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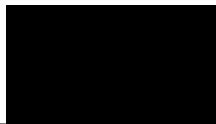
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STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared and agreed by (1) National Highways Company Limited and (2) Warwickshire County Council

Signed



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POSITION: Project Manager, National Highways

On behalf of National Highways

Date: 27.05.25

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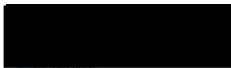
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


POSITION: Executive Director for Communities

On behalf of Warwickshire County Council


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
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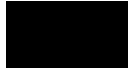
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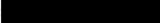

Hi 


Please find enclosed the completed SoCG with name and date. There were some problems with adding Mark Ryder's signature due to the formatting of the document, so I hope this is ok.

Kind regards,



**Strategic Lead – Transport Planning
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Hi Mark,

As you will recall, we have been working closely with National Highways to prepare a joint Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) for submission to the A46 Walsgrave Development Consent Order (DCO) Examination process. This sets out to the Inspector the status of all matters raised by the County Council in relation to the proposed scheme. I am pleased to confirm that we have reached a position whereby all matters have been agreed. This has been undertaken in collaboration with the relevant disciplines of the County Council (Ecology, Archaeology, Flood Risk Management, Planning Policy, County Highways etc.).

I would be grateful if you could add your electronic signature to the title page of the attached document and either return it to me or send directly to  (who are acting on behalf of National Highways in relation to the various SoCG's). His email is  They have requested the signed document by no later than 12.30pm on Friday 23rd May.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,



**Strategic Lead – Transport Planning
Strategy and Commissioning
Transport and Highways
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Warwickshire County Council**

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1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1. This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared in respect of the A46 Coventry Junctions (Walsgrave) Scheme (the “Scheme”) following the application made by National Highways (the “Applicant”) to the Secretary of State for Transport, via the Planning Inspectorate (the “Inspectorate”) for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under section 37 of the Planning Act (the “2008 Act”). A detailed description of the Scheme can be found in Chapter 2 of the Environmental Statement (ES) (**APP-024**).
- 1.1.2. This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere with the application documents. All application documents are available on the Planning Inspectorate website:
- <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/west-midlands/a46-coventry-junctions-walsgrave/>
- 1.1.3. This 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 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 between (1) National Highways as the Applicant and 9(2) Warwickshire County Council.
- 1.2.2. National Highways (previously known as 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 National Highways made provision for all legal rights and obligations, including in respect of the application, to be conferred upon or assumed by National Highways.
- 1.2.3. Warwickshire County Council is a host Local Authority for the Scheme, falling within Category C of section 43(1) of the Planning Act 2008. Part of the Scheme is within the administrative area of the authority.

1.3. Terminology

- 1.3.1. In Table 3.1 in Section 3, Issues of this SoCG, the terminology is as follows:
- “Agreed” indicates area(s) of agreement

- “Under Discussion” indicates area(s) of current disagreement where resolution remains possible, and where parties continue discussing the issue(s) to determine whether they can reach agreement by the end of the examination
- “Not Agreed” indicates a final position for area(s) of disagreement where the resolution of the divergent positions will not be possible, and parties agree on this point

1.3.2. It can be assumed that any matters not specifically referred to in the Issues section of this SoCG are not of material interest or relevant to Warwickshire County Council and therefore have not been 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 Warwickshire County Council.

2. Record of engagement

2.1.1. A summary of the meetings and correspondence that has taken place between National Highways and Warwickshire County Council in relation to the application is outlined in **Table 2-1** below.

Table 2-1 : Record of engagement

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed and key outcomes
29 March 2023	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Warwickshire County Council	Meeting (with Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council) to discuss Walking, Cycling and Horse-riding (WCH) Assessment, addressing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure to be delivered by other development proposals in the study area Existing conditions local to the Scheme Ongoing and future WCH schemes on local highway networks Impacts on public rights of way (PRoW) and WCH network/facilities Opportunities to improve existing WCH facilities
13 April 2023	Email between Applicant and Warwickshire County Council	Historic Environment Record (HER) data requested from Warwickshire County Council to inform the Environmental Statement assessment of Cultural Heritage.
27 April 2023	Email between Warwickshire County Council and the Applicant	HER data provided.
31 May 2023	Email between Applicant and Warwickshire County Council	Consultation with Warwickshire County Council over the selection of representative viewpoints for the visual impact assessment of the Scheme.
28 June 2023	Email between Applicant and Warwickshire County Council	Follow up request concerning the selection of representative viewpoints for the visual impact assessment of the Scheme.
28 June 2023	Email between Warwickshire County Council and the Applicant	Response from Warwickshire County Council, querying whether Warwickshire County Council should be consulted on the visual impact assessment.
28 June 2023	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Confirmation from the Applicant, based on Warwickshire County Council's email also from 28 June 2023, that district authorities and not the county council, should be consulted on the visual

