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Glossary

Term	Meaning			

Acronyms

Acronym	Meaning		
CoCP	Code of Construction Practice		
DCO	Development Consent Order		
EnBW	Energie Baden-Württemberg AG		
FRA	Flood Risk Assessment		
PCC	Preston City Council		
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground		

Initial Statement of Common Ground between Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets and Preston City 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 Preston City Council (PCC), 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 PCC 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 PCC's remit

- 1.1.2.1 The elements of the Transmission Assets which may affect the interests of PCC are within Work Numbers 19A/B, 25A/B, 27A/B, 28A/B, 29A/B, 45A/B, 46A/B covering the Morgan and Morecambe 400kv grid connection cable corridor and River Ribble Crossing. These are detailed in Schedule 1 (Authorised Project), Part 1 (Authorised Development) of the Draft DCO (AS-004).
- 1.1.2.2 This SoCG covers the following topics of relevance to PCC:
 - Geology, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions;
 - Hydrology and Flood Risk;
 - Landscape and Visual Resources;
 - Onshore Ecology and Nature Conservation;
 - Noise and Vibration;
 - Air Quality; and

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;
 - 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 PCC within its response to Scoping, Section 42 consultation and as raised through the Evidence Plan process that has underpinned the pre-application consultation between the parties. This SoCG also includes those issues raised by PCC 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 22 September 2025 (Deadline 5).
- 1.2.1.2 The Applicants have drafted Preston City Council's position in relation to air quality based on Preston City Council's Relevant Representation (RR-1775) submitted on 27 January 2025. The Applicants have also drafted Preston City Council's landscape and visual resources based on text agreed at a Joint Council Meetings (convened with Fylde Borough Council, Lancashire County Council, South Ribble Borough Council and Preston City Council to discuss matters relating to landscape). The Applicants have sought to have a meeting with Preston City Council to discuss all matters within this SoCG. However, Preston City Council have not respond to attempts to organise this. The Applicants will continue to endeavour to arrange this and submit a SoCG during the examination phase.

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
Geology, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions	Ongoing point of discussion
Hydrology and Flood Risk	Ongoing point of discussion
Landscape and Visual Resources	Ongoing point of discussion
Onshore Ecology	Ongoing point of discussion
Noise and Vibration	Ongoing point of discussion
Air Quality	Ongoing point of discussion
DCO	Ongoing point of discussion

1.3 Summary of Consultation

1.3.1.1 Table 1.2 below provides an overview of the consultation undertaken by the Applicants with Preston City Council during the pre-application phases of the Transmission Assets. Table 1.3 below provides a summary of the consultation undertaken by the Applicants with Preston City Council during the post-application phases of the Transmission Assets.

Table 1.2: Summary of pre-application consultation with Preston City Council

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non-statutory engagement	Summary of consultation
10 January 2023	Steering group	Non-statutory engagement	Matters discussed included a summary of the Transmission Assets programme, overview of pre-application process, discussion of roles and responsibilities and discussions of next steps and working methods.
Evidence Plan P	rocess, Onshore Eco	ology, Onshore and Ir	ntertidal Ornithology EWG
23 March 2023	EWG01	Non-statutory engagement	Matters discussed included an overview of the Transmission Assets, Project programme, overview of the EWG Expert Working Groups (EWGs) and Evidence Plan Process, Onshore Route Planning and Site Selection, the scoping opinion and summary of impact in relation to onshore ecology and onshore and intertidal ornithology.
13 September 2023	EWG02	Non-statutory engagement	Matters discussed included updates on the onshore ecology assessment and the onshore and intertidal ornithology assessment including:

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non-statutory	Summary of consultation			
		engagement				
			Methodology for construction scenarios;			
			Assessment update;			
			Approach to cumulative assessment			
			Initial identification of mitigation			
18 December 2023	EWG03	Non-statutory engagement	Matters discussed included an update on the Projects Programme, Onshore Route Planning and Site Selection and the Projects approach to Biodiversity Net Gain (including an agreement on the methodology and existing schemes and projects for collaboration).			
26 January 2024	EWG04	Non-statutory engagement	Matters discussed included site selection update, survey coverage for the application update and strategy, Section 42 responses, use of trenchless techniques, scope of wintering bird data, commitments and mitigation and wider application documents.			
31 May 2024	EWG05	Non-statutory engagement	Matters discussed included an update on site selection and on survey coverage and the proposed strategy in regard to surveys.			
19 June 2024	EWG06A	Non-statutory engagement	Matters discussed focussed on onshore ecology and included an update relating to the proposed works at landfall, survey update, summary of the mitigation strategy, the approach to reducing adverse effects, preconstruction surveys and the monitoring of mitigation areas.			
27 June 2024	EWG06B	Non-statutory engagement	Matters discussed focussed on onshore and intertidal ornithology and included a site selection update, proposed works in the intertidal area, survey update, survey update, summary of mitigation strategy with particular reference Lea Marsh and replacement ponds, , approach on reducing adverse effects, preconstruction surveys. and the monitoring of mitigation areas.			
Landscape and	Landscape and Visual Resources EWG					
22 February 2024	EWG01	Non-statutory engagement	Matters discussed included reducing the scope of the assessment (from Seascape and Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) to just LVIA), agreement of representative viewpoints, and grey photomontage presentation of main infrastructure.			

