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Glossary

Term	Meaning
Applicants	Morgan Offshore Wind Limited (Morgan OWL) and Morecambe Offshore Wind Limited (Morecambe OWL)
Development Consent Order	An order made under the Planning Act 2008 granting development consent for one or more Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).

Acronyms

Acronym	Meaning
BBC	Blackpool Borough Council
CoCP	Code of Construction Practice
DCO	Development Consent Order
EnBW	Energie Baden-Württemberg AG
FRA	Flood Risk Assessment
PRoW	Public Rights of Way
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
LIR	Local Impact Report

1 Initial Statement of Common Ground between Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets and Blackpool Borough 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 Blackpool Borough 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 Blackpool Borough 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 Blackpool Borough Council's remit

1.1.2.1 The elements of the Transmission Assets which may affect the interests of Blackpool Borough Council are within Work Numbers 19A/B covering construction access works for Morgan and Morecambe. 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 Blackpool Borough Council:

- Traffic and Transport
- Biodiversity
- Airport Operations
- Economic Development
- Flooding and Drainage
- Landscape

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- Construction Management Practices
 - Tourism and Recreation
 - Development Consent Order (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 SoCG will be progressed during the examination phase of the Transmission Assets. In accordance with discussions between the parties, the SoCG is focused on those issues raised by Blackpool Borough Council 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 Blackpool Borough 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 8 August 2025 (Deadline 4).

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
Traffic and Transport	Ongoing point of discussion
Flooding and Drainage	Ongoing point of discussion
Land Use and Recreation (PRoW)	Ongoing point of discussion
Economic Development & Tourism (socio-economics)	Ongoing point of discussion

Topic	Agreement status
Blackpool Borough Council commercial and land interests associated with Airport Operations	Ongoing point of discussion
Biodiversity	Deferred
BBC Landscape	Deferred
Construction Management Practices	Deferred
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 Blackpool Borough 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 Blackpool Borough Council during the post-application phases of the Transmission Assets.

Table 1.2: Summary of pre-application consultation with Blackpool Borough Council (BBC)

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non-statutory engagement	Summary of consultation
Scoping			
8 December 2022	Scoping Opinion	Statutory engagement	<p>Specific comments raised by BBC related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aviation ○ Require detail on impacts on Blackpool Airport, electromagnetic interference, infrastructure height impact and wind speeds. ○ Clarify specific HVG and ADL routes ○ Detail impact on enterprise zone required <p>Further detail needed to identify impacts on the estuaries and heritage site at Blackpool Airport</p>
Evidence Plan Process, Traffic and Transport EWG			
16 March 2023	Traffic and Transport Expert Working Group (EWG) Meeting	Non-statutory engagement	First EWG - Matters discussed include an overview of the project and process, onshore route planning and site selection, overview of the proposed scope of the traffic and transport EIA process and transport assessment, forecast baseline traffic flows.

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non-statutory engagement	Summary of consultation
12 September 2023	Traffic and Transport EWG Meeting 2	Non-statutory engagement	Second EWG – Programme update provided with key timelines, site selection update provided, noting refined RLB and cable options. Matters discussed include approach to the PEIR and associated assessment, with the addition of a highways option.
15 August 2024	Traffic and Transport EWG Meeting 3	Non-statutory engagement	Third EWG – Matters discussed include 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.

Table 1.3: Summary of post-application consultation with Blackpool Borough Council

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non-statutory engagement	Summary of consultation
27 January 2025	Relevant Representation	Statutory engagement	Provision of BBC's Relevant Representation (RR-0248)
8 May 2025	Meeting	Non - Statutory engagement	A meeting to discuss BBCs comments in relation to traffic and transport
3 July 2025	Meeting	Non - Statutory engagement	A meeting to discuss any outstanding traffic matters and the Statement of Common Ground

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 1.13 set out the level of agreement between the parties for each relevant component of the application (as identified in section 1.1.1.2).