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		impact assessment. The Applicant subsequently raised this issue by email with Rugby Borough Council.
7 July 2023	Email between Applicant and Warwickshire County Council	Introductory email to query if Warwickshire County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) have any information, to inform the Flood Risk Assessment for the Scheme, related to the embankment downstream of Coombe Abbey Park on Smite Brook and if the embankments serves as breach protection from the Coombe ¹ Pool.
13 July 2023	Email between Warwickshire County Council and the Applicant	Warwickshire County Council confirmed they have no records as to any designation of flood alleviation assets around the Combe Pool/embankment location and are not aware of the reasoning for the height of the existing embankment. Warwickshire County Council suggested the Environment Agency is contacted.
13 July 2023	Email between Applicant and Warwickshire County Council	Acknowledgement of response concerning flood alleviation assets and the Applicant's intention to contact the Environment Agency.
17 July 2023	Email between Warwickshire County Council and the Applicant	Email noting the ecological designations of Combe Pool Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) which Smite Brook runs into. Suggested contacting Warwickshire Biological Records Centre (WBRC).
25 August 2023	MS Teams meeting between Applicant and Warwickshire County Council	Flood risk start-up meeting: Warwickshire County Council explained that they had commented at previous stages and had no objections but aspired to overall betterment in flood risk management. Discussion of flood assessment methodology and of potential for design connectivity features, e.g. mammal ledges, to be built between the Sowe and Combe Pool.
20 September 2023	Email between Applicant and Warwickshire County Council	The Applicant requested further information on Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) market in the county, as referred to by Warwickshire County Council in its response to the Environmental Scoping Report. Applicant informed that the Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Green Infrastructure Strategy (undated) had been used to determine strategic significance in the BNG assessment.

¹ Coombe is also spelt as Combe in some databases and on the SSSI citation for Coombe Pool. For consistency the spelling of Combe has been used for Coombe Pool throughout this document.

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		Confirmation sought as to when document will be updated.
20 September 2023	Email between Warwickshire County Council and the Applicant	Warwickshire County Council provided confirmation that the updated strategy is with the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Planning Officers group (CSWAPO) for comments and that the main document with strategic significance has not changed. Link provided to draft strategy with request that the draft document should not be directly referenced.
12 October 2023	MS Teams meeting between Applicant and Warwickshire County Council	Biodiversity Net Gain provision discussion, addressing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warwickshire County Council BNG market, experience and opportunities within Warwickshire County Council Metric versions Management post-development Unit costs Local opportunities
18 October 2023	Email from Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	Contact details provided for the organisation linked to the Warwickshire County Council BNG market.
16 November 2023	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Draft geophysical survey report for the Scheme shared for comment with Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council.
17 November 2023	Email from Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	Confirmation from Warwickshire County Council of receipt of the draft geophysical survey report and agreement to discuss its contents.
20 November 2023	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Marked-up excerpts of the geophysical survey shared with Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council along with the trial trenching layout rationale and draft schedule of trenching.
21 November 2023	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Dates offered to Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council for a meeting to discuss the geophysical survey and trial trenching, and a request for initial feedback.
5 December 2023	Email from Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	Request to meet with Warwickshire County Council to discuss potential scoping out of Materials, Assets and Waste (MAW) from Environmental Statement assessments and

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		comments from the Planning Inspectorate's Scoping Opinion.
14 December 2023	Email from Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	Trial trenching Written Scheme of Investigation shared with Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council for comment.
28 February 2024	Email from Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	Request concerning the status of 'Ecosites' to Warwickshire County Council and whether they should be considered in the biodiversity chapter of the Environmental Statement for the Scheme.
28 February 2024	Email from Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	Explanation from Warwickshire County Council that "Ecosites" do not always fall under the local plan policy hierarchy of sites but that Warwickshire County Council maintains detailed information on them so that they can be checked for anything of relevance to the Applicant as part of its assessments.
29 February 2024	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Confirmation, based on Warwickshire County Council's advice, that ecosites would be scoped out of the assessment for the biodiversity chapter but that information on them provided by Warwickshire Biological Records Centre has been reviewed and considered.
5 March 2024	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Follow up request to discuss potential scoping out of MAW with Warwickshire County Council.
20 March 2024	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Follow up request to discuss potential scoping out of MAW, including an explanation that the Applicant was in the process of organising a meeting on that subject with the Planning Inspectorate. Invited to design meeting on 2 April 2025.
20 March 2024	Email from Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	Query from Warwickshire County Council on whether a representative for Ecology, Historic Environment or Landscape needs to attend the design meeting.
20 March 2024	Email from Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	The Applicant suggested a separate meeting for Ecology, Historic Environment and Landscape. Applicant requested appropriate contact to discuss scoping out of MAW.
20 March 2024	Email from Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	Applicant copied into email requesting details of colleague to deal with MAW. Agreed to meeting to discuss potential ecology mitigation proposals.

