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E	10 June 2026	Deadline 5
F	7 July 2026	Deadline 6
G	21 July 2026	Deadline 7
H	4 August 2026	Deadline 8

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. As requested in annex F3 of the **Rule 6 letter [PD-009]**, these final SoCGs were submitted at Deadline 7 to seek to confirm to the Examining Authority where agreement has been reached and where agreement has not been reached, alongside those which remain under discussion due to the ongoing nature of those matters.
- 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, either to be resolved within the examination after finalisation of the SoCG, or resolution is subject to discussions that will progress beyond the close of the examination, such as during detailed design;
 - ‘Agreed’ indicates where an issues has been agreed or resolved satisfactorily to the agreement of both parties.

2. List of SoCGs and status

- 2.1.1 As requested by the Examining Authority in Written Question GEN 1.18 **[PD-014]**, 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 [REP7-081]**.

2.2 Deadline 8 update

- 2.2.1 The Applicant would like to thank stakeholders for their ongoing engagement to progress SoCGs, the final versions of which were submitted at Deadline 7 in line with the **Rule 6 letter [PD-009]**.
- 2.2.2 Some SoCGs which were submitted as final but unsigned at Deadline 7 have since been signed by both parties and submitted at Deadline 8. These include:
- Thurrock Council
 - Combined IDBs – Water Management Alliance
 - Equinor
 - British Pipeline Agency
 - Exolum Pipeline System Ltd
 - Innova Renewables (Hall Farm Energy Storage Project)
 - Scottish Power Renewables (UK) Limited
 - East Anglia 3 Three Limited
 - TC East Anglia One OFTO Ltd
- 2.2.3 As of Deadline 8, 81 SoCGs have been signed and 15 SoCGs have been submitted as a final, unsigned version.
- 2.2.4 The Applicant confirms that the submissions listed in Table 2.1 have been updated to clearly identify those SoCGs being submitted at Deadline 8.

Table 2.1 Status of SoCGs at Deadline 8

SoCG No	Examination Ref	Consultee	Consultee type	Latest status
1.	REP7-094	Norfolk County Council (NCC) (incl. LLFA and Highways)	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
2.	REP7-096	Suffolk County Council (SCC) (incl. LLFA and Highways)	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
3.	REP7-098	Essex County Council (ECC) (incl. LLFA and Highways)	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
4.	REP7-100	Thurrock Council (TC) (incl. LLFA and Highways)	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 8
5.	REP7-102	South Norfolk District Council	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
6.	REP7-104	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
7.	REP7-106	Tendring District Council	Statutory consultee	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
8.	REP7-108	Colchester City Council	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
9.	REP7-110	Braintree District Council	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
10.	REP7-112	Chelmsford City Council	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7, content finalised earlier than other host local authorities due to staff availability at the council
11.	REP7-114	Brentwood Borough Council	Statutory consultee	Signed and dated at Deadline 7

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			Affected Person	
12.	REP7-116	Basildon Borough Council	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted as final, not signed at Deadline 7 – Basildon Borough Council has not responded to correspondence regarding the SoCG
13.	REP7-118	Natural England	Statutory consultee	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
14.	REP7-120	Historic England	Statutory consultee	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
15.	REP6-049	Environment Agency	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 6
16.	REP7-122	Combined IDBs - Water Management Alliance	Statutory consultee	Signed and dated at Deadline 8
17.	REP7-124	Norfolk Wildlife Trust		Signed and dated at Deadline 7
18.	REP7-126	Suffolk Wildlife Trust		Signed and dated at Deadline 7
19.	REP7-128	Essex Wildlife Trust	Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
20.	REP7-130	National Highways	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
21.	REP1-050	Barnards Farm Airfield	Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 1
22.	REP7-132	Thurrock Airfield	Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
23.	REP7-134	Network Rail	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
24.	REP7-136	Innova Renewables (Hall Farm Energy Storage Project, south of Norwich Main substation)	Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 8
25.	REP7-138	Anglian Water	Statutory consultee	Signed and dated at Deadline 7

