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## Glossary

Term	Meaning
Applicants	Morgan Offshore Wind Limited (Morgan OWL) and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd (Morecambe OWL).
Development Consent Order (DCO)	An order made under the Planning Act 2008, as amended, granting development consent.
Planning Inspectorate	The agency responsible for operating the planning process for applications for development consent under the Planning Act 2008.

Term	Meaning
Transmission Assets Order Limits	The area within which all components of the Transmission Assets will be located, including areas required on a temporary basis during construction and decommissioning.
Transmission Assets Order Limits: Offshore	The area within which all components of the Transmission Assets seaward of Mean Low Water Springs will be located, including areas required on a temporary basis during construction and decommissioning. Also referred to in this report as the Offshore Order Limits, for ease of reading.

## Acronyms

Acronym	Meaning
CoCP	Code of Construction Practice
DCO	Development Consent Order
EnBW	Energie Baden-Württemberg AG
FRA	Flood Risk Assessment
LCC	Lancashire County Council
MLWS	Mean Low Water Springs
PRoW	Public Rights of Way
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground

# **1 Initial Statement of Common Ground between Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets and Lancashire County Council**

## **1.1 Introduction**

### **1.1.1 Overview**

1.1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared between Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd (hereafter referred to as ‘the Applicants’) and Lancashire County Council together the parties. The SoCG sets out the areas of agreement and disagreement between the parties in relation to the proposed Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets (hereafter referred to as ‘the Transmission Assets’).

1.1.1.2 The need for a SoCG between the Applicants and Lancashire County Council is set out in section 1 of Appendix F of the Rule 6 letter issued by the Planning Inspectorate on 28 March 2025.

1.1.1.3 This document is intended to provide the Examining Authority (ExA) with an overview of the level of common ground between the parties. The SoCG will identify where agreement has been reached, where differences lie and the reasons for disagreement or outstanding matters. The SoCG will also specify the actions needed to address the issues and will facilitate further discussion between the parties. The SoCG will be updated during the Transmission Assets Examination and submitted at the Deadlines indicated in the Rule 6 letter.

### **1.1.2 Transmission Assets elements under Lancashire County Council’s remit**

1.1.2.1 The Lancashire County Council is the county planning authority, the highways authority, and the lead local flood authority for the area in which the Transmission Assets are located. The County Council also has a statutory remit with regard to Public Rights of Way.

1.1.2.2 The elements of the Transmission Assets which may affect the interests of Lancashire County Council are within Work Number 4A, 4B to 54A,54B landward to Mean Low Water Springs (MLWS). These are detailed in Schedule 1 (Authorised Project), Part 1 (Authorised Development) of the Draft DCO (AS-004).

1.1.2.3 This SoCG covers the following topics of relevance to Lancashire County Council:

- Hydrology and Flood Risk;
- Onshore Ecology and Nature Conservation;
- Landscape and Visual Resources

- Land Use and Recreation;
- Historic Environment
- Traffic and Transport
- DCO.

### 1.1.3 Overview of Transmission Assets

- 1.1.3.1 The design philosophy for the Transmission Assets is for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets (referred to as ‘the Generation Assets’) to be electrically independent. Therefore, each offshore wind farm will have its own separate set of transmission assets (e.g., cable and substation infrastructure). However, the location of the infrastructure will be aligned (where practicable), for example within aligned offshore and onshore cable corridors to minimise impacts to environment and the community.
- 1.1.3.2 Morgan OWL and Morecambe OWL (the Applicants), are jointly seeking a single consent for their electrically separate transmission assets comprising aligned offshore export cable corridors to landfall and aligned onshore export cable corridors to separate onshore substations (and associated infrastructure), and onward connection to the National Grid at Penwortham, Lancashire.
- 1.1.3.3 The key components of the Transmission Assets include the following.
- Offshore elements:
    - offshore export cables: these export cables will bring the electricity generated by the Generation Assets to the landfall for onward transmission.
  - Landfall:
    - landfall site: this is where the offshore export cables are jointed to the onshore export cables via the transition joint bays. This term applies to the entire area between Mean Low Water Springs and the transition joint bays.
  - Onshore elements:
    - onshore export cables: these export cables will be jointed to the offshore export cables via the transition joint bays at the landfall site, and will bring the electricity generated by the Generation Assets to the onshore substations;
    - onshore substations: the two electrically separate onshore substations will contain the components for transforming the power supplied via the onshore export cables up to 400 kV;
    - 400 kV grid connection cables: these export cables will bring the electricity generated by the Generation Assets from the two electrically separate onshore substations to the existing National Grid substation at Penwortham;



- environmental mitigation areas: temporary and/or permanent areas, including accesses identified to provide environmental mitigation only; and
- biodiversity benefit areas: temporary and/or permanent areas, including accesses identified to provide biodiversity benefit only.

## 1.1.4 Approach to SoCG

1.1.4.1 This initial SoCG has been developed during the pre-examination phase and will be progressed during the examination phases of the Transmission Assets. In accordance with discussions between the parties, the SoCG is focused on those issues raised by Lancashire County Council within its response to [insert e.g. Scoping, Section 42 consultation and as raised through the [insert EWG if applicable] that has underpinned the pre-application consultation between the parties. This SoCG also includes those issues raised by Lancashire County Council during the post-application phase (i.e. relevant representations and pre-examination meetings).

1.1.4.2 The structure of this SoCG is as follows:

- Section 1.1: Introduction
- Section 1.2: Summary of SoCG
- Section 1.3: Summary of consultation
- Section 1.4: Agreement log.

## 1.2 Summary of SoCG

### 1.2.1 Overview

1.2.1.1 This SoCG outlines the consultation that has taken place between the parties during the pre-application and post-application phase of the Transmission Assets. The agreement logs present the position reached on 20 May (Deadline 1).

### 1.2.2 Summary of those matters agreed, ongoing points of discussion and not agreed

1.2.2.1 Table 1.1 provides a summary of those matters agreed, an ongoing point of discussion or not agreed between the parties.

**Table 1.1: Summary of those matters agreed, ongoing points of discussion and not agreed**

Topic	Agreement status
Hydrology and Flood Risk	Agreed
Onshore Ecology and Nature Conservation	Ongoing point of discussion
Landscape and Visual Resources	Ongoing point of discussion



Topic	Agreement status
Land Use and Recreation	Ongoing point of discussion
Historic Environment	Ongoing point of discussion
Traffic and Transport	Ongoing point of discussion
DCO	Ongoing point of discussion

## 1.3 Summary of Consultation

1.3.1.1 Table 1.2 provides below provides a summary of the consultation undertaken by the Applicants with Lancashire County Council during the pre-application phases of the Transmissions Assets. Table 1.3 below provides a summary of the consultation undertaken by the Applicants with Lancashire County Council during the post-application phases of the Transmission Assets.