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non-statutory engagement	Summary of consultation
24 September 2024	EWG02	Non-statutory engagement	Matters discussed included the Outline Landscape Management Plan and Outline Design Principles document.

Table 1.3: Summary of post-application consultation with Preston City Council

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non- statutory engagement	Summary of consultation
27 January 2025	Relevant Representation	Statutory	Provision of Preston City Council's Relevant Representation (RR- 1775)
19 August 2025	Joint Council Meetings	Non statutory	Joint meeting with Fylde Borough Council, Lancashire County Council, South Ribble Borough Council and Preston City Council to discuss matters relating to LVIA.

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).

1.4.2 Geology, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions

Table 1.5: Agreement log between the parties on Geology, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status		
EIA	EIA					
PCC.GHGC.1	Consultation	The Applicant has undertaken adequate consultation with PCC on the potential impacts of the Transmission Assets on geology, hydrogeology and ground conditions		Ongoing point of discussion		
PCC.GHGC.2	Consultation	The Application documents have had due regard to matters raised by PCC through statutory and non-statutory consultation on geology, hydrogeology and ground conditions.		Ongoing point of discussion		
PCC.GHGC.3	Policy and planning	The Application documents have identified and considered the most up-to-date plans and policies as relevant to geology, hydrogeology and ground conditions, within PCC's remit		Ongoing point of discussion		
PCC.GHGC.4	Surveys	Agreement that desk -based information is adequate to characterise the geology, hydrogeology and ground conditions baseline and that site-specific surveys are not required		Ongoing point of discussion		
PCC.GHGC.5	Baseline environment	The geology, hydrogeology and ground conditions baseline has been appropriately characterised in Volume 3, Chapter 1: Geology, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions (APP-068).		Ongoing point of discussion		

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
PCC.GHGC.6	Study area	The geology, hydrogeology and ground conditions study area is appropriate for the impacts and the receptors assessed.		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.GHGC.7	Assessment methodology	The sensitivity and significance of the geology, hydrogeology and ground conditions receptors have been appropriately and adequately described within Volume 3, Chapter 1: Geology, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions (APP-068).		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.GHGC.8	Assessment methodology	The potential impacts identified within Volume 3, Chapter 1: Geology, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions (APP-068) represent a comprehensive list of the potential impacts in relation to hydrogeology		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.GHGC.9	Assessment of the effects from the project alone	No significant residual effects on geology, hydrogeology and ground conditions are predicted to arise from the development of the Transmission Assets		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.GHGC.10	Assessment of the effects from the project cumulatively with other projects	No significant adverse effects on geology, hydrogeology and ground conditions are predicted to arise from the development of the Transmission Assets cumulatively with other projects and plans.		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.GHGC.11	Mitigation	The mitigation measures outlined in Volume 3, Chapter 1: Geology, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions (APP-068) are appropriate and will ensure significant effects are avoided		Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
PCC.GHGC.12	Outline management plans	The Outline Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) and the accompanying management plans are appropriate. This includes the protection of the Groundwater Source Protection Zone by implementing the detailed Code of Construction Practice(s) (CoCP) via commitment CoT35, which is provided in outline with the application [APP -193] and secured through Requirement 8 of the DCO.		Ongoing point of discussion