1.4.2 Traffic and Transport

Table 1.5: Agreement log between the parties on Traffic and Transport

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
EIA				
BBC.TT.1	Consultation	The Applicants have undertaken adequate consultation with BBC on the potential impacts of the Transmission Assets on traffic and transport.	BBC agrees the Applicants have sought to consult with BBC, in line with its statutory duties. Further engagement during the examination period is sought on the matters set out in this Statement and BBC's LIR (REP1-068).	Agreed
BBC.TT.2	Consultation	The Application documents have had due regard to matters raised by BBC through statutory and non-statutory consultation on traffic and transport.	BBC agrees the Applicants have taken into consideration BBC's responses during statutory and non-statutory consultation. Further engagement during the examination period is sought on the outstanding matters set out in this Statement and BBC's LIR (REP 1-068).	Agreed
BBC.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 BBC's remit	BBC notes that NPS EN-1 and DM41 of the Blackpool Development Plan are included but have noted Policies CS5 and CS27 of the Development Plan have been omitted. These policies include allowing for convenient access to public transport and improved pedestrian and cycle infrastructure at Blackpool Airport and achieving a sustainable high quality transport network and quality arrival experience for Blackpool. This matter has been discussed with the Applicants at a meeting on the 3 July 2025, and concluded that BBC agree with the Applicants that the broad aims and objectives of the policies are addressed through the commitments to Travel Plan measures for construction employees outlined within section 1.7 of the outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (REP2-016).	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
BBC.TT.4	Surveys	The site-specific surveys for traffic and transport have been undertaken in accordance with appropriate methodologies	BBC are content (insofar as it relates to their administrative area) that sufficient survey data has been collated subject to LCC's specialist opinion as to the suitability of the design of access A3 on Clifton Drive North (the old Sand Winning access).	Agreed
BBC.TT.5	Surveys	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).		
BBC.TT.6	Baseline environment	The baseline environment for traffic and transport has been appropriately characterised in Volume 3, Chapter 7: Traffic and Transport (APP-108).	BBC position is as per the response to BBC.TT.4 and 5, that this matter is deferred to LCC's specialism for their opinion.	Agreed
BBC.TT.7	Study area	The traffic and transport study area is appropriate for the impacts and the receptors assessed.	BBC position is as per the response to BBC.TT.4 and 5, that this matter is deferred to LCC's specialism for their opinion. t.	Agreed
BBC.TT.8	Assessment methodology	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).	BBC would defer to LCC specialism for their opinion in relation to all other highways matters relevant to the scheme, excluding Starr Gate and Squires Gate Lane of which the remaining points of discussion are outlined in BBC.TT.9 below.	Agreed
BBC.TT.9	Assessment methodology	The methodologies used in within Volume 3, Chapter 7: Traffic and Transport (APP-108) are appropriate for assessing the	BBC is content with the traffic assessment methodology, and will defer to LCC specialism.	Deferred

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
		potential impacts of the Transmission Assets.		
BBC.TT.10	Project design envelope	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).	BBC would defer to LCC specialism for their opinion in relation to all other highways matters relevant to the scheme, excluding Starr Gate and Squires Gate Lane of which the remaining points of discussion are outlined in response to BBC.TT.9 above.	Agreed
BBC.TT.11	Assessment of the effects from the project alone	No significant adverse effects on traffic and transport are predicted to arise from the development of the Transmission Assets	<p>BBC considers that the traffic effects for Blackpool resulting from the possible closure of the Starr Gate intersection (pursuant to the powers sought under the draft DCO) have not been adequately assessed. Blackpool has requested that if the Applicants seek to retain the power to close the Starr Gate intersection, the resulting traffic effects on the Blackpool Promenade and the Blackpool city centre must be assessed.</p> <p>BBC understands that the Applicants are submitting details related to this matter at D5, and will review this further information as part of ongoing engagement.</p>	Ongoing point of discussion
BBC.TT.12	Assessment of the effects from the project cumulatively with other projects	No significant adverse effects on traffic and transport are predicted to arise from the development of the Transmission Assets cumulatively with other projects and plans.	BBCs primary area of concern related to the potential interaction with Blackpool Airport and Enterprise Zone. This matter has been discussed with the Applicants at a meeting on the 3 July 2025. The parties discussed the inclusion of the Transport Working Group (TWG) within the oCTMP (REP2-016) as a mechanism to manage this interaction. BBC will consider this commitment to the TWG alongside	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
			ongoing engagement upon the Blackpool Airport access to address BBCs concerns.	
BBC.TT.13	Mitigation	The mitigation measures outlined in outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (REP2-016) are appropriate and will ensure significant effects are avoided	<p>BBC have reviewed the mitigation measures presented within the outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (OCTMP) (REP2-016) and support the inclusion of more limited measures to manage the potential for significant effects.</p> <p>Assessment of the requisite mitigation requires the carrying out of the further traffic assessment for the closure of Starr Gate intersection.</p>	Ongoing point of discussion
Other Documents and Plans				
BBC.TT.14	Outline management plans	The Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (REP2-016) is secured as a requirement in the draft DCO (REP2-004) and is appropriate.	<p>BBC have reviewed the mitigation measures presented within the outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (OCTMP) (REP2-016) and support the inclusion of more limited measures to manage the potential for significant effects with the exception of Starr Gate. Agreement as to the OCTMP is dependent on the further assessment requested for the Starr Gate intersection and further details to be submitted at Deadline 5.</p> <p>The parties have agreed to continue to engage on this matter.</p>	Ongoing point of discussion

