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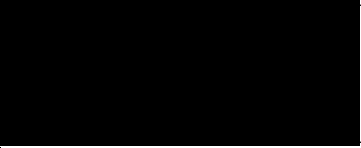
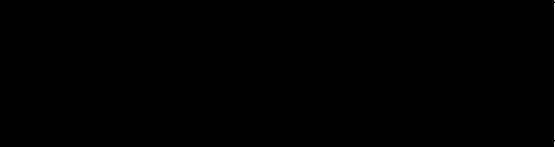
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Glossary

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)
Environmental Statement	The document presenting the results of the Environmental Impact Assessment process.

Acronyms

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

1 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

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- DCO

1.1.3 Overview of Transmission Assets

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

1.1.4 Approach to SoCG

1.1.4.1 This initial SoCG has been developed during the pre-examination phase and will be progressed during the examination phases of the Transmission Assets. In accordance with discussions between the parties, the SoCG is focused on those issues raised by 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 20 May 2025 (Deadline 1).

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

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

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

Topic	Agreement status
Geology, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions	Agreed
Hydrology and Flood Risk	Agreed
Landscape and Visual Resources	Agreed
Onshore Ecology	Agreed
Noise and Vibration	Agreed
Air Quality	Agreed
DCO	Agreed

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 Process, Onshore Ecology, Onshore and Intertidal 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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,

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non-statutory engagement	Summary of consultation
			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, pre-construction surveys. and the monitoring of mitigation areas.
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.
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,

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non-statutory engagement	Summary of consultation
			Lancashire County Council, South Ribble Borough Council and Preston City Council to discuss matters relating to LVIA.
17 October 2025	SoCG Meeting	Non statutory	To agree wording of final SoCG

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 1.6 to Table 1.12 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 General

Table 1.5: Agreement log between the parties on general matters

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
EIA				
PCC.GEN.1	Consultation	The Applicants have undertaken adequate consultation with PCC on the potential impacts of the Transmission Assets. The Application documents have had due regard to matters raised by PCC through statutory and non-statutory consultation.	PCC agree that adequate consultation has been undertaken and Application documents have had due regard to matters raised by PCC through statutory and non-statutory consultation.	Agreed
PCC.GEN.2	Policy and planning	<p>The Application documents have identified and considered the most up-to-date plans and policies for the following topics relevant to PCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geology, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions • Hydrology and Flood Risk • Landscape and Visual Resources • Onshore Ecology and Nature Conservation • Noise and Vibration • Air Quality. 	PCC confirms that the Applicants have identified the relevant adopted plans and policies within their assessments.	Agreed
PCC.GEN.3	Baseline environment	<p>The baseline has been appropriately characterised in the Environmental Statement (ES) for the following topics relevant to PCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geology, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions 	PCC agree the baseline has been appropriately characterised for all topics within the study area relevant to PCC.	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydrology and Flood Risk Landscape and Visual Resources Onshore Ecology and Nature Conservation Noise and Vibration Air Quality. 		
PCC.GEN.4	Study area	<p>The study area is appropriate for the impacts and the receptors assessed or the following topics relevant to PCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geology, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions Hydrology and Flood Risk Landscape and Visual Resources Onshore Ecology and Nature Conservation Noise and Vibration Air Quality. 	PCC agree the study area is appropriate for all topics assessed that are relevant to PCC.	Agreed
PCC.GEN.5	Assessment methodology	The sensitivity and significance of all topics relevant to PCC have been appropriately and adequately described within the ES and assessment methodologies are appropriate for each topic	PCC agrees that the sensitivity and significance criteria for all topics have been correctly identified and sufficiently described in ES.	Agreed
PCC.GEN.6	Assessment methodology	The significance of effects for topics within the ES that are relevant to PCC have been correctly determined and sufficiently described. The assumptions and limitations of assessments within the ES are fair and reasonable.	The Council agrees that the significance of effects has been correctly determined within the ES. Notwithstanding the position in relation to landscape and visual resources within row PCC.LVR.13.	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
			PCC agrees that the assumptions and limitations of ES are fair and reasonable.	
PCC.GEN.7	Assessment of the effects from the project alone or cumulatively with other projects	<p>No significant residual effects, from the project alone or cumulatively, in relation to the following topics relevant to PCC are expected to arise from the development of the Transmission Assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geology, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions • Hydrology and Flood Risk • Onshore Ecology and Nature Conservation • Noise and Vibration • Air Quality <p>The Applicants' and PCC's respective position on this matter in relation to Landscape and Visual Resources is provided in Section 1.4.5.</p>	PCC agrees that no significant residual effects, from the project alone or cumulatively, in relation to the topics relevant to PCC are expected to arise from the development of the Transmission Assets with the exception of Landscape and Visual Resources as detailed in Section 1.4.5 .	Agreed
PCC.GEN.8	Mitigation	<p>The mitigation measures outlined in the ES are appropriate and will ensure significant effects are avoided.</p> <p>The Applicants' and PCC's respective position on this matter in relation to Landscape and Visual Resources is provided in Section 1.4.5.</p>	PCC agrees that the mitigation measures detailed in the ES are appropriate and will ensure significant effects are avoided in relation to the topics relevant to PCC are expected to arise from the development of the Transmission Assets. Specific comments in relation to the final design of mitigation in relation to Landscape and Visual Resources are detailed in Section 1.4.5 .	Agreed

