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1 Section 135 Tracker

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1.1 This document has been prepared to provide a detailed, focused update of the Applicants' progress on negotiations of the Section 135 Consent being sought with Crown Interests.
- 1.1.1.2 This document has been prepared in response to the Examining Authority's request during Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2, action point CAH2.11. The Applicants have set out as much detail as possible in the updates below.
- 1.1.1.3 The Applicants are not aware of any in principle reason that would prevent S135 consent being granted by the other parties.

Table 1.1: Status Key (Applicable for One or More of the Following Points)

Status Key	Definition
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Section 135 Consent agreed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Section 135 under negotiation; andAgreement likely to be reached during examination.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Not likely to reach agreement during examination.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Section 135 Consent no longer required

1.2 Current Status of S135 Negotiations

Table 1.2: Current Status of S135 Negotiations

No.	Land Interest	Status of Negotiation	Update on negotiations
1	The King's Most Excellent Majesty In Right Of His Duchy Of Lancaster		<p>Deadline 4 update</p> <p>The Applicants are discussing the Section 135 consent with Duchy's agent in conjunction with the Heads of Terms for the land rights required. However, progressing negotiations has been slow due to the complex and historic nature of some of the land in the area, which remains unregistered and no of evidence having been provided by the Duchy to confirm ownership. The Applicants have requested a meeting with the Duchy and their legal representatives, and it is hoped this can be arranged in the coming weeks. The Applicants will provide a response on the Duchy comments on the Heads of Terms issued ahead of that meeting.</p> <p>Deadline 5 update</p> <p>The Applicants continue their discussions with Duchy's agent in conjunction with the Heads of Terms for the land rights required. However, there is still uncertainty around the ownership, and the Applicants await evidence regarding ownership from the Duchy. The Applicants met with the Duchy and their legal representatives on the 27/08/2025 to progress negotiations on the Heads of Terms and S135 consent. The Duchy expressed concern about decoupling the S135 from wider Heads of Terms discussions but would consider their position on this and confirm with The Applicants. . No response on this has been forthcoming to date from the Duchy, however the projects have chased the Duchy on the 19/09/2025 seeking S135 consent and are hopeful of a positive outcome in this regard.</p>

No.	Land Interest	Status of Negotiation	Update on negotiations
2	The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs		<p>Deadline 4 update Discussions with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (SoS EFRA) are ongoing, with further reviews being undertaken in relation to their land interests to determine the nature of the interest held. The Applicants will continue to engage constructively, addressing the requirements and outcomes of the due diligence process concerning the interests held and anticipate negotiations to be concluded by the close of examination.</p> <p>Deadline 5 update The Applicants have continued discussions with The Secretary State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Following correspondence with Gareth Jervis, it has been determined that SoS EFRA do not hold an interest in the plots previously identified and the interest now sits with Homes England and therefore no Section 135 Consent is required. The Book of Reference and Crown plans will be updated to reflect these changes at deadline 6.</p>
3	His Majesty's Coastguard		<p>Deadline 4 update The Applicants are in discussions with Hartnell Taylor Cook on behalf of His Majesty's Coastguard (HMC) in relation to the Section 135 Consent sought. Hartnell Taylor Cook have advised they are in discussion with their solicitor regarding the consent sought and will revert in due course. The Applicants are not aware of any material issues at this stage and anticipate the consent will be agreed during examination.</p> <p>Deadline 5 update The Applicants are continuing to engage with His Majesty's Coastguard, the latest correspondence was sent on the 16th September where the Applicants sought an update on progress following receiving confirmation that the S135 consent has been sent to MCA's solicitor for progression. The Applicants will continue to engage on the matter and at this stage are not aware of any matters that would prevent the S135 consent being agreed. A response was received from HMC on the 19th September which confirmed their solicitor is reviewing the document and hopes to provide a response soon. The Applicants will continue to engage in hope to conclude the consent sought in the coming weeks.</p>

No.	Land Interest	Status of Negotiation	Update on negotiations
4	Secretary of State for Transport		<p>Deadline 4 update The Applicants are engaged in ongoing discussions with the Secretary of State for Transport (SoST) regarding their interest in land within the Order limits. It is understood that the Secretary of State for Transport is currently in dialogue with Network Rail concerning plots 01-015 and 02-023 to determine if the interest now belongs to Network Rail. In addition, the Applicants have entered into discussions concerning the Secretary of State's interest in plots 02-024, 02-026, 02-029, 02-030, 03-003, 03-004, 03-005, 03-006, 03-007, 03-008, 03-009, 03-012, and 04-024. The Applicants remain optimistic that negotiations are progressing constructively and that Section 135 consent will be secured during the examination process.</p> <p>Deadline 5 update The Applicants are in active discussions with SoST regarding the S135 Consent required who are progressing the consent with their legal representatives. Conversations are at an advanced stage and expect the consent to be concluded in the coming weeks, at this stage it is understood the SoST still hold an interest in 01-015 and 02-023 which is to be accounted for within the S135 consent sought.</p>
5	The King's Most Excellent Majesty In Right Of His Crown		<p>Deadline 4 update The Applicants are engaged in ongoing discussions with The Crown Estate regarding the ownership and interests associated with the listed plots. It is emerging that that Crown Interest in the plots within the order limits are incorrectly identified and therefore will negate the need for a Section 135 consent. The Applicants understand that the interest in plots 16-104B, 16-105A and 16-101 is held by Preston City Council and 19-001 and 19-002 is to be confirmed. Two parties believe those plots to be theirs but neither have yet provided the necessary evidence to support their assertions. The Applicants are continuing engagement with the parties listed to confirm their interest and the appropriate updates will be made to the Crown Plans and Book of Reference at Deadline 6.</p> <p>Deadline 5 update The Applicants are in ongoing discussion with The Crown Estate, however discussions currently strongly indicates that TCE do not have any interests in the order limits and therefore S135 consent is not required.</p>

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6	The Secretary Of State For Defence		<p>Deadline 4 update Discussions with the Secretary of State for Defence are ongoing, it was identified that interests in the following plots 02-024, 02-026, 02-029, 02-030, 03-003, 03-004, 03-005, 03-006, 03-007, 03-008, 03-009, 03-012, and 04-024 is held by Secretary of State for Transport, the updates will be reflected in the Crown Plans to be submitted at Deadline 6. Where the Secretary of State for Defence interest remains, the Applicants are awaiting comments on the consent document and will progress discussions with the intention to conclude the agreement in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Deadline 5 update The Applicants have continued discussions with SoSD regarding the S135 consent sought. The latest communication indicates that the discussions are now with the SoSD legal team for progression. The Applicants are confident the discussions are progressing towards completion of the consent.</p>
7	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government		<p>Deadline 4 update The Applicants are currently engaged in discussions with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government regarding the Section 135 consent being sought. At this stage, the dialogue primarily focuses on clarifying the nature of the land interests involved. The Applicants remain hopeful that consent will be secured during the course of the examination.</p> <p>Deadline 5 update The Applicants have continued to seek an update from the MHCLG on the S135 consent. Discussions regarding the extent of the land interests are ongoing. A follow up email to MHCLG was issued on the 19/9/2025 and the Applicants await a response. At this stage the Applicants are not aware of any issues that would prevent consent being provided.</p>