGs to be submitted at Deadline 7 as per the **Rule 6 letter [PD-009]**.

## 2. List of SoCGs and status

- 2.1.1 As requested by the Examining Authority in Written Question GEN 1.18, this SoCG overview document provides a list of SoCGs which:
- Includes both the name of the organisation as well as the location/name of the development which the SoCG related to (if relevant), such as the location/name of the solar farm or housing proposal
  - States whether the organisation is a statutory consultee, an Affected Person (AP), and whether they are a Non-Interested Party

- Number each of the SoCG in the table consecutively
  - Includes all examination library references.
- 2.1.2 For the purposes of this document, a Non-Interested Party (Non-IP) is a stakeholder who did not submit a Relevant Representation and did not request to become an IP accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority.
- 2.1.3 A Statutory Consultee refers to those included in **5.1 Consultation Report – Appendix F: List of prescribed consultees identified and consulted during statutory consultation [APP-072]**.
- 2.1.4 An Affected Person is a stakeholder who has an interest in land within the project Order Limits as per **4.4 Land Rights Tracker [REP3-018]**.

## **2.2 Deadline 5 update**

- 2.2.1 The Applicant has been engaging with stakeholders to progress SoCGs, focusing on moving matters to (ideally) 'agreed' or (in other cases) 'not agreed' so it is clear to both parties and the Examining Authority what matters remain under discussion and require further engagement. A number of SoCGs have been submitted at Deadline 5 to reflect matters and engagement which have been progressed. The Applicant will continue to engage with stakeholders to progress matters ahead of final signed versions of SoCGs to be submitted at Deadline 7. The Applicant notes that in at least one case the other party has stopped engaging in relation to the SoCG and it is possible that not all SoCG will be signed.
- 2.2.2 As requested by the Examining Authority in Written Question GEN 1.18, SoCGs submitted at Deadline 4 were updated to include an 'at a glance' summary table of matters which remain under discussion, and a proposed deadline for resolution of those matters. These summary tables have been updated at Deadline 5 to reflect matters which have since been resolved to be either 'agreed' or 'not agreed'.
- 2.2.3 The Applicant confirms that the submissions listed in Table 2.1 have been updated to clearly identify those SoCGs being submitted at Deadline 5.

Table 2.1 SoCGs submitted with the DCO application

<b>SoCG No</b>	<b>Examination Ref</b>	<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Consultee type</b>	<b>Latest status/version</b>
1.	REP4-057	Norfolk County Council (NCC) (incl. LLFA and Highways)	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 5
2.	REP4-059	Suffolk County Council (SCC) (incl. LLFA and Highways)	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 5
3.	REP4-061	Essex County Council (ECC) (incl. LLFA and Highways)	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 5
4.	REP4-063	Thurrock Council (TC) (incl. LLFA and Highways)	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 5
5.	REP4-065	South Norfolk District Council	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 5
6.	REP4-067	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 5
7.	REP4-069	Tendring District Council	Statutory consultee	Submitted Deadline 5
8.	REP4-071	Colchester City Council	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 5
9.	REP4-073	Braintree District Council	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
10.	REP4-075	Chelmsford City Council	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 5
11.	REP4-077	Brentwood Borough Council	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 5

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12.	REP4-079	Basildon Borough Council	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
13.	REP4-081	Natural England	Statutory consultee	Submitted Deadline 4
14.	REP4-083	Historic England	Statutory consultee	Submitted Deadline 4
15.	REP4-085	Environment Agency	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 5
16.	REP4-087	Combined IDBs - Water Management Alliance	Statutory consultee	Submitted Deadline 4
17.	REP4-089	Norfolk Wildlife Trust		Submitted Deadline 4
18.	REP4-091	Suffolk Wildlife Trust		Submitted Deadline 4
19.	REP4-093	Essex Wildlife Trust	Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
20.	REP4-095	National Highways	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
21.	REP1-050	Barnards Farm Airfield	Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 1
22.	REP4-097	Thurrock Airfield	Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 4
23.	REP4-099	Network Rail	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
24.	REP1-088	Innova Renewables (Hall Farm Energy Storage Project, south of Norwich Main substation)	Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 1
25.	REP4-101	Anglian Water	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
26.	REP4-103	Essex & Suffolk Water	Statutory consultee	Submitted Deadline 4

