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Acronyms

Acronym	Meaning
DCO	Development Consent Order
ExA	Examining Authority
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground

Glossary

Term	Description
Applicants	Morgan Offshore Wind Limited (Morgan OWL) and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd (Morecambe OWL).
Development Consent Order	An order made under the Planning Act 2008, as amended, granting development consent.
Morecambe OWL	Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited is owned by Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners' (CIP) fifth flagship fund, Copenhagen Infrastructure V (CI V).
Morgan OWL	Morgan Offshore Wind Limited is a joint venture between JERA Nex bp (JNbp) and Energie Baden-Württemberg AG (EnBW).

1 Statement of Commonality

1.1 Overview

1.1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1.1 Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) have been prepared between Morgan Offshore Wind Limited (Morgan OWL) and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd (Morecambe OWL), (together, the Applicants) and other parties. These have been prepared to set out the areas of agreement and disagreement with these parties in relation to the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets.
- 1.1.1.2 In the Rule 6 Letter dated 28 March 2025, the Examining Authority (ExA) requested that the Applicants prepare a Statement of Commonality. This document provides an overview of the approach taken to capture commonality with the parties specified in the Rule 6 Letter (Table 1.1), the status of each SoCG (Table 1.2) and the agreement status with the parties for the main topics (Table 1.4) in a tabular, colour-coded format as requested by the ExA.
- 1.1.1.3 This Statement of Commonality is intended to act only as a summary of the progress of the SoCGs. For full details of the items under discussion with each stakeholder, please refer to the relevant SoCG.

1.2 List of Statements of Common Ground

- 1.2.1.1 The approach for capturing commonality between the Applicants and each party for whom the ExA has requested the submission of an SoCG in the Rule 6 Letter and additional parties for whom a SoCG has been proposed is provided in **Table 1.1**.

Table 1.1: Approach to commonality for all parties whom the ExA have requested the Applicant submit a SoCG.

Doc No	Party	Approach to capturing commonality
S_D1_6.1/F04	Lancashire County Council	SoCG
S_D3_6.2/F04	Blackpool Borough Council	SoCG
S_D1_6.3/F04	Fylde Borough Council	SoCG
S_D4_6.4/F03	Preston City Council	SoCG
S_D1_6.5/F03	South Ribble Borough Council	SoCG
S_D1_6.6/F05	Environment Agency	SoCG
S_D1_6.7/F04	Historic England	SoCG
S_D1_6.8/F04	Marine Management Organisation	SoCG
S_D1_6.9/F04	National Highways	SoCG

Doc No	Party	Approach to capturing commonality
S_D6_6.28	Natural England	<p>The Applicants and Natural England have jointly agreed not to submit a Statement of Common Ground at Deadline 1, 3, 4 or 5. This was replaced by a risk and issues log which will be submitted by Natural England at the appropriate deadlines during examination.</p> <p>The Applicants and Natural England have prepared a Statement of Common Ground at Deadline 6.</p>
S_D1_6.11/F03	Trinity House	SoCG
S_D5_6.12/F02	BAE Systems (Warton Aerodrome) and the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (on behalf of the Ministry of Defence)	SoCG
-	Blackpool Airport Operations Ltd and Blackpool Airport Properties Ltd	Agreed a SoCG is not required at this stage to instead focus resource on cooperation agreement and land agreement negotiation.
-	Cadent Gas Limited	SoCG not required on the basis that engagement will focus on negotiation of the Protective Provisions and associated side agreement where necessary. Updates are presented in Part 2 of the Land Rights Tracker (S_D1_15).
-	Canal & River Trust	SoCG not required on the basis that engagement will focus on negotiation of the Protective Provisions and associated side agreement where necessary. Updates are presented in Part 2 of the Land Rights Tracker (S_D1_15).
S_D3_6.16/F03	National Farmers Union	SoCG
-	National Gas Transmissions Ltd	SoCG not required on the basis that engagement will focus on negotiation of the Protective Provisions and associated side agreement where necessary. Updates are presented in Part 2 of the Land Rights Tracker (S_D1_15).
-	National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc	SoCG not required on the basis that engagement will focus on negotiation of the Protective Provisions and associated side agreement where necessary. Updates are presented in Part 2 of the Land Rights Tracker (S_D1_15).