**Table 1.2: Summary of pre-application consultation with Lancashire County Council**

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non-statutory engagement	Summary of consultation
<b>Evidence Plan Process, Historic Environment EWG</b>			
18 January 2023	EWG01	Non-statutory engagement	Matters discussed include study area buffer agreement of 500m, geoarchaeological deposit modelling with topographical surveys. LCC representative agreed with general approach proposed in the meeting.
9 August 2023	EWG02	Non-statutory engagement	Consultees agreed with the proposed approach to agreeing trial trenching, which will be agreed in sections and geophysical surveys are progressed. LCC rep to share survey work for a nearby solar farm.
8 February 2024	EWG03	Non-statutory engagement	Matters discussed include redrafting the DBA, survey coverage, PEIR data release and the onshore WSI. Specification no longer required for the DBA.
<b>Evidence Plan Process, Traffic and Transport EWG</b>			
16 March 2023	EWG01	Non-statutory engagement	Data, models and figures to be provided for methodology. Matters discussed include reviewing existing modelling, info requests for access track locations. LCC to provide further comments on scoping report.

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non-statutory engagement	Summary of consultation
12 September 2023	EWG02	Non-statutory engagement	Matters discussed include- LCC to provide modelling reports, agreement of PEIR approach, and liaising with Blackpool Council regarding the updated study area and RLB.
15 August 2024	EWG03	Non-statutory engagement	<p>Site-selection updates, highlighting key changes in the Transmission Assets Order Limits; updates in the assessment baseline and the identification of new road schemes since the submission of PEIR and statutory consultation; transport EIA updates in line with the evolution of the project. LCC questioned if the approach and background information will be shared with the local authorities to check they agree with the methodology, highlighted the importance of presenting sufficient information to allow the highway authorities to come up with a conclusion on whether highways impacts can be accommodated. As well as the influence of seasonal traffic e.g. during the summer and for the Blackpool illuminations. LCC wanted sufficient information within the CTMP to allow the approach to be investigated.</p> <p>The highways authorities want to work collaboratively with the applicant</p> <p>LCC queried what restrictions will be in place for construction traffic, especially around sensitive areas.</p>
<b>Evidence Plan Process, Hydrology and Flood Risk EWG</b>			
3 May 2023	EWG01	Non-statutory engagement	Matters discussed include accessing and sharing data for the FRA, confirming metrics to be used in calculations.
10 August 2023	EWG02	Non-statutory engagement	Matters discussed include requesting missing map data from council, reviewing possibility of sending out RLB and borehole

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non-statutory engagement	Summary of consultation
			data, and climate data allowance update.
21 November 2023	Section 42 Statutory Consultation Response	Statutory engagement	<p>LCC identified the need for the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifetime maintenance and management of the project</li> <li>• Disruption prevention measures</li> <li>• Surface water flood risk</li> <li>• Impacts on ordinary water courses</li> <li>• Demonstration of legislative compliance</li> <li>• Demonstration of ecological impact avoidance</li> <li>• Impact on designated sites</li> </ul> <p>Other concerns include the scope of ecological assessments, potential working hours and biodiversity net gain.</p>
30 January 2024	EWG03	Non-statutory engagement	Matters discussed include the technical note on climate change datasets and models to be produced, mapping queries and joint SFRA feedback.
<b>Evidence Plan Process, Onshore Ecology (including Onshore and Intertidal Ornithology) EWG</b>			
23 March 2023	EWG01	Non-statutory engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed scope of the onshore ecology (and onshore and intertidal ornithology) surveys in terms of species, survey coverage and methodologies.</li> <li>• The species for which surveys are not proposed</li> </ul>
13 September 2023	EWG02	Non-statutory engagement	Discussion on the approach to BNG taking into account the large area covered by the Order Limits and the limited scale of potential impacts.
18 December 2023	EWG03	Non-statutory engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further discussion on the approach to BNG including the commitment to submit a Biodiversity Benefit Statement</li> <li>• The exclusion of areas from the BNG baseline (e.g. proposed mitigation areas at landfall)</li> </ul>

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non-statutory engagement	Summary of consultation
26 January 2024	EWG04	Non-statutory engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coverage of ecology surveys was presented during the meeting with further detail provided in a technical note</li> <li>Use of trenchless techniques at crossing locations to avoid or reduce direct and indirect effects on onshore ecology and nature conservation.</li> <li>Information that would be required to demonstrate that the ancillary works would not cause indirect effects to habitats at Lytham St Anne's Dunes and River Ribble crossing.</li> </ul>
31 May 2024	EWG05	Non-statutory engagement	Discussion on the survey coverage at submission
19 June 2024	EWG06	Non-statutory engagement	Discussion on proposed mitigation for onshore ecology and onshore and intertidal ornithology
27 June 2024	EWG07	Non-statutory engagement	Discussion on the survey coverage and the approach to surveys where data gaps exist.
<b>Evidence Plan Process, Land Use and Recreation</b>			
19th September 2024	Meeting regarding Public Rights of Way	Non-statutory engagement	<p>Outline Public Right of Way management proposals. The following key items were presented for agreement;</p> <p>The identification of PRoW located within the Onshore Order Limits;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The outline management measures proposed for each PRoW identified, including requirements for managed crossing and temporary diversion.</li> </ul> <p>Responses received during the EWG were subsequently used to inform relevant sections of this chapter of the ES and supporting documentation.</p>
<b>Evidence Plan Process, Landscape and Visual Impacts EWG</b>			
22 February 2024	EWG01	Non-statutory engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To scope out seascape effects from the assessment in response to a reduction in the</li> </ul>

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non-statutory engagement	Summary of consultation
			offshore element of the Transmission Assets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To agree the representative viewpoint locations for the onshore substations and River Ribble crossing head houses</li> <li>To present grey rendered photomontages of the main buildings and infrastructure at the onshore substations for all viewpoint locations.</li> </ul>
24 September 2024	Design Principles and Landscape management meeting	Non-statutory engagement	Matters discussed include outlining design process, landscape strategy update