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26 March 2024	Email from Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	Warwickshire County Council provided appropriate contacts for discussing scoping out of MAW and email to colleagues to introduce.
2 April 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Warwickshire County Council	Applicant provided information on design development since Statutory Consultation: update on proposed changes to the Scheme, including retention of Hungerley Hall Farm accommodation overbridge, removal of northern pond and increased size of central pond. Explanation that potential changes would be considered as part of wider scheme development and through ongoing environmental assessments.
3 April 2024	Email from Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	Introduction from Warwickshire County Council's lead planning officer for Materials and Waste, including an overview of Warwickshire County Council's priorities in terms of waste management.
3 April 2024	Email from Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Request for Warwickshire County Council's agreement with a draft short list and long list of developments to feed into the Cumulative Effects Assessment.
5 April 2024	Email from Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Overview for Warwickshire County Council's lead planning officer for Materials and Waste of the Applicant's approach to MAW for the Scheme, including embedded mitigation proposals. Explanation of the purpose of an intended call between the two parties, including the Applicant's intention to scope out MAW from its Environmental Statement assessments.
11 April 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council	Applicant/ host local authorities (Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council) liaison meeting: scheme update, including update on consultation summary report and progress of Environmental Statement chapters.
15 April 2024	MS Teams meeting between Applicant and Warwickshire County Council	Materials, Assets and Waste discussion: overview of approach taken, including reasons why descopeing from Environmental Assessment is being pursued. Warwickshire County Council asked to be sent DMRB LA110 (Material Assets and Waste) to be sent for information and for the EA landfill capacity assessment tool to be sent. The Applicant asked for written confirmation from

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		Warwickshire County Council that they were content with the approach proposed for the scoping out of MAW.
15 April 2024	Email between Applicant and Warwickshire County Council	DMRB LA110 (Material Assets and Waste) Standard, on which the Applicant's scoping exercise is based, shared with Warwickshire County Council.
17 April 2024	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Request for feedback from Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council on the trial trenching report for the Scheme.
17 April 2024	Email between Warwickshire County Council and the Applicant	Suggested 1km study area for cumulative assessment should be increased. Concerns raised over traffic and lack of transport assessment in the Environmental Scoping report. Suggested further developments to be included in the short list for the cumulative effects assessment.
23 April 2024	Email between Applicant and Warwickshire County Council	Acknowledgement of sites for the cumulative effects assessment and agreement to increase study area.
23 April 2024	Email between Applicant and Warwickshire County Council	Environment Agency's 'Remaining Landfill Capacity Calculator Tool', as previously referenced in MAW discussions, shared by Applicant with Warwickshire County Council.
24 April 2024	Email between Applicant and Warwickshire County Council	Request from Applicant for Warwickshire County Council to confirm that they are content with the proposed approach to scoping out Materials Assets and Waste from Environmental Statement assessments.
7 May 2024	Email between Warwickshire County Council and the Applicant with letter attachment	Confirmation from Warwickshire County Council that they are content that some elements of MAW can be scoped out of environmental statements, but that others could not. The Council explained that they wished to see the outcomes of work being undertaken by the Applicant to address comments from the Planning Inspectorate before making their final decision on descopeing. The Council also provided detailed comments on elements of Mineral Safeguarding; Waste Safeguarding; Waste Planning Implications; and Imports of Construction Materials.