Doc No	Party	Approach to capturing commonality
-	Network Rail Limited	SoCG not required on the basis that engagement will focus on negotiation of the Protective Provisions and associated side agreement where necessary. Updates are presented in Part 2 of the Land Rights Tracker (S_D1_15).
-	Orsted East Irish Sea Transmission Limited	Given the early stage of the East Irish Sea Transmission project there is not sufficient detail to enable the parties to prepare an SOCG
-	SABIC Petrochemicals Limited and SABIC Petrochemicals BV	SoCG not required on the basis that engagement will focus on negotiation of the Protective Provisions and associated side agreement where necessary. Updates are presented in Part 2 of the Land Rights Tracker (S_D1_15).
-	SP Energy Networks	SoCG not required on the basis that engagement will focus on negotiation of the Protective Provisions and associated side agreement where necessary. Updates are presented in Part 2 of the Land Rights Tracker (S_D1_15).
-	United Utilities Water Limited	SoCG not required on the basis that engagement will focus on negotiation of the Protective Provisions and associated side agreement where necessary. Updates are presented in Part 2 of the Land Rights Tracker (S_D1_15).
S_D1_6.24/F03	Maritime Coastguard Agency	SoCG
S_D5_6.25/F02	Newton with Clifton Parish Council	SoCG
S_D5_6.25/F02	Freckleton Parish Council	SoCG
S_D5_6.27/F02	Spirit Energy	SoCG

1.2.1.2 **Table 1.2** provides the status of the SoCG submissions at each Examination Deadline at which the ExA has specified that SoCGs should be submitted in the Examination Timetable published in the Rule 8 Letter.

Table 1.2: Status of SoCG Submissions.

Doc Ref	Party	Status at Deadline 1	Status at Deadline 3	Status at Deadline 4	Status at Deadline 5	Status at Deadline 6	Status at Deadline 7
S_D1_6.1/F04	Lancashire County Council	Initial SoCG submitted	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 3	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 4	Updated SoCG not submitted at Deadline 5, an update will be provided at Deadline 6	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 6, the final signed version to be submitted at Deadline 7	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 7
S_D3_6.2/F04	Blackpool Borough Council	Draft SoCG provided to party, anticipated submission at Deadline 2	Initial SoCG submitted at Deadline 3	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 4	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 5	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 7
S_D1_6.3/F04	Fylde Borough Council	Initial SoCG submitted	The Applicants continue to liaise with Fylde Borough Council to progress the preparation of a SoCG. Most recently, a series of topic specific meetings have been arranged, with some having taken place. These meetings have been specifically arranged with	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 4. The Applicants will continue to proactively engage with Fylde Borough Council to progress the SoCG	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 5	The Applicants have not submitted an updated SoCG at Deadline 6. The Applicants will continue to pro-actively engage with FBC to progress this joint SoCG ahead of Deadline 7	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 7

Doc Ref	Party	Status at Deadline 1	Status at Deadline 3	Status at Deadline 4	Status at Deadline 5	Status at Deadline 6	Status at Deadline 7
			the preparation of the SoCG in mind. At this stage, the Applicants and Fylde Borough Council are working towards being able to submit a draft SoCG at Deadline 4.				
S_D4_6.4/F03	Preston City Council	Draft SoCG provided to party, anticipated submission at Deadline 2	The Applicant met with Preston City Council on Monday 30 June and has agreed to further discussions before submitting the initial SoCG at Deadline 4	The Applicant previously met with Preston City Council on Monday 30 June with the intention of having topic specific meetings to progress the SoCG. However, the Applicants have not received any feedback/had any further meetings with Preston City Council. The Applicants will continue to pro-actively engage	The Applicants have drafted Preston City Council's position in relation to air quality based on Preston City Council's Relevant Representation (RR-1775) submitted on 27 January 2025. The Applicants have also drafted Preston City Council's landscape and visual resources position based on text agreed at a Joint Council	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6