1.4.3 Hydrology and Flood Risk

Table 1.6: Agreement log between the parties on Hydrology and Flood Risk

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
PCC.HFR.1	Consultation	The Applicant has undertaken adequate consultation with PCC on the potential impacts of the Transmission Assets on hydrology and flood risk		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.HFR.2	Consultation	The Application documents have had due regard to matters raised by PCC through statutory and non-statutory consultation on hydrology and flood risk.		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.HFR.3	Policy and planning	The Application documents have identified and considered the most up-to-date plans and policies as relevant to hydrology and flood risk, within PCC's remit		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.HFR.4	Surveys	Agreement that desk -based information is adequate to characterise the hydrology and flood risk baseline and that sitespecific surveys are not required		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.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).		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.HFR.6	Baseline environment	The hydrology and flood risk baseline has been appropriately characterised in Volume 3, Chapter 2: Hydrology and Flood Risk (APP-070).		Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
		The Flood Risk Assessment will be updated with the new surface water flood risk extents (January 2025) and updated flood zones (March 2025) data from the Environment Agency. the updated FRA will be submitted at Deadline 1.		
PCC.HFR.7	Study area	The hydrology and flood risk study area is appropriate for the impacts and the receptors assessed.		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.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).		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.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		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.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		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.HFR.11	Assessment of the effects from the project cumulatively with other projects	No significant adverse effects on hydrology and flood risk are predicted to arise from the development of the Transmission Assets cumulatively with other projects and plans		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.HFR.12	Mitigation	The mitigation measures outlined in Volume 3, Chapter 2: Hydrology and Flood Risk (APP-070) are appropriate		Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
		and will ensure significant effects are avoided		
Other Docum	ents and Plans			
PCC.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.		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	Preston City Council position	Status
Landscape	and Visual Ass	essment		
PCC.LVR.1	Scoping	The Applicants submitted a Scoping Report that described adequately the technical studies being undertaken to provide an assessment of any likely significant effects for the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning phases of the Transmission Assets. Detail is provided in Table 10.7 of Volume 3, Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual Resources (APP-123), which outlines the comments raised by the Council, the Applicants' responses, and how these were addressed within the Environmental Statement (ES) chapter.	The Council agree that the Applicants submitted a Scoping Report that adequately described the technical studies being undertaken to provide an assessment of any likely significant effects for all phases of the Transmission Assets. The Council's comments, the Applicants' responses, and how these were adequately addressed are documented sufficiently in ES Chapter 10 (APP-123).	Agreed
PCC.LVR.2	Consultation	The Applicants have consulted with the Council on comments raised regarding potential impacts on landscape and visual resources, during consultation activities prior to the submission of the DCO application.	The Council agree that the Applicants have engaged with the Council on the comments they have raised regarding potential impacts on landscape and visual resources, prior to the submission of the DCO application.	Agreed
PCC.LVR.3	Consultation	The Applicants have had due regard to matters raised by the Council through statutory and non-statutory consultation to potential impacts on landscape and visual resources prior to the submission of the DCO application. These are detailed in Table 10.7 of Volume 3,	The Council agree that the Applicants have had due regard to matters raised by the Council through statutory and non-statutory consultation to potential impacts on landscape and visual resources.	Agreed
		Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual Resources (APP-123), which set out the comments		