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26.	REP7-140	Essex & Suffolk Water	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted as final, not signed at Deadline 7 – Essex & Suffolk Water declined to sign the SoCG
27.	REP7-142	Exolum Pipeline System Ltd	Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 8
28.	REPP7-144	National Gas Transmission	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Submitted as final, not signed at Deadline 7 – National Gas have not responded to correspondence regarding the SoCG
29.	REP7-146	ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited (onshore components of offshore wind farm, north of Bramford)	Statutory consultee Affected Person Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 8
30.	REP7-148	MSP Fairwind Limited (Fairwinds Solar Farm, Laindon Essex)	Affected Person	Submitted as final, not signed at Deadline 7 – MSP Fairwind Ltd declined to sign the SoCG
31.	REP1-060	Brook Farm Aerodrome	Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 1
32.	REP7-377	Dedham Vale National Landscape and Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape	Statutory consultee	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
33.	REP7-379	Suffolk Constabulary	Statutory consultee	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
34.	REP7-381	Essex Police	Statutory consultee	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
35.	REP7-383	Lower Thames Crossing		Signed and dated at Deadline 7
36.	REP7-385	Affinity Water	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7

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37.	REP7-387	Flying Trade Group Ltd (Warehouse centre, north of Wick Lane, Ardleigh)	Affected Person Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
38.	REP7-389	Essex International Jamboree (Scouts and Guides event, Chelmsford)		Signed and dated at Deadline 7
39.	REP7-391	Orsett Golf Club	Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
40.	REP7-393	Clearserve Limited (Landfill/aggregate recycling, east of Tilbury North substation)	Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
41.	REP7-395	Equinor – on behalf of Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Extensions (onshore components of offshore wind farms, Norwich Main substation)	Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 8
42.	REP7-397	LIH Dunton Hills Limited (Housing, Lower Dunton Road, Essex)		Signed and dated at Deadline 7
43.	REP7-399	Bloor Homes (Housing, Chadwell St Mary Essex)	Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
44.	REP7-401	Barrie Stone / Crest Nicholson Operations Ltd / Verde Land Promotions Ltd (Housing, Lower Dunton Road, Essex)	Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
45.	REP7-403	EDF Renewables (Bloy's Grove Solar Farm, Brick Kiln Lane Norwich)	Affected Person Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
46.	REP7-405	Brickkiln Solar Farm Limited (solar farm, Mulbarton Norfolk)	Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
47.	REP7-407	Ralos Projects Ltd (proposed Solar Farm, Ash Norfolk)	Affected Person Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
48.	REP7-409	Innova Renewables (Park Gate Farm Solar Park, Rivenhall Braintree)	Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7

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49.	REP7-411	Conrad Energy (solar farm, Mountnessing Essex)	Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
50.	REP7-413	Low Carbon Limited (Crouch Solar Farm, north-west of Basildon)	Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
51.	REP7-415	Verdant Energy (Solar farm, Somersham Road, Mid Suffolk)	Affected Person Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
52.	REP7-417	Eden Renewables (Sheepcote Solar Farm, Cressing Braintree)		Signed and dated at Deadline 7
53.	REP7-419	Pace Nano Energy (Grange Farm Solar, Old Bury Road Suffolk)	Affected Person	Submitted as final, not signed at Deadline 7 – Pace Nano Energy focused on legal agreement for D7
54.	REP7-421	Pivoted Power LLP and Ashgreen Energyfarm LTD (Pivot Battery Project, east of Norwich Main substation)	Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
55.	REP7-423	Cadent Gas	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
56.	REP7-425	Blackwater Aggregates (Bradwell Quarry, Essex)	Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
57.	REP6-099	SRC Group (Martells Mineral Site A85 & A86, Essex)	Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 6
58.	REP6-101	SRC Group (Crown Quarry mineral site A79, Ardleigh Essex)	Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 6
59.	REP7-427	Ingrebourne Valley Limited (mineral extraction, Stanford Le Hope)	Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7