1.4.3 Geology, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions

Table 1.6: Agreement log between the parties on Geology, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
EIA				
PCC.GHGC.1	Contaminated Land - Phase 1 Geo-environmental preliminary risk assessment	The Applicants note and welcome the agreement from the Environmental Health Officer with regards to the proposed Phase 2 Intrusive Ground Investigation.	PCC's Environmental Health Officer has reviewed the Phase 1 Geoenvironmental preliminary risk assessment and is satisfied with its recommendation for a Phase 2 Intrusive Ground Investigation followed by the production a Remediation Strategy, Validation Sampling and finally a Verification Report where required. PCC agree with the proposed watching brief for any contaminated land that has so far been undiscovered during construction.	Agreed
PCC.GHGC.2	Ground Contamination and Ground Water Ground Contamination	The Applicants have made a commitment (CoT35 of Volume 1, Annex 5.3: Commitments Register (F1.5.3/F07)) to develop detailed Code(s) of Construction Practice, including detailed management plan(s) as listed in Requirement 8 of Schedules 2A & 2B to the draft DCO (C1/F09). Under CoT09 of Volume 1, Annex 5.3: Commitments Register (F1.5.3/F07), the outline CoCP (J1/F05) will contain information about drainage during construction. This includes management plan(s) in accordance with the following outline plans: Outline Surface and Groundwater Management Plan (J1.9/F02), Outline Pollution Prevention Plan (J1.4/F03) (CoT04) and	PCC agrees that the commitments made by the Applicants and secured within the DCO sufficiently address PCC's concerns relating to Ground Contamination and Ground Water Ground Contamination.	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
		<p>Outline Contaminated Land and Groundwater Discovery Strategy (J1.14/F04). These must be approved by the relevant planning authority following consultation (as appropriate) with Lancashire County Council, Natural England and the Environment Agency. The Applicants have also made commitments to mitigate soil and groundwater contamination (CoT41 and CoT118 of Volume 1, Annex 5.3: Commitments Register (F1.5.3/F07)). These set out a commitment to undertake ground investigation or other appropriate measures where dealing with areas of potentially significant contamination and commitment to undertake hydrogeological risk assessment(s) to inform crossing of sites of particular sensitivity, respectively. These are similarly secured through Requirement 8, Schedules 2A & 2B of the draft DCO.</p>		

1.4.4 Hydrology and Flood Risk

Table 1.7: Agreement log between the parties on Hydrology and Flood Risk

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
PCC.HFR.1	All Hydrology and Flood Risk matters	The Applicants have agreed all matters with the Lancashire County Council (the Lead Local Flood Authority) in relation to Hydrology and Flood Risk.	PCC are aligned with the position of LCC as the lead local flood authority.	Agreed

1.4.5 Landscape and Visual Resources

Table 1.8: Agreement Log between the parties on Landscape and Visual Resources

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
Landscape and Visual Assessment				
PCC.LVR.1	Scoping	<p>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.</p> <p>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 ES chapter.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The Council's comments, the Applicants' responses, and how these were adequately addressed are documented sufficiently in ES Chapter 10 (APP-123).</p>	Agreed
PCC.LVR.2	Consultation	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	Agreed
PCC.LVR.3	Consultation	<p>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.</p> <p>These are detailed in Table 10.7 of Volume 3, Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual Resources (APP-123), which set out the comments raised by the Council, the Applicants'</p>	<p>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.</p>	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
		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.	<p>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.</p> <p>The Council acknowledges that no formal comments on the study areas were submitted following either the Scoping Report or the PEIR, prior to the submission of the ES.</p> <p>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.</p>	Agreed
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 ES following submission of the	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
		in combination with supporting fieldwork observations.	<p>Scoping Report on 28 October 2022 to the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>The Council acknowledges that no formal comments were submitted on the ZTV studies that support ES Chapter 10 (APP-123).</p> <p>Furthermore, the Council acknowledges that the Applicants provided clarification on the methodology used for the ZTV in the Applicants response to comments made by Lancashire County Council (LCC) in their <i>Local Impact Report</i> (REP1-085) – see REP1-086 7.122 of <i>Applicants' Response to Lancashire County Council Local Impact Report</i> (REP2-039).</p> <p>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 receptors taken forward for detailed assessment.</p>	
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 <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.	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
		<p>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.</p> <p>The Applicants proceeded with its assessment of potential effects on landscape and visual resources on the basis that the <i>Expert Working Group</i> (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.</p>	<p>The consultation sought agreement on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Following the meeting, the representative viewpoint locations were agreed with the relevant members of the EWG, including the Council.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Council agrees that the representative viewpoints used in the LVIA align with best practice guidance and reflect consultation with the EWG.</p>	
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).	<p>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).</p> <p>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, <u>the Council remains concerned</u> that such effects may be overlooked in the final decision-making process.</p>	Agreed
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 that the Applicants have fairly identified the short-term significant effects (in EIA terms) arising from the construction phase of the	Agreed