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
		raised by the Council, the Applicants' responses, and how each matter has been addressed within the ES chapter.		
PCC.LVR.4	Policy and planning	The Applicants' LVIA has addressed all relevant legislation, policies, and guidance within the Council's remit that pertains to landscape and visual resources and the assessment of potential impacts submitted as part of the ES, as set out in as set out in Volume 3, Annex 10.1: Landscape and visual resources local planning policy context (APP-124).	The Council agree that the Applicants have addressed all legislation, policies, and guidance within the Council's remit that pertains to landscape and visual resources and the assessment of potential impacts.	Agreed
PCC.LVR.5	Study area	The study areas for each component of the Transmission Assets, determined in Volume 3, Chapter 10 Landscape and Visual Resources (APP-123), capture all potentially significant effects on the landscape and visual resources and designated landscapes.	The Council was consulted in 2023 and 2024 regarding the proposed representative viewpoints, study areas, and visualisations for both the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and the ES, following submission of the Scoping Report on 28 October 2022 to the Planning Inspectorate. The Council acknowledges that no formal comments on the study areas were submitted following either the Scoping Report or the PEIR, prior to the	Agreed
			submission of the ES. On this basis, the Council agree that the defined study areas for each component of the Transmission Assets are acceptable to capture all potentially significant effects on the landscape and visual resources and designated landscapes.	
PCC.LVR.6	Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) study	The ZTV studies, undertaken as part of the LVIA, are appropriate and effective in determining which landscape and visual receptors are likely to be affected and merit detailed consideration in the assessment of effects attributable to the onshore substations,	The Council was consulted in 2023 and 2024 regarding the proposed representative viewpoints, study areas, and visualisations for both the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and the Environmental Statement (ES),	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
		in combination with supporting fieldwork observations.	following submission of the Scoping Report on 28 October 2022 to the Planning Inspectorate.	
			The Council acknowledges that no formal comments were submitted on the ZTV studies that support ES Chapter 10 (APP-123).	
			Furthermore, the Council acknowledges that the Applicant provided clarification on the methodology used for the ZTV in the Applicants response to comments made by Lancashire County Council (LCC) in their Local Impact Report (REP1-085) – see REP1-086 7.122 of Applicants' Response to Lancashire County Council Local Impact Report (REP2-039). Therefore, the Council agree that the ZTVs presented were appropriate and effective in identifying the landscape and visual receptors likely to be affected, and in informing the scope of	
	5 "		receptors taken forward for detailed assessment.	
PCC.LVR.7	Baseline methodology	The Applicants have included all relevant and current studies and datasets in the LVIA's baseline study, which informed the subsequent assessment of effects, as recorded in Volume 3, Chapter 10 Landscape and Visual Resources.	The Council agree that the Applicants have included all relevant and current studies and datasets in the LVIA's baseline study, which informed the subsequent assessment of effects.	Agreed
PCC.LVR.8	Baseline methodology	The Applicants have complied with guidance provide in <i>PINS Advice Note Nine: Rochdale Envelope</i> ; using an approach that records the maximum and minimum design parameters to ensure that the worst-case scenarios are identified and assessed in the EIA.	The Council agree that the Applicants have complied with guidance provide in PINS Advice Note Nine: Rochdale Envelope; using an approach that records the maximum and minimum design parameters to ensure that the worst-case scenarios are identified and assessed in the EIA.	Agreed
PCC.LVR.9	Site-specific Surveys	The locations of the representative viewpoints are appropriate, and the photographic survey was undertaken in accordance with the best	The Council was consulted in February 2024, as part of the EWG at Stakeholder Meeting 1, in relation to several site-specific survey matters.	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
		practice guidance / methodology, adhering to the consultation conducted with the following statutory consultees: Natural England, Historic England, Preston City Council, Fylde Council, Blackpool Council, South Ribble Borough Council, Fylde Borough Council, West Lancashire Borough Council. The Applicants proceeded with its assessment of potential effects on landscape and visual resources on the basis that the Expert Working Group (EWG), including the Council, agreed to the proposed representative viewpoint locations and associated visual material, confirming that it was sufficient to support a robust assessment for the purposes of the DCO application. Accordingly, no further photography was requested or captured undertaken after February 2024.	 The consultation sought agreement on the following: The representative viewpoints for the onshore substations, as presented in the PEIR, acknowledging that final view orientations may be subject to micro-siting; The representative and candidate viewpoint locations for the River Ribble crossing; and The presentation of grey-rendered photomontages illustrating the main buildings and associated infrastructure at the onshore substations for all agreed viewpoint locations. Following the meeting, the representative viewpoint locations were agreed with the relevant members of the EWG, including the Council. The EWG also confirmed that the proposed viewpoint locations and associated visual material were sufficient to support a robust assessment for the purposes of the DCO application. Accordingly, no further photography was undertaken. The Council agrees that the representative viewpoints used in the LVIA align with best practice guidance and reflect consultation with the EWG. 	
PCC.LVR.10	Assessment methodology	The methodology for assessment of landscape and visual resources has been undertaken in accordance with best practice guidance within GLVIA3 (Landscape Institute and IEMA, 2013), drawing upon other best practice guidance, where relevant.	The Council agrees that the methodology for assessment of landscape and visual resources has been undertaken in accordance with best practice guidance within GLVIA3 (Landscape Institute and IEMA, 2013), drawing upon other best practice guidance, where relevant.	Agreed