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60.	REP6-103	SRC Group (Sheepcote Quarry, Chelmsford Essex)	Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 6
61.	REP7-429	Tritton Farming Partnership and Brett Aggregates (Lowleys Farm Mineral Site, Chelmsford Essex)	Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
62.	REP7-431	Chase Farm Airfield	Affected Person Non-IP	Submitted as final, not signed at Deadline 7 – Chase Farm Airfield did not respond to correspondence regarding the SoCG
63.	REP4-244	South Norfolk Model Flying Club	Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 4
64.	REP7-433	Raydon Wings Aerodrome		Submitted as final, not signed at Deadline 7 – Raydon Wings did not respond to correspondence regarding signing the SoCG
65.	REP7-435	Priory Farm Airfield		Submitted as final, not signed at Deadline 7 – Priory Farm Airfield did not respond to correspondence regarding the SoCG
66.	REP7-437	Norfolk Gliding Club (Tibenham Aerodrome)		Submitted as final, not signed at Deadline 7 - Norfolk Gliding Club has declined to sign the SoCG.
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.

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68.	REP7-439	MOD DIO (aviation safeguarding)	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
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.	REP7-441	UK Power Networks	Statutory consultee Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
72.	REP7-443	British Pipeline Agency	Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 8
73.	REP6-105	Fulcrum Pipelines Limited	Statutory consultee Affected Person Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 6
74.	REP7-445	TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited	Affected Person Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 8
75.	REP7-447	Virgin Media	Affected Person Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
76.	REP7-449	Vodafone	Affected Person Non-IP	Submitted as final, not signed at Deadline 7 – Vodafone unable to sign within Deadline 7 timeframe
77.	REP7-451	Arelion	Affected Person Non-IP	Submitted as final, not signed at Deadline 7 – Arelion unable to sign within Deadline 7 timeframe

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78.	REP4-265	Cityfibre	Non-IP	No identified interfaces between Cityfibre and the project, and outreach to Cityfibre to confirm this has not been responded to. Therefore this SoCG is not being progressed.
79.	REP6-107	Energy Assets Networks	Statutory consultee Affected Person Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 6
80.	REP7-453	ESP Utilities Group	Statutory consultee Non-IP	Submitted as final, not signed at Deadline 7 – ESP unable to sign within Deadline 7 timeframe
81.	REP6-109	euNetworks	Affected Person Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 6
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.	REP7-455	Lumen Technologies	Affected Person Non-IP	Submitted as final, not signed at Deadline 7 – Lumen unable to sign within Deadline 7 timeframe
85.	REP4-277	Verizon	Affected Person Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 4
86.	REP7-457	Zayo	Affected Person Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 7

SoCG No	Examination Ref	Consultee	Consultee type	Latest status
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.	REP7-459	Hutchison Ports	Non-IP	Submitted as final, not signed at Deadline 7 – Hutchison Ports unable to sign within Deadline 7 timeframe
91.	REP7-461	Tarchon	Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
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.	REP7-465	British Gliding Association		Signed and dated at Deadline 7
95.	REP7-467	Voltwise Power (Brook Farm Energy, Burstall)		Submitted as final, not signed at Deadline 7 – Voltwise Power has declined to sign the SoCG
96.	REP7-463	Southfields Development Group (housing, Stanford-le-Hope)		Signed and dated at Deadline 7
97	REP7-469	Aura Power (Marsh Lane Solar Farm, Palgrave)		Signed and dated at Deadline 7
98	REP7-471	Arqiva Limited	Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
99	REP7-472	Parkers of Leicester and Parker Strategic Land (Housing, Kelvedon)	Affected Person	Signed and dated at Deadline 7
100	REP7-473	East Anglia 3 Three Limited (onshore components of offshore wind farm, north of Bramford)	Statutory consultee Affected Person Non-IP	Signed and dated at Deadline 8

Appendix A.

SoCGs not proposed

Appendix A

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

Consultee	Justification
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)	Significant engagement throughout project development, however the AAT were disbanded in March 2025 before a SoCG was able to be agreed. 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.
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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