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			Affected Person	
27.	REP4-105	Exolum International UK Ltd	Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
28.	APP-116	National Gas Transmission	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted with DCO application
29.	REP1-056	ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited and East Anglia 3 Three Limited (onshore components of offshore wind farm, north of Bramford)	Statutory consultee Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 5
30.	REP4-107	MSP Fairwind Limited (Fairwinds Solar Farm, Laindon Essex)	Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
31.	REP1-060	Brook Farm Aerodrome	Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 1
32.	REP2-022	Dedham Vale National Landscape and Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape	Statutory consultee	Submitted Deadline 4
33.	REP4-191	Suffolk Constabulary	Statutory consultee	Submitted Deadline 5
34.	REP4-193	Essex Police	Statutory consultee	Submitted Deadline 5
35.	REP4-195	Lower Thames Crossing		Submitted Deadline 4
36.	REP4-197	Affinity Water	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
37.	REP1-077	Flying Trade Group Ltd (Warehouse centre, north of Wick Lane, Ardleigh)	Affected Person Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 1
38.	REP1-078	Essex International Jamboree (Scouts and Guides event, Chelmsford)		Submitted Deadline 1
39.	REP4-199	Orsett Golf Club	Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4

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40.	REP4-201	Clearserve Limited (Landfill/aggregate recycling, east of Tilbury North substation)	Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
41.	REP4-203	Equinor – on behalf of Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Extensions (onshore components of offshore wind farms, Norwich Main substation)	Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 4
42.	REP4-205	LIH Dunton Hills Limited (Housing, Lower Dunton Road, Essex)		Submitted Deadline 4
43.	REP4-207	Bloor Homes (Housing, Chadwell St Mary Essex)	Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
44.	REP4-209	Crest Nicholson Operations Ltd / Bellway Homes Ltd (Housing, Lower Dunton Road, Essex)	Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
45.	REP4-211	EDF Renewables (Bloy's Grove Solar Farm, Brick Kiln Lane Norwich)	Affected Person Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 4
46.	REP4-213	Quintas Group (Brick Kiln Solar Farm, Mulbarton Norfolk)	Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
47.	REP4-215	Ralos Projects Ltd (proposed Solar Farm, Ash Norfolk)	Affected Person Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 4
48.	REP4-217	Innova Renewables (Park Gate Farm Solar Park, Rivenhall Braintree)	Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
49.	REP4-219	Conrad Energy (solar farm, Mountnessing Essex)	Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
50.	REP4-221	Low Carbon Limited (Crouch Solar Farm, north-west of Basildon)	Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4

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51.	REP4-223	Verdant Energy (Solar farm, Somersham Road, Mid Suffolk)	Affected Person Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 4
52.	REP4-225	Eden Renewables (Cressing Solar Farm, Cressing Braintree)		Submitted Deadline 4
53.	REP4-227	Pace Nano Energy (Grange Farm Solar, Old Bury Road Suffolk)	Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
54.	REP4-299	Pivoted Power (Pivot Battery Project, east of Norwich Main substation)	Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
55.	REP4-231	Cadent Gas	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
56.	REP4-233	Blackwater Aggregates (Bradwell Quarry, Essex)	Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 4
57.	REP4-235	SRC Group (Martells Mineral Site A85 & A86, Essex)	Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 5
58.	REP4-237	SRC Group (Crown Quarry mineral site A79, Ardleigh Essex)	Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 5
59.	REP4-239	Ingrebourne Valley Limited (mineral extraction, Stanford Le Hope)	Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
60.	REP4-241	SRC Group (Sheepcote Quarry, Chelmsford Essex)	Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 5
61.	REP4-243	Tritton Farming Partnership and Brett Aggregates (Lowleys Farm Mineral Site, Chelmsford Essex)	Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 5
62.	REP1-101	Chase Farm Airfield	Affected Person Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 1

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63.	REP4-244	South Norfolk Model Flying Club	Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 4
64.	REP4-245	Raydon Wings Aerodrome		Submitted Deadline 4
65.	REP4-247	Priory Farm Airfield		Submitted Deadline 4
66.	REP4-249	Tibenham Aerodrome		Submitted Deadline 4
67.	REP1-106	Letter - Wattisham Flying Station	Non-IP	The MOD DIO is in agreement that a separate SoCG with Wattisham Flying Station is not required. A letter stating this has been sent to Wattisham Flying Station, copied to the MOD DIO, and is provided under this document reference number.
68.	REP4-251	MOD DIO (aviation safeguarding)	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 5
69.	REP4-252	East of England Ambulance Service	Statutory consultee	Signed and dated at Deadline 4
70.	REP1-108	Norfolk Constabulary	Statutory consultee Non-IP	Norfolk Constabulary have confirmed that no further engagement or SoCG is required due to minimal impact based on proposed Abnormal Indivisible Load movements. Should anything change, the Applicant will engage with Norfolk Constabulary.
71.	REP4-253	UK Power Networks	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
72.	REP4-255	British Pipeline Agency	Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4
73.	REP4-257	Fulcrum Pipelines Limited	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted Deadline 4