PCC.LVR.11	Assessment methodology	The sensitivity criteria - covering value, susceptibility, integrity and capacity - for landscape and visual resources have been correctly identified and sufficiently described	The Council agrees that the sensitivity criteria for landscape and visual resources have been correctly identified and sufficiently described in ES Chapter 10 (APP-123).	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
		within Volume 3, Chapter 10 Landscape and Visual Resources (APP-123).		
PCC.LVR.12	Assessment methodology	The magnitude of impact criteria for landscape and visual resources have been correctly identified and sufficiently described within Volume 3, Chapter 10 Landscape and Visual Resources (APP-123).	The Council agrees that the magnitude of impact criteria for landscape and visual resources have been correctly identified and sufficiently described in ES Chapter 10 (APP-123).	Agreed
PCC.LVR.13	Assessment methodology	The significance of effects upon landscape and visual resources has been correctly determined and sufficiently described within Volume 3, Chapter 10 Landscape and Visual Resources (APP-123).	The Council agrees that the significance of effects upon landscape and visual resources has been correctly determined and sufficiently described in ES Chapter 10 (APP-123). However, while reassured by the Applicants – through SoCG discussions and their written submissions – and ExA position during ISH2, that sub-EIA-significance-threshold effects are not automatically disregarded and have informed decisions on design, mitigation, and overall scheme evaluation, the Council remains concerned that such effects may be overlooked in the final decision-making process.	Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.LVR.14	Assessment methodology	The assumptions and limitations of Volume 3, Chapter 10 Landscape and Visual Resources (APP-123) are fair and reasonable.	The Council agrees that the assumptions and limitations of ES Chapter 10 (APP-123) are fair and reasonable.	Agreed
PCC.LVR.15	Baseline environment	Volume 3, Chapter 10 Landscape and Visual Resources (APP-123) correctly identified and describes all relevant landscape and visual resources – regarding landscape character, visual receptors and designated landscapes – which could be affected by the components of the Transmission Assets.	The Council agrees that the Applicants have correctly identified and describes all relevant landscape and visual resources – regarding landscape character, visual receptors and designated landscapes - which could be affected by the components of the Transmission Assets.	Agreed
PCC.LVR.16	Future Baseline	Volume 3, Chapter 10 Landscape and Visual Resources (APP-123) has provided a	The Council agrees that the Applicants have provided a reasonable outline of the likely future	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
		reasonable outline of the likely future baseline conditions in the absence of the Transmission Assets.	baseline conditions in the absence of the Transmission Assets.	
PCC.LVR.17	Scope of the Assessment	Volume 3, Chapter 10 Landscape and Visual Resources (APP-123) has adhered to the scope of the ES that was developed, and agreed to, in consultation with relevant statutory and non-statutory consultees; reporting on the impact of the onshore elements of the Transmission Assets on landscape character and on publicly accessible views during the construction, operation and maintenance and decommissioning phase.	The Council agrees that the Applicants have adhered to the scope of the ES that was developed, and agreed to, in consultation with relevant statutory and non-statutory consultees; reporting on the impact of the onshore elements of the Transmission Assets on landscape character and on publicly accessible views during all phases.	Agreed
PCC.LVR.18	Project design envelope	Volume 3, Chapter 10 Landscape and Visual Resources (APP-123) has identified, described and assessed the maximum design scenario in the EIA for relevant landscape and visual resources potentially affected by the Transmission Assets.	The Council agrees that the Applicants have identified, described and assessed the maximum design scenario in the EIA for relevant landscape and visual resources potentially affected by the Transmission Assets.	Agreed
PCC.LVR.19	Assessment of effects	Volume 3, Chapter 10 Landscape and Visual Resources (APP-123) provides an assessment of the potential residual effects that could arise from the Transmission Assets, which has included an assessment on relevant landscape and visual resources, during the daytime and night, and during the construction / decommissioning phase and the operation / maintenance phase.	The Council agrees that the Applicants have assessed the potential residual effects of the Transmission Assets, including impacts on relevant landscape and visual resources during both day and night, and across construction, decommissioning, operation, and maintenance phases.	Agreed
PCC.LVR.20	Assessment of potential effects during construction	Volume 3, Chapter 10 Landscape and Visual Resources (APP-123) has assessed that short-term significant effects (in EIA terms) would arise from Transmission Assets during	The Council agrees / disagrees that the Applicants have fairly identified the short-term significant effects (in EIA terms) arising from the construction	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
		the construction phase on the following landscape and/or visual resources:	phase of the Transmission Assets on the listed landscape and visual receptors.	
		Landscape Character	The Council emphasises that the substations will	
		 LCA 19a: Coastal Dunes – Fylde Coastal Dunes (landfall); and 	have a significant impact on the surrounding landscape, affecting residents, workers, and visitors in their local vicinities, as described in the Council's written submissions at Deadlines 1 to 4.	
		 LCA 15d: Coastal Plain – Fylde (onshore substations) 		
		Visual Receptors		
		 Viewpoint 1 bridleway BW0505016 south of Morgan onshore substation site; 		
		 Viewpoint 3 bridleway BW0505016 west of Morgan onshore substation; 		
		 Viewpoint 6 footpath FP050503 south of Morecambe onshore substation site; 		
		 Sequential effects on people using PRoW BW0505016, FP050503 and FP050504; 		
		People using beach;		
		 People using Blackpool Road Recreation Ground; 		
		 People using PRoW BW0502012, BW0502013, BW0502016, BW0503012, FP050302, FP05010011, FP050304, FP050305, FP050502, BW0509012, FP00905, FP070907 and FP0709010 (export and 400 kV cables); 		
		 People using National Cycle Route 62 at Hillock Lane (export cable); and 		
		Occupiers of residential properties at Bridge Farm, Bridge Hall Farm, Moss Side Farm, The Old Dairy, Hillock Cross Farm,		