Doc Ref	Party	Status at Deadline 1	Status at Deadline 3	Status at Deadline 4	Status at Deadline 5	Status at Deadline 6	Status at Deadline 7
				with Preston City Council to progress the SoCG	Meetings (convened with Fylde Borough Council, Lancashire County Council, South Ribble Borough Council and Preston City Council to discuss matters relating to landscape). The Applicants have sought to have a meeting with Preston City Council to discuss all matters within this SoCG. However, Preston City Council have not responded to attempts to organise this. The Applicants will continue to endeavour to arrange this and submit a SoCG during the examination phase		

Doc Ref	Party	Status at Deadline 1	Status at Deadline 3	Status at Deadline 4	Status at Deadline 5	Status at Deadline 6	Status at Deadline 7
					SoCG submitted at Deadline 5		
S_D1_6.5/F03	South Ribble Borough Council	Initial SoCG submitted	The Applicant met with South Ribble Borough Council and has agreed to further discussions before submitting the initial SoCG at Deadline 4	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 4	<p>The Applicants have not submitted an updated SoCG at Deadline 5, absences in the South Ribble Borough Council representatives meant formal positions could not be reached prior to Deadline 5 submission.</p> <p>The Applicants will continue to endeavour to engage with South Ribble Borough Council and will provide an update at Deadline 6</p>	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6
S_D1_6.6/F05	Environment Agency	Initial SoCG submitted	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 3	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 4	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 5	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 6, the	The final signed SoCG

Doc Ref	Party	Status at Deadline 1	Status at Deadline 3	Status at Deadline 4	Status at Deadline 5	Status at Deadline 6	Status at Deadline 7
						final signed version to be submitted at Deadline 7	submitted at Deadline 7
S_D1_6.7/F04	Historic England	Initial SoCG submitted	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 3	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 4	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 5	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 5	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 5
S_D1_6.8/F04	Marine Management Organisation	Initial SoCG submitted	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 3	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 4	The Applicants have not submitted an updated SoCG at Deadline 5, an update will be provided at Deadline 6	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6
S_D1_6.9/F04	National Highways	Initial SoCG submitted	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 3	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 4	The Applicants have not submitted an updated SoCG at Deadline 5, an update will be provided at Deadline 6	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6
S_D1_6.11/F03	Trinity House	Initial SoCG submitted	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 3	The Applicants have not submitted an updated SoCG at Deadline 4 as all matters are agreed as of Deadline 3, but Trinity House are maintaining	The Applicants have not submitted an updated SoCG at Deadline 5 as all matters are agreed as of Deadline 3, but Trinity House are maintaining	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6

Doc Ref	Party	Status at Deadline 1	Status at Deadline 3	Status at Deadline 4	Status at Deadline 5	Status at Deadline 6	Status at Deadline 7
				a watching brief on the draft DCO and will confirm final agreement at Deadline 6.	a watching brief on the draft DCO and will confirm final agreement at Deadline 6		
S_D5_6.12/F02	Bae Systems (Warton Aerodrome)	Draft SoCG provided to party, anticipated submission at Deadline 3	The Applicants and BAE Systems are making progress towards agreeing the list of topics and preliminary position statements to be included within a SoCG. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to reach agreement in advance of Deadline 3. BAE Systems and the Applicants have agreed to submit the SoCG in advance of the next set of Issue Specific Hearings (i.e.	The Applicants have not submitted an updated SoCG at Deadline 4. The Applicants will continue to pro-actively engage with BAE Systems to progress the SoCG	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 5	The Applicants have not submitted an updated SoCG at Deadline 6. The Applicants will continue to pro-actively engage with BAE Systems and DIO to progress this joint SoCG ahead of Deadline 7	An updated SoCG with BAE and DIO has been submitted at Deadline 7, please note that this has not yet been fully signed off. Once signed off by all parties it will be submitted into Examination as soon as possible