1.4.3 Flooding and Drainage

Table 1.6: Agreement log between the parties on Flooding and Drainage

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
BBC.HFR.1	Consultation	The Applicants have undertaken adequate consultation with BBC on the potential impacts of the Transmission Assets on hydrology and flood risk	BBC agrees the Applicants sought to consult with BBC, in line with its statutory duties. BBC looks forward to further engagement as is considered necessary to consider and confirm the matters raised within this Statement and Chapter 10 the LIR (REP1-068) in relation to potential impacts.	Agreed
BBC.HFR.2	Consultation	The Application documents have had due regard to matters raised by BBC through statutory and non-statutory consultation on hydrology and flood risk.	BBC agrees the Applicants sought to consult with BBC, in line with its statutory duties. BBC looks forward to further engagement as is considered necessary to consider and confirm the matters raised within this Statement and Chapter 10 the LIR (REP1-068) in relation to potential impacts.	Agreed
BBC.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 BBC's remit	BBC agrees the applicants have adequately identified and considered the relevant policies and plans.	Agreed
BBC.HFR.4	Surveys	Agreement that desk -based information is adequate to characterise the hydrology and flood risk baseline and that site-specific surveys are not required. The Applicants confirm that the airport land and BBC's drainage infrastructure was captured within the survey area. A direct assessment of BBC drainage infrastructure was not included in the ES. However,	BBC in large part defers to other local authorities and agencies in relation to all other drainage and flooding matters relevant to the scheme. BBC remain concerned that there has been inadequate assessment of the Airport/ Council's private land drainage infrastructure within the Airport boundary.	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
		impacts to BBC drainage infrastructure have been considered via the use of trenchless techniques within Blackpool Airport land (see Volume 1, Annex 3.2 Onshore Crossing Schedule parts 1 and 2 (REP1-016 and REP1-018)). In addition, surface and ground water flooding within BBC would be managed through detailed outline surface and groundwater management plan(s) (based on the outline surface and groundwater management plan (REP4-044) and pollution would be managed through detailed pollution prevention plan(s) (based on the outline pollution prevention plan (REP4-034).		
BBC.HFR.5	Surveys	<p>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).</p> <p>The Applicants confirm that the airport land and BBC's drainage infrastructure was captured within the survey area.</p>	<p>BBC seeks clarification as to how the Airport/ Council private land drainage infrastructure was captured within the survey area and assessed.</p> <p>BBC would defer to other local authorities and agencies in relation to all other drainage and flooding matters relevant to the scheme.</p>	Ongoing point of discussion
BCC.HFR.6	Baseline environment	The hydrology and flood risk baseline has been appropriately characterised in Volume 3, Chapter	BBC has no concerns with the characterisation of the baseline environment, but will defer to other local authorities and agencies in relation to all other drainage and flooding matters relevant to the scheme.	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
		<p>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) data from the Environment Agency. the updated FRA will be submitted at Deadline 1.</p> <p>The Applicants confirm that Blackpool Airport land is included within the review of the FRA.</p>		
BBC.HFR.7	Study area	<p>The hydrology and flood risk study area is appropriate for the impacts and the receptors assessed.</p> <p>The Applicants confirm that the airport land and BBC's drainage infrastructure was captured within the study area.</p>	<p>BBC has no issue with the study area subject to the Applicants' confirmation that the airport land and BBC's drainage infrastructure was captured within the study area. BBC is seeking further clarification as to how the Airport/ Council land drainage infrastructure has been considered.</p> <p>BBC would defer to other local authorities and agencies in relation to all other drainage and flooding matters relevant to the scheme.</p>	Ongoing point of discussion
BBC.HFR.8	Assessment methodology	<p>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).</p> <p>The Applicants confirm that Blackpool Airport land, coastal flood defences and BBC drainage infrastructure was included within</p>	<p>BBC has now provided a copy of the Airport/ Council private land drainage infrastructure at Blackpool Airport to the Applicants for consideration.</p> <p>BBC would defer to other local authorities and agencies in relation to all other drainage and flooding matters relevant to the scheme.</p>	Deferred

