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STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of this Document

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) relates to an application made by Highways England ("the Applicant") to the Planning Inspectorate ("PINS") under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ("PA 2008") for a Development Consent Order (a "DCO"). If made the DCO would grant consent for the Applicant to undertake the A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Scheme ("the Scheme"). A detailed description of the Scheme can be found in the ES Chapter 2 The Proposed Scheme (**APP-40**).
- 1.1.2 This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere within the Application documents. All documents are available on the Planning Inspectorate website.
- <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/>
- 1.1.3 The SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority where agreement has been reached between the parties to it, and where agreement has not (yet) been reached. SoCGs are an established means in the planning process of allowing all parties to identify and so focus on specific issues that may need to be addressed during the examination.

1.2 Parties to this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.2.1 This SoCG has been prepared by (1) Highways England as the Applicant and (2) Historic England.
- 1.2.2 Highways England became the Government-owned Strategic Highways Company on 1 April 2015. It is the highway authority in England for the strategic road network and has the necessary powers and duties to operate, manage, maintain and enhance the network. Regulatory powers remain with the Secretary of State. The legislation establishing Highways England made provision for all legal rights and obligations of the Highways Agency, including in respect of the Application, to be conferred upon or assumed by Highways England.
- 1.2.3 Historic England was established with effect from 1 April 1984 under Section 32 of the National Heritage Act 1983. The general duties of Historic England under Section 33 are as follows:
- "...so far as is practicable:
- to secure the preservation of ancient monuments and historic buildings situated in England
 - to promote the preservation and enhancement of the character and appearance of conservation areas situated in England
 - to promote the public's enjoyment of, and advance their knowledge of, ancient monuments and historic buildings situated in England and their preservation".
- 1.2.4 Historic England is a statutory consultee providing advice to local planning authorities on certain categories of applications for planning permission and listed building consent and is also a statutory consultee on all Nationally Significant

Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs). Similarly, Historic England advises the Secretary of State (SoS) on those applications' subsequent appeals and on other matters generally affecting the historic environment. It is the lead body for the heritage sector and is the Government's principal adviser on the historic environment.

1.3 Terminology

1.3.1 In the tables in Section 3 'Issues' of this SoCG, the following terminology is used:

- "Agreed" indicates where the issue has been resolved
- "Not Agreed" indicates a final position
- "Under discussion" where these points will be the subject of on-going discussion wherever possible to resolve, or refine, the extent of disagreement between the parties.

1.3.2 It can be taken that any matters not specifically referred to in Chapter 3 of this SoCG are not of material interest or relevance to Historic England, and therefore have not been the subject of any discussions between the parties. As such, those matters can be read as agreed, only to the extent that they are either not of material interest or relevance to Historic England.

2 RECORD OF ENGAGEMENT

- 2.1.1 A summary of the meetings and correspondence that has taken place between Highways England and Historic England in relation to the Application is outlined in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1 : Record of Engagement

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed and key outcomes (the topics should align with the Issues tables)
07/03/18	Letter	HE provided comment in the Scoping Opinion.
18/11/20	Email	Discussion on the overall approach to impact assessment and mitigation. Specific discussion regarding the effects on Grade 1 listed buildings and to reach an agreement regarding the study area methodology.

- 2.1.2 It is agreed that this is an accurate record of the key meetings and consultation undertaken between (1) Highways England and (2) Historic England in relation to the issues addressed in this SoCG.

3 ISSUES

Table 3-1 : Issues

Issue	Document Reference (if relevant)	Historic England Comment	Highways England Response	Status	Date
The effect on the Grade 1 listed buildings	ES Chapter 6 Cultural Heritage (APP-044)	Confirmation that we agree in principle with the study area methodology discussed and set out in the Email with the caveat that we have not yet seen the final scheme layout and any substantial changes to the Proposed Scheme could require an amended approach.	Noted. Proposed Scheme layout available in final Environmental Statement.	Agreed	18/11/20