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16 May 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council	Applicant / Host authorities (Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council) liaison meeting, including SoCG development update.
7 June 2024	Email between Applicant and Warwickshire County Council with technical memo attachment	<p>Technical memo providing responses to Warwickshire County Council letter (dated 7 May 2024). Outlined issues Planning Inspectorate agreed to scope out.</p> <p>Applicant provided more reasoning for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • scoping out Mineral Safeguarding Areas (MSA) • no significant impacts in relation to cumulative impacts with the Ansty project • agreed the information sources to be used for the baseline and target for the use of recycled and secondary aggregates • proximity to Leicestershire
13 June 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council	Applicant / host local authorities liaison meeting: Scheme update, water quality assessment update, targeted consultation update.
2 July 2024	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Follow up request for feedback on the trial trenching report issued on 17 April 2024.
11 July 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council	Applicant / host local authorities liaison meeting: Scheme update on DCO forward programme, progress of transport forecasting package, Hungerley Hall Farm accommodate bridge structural survey, drainage report.

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8 August 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council	Applicant / host local authorities liaison meeting: Scheme update, water quality assessment update, targeted consultation update.
22 August 2024	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Applicant provided an update on plans for forthcoming targeted public consultation.
5 September 2024	Email between Applicant and Warwickshire County Council	Flood Risk Assessment shared for comment with Warwickshire County Council.
9 September 2024	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Request for Warwickshire County Council to provide feedback by 7 October 2024 on the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone. Adequacy of Consultation Milestone document shared with them for comments and agreement.
15 September 2024	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Request from the Applicant to include the following wording in the draft DCO: “(1) The following provisions do not apply in relation to the construction of any work or the carrying out of any operation required for the purpose of, or in connection with, the construction or maintenance of the authorised development— (a) section 23 (prohibition on obstructions etc. in watercourses), section 30 (authorisation of drainage works in connection with a ditch) and section 32 (variation of awards) of the Land Drainage Act 1991([1]);”
16 September 2024	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Response to the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone request, confirming that Warwickshire County Council are satisfied with the fulfilment of the consultation requirements.
17 September 2024	Email between Applicant and Warwickshire County Council	Request from Warwickshire County Council to review the Drainage Strategy referred to in the Flood Risk Assessment.
18 September 2024	Email between Applicant and	Update to Warwickshire County Council (and Coventry City Council) on proposed mitigation for archaeology.

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	Warwickshire County Council	
20 September 2024	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Drainage Strategy issued to Warwickshire County Council for review.
23 September 2024	Email from Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	Confirmation that the authority was consulting its legal team over the proposed addition to the draft DCO referred to in the entry from 15 September included in this engagement log.
10 October 2024	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Sharing of relevant potential issues forming part of the Potential Main Issues for the Examination document for comments to be sent back to the Applicant by 25 October 2024.
11 October 2024	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	First draft of Statement of Common Ground issued to Warwickshire County Council for review.
18 October 2024	Email between Warwickshire County Council and the Applicant	Ecology comments in relation to the flood risk assessment (FRA) and drainage strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> encourage the inflow and outflows of sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS) features to be open channels. where culverts are to be replaced prefer design that enables wildlife to pass where possible have surface (vertical) ducts to aid ventilation and light into any culverts of length. Long culverts can lead to barriers for wildlife due to residual build up of heat and darkness.
31 October 2024	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Confirmation sent to Warwickshire County Council that the Applicant intended to submit its application for development consent on 14 November 2024.
6 November 2024	MS Teams Meeting between the Applicant and Coventry City Council, Rugby Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council	A presentation from the Applicant's legal representatives on the DCO Examination, including explanations of key phases of the process, common terminology, and deliverables such as Statements of Common Ground that Local Authorities are likely to be involved in.
29 November 2024	Email from Warwickshire	Comments received from Warwickshire County Council on the first draft of the Statement of Common Ground.

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	County Council to the Applicant	
18 December 2024	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Explanation of the purpose of the Examination Library and an offer of assistance in locating information on any given topic within the application. In addition, an offer of meetings with technical specialists to address new or outstanding issues of concern to Warwickshire County Council.
17 January 2025	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Confirmation from the Applicant that the Relevant Representations period had begun.
17 January 2025	Email from Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	Request from Warwickshire County Council for information on the need to register as an Interested Party.
20 January 2025	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Explanation from the Applicant that local authorities are advised by the Planning Inspectorate to register as an Interested Party so that their key issues can be heard.
23 January 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council	<p>Joint update meeting between host local authorities (Warwickshire County Council, Coventry City Council and Rugby Borough Council) and the Applicant, covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant Representations • SoCG update • Delegated Powers • Local Impact Reports • Environmental Matters • AOB <p>It was agreed that the Applicant would circulate the next draft SoCG by 31 January in order to help the local authorities draft their Relevant Representations.</p>
31 January 2025	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Next draft of SoCG shared with Warwickshire County Council for comment and to aid preparations of the authority's Relevant Representation.
18 February 2025	Email from Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	From the Senior Flood Risk Management Engineer, outlining:

