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1. Statements of Common Ground

1.1.1 In accordance with government guidance (Planning Act 2008: Guidance on preparing an application: Part 1 - Pre-application steps, published 3 July 2026), National Grid has been developing Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) with a number of prescribed and non-prescribed consultees during the preparation of the DCO application. The SoCG seek to identify matters on which parties agree and to track progress towards the resolution of any matters where agreement has not yet been reached. The SoCG have been used to inform the production of the **Application Document 5.7 Potential Main Issue for Examination.**

1.1.2 National Grid has undertaken early preparation of statements with the consultees identified in Table 1.1, during the pre-application period. Table 1.1 provides a list of those SoCGs that have been submitted with the DCO application. A number of additional SoCGs are currently in development but are not included in Table 1.1, as they will be submitted during examination of the application. This is largely due to consultees awaiting sight of the DCO documentation before they confirm their position in relation to the application. Once consultees have reviewed the submitted documents, more detailed and productive discussions are anticipated, which will inform the preparation of further SoCG. Accordingly, the additional SoCG not listed in this document are expected to be submitted during the examination period as they are finalised.

1.1.3 National Grid will continue to review and develop the SoCGs with relevant parties throughout the acceptance, pre-examination and examination stages of the Project. SoCGs will be updated and submitted to the Examining Authority as required during the examination phase. This document provides an overview of all SoCGs and will be updated during the examination to keep an overarching record of progress.

1.1.4 The SoCGs are largely structured as follows:

- Summary of key engagement undertaken to date with the consultee.
- Table(s) summarising the key interests of the parties and the status of each matter:
  - ‘Not agreed’ indicates a final position, where it has not been possible to resolve the issue to the agreement of both parties and there remains a difference of opinion;
  - ‘Under discussion’ indicates where issues are the subject of active ongoing discussion;
  - ‘Agreed’ indicates where an issue has been agreed or resolved satisfactorily to the agreement of both parties.

1.1.5 Table 1.1 below sets out the status of each SoCG. All SoCGs currently remain in draft form, as discussions with stakeholders are ongoing and none have been signed as completed by the stakeholders. The status of each SoCG will be updated ahead of examination.

1.1.6 Ahead of submitting the application, the Applicant shared draft SoCG with the associated stakeholder for review to seek confirmation prior to submitting draft SoCGs. At the time of submission of the application, the Applicant had not received confirmation from some stakeholders of their review and as such, some draft SoCG were not submitted with the application. As a result, there are gaps in the document reference numbers for SoCG as seen in Table 1.1. It remains the applicant's intention to progress and submit these draft SoCG at an early stage of the examination.

Table 1.1 – Submitted SoCGs and status summary

Ref	Consultee	Consultee type	Status
5.8.1	Environment Agency	Prescribed consultee	Draft
5.8.2	Historic England	Prescribed consultee	Draft
5.8.3	Natural England	Prescribed consultee	Draft
5.8.4	National Highways	Prescribed consultee	Draft
5.8.5	Bassetlaw District Council	Prescribed consultee	Draft
5.8.6	East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Prescribed consultee	Draft
5.8.7	North Lincolnshire Council	Prescribed consultee	Draft
5.8.8	Nottinghamshire County Council	Prescribed consultee	Draft
5.8.9	Canal and River Trust	Prescribed consultee	Draft
5.8.10	Associated British Ports	Prescribed consultee	Draft
5.8.11	Severn Trent Water	Prescribed consultee	Draft
5.8.12	Water Management Consortium (Isle of Axholme & North Nottinghamshire IDB and Trent Valley IDB)	Prescribed consultee	Draft
5.8.13	Yorkshire & Humber IDB	Prescribed consultee	Draft
5.8.14	Dogger Bank D - SSE Renewables and Equinor	Non-statutory consultee (affected party)	Draft
5.8.15	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	Non-statutory consultee	Draft
5.8.16	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	Non-statutory consultee	Draft
5.8.17	Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	Non-statutory consultee	Draft
5.8.18	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	Non-statutory consultee	Draft
5.8.19	Anglian Water	Prescribed consultee	Draft
5.8.22	Creyke Beck Solar - PS Renewables	Non-statutory consultee (affected party)	Draft
5.8.23	One Earth Solar Farm - Ørsted and PS Renewables	Non-statutory consultee (affected party)	Draft
5.8.24	J G Pears Holding Limited	Non-statutory consultee (affected party)	Draft

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5.8.25	Wienerberger Limited	Non-statutory consultee (affected party)	Draft
5.8.26	Darlton Gliding Club	Non-statutory consultee (affected party)	Draft
5.8.27	Grove Farm Airfield	Non-statutory consultee (affected party)	Draft
5.8.29	Headon Airfield	Non-statutory consultee (affected party)	Draft
5.8.32	National Grid Electricity Distribution	Prescribed consultee	Draft

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