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
		the assessment of hydrology and flood risk.		
BBC.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	BBC is content with the methodologies implemented in assessing the potential impacts of the Transmission Assets insofar as the assessment relates to BBC interests. BBC would defer to other local authorities and agencies in relation to all other drainage and flooding matters relevant to the scheme.	Deferred
BBC.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	BBC has requested further information on matters pertaining to impacts on Airport/ Council land drainage infrastructure BBC accepts that the use of trenchless techniques referred to above at BBC.HFR.4 does, to an extent, mitigate the risk to its drainage infrastructure at Blackpool Airport. However, BBC remains concerned that the private land drainage infrastructure has not, to date, been sufficiently considered, and is not entirely safe from damage from trenchless techniques. The Council is seeking comfort in the form of more concrete commitments to protect the private land drainage infrastructure, either in DCO controls or land agreements (which are as yet not forthcoming).	Ongoing point of discussion
BBC.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	BBC's comments on the potential effect of the scheme on hydrology and flood risk is set out in BBC.HFR.10. These matters should be considered in relation to any cumulative impacts arising from other projects and plans, pertaining to impacts on Airport/ Council private land drainage infrastructure	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
BBC.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	<p>It is not currently considered that appropriate information has been provided to give certainty on the potential impacts upon hydrology and flood risk to adequately assess whether the mitigation measures are sufficient.</p> <p>Protective provisions are to be agreed regarding council owned drainage infrastructure if necessary.</p> <p>Appropriate mitigation is to be agreed and finalised subject to satisfactory outcome of consultation. Potential mitigation may include funding the Fylde Coast 'Turning Tides' group which oversees local response to bathing water quality to support a testing regime during the duration of the works. This is considered necessary as any reduction in bathing water quality would impact negatively upon visitor numbers and perception which may lead to fewer trips to the area and potential impacts upon the economy.</p>	Ongoing point of discussion
Other Documents and Plans				
BBC.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.	<p>BBC would defer to other local authorities and agencies in relation to all other drainage and flooding matters relevant to the scheme.</p> <p>BBC is reserving its position as to whether it is satisfied with its role as consultee in the preparation of Construction Surface Water Management Plan.</p> <p>Protective provisions should be agreed regarding council owned private land drainage infrastructure.</p>	Ongoing point of discussion

1.4.4 Land Use and Recreation (ProW)

Table 1.7: Agreement log between the parties on Land Use and Recreation (PRow)