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			Non-IP	
74.	REP1-112	Transmission Capital	Affected Person Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 1
75.	REP4-259	Virgin Media	Affected Person Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 4
76.	REP4-261	Vodafone	Affected Person Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 4
77.	REP4-263	Arelion	Affected Person Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 4
78.	REP4-265	Cityfibre	Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 4
79.	REP4-677	Energy Assets Networks	Statutory consultee Affected Person Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 4
80.	REP4-269	ESP Utilities Group	Statutory consultee Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 4
81.	REP4-271	euNetworks	Affected Person Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 4
82.	REP4-273	EXA Infrastructure	Affected Person Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 4
83.	REP4-274	GTC	Statutory consultee Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 4
84.	REP4-275	Lumen Technologies	Affected Person Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 4

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85.	REP4-277	Verizon	Affected Person Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 4
86.	REP4-278	Zayo	Affected Person Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 4
87.	REP4-280	Gigaclear	Affected Person Non-IP	Gigaclear have confirmed that a SoCG is not required, and will work with the Applicant as the project progresses
88.	REP4-282	Associated British Ports	Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 4
89.	REP4-283	Peel Ports	Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 5
90.	REP4-285	Hutchison Ports	Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 4
91.	REP4-287	Tarchon	Non-IP	Submitted Deadline 4
92.	REP4-289	Sport England	Statutory consultee	Signed and dated at Deadline 4
93.	REP4-290	White Notley Football Club	Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 5
94.	REP4-292	British Gliding Association		Submitted Deadline 5
95.	REP4-293	Voltwise Power (Brook Farm Energy, Burstall)		Submitted Deadline 4
96.		Southfields Development Group (housing, Stanford-le-Hope)		Submitted Deadline 5
97.		Aura Power (Marsh Lane Solar Farm, Palgrave)		Submitted Deadline 5

# Appendix A.

# SoCGs not proposed

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## SoCGs not proposed

- A.1.1 The Applicant has been engaging with other statutory prescribed and non-prescribed consultees, statutory undertakers and interested parties during the development of the DCO application. SoCGs with these consultees are unlikely to be produced for the reasons set out in Table A.1 below.
- A.1.2 Please note that while the Applicant has been engaging with neighbouring authorities as prescribed consultees throughout project development, it is the Applicant's view that SoCGs are not required with stakeholders other than those listed above, and neither has a SoCG been requested by them.

Table A.1 SoCGs not currently proposed

Consultee	Justification
Canal and River Trust	No interaction with the project (confirmed in statutory consultation response and relevant representation)
National Trust	Consultee confirmed no SoCG required
Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service	Did not respond to outreach for SoCG, did not respond to statutory consultation. Any matters relevant to Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service may be captured as part of Norfolk County Council's SoCG.
Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service	Did not respond to outreach for SoCG, did not respond to statutory consultation. Any matters relevant to Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service may be captured as part of Suffolk County Council's SoCG.
Essex Fire and Rescue Service	Did not respond to outreach for SoCG, statutory consultation response has been considered in relevant assessments and documentation.
NHS Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board	Did not respond to outreach for SoCG, did not respond to statutory consultation
NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board	Did not respond to outreach for SoCG, statutory consultation response has been considered in relevant assessments and documentation
Port of Tilbury	No longer interacting due to changes made following statutory consultation
East Anglian Air Ambulance	No impact to aviation movements, did not respond to statutory consultation
Broomfield Hospital (Air Ambulance)	Consultee confirmed no impact in statutory consultation response
Boxted Airfield	Disused airfield

<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Justification</b>
Elmsett Airfield	No identified impact
Garnons Farm Airfield	No identified impact
Laindon Airfield/Bensons Farm Airfield	No identified impact, outside aviation assessment scope
Long Stratton Airfield	No identified impact
Nayland Airfield	No identified impact
Wormingford Airfield	No identified impact
Brock Farm aerodrome	Not operational
Crowfield aerodrome	No identified impact
Dysons Farm helipad	No identified impact
Hinderclay Meadows aerodrome	No identified impact
Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Safeguarding	No response to engagement to date, have been liaising with CAA Airfield Advisory Team throughout project development
Civil Aviation Authority – Airfield Advisory Team (AAT)	<p>Significant engagement throughout project development, however the AAT were disbanded in March 2025 before a SoCG was able to be agreed.</p> <p>CAA AAT provided a position statement regarding Norwich to Tilbury before their disbandment. Discussions regarding aviation are ongoing with Suffolk County Council and other councils as relevant.</p>
General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)	Non-prescribed. Have engaged throughout project development process, engagement ongoing. See Table 3.1
British Gliding Association	SoCG now proposed – see table 3.1
North Falls	Work progressing on Protective Provisions, commercially confidential.
Five Estuaries	Work progressing on Protective Provisions, commercially confidential
MOD DIO (abandoned pipelines)	Latest data suggests originally identified interface pipeline now Exolum.
Met Office	Engaged during project development and confirmed no impact.
Openreach	Heads of Terms to be agreed, commercially confidential.

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