**Table 1.3: Summary of post-application consultation with Lancashire County Council**

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non-statutory engagement	Summary of consultation
19 November 2024	Meeting with Lancashire County Council	Non Statutory	Project Overview including order limits, surveys and programme. Summary of Traffic and Transport impacts and mitigation. Next steps including development of Outline Highways Access Management Plan and Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan.
17 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Meeting with Lancashire County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority	Non Statutory	Meeting to discuss protective provisions.
27 January 2025	Relevant Representation	Statutory	Provision of Lancashire County Council's Relevant Representation (RR-1262)
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Meeting with Lancashire County Council as Local Highway Authority	Non Statutory	Discussion on Relevant Representation and key concerns specifically; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delivery hours</li> <li>Highway condition (inc. peat roads)</li> <li>Route geometry</li> </ul>

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non-statutory engagement	Summary of consultation
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outline access designs</li> <li>Abnormal loads (highway structures)</li> </ul>
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Meeting with Lancashire County Council as Local Highway Authority	Non Statutory	Update on key workstreams in response to matters raised within LCCs relevant representation.

## 1.4 Agreement log

1.4.1.1 This section of the SoCG sets out the level of agreement between the parties. For each matter the status is identified as being either agreed, not agreed or an ongoing point of discussion, according to the criteria set out in Table 1.4 below.

**Table 1.4: Position definitions and colour coding**

Position and colour coding	Definition of position
Agreed	The matter is considered to be agreed between the parties.
Ongoing point of discussion	The matter is neither agreed or not agreed, and is a matter where further discussion is required between the parties.
Not agreed, but not material	The matter is not considered to be agreed between the parties, but is not deemed material
Not agreed	The matter is not considered to be agreed between the parties.

1.4.1.2 Table 1.5 to Table 1.11 set out the level of agreement between the parties for each relevant component of the application (as identified in section 1.1.2.3).

## 1.4.2 Hydrology and Flood Risk

**Table 1.5: Agreement Log between the parties on Hydrology and Flood Risk**

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council LLFA position	Status
LCC.HFR.1	Consultation	The Applicant has undertaken adequate consultation with LCC on the potential impacts of the Transmission Assets on hydrology and flood risk	The LLFA agrees that adequate consultation on the potential impacts of the Transmission Assets on hydrology and flood risk has been undertaken.	Agreed
LCC.HFR.2	Consultation	The Application documents have had due regard to matters raised by LCC through statutory and non-statutory consultation on hydrology and flood risk.	The LLFA agrees that application documents have had due regard to matters raised by LCC through statutory and non-statutory consultation on hydrology and flood risk.	Agreed
LCC.HFR.3	Policy and planning	The Application documents have identified and considered the most up-to-date plans and policies at the point of submission as relevant to hydrology and flood risk, within LCC's remit.  Subsequently the new National Standards for SuDS (19 June 2025) has been published. The Outline CoCP and the Outline Operational Drainage Management Plan will be updated at Deadline 4 to reflect the adoption of this new standard at detailed design.	The LLFA agrees documents have identified and considered the most up-to-date plans and policies as relevant to hydrology and flood risk, within LCC's remit	Agreed subject to updating the Outline CoCP and the Outline Operational Drainage Management Plan will be updated at Deadline 4 to reflect the adoption of this new standard at detailed design
LCC.HFR.4	Surveys	Agreement that desk -based information is adequate to characterise the hydrology and flood risk baseline and that site-specific surveys will be undertaken as necessary at detailed design	In the development of the DCO, the LLFA agrees that desk -based information is adequate to characterise the hydrology and flood risk baseline and that site-specific surveys are not required at this level.	Agreed



Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council LLFA position	Status
			<p>However, the LLFA will require more details to be provided at a later detailed design stage for example in the Detailed Code of Construction Practice and the Detailed Operational Drainage Management Plan and for ordinary watercourse consent applications made under the Protective Provisions for the Lead Local Flood Authority. For this, site specific surveys are expected to be required.</p> <p>The LLFA notes that, as a result of the publication of the New National SuDS Standards (19 June 2025) that the detailed design of SuDS associated with all aspects of the development will need to be revisited and designed in accordance with these new standards. This can be reflected at detailed design stage.</p>	
LCC.HFR.5	Surveys	Sufficient data has been collated to appropriately characterise the hydrology and flood risk baseline environment for the purposes of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) within Volume 3, Chapter 2: Hydrology and Flood Risk (APP-070).	The LLFA agrees that Sufficient data has been collated to appropriately characterise the hydrology and flood risk baseline environment for the purposes of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) within Volume 3, Chapter 2: Hydrology and Flood Risk (APP-070).	Agreed
LCC.HFR.6	Baseline environment	<p>The hydrology and flood risk baseline has been appropriately characterised in Volume 3, Chapter 2: Hydrology and Flood Risk (APP-070).</p> <p>The Flood Risk Assessment will be updated with the new surface water flood risk extents (January 2025) and updated flood zones (March 2025)</p>	The LLFA agrees that the hydrology and flood risk baseline has been appropriately characterised in Volume 3, Chapter 2: Hydrology and Flood Risk (APP-070).	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council LLFA position	Status
		data from the Environment Agency. the updated FRA will be submitted at Deadline 1.		
LCC.HFR.7	Study area	The hydrology and flood risk study area is appropriate for the impacts and the receptors assessed.	The LLFA agrees that the hydrology and flood risk study area is appropriate for the impacts and the receptors assessed.	Agreed
LCC.HFR.8	Assessment methodology	The sensitivity and significance of the hydrology and flood risk receptors have been appropriately and adequately described within Volume 3, Chapter 2: Hydrology and Flood Risk (APP-070).	The LLFA agrees that the sensitivity and significance of the hydrology and flood risk receptors have been appropriately and adequately described within Volume 3, Chapter 2: Hydrology and Flood Risk (APP-070).	Agreed
LCC.HFR.9	Assessment methodology	The methodologies used within Volume 3, Chapter 2: Hydrology and Flood Risk (APP-070) are appropriate for assessing the potential impacts of the Transmission Assets	The LLFA agrees that the methodologies used within Volume 3, Chapter 2: Hydrology and Flood Risk (APP-070) are appropriate for assessing the potential impacts of the Transmission Assets	Agreed
LCC.HFR.10	Assessment of the effects from the project alone	No significant residual effects on hydrology and flood risk are predicted to arise from the development of the Transmission Assets with the mitigation measures in place including the implementation of the Detailed Operational Drainage Management Plan and Detailed Code of Construction Practice	Based on the evidence submitted to date, the LLFA agrees that there is likely to be no significant residual effects on hydrology and flood risk are predicted to arise from the development of the Transmission Assets.  The LLFA expects that any identified risks will be assessed and mitigated through the Detailed Operational Drainage Management Plan and Detailed Code of Construction Practice, as well as through relevant consents and permits required.	Agreed
LCC.HFR.11	Assessment of the effects from the	No significant adverse effects on hydrology and flood risk are predicted to arise from the development of the	The LLFA is not aware of any conflicts with other plans and projects.	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council LLFA position	Status
	project cumulatively with other projects	Transmission Assets cumulatively with other projects and plans at the point of application. This will be reviewed prior to construction stage.		
LCC.HFR.12	Mitigation	The mitigation measures outlined in Volume 3, Chapter 2: Hydrology and Flood Risk (APP-070) are appropriate and will ensure significant effects are avoided, appropriately monitored and that required action would be undertaken where necessary.	Based on the evidence submitted to date, the LLFA agrees that likely significant effects on Hydrology and Flood Risk are avoided, appropriately monitored and that required action would be undertaken where necessary.	Agreed
<b>Other Documents and Plans</b>				
LCC.HFR.13	Outline management plans	The CoCP and the accompanying management plans are secured through Requirement 8 of the draft DCO and are appropriate with regard to mitigation measures and monitoring	The LLFA agrees that the CoCP and the accompanying management plans are appropriate with regard to mitigation measures.	Agreed