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported discrepancies in land drainage changes and culverting as reported in Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Comments on the relationship of the draft DCO with Warwickshire County Council's powers under the Land Drainage Act Suggesting a meeting to discuss these matters and their representation in the SoCG
20 February 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Rugby Borough Council, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council	<p>Joint update meeting between host local authorities (Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council) and the Applicant, covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant Representations SoCG update Delegated Powers (all authorities reminded to confirm that delegated powers are in place) Local Impact Reports
21 February 2025	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Clarifications from the Applicant's flood risk management specialist in response to feedback provided on 18 February by Warwickshire County Council's Senior Flood Risk Management Engineer.
25 February 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Warwickshire County Council	<p>Meeting with the authority's County Highways division, addressing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of the SoCG and its status Review of 'under discussion' and 'not agreed' matters relevant to County Highways. <p>Warwickshire County Council provisionally confirmed that they were content with the explanations provided in the "Applicant's Position" column for issues relevant to County Highways, and the statuses provided to them.</p> <p>The Applicant agreed to issue the draft SoCG to Warwickshire County Council's County Highways team and ask them to confirm the issues that they consider to be 'agreed'.</p>

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25 February 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Warwickshire County Council	<p>Meeting with Warwickshire County Council's Flood Risk Management Senior Engineer to discuss flood risk matters in the SoCG. The discussion expanded on the exchange of emails on 18 and 21 February, as detailed in this engagement log.</p> <p>Both parties agreed to exchange further information before the statuses of relevant SoCG matters could be confirmed.</p>
5 March 2025	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Request for Warwickshire County Council to provide appropriate contacts to discuss the Applicant's Suicide Prevention Strategy and its Uncertainty Log for traffic modelling.
5 March 2025	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	<p>Draft minutes of meeting with Warwickshire County Council's County Highways division issued to meeting attendees for comment.</p> <p>A draft of the SoCG was also issued so that attendees could confirm in writing the statuses provided to issues relevant to County Highways.</p>
5 March 2025	Email from Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	Confirmation (in response to an email from the Applicant on 5 March) of the appropriate contacts to discuss the Suicide Prevention Strategy and the traffic modelling Uncertainty log.
6 March 2025	Email from Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	<p>Warwickshire County Council's Senior Flood Risk Management Engineer provided three new matters for the SoCG, following the meeting of 25 February to discuss flood risk management. The three matters covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Applicant's responsibility for managing flood risk on the A46 highway, which is within the authority's jurisdiction. (This was assigned the status "provisionally agreed".) Warwickshire County Council's expectation that its Flood Risk Management team would not be consulted on overarching drainage principles under Requirement 9 but would be prepared to support its highways colleagues where required. (This was assigned the status "provisionally agreed".)

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warwickshire County Council has some concerns with the land drainage mechanisms within the draft DCO but these could be addressed through the normal consenting process under the Land Drainage Act prior to the order coming into force.
7 March 2025	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Draft minutes of meeting with Warwickshire County Council's Flood Risk Management Senior Engineer on 25 February shared for comment.
7 March 2025	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting on 20 February 2025 with all three host authorities. The draft SoCG was also shared so that the statuses of matters specified in the minutes could be confirmed by Warwickshire County Council.
26 March 2025	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Follow up of email from 5 March asking Warwickshire County Council's County Highways team to confirm the meeting minutes and the statuses of relevant SoCG matters.
27 March 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Rugby Borough Council, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council	<p>Joint update meeting between host local authorities (Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council) and the Applicant, covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant Representations SoCG update Delegated Powers Local Impact Reports Environmental Matters
8 April 2025	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Request from the Applicant's traffic modelling team for Warwickshire County Council to review and comment (by the end of April) on the assumptions made in a draft Uncertainty Log concerning future developments in Warwickshire.
9 April 2025	Email from Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	Confirmation that the request to review the Uncertainty Log had been passed to the relevant colleagues, who would make contact with the Applicant to discuss.
16 April 2025	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Request for Warwickshire County Council to confirm its position on outstanding SoCG matters.