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	status
EIA				
BBC.LUR.1	Consultation	The EIA has had due regard to matters raised by BBC through statutory and non-statutory consultation on potential impacts on land use and recreation.	BBC agrees the Applicants sought to consult with BBC, in line with its statutory duties. BBC looks forward to further engagement as is considered necessary to consider and confirm the matters raised within this Statement and Chapter 6 of the LIR (REP1-068).	Agreed
BBC.LUR.2	Policy and planning	The Application has identified and considered the plans and policies relevant to land use and recreation, within BBC's remit.	BBC is satisfied that the appropriate plans and policies are considered in relation to land use and recreation within BBC's remit.	Agreed
BBC.LUR.3	Surveys	The scope and coverage of the recreation surveys was appropriate, in that it related to assumptions that informed the baseline environment.	BBC are satisfied that the surveys are appropriate to inform the assumptions that characterised the baseline environment.	Agreed
BBC.LUR.4	Baseline environment	The Applicants have adequately characterised the baseline environment for land use and recreation.	BBC are satisfied that the surveys are appropriate to inform the assumptions that characterised the baseline environment.	Agreed
BBC.LUR.5	Scoping	Agreement to the scoping of impacts for the EIA for land use and recreation.	BBC are satisfied that the scoping of impacts appropriate to inform the assessment of land use and recreation within the EIA..	Agreed
BBC.LUR.6	Study area	The EIA study area is appropriate for the receptors, sites and impacts assessed.	BBC are satisfied that the study area is appropriate to inform the assumptions that characterised the baseline environment.	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	status
BBC.LUR.7	Project design envelope	The EIA chapter has identified, described and assessed the maximum design scenario for the EIA.	BBC are satisfied that the project design envelope is appropriate to inform the assessment for the EIA.	Agreed
BBC.LUR.8	Assessment methodology.	The sensitivity of the land use and recreation receptors has been correctly identified and sufficiently described within the EIA.	BBC are satisfied that the sensitivity of receptors is appropriate to inform the assessment for the EIA.	Agreed
BBC.LUR.9	Assessment methodology	The assessment methodology for land use and recreation is appropriate.	BBC are satisfied that the sensitivity of receptors is appropriate to inform the assessment for the EIA.	Agreed
BBC.LUR.10	CEA assessment methodology	The list of projects screened into the CEA in the EIA is appropriate. The Applicants have provided an update to the list of projects included within the CEA at Deadline 2 (REP2-043). The Applicants have updated the CEA Matrix (F1.5.5/F03) at Deadline 5 with an updated review of the CEA Matrix to include the solar farm.	BBC to is considering whether the proposed solar farm at Blackpool Airport should have been screened in for consideration in the socioeconomic effects assessment, and will review the additional materials provided at D5.	Ongoing point of discussion
BBC.LUR.11	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets alone.	There will be no significant effects on recreation resources for the impacts from the Transmission Assets alone.	Position is reserved subject to resolution of concerns (streetworks and temporary possessory rights, and impacts on vulnerable persons. raised with respect to Starr Gate accessway, and the updated tourism assessment.	Ongoing point of discussion
BBC.LUR.12	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets cumulatively with other projects	There will be no significant adverse effects on recreation are predicted to arise from the development of Mona Offshore Wind Project cumulatively with other projects and plans	Position is reserved subject to resolution of concerns (streetworks and temporary possessory rights) raised with respect to Starr Gate accessway.	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	status
BBC.LUR.13	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)) are appropriate and will ensure significant effects are avoided.	Position is reserved subject to resolution of concerns (streetworks and temporary possessory rights) raised with respect to Starr Gate accessway.	Ongoing point of discussion
Other Document and Plans				
FBC.LUR.16	Outline Management Plans	The measures set out in the Outline PRoW Management Plan (APP-198) are secured in the draft DCO (AS-004) and are appropriate with regard to proposed mitigation measures and monitoring.	<p>Following the removal of the Lancashire Coastal Path and National Cycle Route 62 from Schedules 5A and 5B of the dDCO, BBC is content with the PROW dDCO provisions and control documents.</p> <p>Position is reserved subject to resolution of concerns (streetworks and temporary possessory rights) raised with respect to Starr Gate accessway.</p>	Ongoing point of discussion

1.4.5 Economic Development & Tourism (socio-economics)

Table 1.8: Agreement Log between the parties on Economic Development & Tourism (socio-economics)

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
BBC.SE.1	Consultation	The Applicants have undertaken adequate consultation with BBC on the potential impacts of the Transmission Assets on socio-economics.	<p>BBC agrees the Applicants sought to consult with BBC, in line with its statutory duties.</p> <p>Further engagement during the examination period is sought on the matters raised with Chapter 9 of the LIR (REP1-068) in relation to economic development.</p> <p>The following matters are considered to remain outstanding.</p> <p>Potential impacts raised in relation to the function, operation and growth and vision of Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone and the Airport need to be understood. This includes consideration of the use of rights sought by the Applicants and the potential for leading to land sterilisation. BBC would not accept works which prevent the future development of land in this location or which restricts Airport operations.</p> <p>Matters associated with the Employment and Skills Plan require further consultation to ensure that it can be implemented and monitored across the lifetime of the scheme. This should be undertaken in collaboration with all relevant authorities and stakeholders.</p>	Agreed
BBC.SE.2	Consultation	The Application documents have had due regard to matters raised by BBC through statutory and non-statutory consultation on socio-economics.	<p>BBC agrees the Applicants have taken into consideration BBC's responses during statutory and non-statutory consultation.</p> <p>Further engagement during the examination period is sought on the outstanding matters set out in this Statement and BBC's LIR (REP 1-068).</p>	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
BC.SE.3	Policy and planning	The Application documents have identified and considered the most up-to-date plans and policies as relevant to socio-economics within BBC's remit	BBC are satisfied that the Application appropriately considers the appropriate plans and policies as they relate to BBC. BBC defer any position on FBC plans and policies to the FBC SoCG.	Agreed
BBC.SE.4	Baseline environment	<p>The socio-economics baseline has been appropriately characterised in Volume 4, Chapter 2: Socio-economics (APP-141).</p> <p>The Applicants have committed to production of a localised tourism study that includes the Blackpool study area – to be submitted at Deadline 4.</p>	<p>BBC has submitted additional detail at Deadline 4 with respect to the Tourism assessment, and looks forward to progressing discussions with the Applicants for Deadline 5. Some key details are outlined below:</p> <p>BBC believe that application underestimates the employment numbers relating to tourism and jobs.</p> <p>BBC visitor traffic via Starr Gate – impacts because of driver delays (negative perceptions) and congestion / diversions.</p> <p>BBC will review of the localised tourism study submission proposed for Deadline 4 and provide comment as it relates to baseline environment.</p> <p>Enterprise Zone, Silicon Sands and emerging masterplan – benefits – the assessment has not appropriate considered. Currently in development.</p>	Ongoing point of discussion
BBC.SE.5	Study area	<p>The socio-economics study area is appropriate for the impacts and the receptors assessed.</p> <p>The Applicants have committed to production of a localised tourism study that includes the Blackpool study area – to be submitted at Deadline 4.</p>	<p>BBC request that localised tourism study includes the entirety of the Promenade.</p> <p>BBC will review of the localised tourism study either before or at submission at Deadline 4 and provide comment as it relates to study area.</p>	Ongoing point of discussion
BBC.SE.6	Assessment methodology	The sensitivity and significance of the socio-economic receptors have been appropriately and adequately described	Engagement has commenced. BBC welcomes further discussion on matters raised in the BBC LIR (REP1-068).	Ongoing point of discussion