### 1.4.3 Onshore Ecology and Nature Conservation

**Table 1.6: Agreement Log between the parties on Onshore Ecology and Nature Conservation**

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council position	Status
<b>EIA</b>				
LCC.OE.1	Consultation	The Applicants have undertaken adequate consultation with LCC on potential impacts on onshore ecology and nature conservation.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.2	Consultation	The EIA has had due regard to matters raised by LCC through statutory and non-statutory consultation on potential impacts on onshore ecology and nature conservation.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.3	Policy and planning	The Application has identified and considered the plans and policies relevant to onshore ecology and nature conservation, within LCC's remit.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.4	Surveys	The scope of the onshore ecology surveys (including species, survey coverage and survey effort) was appropriate. The surveys were undertaken in accordance with the appropriate methodologies and agreed at an early stage in the project through the Expert Working Group (EWG) meetings with key nature conservation stakeholders, in accordance with appropriately qualified, licenced and experienced ecologists.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council position	Status
LCC.OE.5	Surveys	The limitations of access are not considered to affect the validity of the baseline assessment, particularly given that much of the unvisited habitats were either built up areas (residential development, garden or hardstanding), or agricultural land that are of low ecological value.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.6	Baseline environment	Sufficient site-specific and desktop data has been collated to appropriately characterise the baseline for onshore ecology and nature conservation to inform the EIA.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.7	Baseline environment	The Applicants have adequately characterised the baseline environment for onshore ecology and nature conservation.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.8	Scoping	Agreement to the scoping of impacts for the EIA for onshore ecology and nature conservation.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.9	Biodiversity Net Gain	The approach for determining the BNG baseline and the areas to be omitted from the BNG baseline is appropriate. Biodiversity benefit measures will be provided on a voluntary basis; however there is a commitment in the EMP to deliver biodiversity enhancements (outside the BNG framework) to meet NPPF requirements.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.10	Study area	The EIA study area is appropriate for the receptors, sites and impacts assessed.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council position	Status
			cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	
LCC.OE.11	Project design envelope	The EIA chapter has identified, described and assessed the maximum design scenario for the EIA.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.12	Assessment methodology.	The sensitivity of the onshore ecology and nature conservation receptors has been correctly identified and sufficiently described within the EIA.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.13	Assessment methodology	The assessment methodology for onshore ecology and nature conservation is appropriate.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point for discussion
LCC.OE.14	CEA assessment methodology	The list of projects screened into the CEA in the EIA is appropriate.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.15	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets alone.	There will be no significant residual effects on nationally designated ecological sites for the impacts from the Transmission Assets alone.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.16	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets alone.	There will be no significant residual effects on Local Nature Reserves, Ecological Networks and the majority of Biological Heritage Sites (BHS) for the impacts from the Transmission Assets alone. However, significant residual effects are predicted at the Mill Brook Valley BHS.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.17	Assessment of the effects from the	There will be no significant residual effects on priority habitats, irreplaceable habitats	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council position	Status
	Transmission Assets alone.	such as coastal sand dunes, ancient woodland or veteran trees, or Habitats of Principal Importance, such as lowland fen, for the impacts from the Transmission Assets alone. However, significant residual effects are predicted for impacts on good quality semi-improved grassland.	cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	
LCC.OE.18	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets alone.	The Applicants confirm that as a result of the trenchless crossing at the coastal dunes that the technique will not cause any changes in hydrology that could affect the sensitive dune slacks.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.19	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets alone.	Sufficient information has been provided with respect to peat resources within the study area to determine the likely significant effects of the Transmission Assets and inform mitigation requirements. (This receptor is assessed in Volume 3, Chapter 6: Land use and recreation (APP-104)).	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.20	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets alone.	There will be no significant residual effects on protected species for the impacts from the Transmission Assets alone. A meeting was held with LCC on 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2025. Impacts to sand lizards and the sensitive habitats within Lytham St Anne's Dunes were discussed. The Applicants have signposted to the consideration of the effects of heat dissipation from the cables during operation) in the land use and historic environment chapters. Heat dissipation is discounted as a potential significant effect in Volume 3 Chapter 6: Land Use and Recreation (Table 6.4 in	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion