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed and key outcomes
24 April 2025	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Request for Warwickshire County Council to confirm its position on outstanding SoCG matters.
24 April 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council	Joint update meeting between host local authorities (Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council) and the Applicant, covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheme update • SoCG update
25 April 2025	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Provision of a revised cross section through the section of the embankment at the location of the Smite Brook culvert under the A46 following a site visit by the Coventry City Council flood risk team in relation to the Combe Pool Flood Mitigation Scheme.
28 April 2025	Email from Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	Confirmation that Warwickshire County Council was in the process of confirming outstanding SoCG matters.
29 April 2025	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Notification of inclusion of Combe Pool Flood Mitigation Scheme in Issue Specific Hearing 1.
1 May 2025	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Request for update on review of and additions to the project traffic model's uncertainty log.
1 May 2025	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Request for comments following provision of a revised cross section through the section of the embankment at the location of the Smite Brook culvert under the A46 following a site visit by the Coventry City Council flood risk team in relation to the Combe Pool Flood Mitigation Scheme.
2 May 2025	Email from Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	Confirmation of no further comments regarding material assets and waste matter in the draft SoCG.
2 May 2025	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Acknowledgement of comments on the draft SoCG.

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed and key outcomes
6 May 2025	Email from Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	Offer to follow up outstanding queries on draft SoCG matters.
14 May 2025	Email from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council	Request for further comments on outstanding SoCG matters including cultural heritage, biodiversity and road drainage & the water environment.
15 May 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Rugby Borough Council, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council	Joint update meeting between host local authorities (Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council) and the Applicant, covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheme update • SoCG update • Environmental matters
16 May 2025	Emails from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	Confirmation of status of various SoCG matters, pending comments regarding cultural heritage matters and discussion of arrangements for signing the final draft.
19 May 2025	Emails from the Applicant to Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire County Council to the Applicant	Confirmation of agreement and final comments regarding cultural heritage matters.

- 2.1.2. It is agreed that this is an accurate record of key meetings and other forms of consultation and engagement undertaken between (1) National Highways and (2) Warwickshire County Council in relation to issues addressed in this SoCG.

3. Issues

3.1. Issues agreed, not agreed or under discussion

- 3.1.1. **Table 3-1** below details the issues which have been agreed, not agreed or are under discussion between (1) the Applicant and (2) Warwickshire County Council.
- 3.1.2. At Examination Deadline 1 there are 24 matters in total, of which 24 are agreed, 0 are not agreed and 0 that remain under discussion.

Table 3-1 Issues

Ref	Issue	Doc Ref	Warwickshire County Council's Position	National Highways' Position	Status	Date
Cultural Heritage						
1	Cultural Heritage: Value of archaeological remains	ES Appendix 6.2 (Geophysical Survey Report) [APP-067] ES Appendix 6.4 (Archaeological Trial Trenching Survey Report) [APP-069]	Likelihood of archaeological remains and value of remains within assessments should be evidenced based. Warwickshire County Council's comments on this matter are at all times in relation to potential impacts on any archaeological features within Warwickshire and without prejudice to any comments the Coventry City Council Archaeological Advisor may have in respect of archaeological features within Coventry. The comments are also without prejudice to any comments that	The Applicant has undertaken archaeological evaluation works in support of the Environmental Statement with the close involvement of Warwickshire County Council's archaeological advisor (acting on behalf of Rugby Borough Council). A geophysical survey was undertaken in September 2023 (ES Appendix 6.2 (Geophysical Survey Report) [APP-067]) and a scheme of trial trenching was undertaken in March 2024 (ES Appendix 6.4 (Archaeological Trial Trenching Survey Report) [APP-069]).	Agreed	19 May 2025

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		<p>ES Chapter 6 (Cultural Heritage) [APP-028]</p> <p>First Iteration EMP [APP-109]. Appendix B.6 Unexpected archaeological finds protocol</p>	<p>Historic England or relevant Local Planning Authority Conservation advisors may have in respect of any potential impacts on the setting of any heritage assets in the wider vicinity of the proposal.</p> <p>Warwickshire County Council confirmed on 19 May 2025 that it accepts the Applicant's position regarding this matter and considers it agreed.</p>	<p>ES Chapter 6 (Cultural Heritage) [APP-028] presents the assessment used to determine any potential likely significant effects of the Scheme upon cultural heritage, both during construction and operation. The assessment is considered compliant with DMRB LA 104 (Environmental Assessment and Monitoring) and DMRB LA 106 (Cultural heritage).</p> <p>ES Chapter 6 [APP-028] concludes that the Scheme area has a very low archaeological potential. As mitigation an Unexpected Archaeological Finds Protocol has been produced and forms EMP Appendix B.6 of the First Iteration EMP [APP-109].</p>		
2	Cultural Heritage: Archaeological sensitivity and monitoring as mitigation	<p>ES Appendix 6.2 (Geophysical Survey Report) [APP-067]</p> <p>ES Appendix 6.4 (Archaeological Trial)</p>	<p>Further information required on the archaeological sensitivity of this area to determine that the undertaking of archaeological monitoring in areas of 'higher potential' would reduce the impacts to a 'neutral (not significant) effect'.</p> <p>Whether or not archaeological monitoring would adequately mitigate impacts on archaeological impacts depends, in part, on the</p>	<p>Further information has been presented in the Environmental Statement.</p> <p>The Applicant has since undertaken archaeological evaluation works in support of the Environmental Statement with the close involvement of Warwickshire County Council's archaeological advisor (acting on behalf of Rugby Borough Council).</p>	Agreed	19 May 2025