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		<p>within Volume 4, Chapter 2: Socio-economics (APP-141).</p> <p>The Applicants have committed to production of a localised tourism study that includes the Blackpool study area – to be submitted at Deadline 4.</p>		
BBC.SE.7	Assessment of the effects from the project alone	<p>There will be no significant residual effects on socio-economic receptors from the development of the Transmission Assets</p> <p>The Applicants have committed to production of a localised tourism study that includes the Blackpool study area – to be submitted at Deadline 4.</p>	BBC will review of the localised tourism study either before or at submission at Deadline 4 and provide comment as it relates to assessment of the effects from the project alone.	Ongoing point of discussion
BBC.SE.8	Assessment of the effects from the project cumulatively with other projects	<p>There will be no significant residual effects on socio-economic receptors from the development of the Transmission Assets when considered cumulatively with other projects.</p> <p>The Applicants have committed to production of a localised tourism study that includes the Blackpool study area – to be submitted at Deadline 4.</p>	BBC will review of the localised tourism study either before or at submission at Deadline 4 and provide comment as it relates to assessment of the effects from the project cumulatively with other projects.	Ongoing point of discussion
BBC.SE9	Mitigation	<p>The mitigation measures outlined in Volume 4, Chapter 2: Socio-economics (APP-141) are appropriate and will ensure significant effects are avoided.</p> <p>The Applicants have committed to production of a localised tourism study that includes the Blackpool study area – to be submitted at Deadline 4.</p>	BBC will review of the localised tourism study either before or at submission at Deadline 4 and provide comment as it relates to mitigation.	Ongoing point of discussion
Other Documents and Plans				

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
BBC.SE.10	Outline management plans	<p>The Outline Employment and Skills Plan (APP-239) are secured through the dDCO and are appropriate with regard to proposed mitigation and monitoring measures.</p> <p>The Applicants have included BBC as a named consultee on the dDCO as part of the update at Deadline 3 (LLC are the discharging authority).</p>	BBC has provided comments on the oESP at Deadline 4, and looks forward to progressing discussions for Deadline 5.	Ongoing point of discussion

1.4.6 Blackpool Borough Council commercial and land interests associated with Airport Operations

Table 1.9: Agreement log between the parties on BBC commercial and land interests associated with Airport Operations