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		Savick Brook, Farm and Marsh Farm (export and 400 kV cables) No other significant effects on landscape character or visual receptors would arise during the construction of the Transmission Assets.		
PCC.LVR.21	Assessment of potential effects during operation	Volume 3, Chapter 10 Landscape and Visual Resources (APP-123) has assessed that long-term significant effects (in EIA terms) * would arise from the Transmission Assets during the operation phase on the following landscape and/or visual resources: Landscape Character LCA 15d: Coastal Plain – Fylde (Year 1 before landscape mitigation planting has established). Visual Receptors Sequential effects on people using PRoW BW0505016, FP050503 and FP050504 (Year 1 before landscape mitigation planting has established).	The Council agrees / disagrees that the Applicants have fairly identified the long-term significant effects (in EIA terms) arising from the operation phase of the Transmission Assets on the listed landscape and visual receptors. The Council emphasises that the substations will have a significant impact on the surrounding landscape, affecting residents, workers, and visitors in their local vicinities, as described in the Council's written submissions at Deadlines 1 to 4.	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
		No other long-term significant effects on landscape character or visual receptors would arise during the operation of the Transmission Assets * For the purpose of the LVIA, any effects with a significance level of moderate or less are not considered to be significant, as detailed in Volume 3, Annex 10.4: Landscape and visual impact assessment methodology (APP-127).		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.LVR.23	CEA scope	The list of projects screened into the Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA) in the EIA is appropriate.	The Council agrees that the Applicants have adequately screened into the CEA all relevant projects.	Agreed
PCC.LVR.24	CEA methodology	The assessment methodology for the CEA of landscape and visual resources has been undertaken in accordance with best practice guidance, as set in Section 5.4.9 Cumulative effects assessment Volume 1, Chapter 5: Environmental assessment methodology (APP-034).	The Council agrees that the assessment methodology for the CEA has been undertaken in accordance with best practice guidance.	Agreed
PCC.LVR.25	CEA	Volume 3, Chapter 10 Landscape and Visual Resources (APP-123) has presented a comprehensive assessment of the potential cumulative effects that could arise from the	The Council agrees that the Applicants have presented has presented a comprehensive assessment of the potential cumulative effects that could arise from the Transmission Assets in	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
		Transmission Assets in combined with other relevant projects, within the LVIA's studies areas. This assessment has included an assessment on relevant landscape and visual resources, during the daytime and night, and during the construction/decommissioning phase and the operation/maintenance phase.	combined with other relevant projects, within the LVIA's studies areas.	
PCC.LVR.25	CEA	Volume 3, Chapter 10 Landscape and Visual Resources (APP-123) has assessed that significant effects (in EIA terms), would arise from the Transmission Assets in combination with other schemes during the short-term construction phase on the following landscape and/or visual resources:	The Council agrees / disagrees that the Applicants have fairly identified the significant effects (in EIA terms) arising from the Transmission Assets in combination with other schemes during the short-term construction phase on the listed landscape and visual receptors.	Ongoing point of discussion
		 Visual Receptors People using PRoW, with the Transmission Assets making a medium to negligible contribution to cumulative effect. 		
		Occupiers of residential properties, with the Transmission Assets making a medium to negligible contribution to cumulative effect.		
Outline Des	ign Principles,	Outline Mitigation and Landscape Prop	oosals	
PCC.OMLP.	Measures (commitments)	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 in the environmental mitigation of potential effects arising from the onshore substations.	The Council disagrees with the Applicants' position, considering the proposed mitigation and monitoring measures to be inadequate for addressing potential environmental effects from the onshore substations. The ongoing engagement programme on the outline Design Principles (APP-209) document and related documents is intended to resolve this disagreement.	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
PCC. OMLP.2	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.	The Council disagrees with the Applicants' position, considering the proposed mitigation measures and monitoring – submitted in response to ExQ 13.1.6 (REP-082) – to be insufficient for addressing potential environmental effects from the onshore substations. The ongoing engagement programme on the Outline Design Principles and related documents aims to resolve this disagreement.	Ongoing point of discussion
			Furthermore, the Council reiterates that the substations will significantly affect the surrounding landscape, impacting residents, workers, and visitors, and refers to its position at PCC.LVR.13, which states that all recorded effects should be considered in the final decision-making process.	
PCC.OMLP.	Outline Design Principles	The Design Principles and Design Coding provided in the Outline Design Principles (APP-209) document provide adequate	In its response to the Examining Authority's written question ExQ 13.1.5 (REP3-082), the Council states that:	Ongoing point of discussion
		design governance to address the discharge of requirement, post consent award.	"the Outline Development Principles are high-level and generic and that any such document should be informed by more detailed information, consultation and creation of a well-reasoned design strategy."	
			Accordingly, the Council presently agrees / disagrees with the Applicants' position, considering that the Design Principles and Design Coding will set out in the Outline Design Principles document (APP-209) to provide sufficient design governance for the discharge of requirements post-consent.	
			The ongoing engagement programme on the outline Design Principles (APP-209) document and related documents is intended to resolve this disagreement.	