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		<p>Trenching Survey Report) [APP-069]</p> <p>ES Chapter 6 (Cultural Heritage) [APP-028]</p> <p>First Iteration EMP [APP-109].</p>	<p>type of archaeological feature disturbed, its significance (which is itself dependent on its age, state of preservation, character etc), and the scale of the impact.</p> <p>Warwickshire County Council's comments on this matter are at all times in relation to potential impacts on any archaeological features within Warwickshire and without prejudice to any comments the Coventry City Council Archaeological Advisor may have in respect of archaeological features within Coventry. The comments are also without prejudice to any comments that Historic England or relevant Local Planning Authority Conservation advisors may have in respect of any potential impacts on the setting of any heritage assets in the wider vicinity of the proposal.</p> <p>Warwickshire County Council confirmed on 19 May 2025 that it accepts the Applicant's position regarding this matter and considers it agreed.</p>	<p>A geophysical survey was undertaken in September 2023 (ES Appendix 6.2 (Geophysical Survey Report) [APP-067]) and a scheme of trial trenching was undertaken in March 2024 (ES Appendix 6.4 (Archaeological Trial Trenching Survey Report) [APP-069].</p> <p>ES Chapter 6 (Cultural Heritage) [APP-028] presents the assessment used to determine any potential likely significant effects of the Scheme upon cultural heritage, both during construction and operation. The assessment is considered compliant with DMRB LA 104 (Environmental Assessment and Monitoring) and DMRB LA 106 (Cultural heritage).</p> <p>ES Chapter 6 (Cultural Heritage) [APP-028] concludes that the Scheme area has a very low archaeological potential. As mitigation, an Unexpected Archaeological Finds Protocol has been produced and forms Appendix B.6 of the First Iteration EMP [APP-109].</p>		

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3	Cultural Heritage: Physical impact upon cultural heritage assets	<p>ES Appendix 6.2 (Geophysical Survey Report) [APP-067]</p> <p>ES Appendix 6.4 (Archaeological Trial Trenching Survey Report) [APP-069]</p> <p>ES Chapter 6 (Cultural heritage) [APP-028]</p> <p>First Iteration EMP [APP-109].</p>	<p>There is a potential for as yet unidentified (archaeological) non-designated heritage assets to survive across the site and to be disturbed by this proposed Scheme.</p> <p>Warwickshire County Council's comments on this matter are at all times in relation to potential impacts on any archaeological features within Warwickshire and without prejudice to any comments the Coventry City Council Archaeological Advisor may have in respect of archaeological features within Coventry. The comments are also without prejudice to any comments that Historic England or relevant Local Planning Authority Conservation advisors may have in respect of any potential impacts on the setting of any heritage assets in the wider vicinity of the proposal.</p> <p>Warwickshire County Council confirmed on 19 May 2025 that it accepts the Applicant's position regarding this matter and considers it agreed.</p>	<p>The Applicant has undertaken archaeological evaluation works in support of the Environmental Statement with the close involvement of Warwickshire County Council's archaeological advisor (acting on behalf of Rugby Borough Council).</p> <p>A geophysical survey was undertaken in September 2023 (ES Appendix 6.2 (Geophysical Survey Report) [APP-067]) and a scheme of trial trenching was undertaken in March 2024 (ES Appendix 6.4 (Archaeological Trial Trenching Report) [APP-069]).</p> <p>ES Chapter 6 (Cultural Heritage) [APP-028] presents the assessment used to determine any potential likely significant effects of the Scheme upon cultural heritage, both during construction and operation. The assessment is considered compliant with DMRB LA 104 (Environmental Assessment and Monitoring) and DMRB LA 106 (Cultural heritage).</p> <p>ES Chapter 6 (Cultural Heritage) [APP-028] concludes that the</p>	Agreed	19 May 2025