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		APP-104). Heat dissipation is also concluded to be not significant in respect of buried archaeological remains in Volume 3 Chapter 5: Historic Environment (Table 5.4 and paragraph 5.11.2.19 (APP-096). The outcomes of these assessments are similarly applicable to the potential effects to sand dune habitats. Further mitigation for noise and vibration to sand lizards is set out in paragraphs 3.11.13.19 to 3.11.13.19 in Volume 3 Chapter 3: Onshore ecology and nature conservation. A Sand Lizard Mitigation Plan will be submitted at Deadline 4.		
LCC.OE.21	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets alone.	There would be no significant effects on any other notable species or Species of Principal Importance.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.22	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets alone.	Sufficient information has been provided within the Habitats Regulations Stage 1 Screening Report and Stage 2 Information to Support an Appropriate Assessment to establish no likely significant effect on any European Designated Site, qualifying features or functionally linked land.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.23	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets cumulatively with other projects	There will be no significant effects on the majority of onshore ecology and nature conservation receptors for the impacts from the Transmission Assets when considered cumulatively with other projects. However significant effects are predicted for the Mill Brook Valley BHS and good quality semi-improved grassland.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council position	Status
LCC.OE.24	Mitigation and monitoring	The commitment to undertake pre-construction surveys for aquatic invertebrates, terrestrial invertebrates, bats, badgers, breeding birds, reptiles, otters, water voles, fish and eel is considered appropriate.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.25	Mitigation and monitoring	The District Level Licensing scheme for Great Crested Newts has been applied appropriately. For other protected species, the Applicants are committed to obtain protected species licences from Natural England (where necessary), which is considered appropriate.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.26	Mitigation and monitoring	The adequacy of the proposed trenchless technique in avoiding damage to sand lizards and their habitat, and mitigation to produce a hydrological risk assessment is considered appropriate.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.27	Mitigation and monitoring	Measures to avoid impacts will include alignment of cable corridors micro-siting of infrastructure, e.g., at Mill Brook Valley BHS.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.OE.28	Mitigation and monitoring	The mitigation measures and monitoring outlined in Volume 3, Chapter 3: Onshore Ecology and Nature Conservation (APP-075), the Commitments Register (AS-030) and the Outline Ecological Management Plan (APP-212) for all other species and habitats are appropriate and will ensure significant effects are avoided.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
<b>Other Documents and Plans</b>				

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council position	Status
LCC.OE.29	Outline Management Plans	The measures set out in the Outline Ecological Management Plan (APP-075) are secured in the draft DCO (AS-004) and are appropriate with regard to proposed mitigation measures, long term habitat maintenance, management and monitoring.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion

## 1.4.4 Landscape and Visual Resources

**Table 1.7: Agreement Log between the parties on Landscape and Visual Resources**

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council position	Status
<b>EIA</b>				
LCC.LVR.1	Consultation	The Applicants have undertaken adequate consultation with LCC on potential impacts on landscape and visual resources.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LVR.2	Consultation	The EIA has had due regard to matters raised by LCC through statutory and non-statutory consultation on potential impacts on landscape and visual resources.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LVR.3	Policy and planning	The Application has identified and considered the plans and policies relevant to landscape and visual resources, within LCC's remit.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LVR.4	Surveys	The location of the representative viewpoints was appropriate and the photographic survey was undertaken in accordance with the appropriate methodologies.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LVR.5	Baseline environment	The Applicants have adequately characterised the baseline environment for landscape and visual resources.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LVR.6	Scoping	Agreement to the scoping of impacts for the EIA for landscape and visual resources.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council position	Status
LCC.LVR.7	Study area	The EIA study area is appropriate for the receptors, sites and impacts assessed.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LVR.8	Project design envelope	The EIA chapter has identified, described and assessed the maximum design scenario for the EIA.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LVR.9	Assessment methodology.	The sensitivity of the landscape and visual resources has been correctly identified and sufficiently described within the EIA.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LVR.10	Assessment methodology	The assessment methodology for landscape and visual resources is appropriate.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LVR.11	CEA assessment methodology	The list of projects screened into the CEA in the EIA is appropriate.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LVR.12	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets alone.	Significant residual effects are predicted on landscape character during the construction and decommissioning phases. However, there will be no significant effects on landscape character during the operation of the Transmission Assets following the establishment of landscape mitigation planting.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LVR.13	Assessment of the effects from the	Significant residual effects are predicted on visual amenity at some viewpoint locations during the construction and decommissioning phases. However, there	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council position	Status
	Transmission Assets alone.	will be no significant residual visual effects during the operation of the Transmission Assets following the establishment of landscape mitigation planting.	cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	
LCC.LVR.14	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets alone.	There will be no significant effects relating to loss of woodland for the impacts from the Transmission Assets alone.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LVR.15	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets cumulatively with other projects	Significant residual effects are predicted on visual amenity during the construction of the onshore cable route for impacts from the Transmission Assets when considered cumulatively with other projects. However, there will be no other significant residual effects on landscape and visual resources.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LVR.16	Mitigation and monitoring	The mitigation measures and monitoring outlined in Volume 3, Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual Resources (APP-123), the Commitments Register (AS-030) and the Outline Landscape Management Plan (APP-208) are appropriate and will ensure significant effects are avoided.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
<b>Other Documents and Plans</b>				
LCC.LVR.17	Outline Management Plans	The measures set out in the Outline Landscape Management Plan (APP-208) are secured in the draft DCO (AS-004) and are appropriate with regard to proposed mitigation measures and monitoring.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion





## 1.4.5 Land Use and Recreation

**Table 1.8: Agreement log between the parties on Land Use and Recreation**

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council position	status
<b>EIA</b>				
LCC.LUR.1	Consultation	The EIA has had due regard to matters raised by LCC through statutory and non-statutory consultation on potential impacts on land use and recreation.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LUR.2	Policy and planning	The Application has identified and considered the plans and policies relevant to land use and recreation, within LCC's remit.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LUR.3	Surveys	The scope and coverage of the soil and agricultural land classification (ALC) surveys was appropriate. The surveys were undertaken in accordance with the appropriate methodologies.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LUR.4	Surveys	The scope and coverage of the recreation surveys was appropriate	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LUR.5	Baseline environment	The Applicants have adequately characterised the baseline environment for land use and recreation.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LUR.6	Scoping	Agreement to the scoping of impacts for the EIA for land use and recreation.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council position	status
LCC.LUR.7	Study area	The EIA study area is appropriate for the receptors, sites and impacts assessed.		Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LUR.8	Project design envelope	The EIA chapter has identified, described and assessed the maximum design scenario for the EIA.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LUR.9	Assessment methodology.	The sensitivity of the land use and recreation receptors has been correctly identified and sufficiently described within the EIA.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LUR.10	Assessment methodology	The assessment methodology for land use and recreation is appropriate.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LUR.11	CEA assessment methodology	The list of projects screened into the CEA in the EIA is appropriate.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LUR.12	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets alone. – land use	Significant residual effects are predicted from the permanent loss of agricultural land (including best and most versatile (BMV) land) and the temporary disruption to the operation of agricultural land holdings from the Transmission Assets alone. There will be no other significant residual effects on land use receptors.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LUR.13	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets alone – other recreational receptors	There will be no significant effects on recreation resources, including on the public rights of way network, for the impacts from the Transmission Assets alone.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LUR.14	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission	Significant residual effects are predicted from the permanent loss of agricultural land (including BMV land) from the Transmission Assets when	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council position	status
	Assets cumulatively with other projects	considered cumulatively with other projects. However, there will be no other significant residual effects on land use and recreation receptors.	matters can be positively concluded or not.	
LCC.LUR.15	Mitigation and monitoring	The mitigation measures and monitoring outlined in Volume 3, Chapter 6: Land Use and Recreation (APP-104), the Commitments Register (AS-030), the Outline Public Rights of Way (PRoW) Management Plan (APP-198) and the Outline Soil Management Plan (APP-200) are appropriate and will ensure significant effects are avoided.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
<b>Other Document and Plans</b>				
LCC.LUR.16	Outline Management Plans	The measures set out in the Outline PRoW Management Plan (APP-198) and the Outline Soil Management Plan (APP-200) are secured in the draft DCO (AS-004) and are appropriate with regard to proposed mitigation measures and monitoring.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LUR.17	Outline PRoW Management Plan	No public access routes will be permanently closed as a result of the Transmission Assets. Where avoidance has not been possible, suitable outline management measures have been proposed to maintain access to the PRoW network and the safety of users during construction, including managed crossings, a single temporary diversion (5-5-BW 16) and two permanent gated crossings.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LUR.18	Outline PRoW Management Plan	The Applicants are committed to managing temporary footpath closures in a way that prioritises public access and minimises disruption. Where closures are required, the Outline PRoW management plan provides that they will be limited to three months at any one	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion

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		time, and no more than six months in total for any given section of PRoW, during the construction of the relevant project. Any need to exceed this due to unforeseen circumstances encountered during construction would need to be notified to LCC (see CoT102).		
LCC.LUR.19	Detailed PRoW Management Plan(s)	The Applicants confirm that details regarding the design and surfacing of reinstated PRoWs would be confirmed in detailed PRoW Management Plan(s) prior to the commencement of the relevant stage of the works.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LUR.20	Detailed PRoW Management Plan(s)	The Applicants may adopt a staged approach to the discharge of DCO requirements, including the PRoW management plans. This will ensure that the relevant detail for each project is considered and approved in part or in whole, prior to the commencement of the relevant stage of works affecting that area, and provides flexibility in accordance with the construction programme of each offshore wind farm.	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.LUR.21	Detailed PRoW Management Plan(s).	The Applicants will continue to consult with LCC in the development of the detailed PRoW management plan(s).	Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion

## 1.4.6 Historic Environment

**Table 1.9: Agreement Log between the parties and Historic Environment**

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council position	Status
LCC.HE1	Consultation	The Application documents have had regard to matters raised by LCC via statutory and non-statutory consultation activities in relation to historic environment	Consultation would be ongoing through the preparation of the detailed Onshore and intertidal Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) as secured in Requirement 11 of the draft DCO	Agreed
LCC.HE.2	Study Area	The EIA study area is appropriate for the impacts and receptors assessed.	Agreed.	agreed
LCC.HE.3	Surveys	The survey approach is appropriate for the site, impacts and receptors assessed. The site-specific surveys have been undertaken in accordance with agreed methodologies.	Agreed.	agreed
LCC. HE.4	Surveys	The approach and contents of the Desk Based Assessment is appropriate for the wider assessment.	Agreed	Agreed
LCC.HE.5	Baseline environment	Sufficient primary and secondary data (including site-specific surveys) have been collated to appropriately characterise the onshore archaeology and heritage baseline environment for the purposes of EIA within Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic environment (APP-096).	Further programme of surveys as indicated in the Outline Onshore and Intertidal WSI (APP-214) to be completed. This is ongoing and will carry on through the discharge of condition post consent with the implementation of the detailed WSIs in line with requirement 11 of the draft DCO.	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council position	Status
LCC.HE.6	Assessment Methodology	The sensitivity and significance of the onshore archaeology receptors has been appropriately and adequately described within Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic environment (APP-096).	Agreed.	Agreed
LCC.HE.7	Assessment Methodology	The methodologies used in within Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic environment (APP-096) are appropriate for assessing the potential impacts the Transmission Assets on onshore archaeology and heritage assets.	Agreed.	Agreed
LCC.HE.8	Project design envelope	The assessment has appropriately defined the Maximum Design Scenario (MDS) for the purposes of EIA.	Agreed.	Agreed
LCC.HE.9	Assessment of the effects from the project alone	The potential impacts identified within Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic environment (APP-096) represent a comprehensive list of the potential impacts in relation to onshore archaeology and heritage assets.	Further programme of surveys as indicated in the Outline Onshore and Intertidal WSI (APP-214) to be completed. This is ongoing and will carry on through the discharge of condition post consent with the implementation of the detailed WSIs in line with requirement 11 of the draft DCO.	Agreed
LLC.HE.10	Assessment of the effects from the project alone	The likely significant adverse residual effects (in EIA terms) identified within Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic environment (APP-096) represent a comprehensive list of the likely significant adverse residual effects on onshore archaeology.	The programme of survey is yet to be fully completed. Further programme of surveys as indicated in the Outline Onshore and Intertidal WSI (APP-214) to be completed to inform baseline and mitigation required.  This is ongoing and will carry on through the discharge of condition post consent with the implementation	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council position	Status
			of the detailed WSIs in line with Requirement 11 of the draft DCO.	
LCC.HE.11	Assessment of the effects from the project cumulatively with other projects	The likely significant adverse residual effects (in EIA terms) which are predicted to arise from the development of the Transmission Assets cumulatively with other project and plans identified within Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic environment (APP-096) represent a comprehensive list of the likely significant adverse residual effects on the historic environment.	Further programme of surveys as indicated in the Outline Onshore and Intertidal WSI (APP-214) to be completed. This is ongoing and will carry on through the discharge of condition post consent with the implementation of the detailed WSIs in line with requirement 11 of the draft DCO.	Agreed
LCC.HE.12	Mitigation	The mitigation measures identified in Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic environment (APP-096) are considered appropriate and adequate for the Transmission Assets.	Agreed	agreed
<b>Other Documents and Plans</b>				
LCC.HE.13	Outline Onshore Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI)	The Outline Onshore and Intertidal WSI (APP-214) is secured under Requirement 11 of the draft DCO (AS-004) and is considered appropriate with regard to proposed monitoring and management principles	Agreed	agreed