1.4.5 Onshore Ecology and Nature Conservation

Table 1.8: Agreement Log between the parties on Onshore Ecology and Nature Conservation

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
EIA	•			
PCC.OE.1	Consultation	The Applicants have undertaken adequate consultation with PCC on potential impacts on onshore ecology and nature conservation.		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.OE.2	Consultation	The EIA has had due regard to matters raised by PCC through statutory and non-statutory consultation on potential impacts on onshore ecology and nature conservation.		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.OE.3	Policy and planning	The Application has identified and considered the plans and policies relevant to onshore ecology and nature conservation, within PCC's remit.		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.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.		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.OE.5	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.		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.OE.6	Baseline environment	The Applicants have adequately characterised the baseline environment for onshore ecology and nature conservation.		Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
PCC.OE.7	Scoping	Agreement to the scoping of impacts for the EIA for onshore ecology and nature conservation.		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.OE.8	Biodiversity Benefit	The approach for determining the Biodiversity Benefit baseline and the areas to be omitted from the baseline is appropriate.		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.OE.9	Study area	The EIA study area is appropriate for the receptors, sites and impacts assessed.		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.OE.10	Project design envelope	The EIA chapter has identified, described and assessed the maximum design scenario for the EIA.		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.OE.11	Assessment methodology.	The sensitivity of the onshore ecology and nature conservation receptors has been correctly identified and sufficiently described within the EIA.		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.OE.12	Assessment methodology	The assessment methodology for onshore ecology and nature conservation is appropriate.		Ongoing point for discussion
PCC.OE.13	CEA assessment methodology	The list of projects screened into the CEA in the EIA is appropriate.		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.OE.14	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.		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.OE.15	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,		Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
		significant residual effects are predicted at the Mill Brook Valley BHS.		
PCC.OE.16	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets alone.	There will be no significant residual effects on priority habitats, ancient woodland or veteran trees for the impacts from the Transmission Assets alone. However, significant residual effects are predicted for impacts on good quality semi-improved grassland.		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.OE.17	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.		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.OE.18	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.		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.OE.19	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) are appropriate and will ensure significant effects are avoided.		Ongoing point of discussion
Other Docu	ments and Plans			
PCC.OE.20	Outline Management Plans	The measures set out in the Outline Ecological Management Plan (APP-075)		Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
		are secured in the draft DCO (AS-004) and are appropriate with regard to proposed mitigation measures and monitoring.		

1.4.6 Noise and Vibration

Table 1.9: Agreement log between the parties on Noise and Vibration

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
PCC.NV.1	Consultation	The Applicant has undertaken adequate consultation with PCC on the potential impacts of the Transmission Assets on noise and vibration.		Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.NV.2	Consultation	The Application documents have had due regard to matters raised by PCC through statutory and non-statutory consultation on noise and vibration.		
PCC.NV.3	Policy and planning	The Application has identified and considered the most up-to-date plans and policies as relevant to noise and vibration, within PCC's remit.		
PCC.NV4	Surveys	The site-specific surveys for noise and vibration have been undertaken in accordance with agreed methodologies		
PCC.NV.5	Surveys	Sufficient primary and secondary data (including site-specific surveys) has been collated to appropriately characterise the noise and vibration baseline environment for the purposes of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) within Volume 3, Chapter 8: Noise and Vibration (APP-117).		
PCC.NV.6	Baseline environment	The baseline environment for noise and vibration is appropriately characterised in		

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
		Volume 3, Chapter 8: Noise and Vibration (APP-117).		
PCC.NV.7	Study area	The noise and vibration study area is appropriate for the impacts and the receptors assessed.		
PCC.NV.8	Assessment methodology	The sensitivity and significance of the noise and vibration receptors has been appropriately and adequately described within Volume 3, Chapter 8: Noise and Vibration (APP-117).		
PCC.NV.9	Assessment methodology	The methodologies used in within Volume 3, Chapter 8: Noise and Vibration (APP-117) are appropriate for assessing the potential impacts of the Transmission Assets		
PCC.NV.10	Assessment methodology – construction noise	The methodologies used in within Volume 3, Chapter 8: Noise and Vibration (APP-117) are appropriate for assessing the potential impacts of the Transmission Assets in respect of construction noise.		
PCC.NV.11	Assessment methodology – operational noise	The methodologies used in within Volume 3, Chapter 8: Noise and Vibration (APP-117) are appropriate for assessing the potential impacts of the Transmission Assets in respect of operational noise.		
PCC.NV.12	Assessment methodology – construction vibration	The methodologies used in within Volume 3, Chapter 8: Noise and Vibration (APP-117) are appropriate for assessing the potential impacts of Transmission Assets in respect of construction vibration.		