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
BBC.AR.1	Consultation	The Applicants have undertaken adequate consultation with Blackpool Airport on potential impacts on BBC land and commercial activity	BBC agrees the Applicants sought to consult with BBC, in line with its statutory duties. BBC understand that discussions are ongoing between the Applicants and Airport in regard to matters identified within the LIR (REP1-068). This includes the various temporary and permanent possession rights sought. As such, further engagement is considered necessary by BBC on this matter.	Agreed
BBC.AR.2	Consultation	The EIA has had due regard to matters raised by Blackpool Airport through statutory and non-statutory consultation on potential impacts on BBC land and commercial activity. The Applicants have updated the CEA Matrix (S_D2_10/F02) at Deadline 5 to update on the Solar Farm.	BBC agrees the Applicants sought to consult with BBC, in line with its statutory duties. BBC defers to Blackpool Airport in relation to technical and operational matters, and is satisfied with progress and engagement in relation to the Blackpool Airport cooperation agreement. However, BBC has residual concerns over the due consideration of the proposed Solar Farm on the airport land. The Applicants have been aware of the proposed solar farm since March 2023. A screening opinion has been requested, funding allocated, and business cases developed based on the provision of a solar farm on this site.	Ongoing point of discussion
BBC.AR.3	Policy	The Applicants have identified and considered all plans and policies relevant to BBC land and commercial activity, within Blackpool Airport's remit.	BBC is content with the Applicants' consideration of all plans and policies.	Agreed
BBC.AR.4	Baseline environment	The Applicants have adequately characterised the baseline environment for BBC land and commercial activity	BBC agrees the Applicants have adequately characterised the baseline environment in relation to future development of the	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
		with respect to Blackpool Airport.	land to the south of the operational airport and interaction between the Enterprise Zone and solar farm. BBC defers to Blackpool Airport in relation to technical and operational matters, and is satisfied with progress and engagement in relation to the Blackpool Airport cooperation agreement.	
BBC.AR.5	Scoping	Agreement to the scoping of impacts for the EIA for BBC land and commercial activity, as it relates to potential operational impacts at Blackpool Airport and the commercial implications to BBC.	BBC defers to Blackpool Airport in relation to technical and operational matters, and is satisfied with progress and engagement in relation to the Blackpool Airport cooperation agreement. However, BBC has residual concerns over the due consideration of the proposed Solar Farm on the airport land. The Applicants have been aware of the proposed solar farm since March 2023. A screening opinion has been requested, funding allocated, and business cases developed based on the provision of a solar farm on this site.	Ongoing point of discussion
BBC.AR.6	Study area	The BBC land and commercial activity study area is appropriate for the receptors, sites and impacts assessed.	BBC are satisfied that the study area includes Blackpool Airport operational land and BBC concerns are in relation to future development of the land to the south of the operational airport and interaction between the Enterprise Zone and solar farm.	Agreed
BBC.AR.7	Project design envelope	Volume 3, Chapter 11: Aviation and radar (APP-130) has identified, described and assessed the maximum design scenario for the EIA, as it relates to potential operational impacts at Blackpool Airport and the commercial implications to BBC.	BBC defers to Blackpool Airport in relation to technical and operational matters, and is satisfied with progress and engagement in relation to the Blackpool Airport cooperation agreement.	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
BBC.AR.8	Assessment methodology	The sensitivity of aviation and radar receptors has been correctly identified and sufficiently described within Volume 3, Chapter 11: Aviation and radar (APP-130) , as it relates to potential operational impacts at Blackpool Airport and the commercial implications to BBC.	BBC defers to Blackpool Airport in relation to technical and operational matters, and is satisfied with progress and engagement in relation to the Blackpool Airport cooperation agreement.	Agreed
BBC.AR.9	Assessment methodology	The list of projects screened into the Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA) in Volume 3, Chapter 11: Aviation and radar (APP-130) are appropriate. An update to the CEA was submitted at Deadline 2 in relation to the Blackpool Airport solar farm.	BBC to review submission and confirm assessment of Blackpool Airport solar farm is appropriate.	Ongoing point of discussion
BBC.AR.10	Assessment of the effects from the project alone	There will be no significant effects on aviation and radar assets at Blackpool Airport in EIA terms for the Transmission Assets alone, as it relates to potential operational impacts at Blackpool Airport and the commercial implications to BBC.	BBC defers to Blackpool Airport in relation to technical and operational matters, and is satisfied with progress and engagement in relation to the Blackpool Airport cooperation agreement. BBC concerns are in relation to future development of the land to the south of the operational airport and interaction between the Enterprise Zone and solar farm.	Ongoing point of discussion
BBC.AR.11	Assessment of the effects from the	There will be no significant effects on aviation and radar assets at Blackpool Airport in	BBC defers to Blackpool Airport in relation to technical and operational matters, and is satisfied with progress and	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
	project cumulatively with other projects	EIA terms for the Transmission Assets cumulatively with other plans and projects, as it relates to potential operational impacts at Blackpool Airport and the commercial implications to BBC.	engagement in relation to the Blackpool Airport cooperation agreement. BBC concerns are in relation to future development of the land to the south of the operational airport and interaction between the Enterprise Zone and solar farm.	
BBC.AR.12	Mitigation	The mitigation measures outlined in Volume 3, Chapter 11: Aviation and Radar (APP-130) are appropriate and will ensure significant effects are avoided, as it relates to potential operational impacts at Blackpool Airport and the commercial implications to BBC.	BBC defers to Blackpool Airport in relation to technical and operational matters, and is satisfied with progress and engagement in relation to the Blackpool Airport cooperation agreement. BBC concerns are in relation to future development of the land to the south of the operational airport and interaction between the Enterprise Zone and solar farm.	Ongoing point of discussion