## 1.4.7 Traffic and Transport

**Table 1.10: Agreement Log between the parties on Traffic and Transport**

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council position	Status
<b>EIA</b>				
LCC.TT.1	Consultation	<p>The Applicants have undertaken adequate consultation with LCC on the potential impacts of the Transmission Assets on traffic and transport. <b>Table 1.2</b> outlines that LCC have been consulted through the issue of a formal scoping report, Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and three EWG meetings prior to the submission of the DCO application.</p> <p>Following submission of the DCO application, <b>Table 1.2</b> also outlines that the Applicants have met with LCC on five occasions as well as provided copies in responses to key matters raised by LCC within their Local Impact Report (LIR) and through engagement. The Applicants remain committed to working with LCC to resolving matters still in discussion.</p>	Some conversations have taken place throughout the process. LCC are awaiting updates to / and further documentation, which will require further consultation / communication to enable LCC to conclude this proposal..	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.TT.2	Consultation	<p>The Application documents have had due regard to matters raised by LCC through statutory and non-statutory consultation on traffic and transport. <b>Table 1.2</b> outlines that LCC have been consulted through the issue of a formal scoping report, Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and three EWG meetings prior to the submission of the DCO application.</p>	The documents provided to LCC to date via email, have had regard to most matters raised by LCC (where it is in the applicant's gift, i.e., land that they or the LHA controls) through statutory and non-statutory consultation on traffic and transport. LCC are awaiting further documentation. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council position	Status
		Following submission of the DCO application, <b>Table 1.2</b> also outlines that the Applicants have met with LCC on five occasions as well as provided copies in responses to key matters raised by LCC within their Local Impact Report (LIR) and through engagement. The Applicants remain committed to working with LCC to resolving matters still in discussion.		
LCC.TT.3	Policy and planning	The Application documents have identified and considered the most up-to-date plans and policies as relevant to traffic and transport, within LCC's remit.	LCC are awaiting further documentation (e.g., evidence relating to impacts on sustainability and accessibility) to determine whether the applicant's documents align with policy and planning. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.TT.4	Surveys	<p>The site-specific surveys for traffic and transport have been undertaken in accordance with appropriate methodologies and sufficient primary and secondary data (including site-specific surveys) has been collated to appropriately characterise the traffic and transport baseline environment for the purposes of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) within Volume 3, Chapter 7: Traffic and Transport (APP-108).</p> <p>LCC have sought clarifications through their LIR and engagement (<b>Table 1.2</b>) in regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speed surveys for some accesses;</li> <li>• Route geometry surveys in relation to road width (for 14 links); and</li> </ul>	Some additional surveys (carriageway width and speed) for traffic and transport have now been undertaken. LCC are awaiting further surveys to be undertaken at agreed locations (non-motorised user surveys). At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-motorised user surveys (for seven links).</li> </ul> <p>The Applicants have commissioned additional speed surveys and shared the results with LCC within a technical note and discussed the outcomes during meetings (detailed in <b>Table 1.2</b>).</p> <p>In response to LCCs LIR and engagement outlined in <b>Table 1.2</b>, the Applicants have undertaken further validation surveys for road widths. This information has been shared with LCC in a technical note and discussed during meetings (detailed in <b>Table 1.2</b>). During a meeting on the 30 June 2025 LCC have requested additional information in regard to the detailed design of mitigation and swept path analysis.</p> <p>The Applicants have agreed to a request from LCC for further validation surveys of receptor sensitivity through non-motorised user surveys at sample locations. The Applicants have agreed the location and methodology for these sample validation surveys with LCC on the 30 June 2025. The results will be shared with LCC once complete.</p>		
LCC.TT.6	Baseline Environment	<p>The baseline environment for traffic and transport has been appropriately characterised in Volume 3, Chapter 7: Traffic and Transport (APP-108).</p> <p>The Applicants note LCCs comments in relation to Figure 7.1 and will discuss with</p>	<p>Further updates are required, for example Figure 7.1. LCC are awaiting further surveys to be undertaken at agreed locations (sustainability). Poor appreciation has been had to some existing sustainable infrastructure (e.g., Guild wheel cycle route). At this stage LCC cannot indicate</p>	

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council position	Status
		<p>LCC what updates are required and provide these at Deadline 4.</p> <p>The Applicants have agreed to a request from LCC for further validation surveys of receptor sensitivity through non-motorised user surveys at sample locations. The Applicants have agreed the location and methodology for these sample validation surveys with LCC on the 30 June 2025. The results will be shared with LCC once complete.</p> <p>The Applicants have provided further detail in regard to measures proposed to address the interaction with construction traffic at the Guild Wheel cycle route in the oCTMP (REP2-016) submitted at Deadline 2. During a meeting with LCC on the 30 June 2025 these measures were discussed and it was agreed that the Applicants would consider this matter further, including collecting additional data on numbers of non-motorised users (as outlined above).</p>	whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	
LCC.TT.7	Study area	The traffic and transport study area is appropriate for the impacts and the receptors assessed. The Applicants position in relation to Figure 7.1 and further surveys is outlined in detail above (LCC.TT.6).	Further updates are required, for example Figure 7.1. The study area (highway links proposed to be used by this project) have changed in a couple of rural locations. LCC are awaiting further survey results at agreed locations (sustainability). At this stage LCC consider the transport study area is likely to be appropriate, subject to any further information and further changes.	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Lancashire County Council position	Status
LCC.TT.8 and LCC.TT.9	Assessment methodology	<p>The sensitivity and significance of the traffic and transport receptors have been appropriately and adequately described within Volume 3, Chapter 7: Traffic and Transport (APP-108) and the methodologies used in within Volume 3, Chapter 7: Traffic and Transport (APP-108) are appropriate for assessing the potential impacts of the Transmission Assets.</p> <p>LCC have raised comments in regard to the assessment of delays to drivers and road safety due to route geometry (on 14 links), road safety at accesses and impacts of abnormal loads.</p> <p>The Applicants have provided further detail in regard to the range of measures to address driver delay in the oCTMP (REP2-016) submitted at Deadline 2. Following receipt of this information, LCC have requested further detail on this mitigation. The Applicants consider that these requests relate to matters of detail that can and should be addressed as part of the final detail CTMPs. Nonetheless the Applicants agree to continue to work with LCC to provide further detail.</p> <p>The Applicants have provided abnormal load studies (REP2-049 and REP2-050) that outline that the routes and structures are acceptable.</p> <p>The Applicants have updated the Outline Highway Access Management Plan (oHAMP) (at Deadline 3) and shared early draft designs with LCC for comment (detailed</p>	LCC are awaiting further documentation and information. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion