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
PCC.NV.13	Assessment methodology – operational vibration	The methodologies used in within Volume 3, Chapter 8: Noise and Vibration (APP-117) are appropriate for assessing the potential impacts of Transmission Assets in respect of operational vibration.		
PCC.NV.14	Project design envelope	The appropriate Maximum Design Scenario has been used in the Volume 3, Annex 8.2: Construction Noise and Vibration technical report (APP-119).		
PCC.NV.15	Assessment of the effects from the project alone – construction noise and vibration	With the exception of the veterinary practice, there will be no significant residual effects on noise and vibration sensitive receptors from the development of the Transmission Assets.		
PCC.NV.16	Assessment of the effects from the project alone- operational noise	There will be no significant residual effects on noise sensitive receptors from the operation of the Transmission Assets.		
PCC.NV.17	Assessment of the effects from the project cumulatively with other projects	There will be no significant residual effects on noise and vibration sensitive receptors from the development of the Transmission Assets when considered cumulatively with other projects.		
Other Docume	ents and Plans			
PCC.NV.18	Outline Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (APP-215)	The Outline Code of Construction Practice (APP-193) and the accompanying Outline Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (APP-196) are secured through the dDCO (AS-0064 and are appropriate with		

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
		regard to proposed mitigation and monitoring measures.		

1.4.7 Air Quality

Table 1.10: Agreement log between the parties on Air Quality

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status			
EIA							
PCC.AQ.1	Consultation	The Applicant has undertaken adequate consultation with PCC on the potential impacts of the Transmission Assets on air quality		Ongoing point of discussion			
PCC.AQ.2	Consultation	The Application documents have had due regard to matters raised by PCC through statutory and non-statutory consultation on air quality.		Ongoing point of discussion			
PCC.AQ.3	Policy and planning	The Application documents have identified and considered the most up-to-date plans and policies as relevant to air quality within PCC's remit		Ongoing point of discussion			
PCC.AQ.4	Surveys	Agreement that desk -based information is adequate to characterise the air quality baseline and that site-specific surveys are not required		Ongoing point of discussion			
PCC.AQ.5	Baseline environment	The air quality baseline has been appropriately characterised in Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air quality (APP-121).		Ongoing point of discussion			
PCC.AQ.6	Study area	The air quality study area is appropriate for the impacts and the receptors assessed.		Ongoing point of discussion			
PCC.AQ.7	Assessment methodology	The sensitivity and significance of the air quality receptors have been appropriately and adequately described within Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air quality (APP-121).	Preston City Councils Environmental Health Officer confirms that the approach set out in Volume 3, Chapter	Ongoing point of discussion			

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
			9: Air Quality (APP-121) is appropriate and agreed to.	
PCC.AQ.8	Assessment methodology	The potential impacts identified within Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air quality (APP-121) represent a comprehensive list of the potential impacts in relation to air quality	Preston City Councils Environmental Health Officer confirms that the approach set out in Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air Quality (APP-121) is appropriate and agreed to.	Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.AQ.9	Assessment of the effects from the project alone	There will be no significant residual effects on air quality receptors from the development of the Transmission Assets	Preston City Councils Environmental Health Officer confirms that the approach set out in Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air Quality (APP-121) is appropriate and agreed to.	Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.AQ.10	Assessment of the effects from the project cumulatively with other projects	There will be no significant residual effects on air quality receptors from the development of the Transmission Assets when considered cumulatively with other projects	Preston City Councils Environmental Health Officer confirms that the approach set out in Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air Quality (APP-121) is appropriate and agreed to.	Ongoing point of discussion
PCC.AQ.11	Mitigation	The mitigation measures outlined in Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air quality (APP-121) are appropriate and will ensure significant effects are avoided		Ongoing point of discussion
Other Docume	ents and Plans			
PCC.AQ.12	Outline management plans	The Outline Code of Construction Practice (APP-193) and the accompanying Outline Dust Management Plan (APP-195) are secured through the dDCO (AS-0064 and are appropriate with regard to proposed mitigation and monitoring measures.		Ongoing point of discussion

1.4.8 DCO

Table 1.11: Agreement log between the parties on the DCO

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
PCC.DCO.1	Specific requirements for discussion to be confirmed			Ongoing point of discussion