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		<p>the construction phase on the following landscape and/or visual resources:</p> <p><u>Landscape Character</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCA 19a: Coastal Dunes – Fylde Coastal Dunes (landfall); and LCA 15d: Coastal Plain – Fylde (onshore substations) <p><u>Visual Receptors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, 	<p>Transmission Assets on the listed landscape and visual receptors.</p> <p>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.</p>	

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		<p>Savick Brook, Farm and Marsh Farm (export and 400 kV cables)</p> <p>No other significant effects on landscape character or visual receptors would arise during the construction of the Transmission Assets.</p>		
PCC.LVR.21	Assessment of potential effects during operation	<p>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:</p> <p><u>Landscape Character</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCA 15d: Coastal Plain – Fylde (Year 1 before landscape mitigation planting has established). <p><u>Visual Receptors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sequential effects on people using PRoW BW0505016, FP050503 and FP050504 (Year 1 before landscape mitigation planting has established). <p>No other long-term significant effects on landscape character or visual receptors would arise during the operation of the Transmission Assets</p> <p><i>* 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).</i></p>	<p>The Council agrees 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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Agreed

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PCC.LVR.22	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.23	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.24	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 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.	The Council agrees that the Applicants has presented a comprehensive assessment of the potential cumulative effects that could arise from the Transmission Assets in combined with other relevant projects, within the LVIA's studies areas.	Agreed

1.4.6 Onshore Ecology and Nature Conservation

Table 1.9: 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	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.	PCC's ecological advisers (GMEU) confirm that the surveys were undertaken with the appropriate methodologies.	Agreed
PCC.OE.2	Scoping	Agreement to the scoping of impacts for the EIA for onshore ecology and nature conservation.	PCC confirm their agreement on the impacts scoped into the assessment for onshore ecology and nature conservation based comments from Natural England and GMEU.	Agreed
PCC.OE.3	Biodiversity Benefit	The approach for determining the Biodiversity Benefit baseline and the areas to be omitted from the baseline is appropriate.	PCC are in agreement with the approach to Biodiversity Benefit.	Agreed

1.4.7 Noise and Vibration

Table 1.10: Agreement log between the parties on Noise and Vibration

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
PCC.NV.1	Construction working hours	The Applicants proposed working hours (7am – 7pm Monday to Friday, 7am-1pm Saturdays and no working on Sundays and Bank Holidays) are appropriate.	PCC raises no objection to these amended hours.	Agreed
PCC.NV.2	Outline Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (APP-215)	The Outline Code of Construction Practice (J1/F05) and the accompanying Outline Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (J1.3/F04) are secured through the dDCO (C1/F09) and are appropriate with regard to proposed mitigation and monitoring measures.	PCC consider the outline mitigation measures and techniques proposed to manage and monitor for noise and vibration, particularly during construction are satisfactory. PCC note agreement with the approach to the erection of physical noise barriers as well as the notification period of a minimum of 48 hours' notice in advance of works.	Agreed

1.4.8 Air Quality

Table 1.11: Agreement log between the parties on Air Quality

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
EIA				
PCC.AQ.1	Mitigation	The mitigation measures outlined in Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air quality (APP-121) are appropriate and will ensure significant effects are avoided.	PCC are satisfied with the proposed measures to control dust during construction and that once operational, the conclusion that there should be no adverse impact on local residents in the Preston area.	Agreed
PCC.AQ.2	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).	PCC's Environmental Health Officer confirms that the approach set out in Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air Quality (APP-121) is appropriate and agreed to.	Agreed
PCC.AQ.3	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	PCCs' Environmental Health Officer confirms that the approach set out in Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air Quality (APP-121) is appropriate and agreed to.	Agreed
PCC.AQ.4	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	PCC's Environmental Health Officer confirms that the approach set out in Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air Quality (APP-121) is appropriate and agreed to.	Agreed
PCC.AQ.5	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	PCC's Environmental Health Officer confirms that the approach set out in Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air Quality (APP-121) is appropriate and agreed to.	Agreed

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PCC.AQ.6	Outline management plans	The Outline Code of Construction Practice (J1/F05) and the accompanying Outline Dust Management Plan (J1.2/F04) are secured through the dDCO (C1/F09) and are appropriate with regard to proposed mitigation and monitoring measures.	PCC's Environmental Health Officer has reviewed the submitted information relating to Noise and Vibration, Air Quality, Dust Management, Pollution Prevention, Artificial Light Management, Construction Noise and Vibration Management and Statutory Nuisance etc. They note that a best practice approach has been taken in all reports and undertaken with reference to all relevant legislation and standards.	Agreed

1.4.9 DCO

Table 1.12: Agreement log between the parties on the DCO

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	Preston City Council position	Status
PCC.DCO.1	DCO	There are no specific comments from PCC in relation to the DCO apart from on construction working hours (as detailed in PCC.NV.1).	PCC's agrees with this statement.	Agreed