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		in <b>Table 1.2</b> ). The Applicants consider that the updates to the oHAMP address all LCCs concerns.		
LCC.TT.10	Project design envelope	<p>The appropriate Maximum Design Scenario has been used to identify, describe and assess the construction vehicle trip generation, distribution and assignment in Volume 3, Annex 7.5: Construction Vehicle Trip Assumptions (APP-115).</p> <p>LCC have requested clarification of the numbers of HGVs (peak and average) at each access rather than per link at a meeting on the 30 June 2025. This information will be provided to LCC following Deadline 3.</p>	LCC are awaiting further documentation and information including HGV numbers entering and exiting at each access and egress. This has not yet been provided At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.TT.11	Assessment of the effects from the project alone	<p>No significant adverse effects on traffic and transport are predicted to arise from the development of the Transmission Assets.</p> <p>The Applicants latest position is outlined at LCC.TT.8 and 9</p>	At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not. LCC are still awaiting further documentation and information, including further understanding of movements in/out of each access, updates to access designs, updates to mitigation on narrow links and further surveys. Agreement on basic parameters (suitability of carriageway for HGV use) is still outstanding. Swept path analysis for narrow highway links is outstanding. LCC highways still have significant concerns regarding safety and appropriateness of the generic approach to mitigation/traffic management.	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.TT.12	Assessment of the effects from the	No significant adverse effects on traffic and transport are predicted to arise from the development of the Transmission Assets cumulatively with other projects and	LCC are awaiting further documentation and information, including further understanding of movements in/out of each access, updates to access designs,	Ongoing point of discussion

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	project cumulatively with other projects	plans. The Applicants latest position is outlined at LCC.TT.8 and 9	updates to mitigation on narrow links and further surveys. Whilst the application has considered that approved in a point in time, at this stage does not have regard to those proposals currently progressing through the planning system (such as solar farms with joint use of highway from the A583).. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	
LCC.TT.13	Mitigation	<p>The mitigation measures outlined within the outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (REP2-106) and outline Highway Access Management Plan (APP-211) are appropriate and will ensure significant effects are avoided.</p> <p>The Applicants have provided further detail in regard to the range of measures to address driver delay in the oCTMP (REP2-016) submitted at Deadline 2. Following receipt of this information, LCC have requested further detail on this mitigation. The Applicants consider that these requests relate to matters of detail that can and should be addressed as part of the final detail CTMPs. Nonetheless the Applicants agree to continue to work with LCC to provide further detail. LCC have agreed at a meeting on the 30 June 2025 that they will provide formal comments upon any additional amendments (beyond highway geometry) that they consider may be required to the oCTMP.</p>	<p>LCC are still awaiting further documentation and information, including further understanding of movements in/out of each access, updates to access designs, updates to mitigation on narrow links and further surveys. Agreement on basic parameters (suitability of carriageway for HGV use) is still outstanding (the applicant has suggested that carriageway of 5.5m is sufficient for two HGVs to pass, which the LHA do not support, notwithstanding any bends in the road or forward visibility requirements). Swept path analysis for narrow highway links is outstanding. LCC highways still have significant concerns regarding safety and appropriateness of the generic approach to mitigation/traffic management. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.</p>	Ongoing point of discussion
<b>Other Documents and Plans</b>				

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LCC.TT.14	Outline management plans	<p>The Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (REP2-016) is secured as a requirement in the draft DCO (REP2-004) and is appropriate with regards to proposed mitigation and monitoring.</p> <p>The Applicants latest position is as outlined at LCC.TT.13.</p>	<p>As currently presented, the Outline CTMP only highlights potential mitigation, with no detail regarding the suitability and deliverability on the Highway network. This level of detail is required at this stage to ensure the principle of the proposed mitigation is acceptable, suitable and deliverable at the specific location. LCC highways still have significant concerns regarding safety and appropriateness of the generic approach to mitigation/traffic management. LCC are awaiting further documentation and update to the outline CTMP.</p> <p>At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.</p>	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.TT.15	Outline management plans	<p>The Outline Highways Access Management Plan (AS-052) is secured as a requirement in the draft DCO (REP2-004) and is appropriate with regards to proposed mitigation and monitoring.</p> <p>The Applicants have updated the Outline Highway Access Management Plan (oHAMP) (at Deadline 3) and shared early draft designs with LCC for comment (detailed in <b>Table 1.2</b>). The Applicants consider that the updates to the oHAMP address all LCCs concerns.</p>	<p>LCC are awaiting further information and updated with regards to the Outline Highways Access Management Plan. Some of the previous LCC concerns have been taken on board and overcome, whilst others currently remain. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.</p>	Ongoing point of discussion
LCC.TT.16	Road Condition Monitoring and Maintenance Strategy	The measures to manage road condition, monitoring and maintenance outlined within the outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (REP2-106) are appropriate.	Whilst there is a commitment to monitor and maintain the public highway prior, during and post project, at this stage, the mechanism for the delivery of this strategy has not been agreed. At this stage this is a	Ongoing point of discussion



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		<p>An updated oCTMP has been provided to address comments within the LCCs LIR and raised during meetings (outlined in <b>Table 1.2</b>). The oCTMP includes commitments to funding of maintenance of the highway where the damage is attributable to the Transmission Assets. The requirement to produce detailed CTMPs (in agreement with LCC) is secured as a requirement in the draft DCO (REP2-004).</p> <p>LCC have agreed at a meeting on the 30 June 2025 that they will provide formal comments upon any additional amendments that they consider may be required to the oCTMP.</p>	<p>risk as the LHA cannot be funding maintenance of the highway where it has been knowingly damaged by this project.</p>	

## 1.4.8 Development Consent Order

**Table 1.11: Agreement Log between the parties on the DCO**

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LCC.DCO.1	Specific requirements for discussion to be confirmed		Early conversations have commenced. At this stage LCC cannot indicate whether matters can be positively concluded or not.	Ongoing point of discussion