Doc Ref	Party	Status at Deadline 1	Status at Deadline 3	Status at Deadline 4	Status at Deadline 5	Status at Deadline 6	Status at Deadline 7
			after Deadline 3 and before ISH2), at the discretion of the ExA. The Applicants expect BAE Systems to submit a similar request to the ExA to submit the SoCG outside of deadline				
S_D3_6.16/F03	National Farmers Union	Draft SoCG provided to party, anticipated submission at Deadline 2	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 3	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 4	The Applicants have not submitted an updated SoCG at Deadline 5, an update will be provided at Deadline 6	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6
S_D1_6.24/F03	Maritime Coastguard Agency	Initial SoCG submitted	Updated SoCG submitted at Deadline 3	The Applicants have not submitted an updated SoCG at Deadline 4 as all issues have been previously agreed.	The Applicants have not submitted an updated SoCG at Deadline 5 as all issues have been previously agreed	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6
S_D5_6.25/F02	Newton with Clifton and Freckleton	-	-	-	Initial SoCG submitted	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6

Doc Ref	Party	Status at Deadline 1	Status at Deadline 3	Status at Deadline 4	Status at Deadline 5	Status at Deadline 6	Status at Deadline 7
	Parish Council						
S_D5_6.27/F02	Spirit Energy	-	-	-	Initial SoCG submitted	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6
S_D6_6.28	Natural England	Discussions progressing via the Natural England Risk and Issues Log	Discussions progressing via the Natural England Risk and Issues Log	Discussions progressing via the Natural England Risk and Issues Log	Discussions progressing via the Natural England Risk and Issues Log	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6	The final signed SoCG submitted at Deadline 6

1.3 Agreement status for each topic

1.3.1.1 **Table 1.4** provides a summary of the agreement status by topic between the Applicant and other parties in the SoCGs at Deadline 6.

1.3.1.2 **Table 1.3** provides the colour-coding system used in Table 1.4.

Table 1.3: Position definitions and colour coding.









Colour	Definition
	All matters agreed.
	Some matters under discussion, some matters agreed.
	All matters under discussion.
	Some matters under discussion, some matters not agreed.
	All matters not agreed.
	Some matters not agreed, some matters agreed.
	Some matters not agreed, some matters under discussion, some matters agreed.
	Topic not within remit of party and not covered in SoCG.

Table 1.4: Status of agreement in SOCGs at Deadline 7.

Doc Ref	Party	Air quality	Agriculture	Aviation and radar	Benthic, subtidal and intertidal ecology	Climate change	DCO	Marine Licence	Fish and shellfish ecology	Geology, hydrogeology and ground conditions	Historic environment	Hydrology and flood risk	Land use and recreation	Landscape and Visual Resources	Management plans	Marine archaeology and cultural heritage	Noise and vibration	Onshore ecology and nature conservation	Onshore and intertidal ornithology	Physical processes	Shipping and navigation	Socio-economics	Traffic and transport	Waste	Water framework directive	Offshore Ornithology	Green Belt	Marine Mammals	Fylde MCZ
S_D1_6.1/F04	Lancashire County Council																												
S_D3_6.2/F04	Blackpool Borough Council																												
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S_D4_6.4/F03	Preston City Council																												
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S_D1_6.7/F04	Historic England																												
S_D1_6.8/F04	Marine Management Organisation																												
S_D1_6.9/F04	National Highways																												
S_D1_6.11/F03	Trinity House																												
S_D5_6.12/F02	BAE Systems (Warton Aerodrome) and DIO																												

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S_D3_6.16/F03	National Farmers Union																												
S_D1_6.24/F03	Maritime Coastguard Agency																												
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