1.4.7 Biodiversity

Table 1.10: Agreement log between the parties on Biodiversity

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
BBC.BIO.1	Biodiversity	Matters relating to Biodiversity deferred to discussion with Fylde Borough Council and Lancashire County Council.	BBC have deferred all matters in relation to Biodiversity to Fylde Borough Council and Lancashire County Council due to the scope of the BBC administrative boundary, and support the positions advanced by these local authorities.	Deferred

1.4.8 BBC Landscape

Table 1.11: Agreement log between the parties on Landscape

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
BBC.LAN.1	Landscape	Matters relating to Biodiversity deferred to discussion with Fylde Borough Council and Lancashire County Council.	BBC have deferred all matters in relation to Landscape to Fylde Borough Council and Lancashire County Council due to the scope of the BBC administrative boundary, and support the positions advanced by these local authorities.	Deferred

Table 1.12

1.4.9 Construction Management Practices

Table 1.12: Agreement log between the parties on Construction Management Practices

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
BBC.CON.1	Construction Management Practices	Matters relating to Construction Management Practices deferred to discussion with Fylde Borough Council and Lancashire County Council.	BBC have deferred all matters in relation to Construction Management Practices to Fylde Borough Council and Lancashire County Council due to the scope of the BBC administrative boundary and recent amendments submitted by the Applicants (including the proposed change request), and support the positions advanced by these local authorities.	Deferred

1.4.10 Development Consent Order (DCO)

Table 1.13: Agreement log between the parties on the DCO

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
BBC.DCO.1	Specific requirements for discussion to be confirmed	The Applicants look forward to progressing discussions on these matters.	<p>BBC have set out matters of concern in relation to the dDCO within Chapter 14 of the LIR (REP1-068). Matters have progressed since the submission of the LIR, and BBC looks forward to continuing to work with the Applicants to resolve residual concerns.</p> <p>Matters for discussion include: agreement of a PPA, provision of s.106 commitments and any associated community benefits, and minor amendments to the wording of the dDCO.</p> <p>BBC considers that the cumulative impacts of all elements of the Scheme within the scope of Projects A and B may result in a number of repercussions which may cause disruption and potential repeat consequences and as such, the appropriate phasing and programming of the Scheme is of the utmost importance. It is considered that not all adverse effects are fully quantified within the DCO application documents and therefore currently not able to be fully assessed and determined with sufficient certainty.</p> <p>Drafting matters for discussion / agreement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extent of rights requested and associated reasoning, including those set out in Table 1.5, ref. BBC.TT.13. Uncertainty extends to Schedules 7 and 8, which are widely worded and the temporary rights requested at Articles 22, 29 to 30. • Any decommissioning works and restoration. Requirement 16 refers to the restoration of land used temporarily which may continue for a substantial and unquantified period of time. The likely impact is that the absence of any such requirements may impose expenditure by the local authorities • Corrections to Schedule 3A, 3B, 4A and 4B 	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Blackpool Borough Council position	Status
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment to Requirement 19 to ensure delivery of apprenticeships and the use of local labour and businesses • The red edge identified on the Works Plan – Sheet 3 of 21, clearly illustrates that the signal junction and north side of Starr Gate and the beach access straddle Blackpool Borough Council and Fylde Borough Council boundaries. The area of the signalised junction is subject to a cross-boundary agreement and administered by Blackpool Borough Council. These schedules should be reviewed and updated where necessary. • Rights sought for Starr Gate - It is requested that the possessory rights sought on Starr Gate are removed and alternative, appropriate traffic management measures be put in place in collaboration with the Local Highways Authority pursuant to Article 15 of the dDCO. • Protective provisions for underground infrastructure • S106 to enable provision of relevant costs, mitigation, compensation and benefits – to include: cost to be secured for monitoring the Employment and Skills Plan, community benefits, monitoring costs for dilapidation surveys, compensation for those affected by closure of Starr Gate and Squires Gate Lane • Amendments to the deemed consent provisions when the LPA considering a discharge application from the Applicants to enable the clock to be stopped for consultation with statutory authorities. 	