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				Scheme area has a very low archaeological potential. As mitigation, an Unexpected Archaeological Finds Protocol has been produced and forms Appendix B.6 of the First Iteration EMP [APP-109].		
Biodiversity						
4	Biodiversity: Assessment of Ecosites	ES Chapter 8 (Biodiversity) [APP-030]	<p>Ecosites can be considered as a folder, a mechanism to collect records. These folders/sites were used to inform Local Wildlife Sites. The WBRC provides the data so that if your project impacts directly on an Ecosite you could request the Ecosite data to see if there was anything you should consider, look to enhance etc.</p> <p>Some local plans policies reference Ecosites with their hierarchy of sites, so you may need to check this with Rugby Borough Council. The Ecosite Description would draw out anything that we would like to bring to your attention or would be a flag to you to ask for more on the site.</p> <p>Warwickshire County Council confirmed by email on 16 May</p>	<p>As discussed in emails on 28 and 29 February 2024 (and detailed in the engagement log), it was agreed that Ecosites are non-statutory.</p> <p>A 2km study area was used for Ecosites. Due to a lack of pathways for indirect effects only those Ecosites directly impacted by the Scheme are considered within the Environmental Statement as presented in Table 8-13 of Environmental Statement Chapter 8 (Biodiversity) [APP-030]. This includes Hungerley Hall Farm Ecosite and Combe Pool Ecosite which are within the order limits. Ecosites are considered of local importance. Impacts have been identified as permanent and temporary habitat loss (ES Chapter 8: Table 8-19 and Table 8-21).</p>	Agreed	16 May 2025

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			2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.	<p>With mitigation, the assessment concludes the loss of habitat within Hungerley Hall Farm Ecosite is a slight beneficial effect (not significant). Temporary loss of arable land on this Ecosite is considered neutral effect (not significant).</p> <p>For Combe Pool Ecosite, direct impacts relate to habitat loss and the spread of Invasive Non-Native Species. These impacts would result in a neutral effect (not significant) upon the Combe Pool Ecosite.</p>		
Material Assets and Waste						
5	Material Assets and Waste: mineral safeguarding areas	<p>Scoping Opinion [APP-114]</p> <p>ES Chapter 10 (Material Assets and Waste) [APP-032]</p>	In its letter of 7 May 2024, Warwickshire County Council said it could not agree that Mineral Safeguarding Areas should be scoped out of the Environmental Statement because the approach undertaken in LA110 is in [Warwickshire County Council's] opinion inconsistent with the up-to-date policies in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (216 c, d, and e and 218.) and the adopted mineral Plan (MCS 5 and DM10). The	The technical memorandum (7 June 2024) provided further reasoning on scoping out of mineral safeguarding areas (as agreed by the Planning Inspectorate in their scoping opinion) in relation to existing and future sterilisation of resources, site sensitivities (such as the SSSI and Registered park and garden) and high ground-water levels that would preclude industrial scale extraction of minerals (and prior-extraction) within the MSA that the scheme lies within.	Agreed	29 November 2024

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			Memorandum of 7 June 2024 now addresses these issues. Based on the comments and information/evidence on pages 6 – 10 in the Memorandum Warwickshire County Council are now satisfied that Mineral Safeguarding Areas can be scoped out of the Environmental Statement.	<p>If opportunities arise, any excavated minerals would be dealt with as a commodity for re-sale or beneficial re-use. This would avoid waste and make best use of a finite resource. Safeguarded minerals would therefore be re-used either immediately or via an intermediary site rather than disposed to landfill.</p> <p>Chapter 10 (Material Assets and Waste) of the Environmental Statement [APP-032] presents the information required by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)) Regulations 2017 (as amended) to be provided in the Environmental Statement (ES) to enable the identification and assessment of likely significant effects on materials assets and waste.</p>		
6	Material Assets and Waste: Peat sterilisation	Scoping Opinion [APP-114] ES Chapter 10 (Material Assets and Waste) [APP-032]	<p>Warwickshire County Council agree that potential peat resources sterilisation can be scoped out [of the Environmental Statement assessments].</p> <p>Warwickshire County Council Agree this matter can be scoped</p>	The sterilisation of peat resources has been scoped out and is not assessed due to a lack of peat resources being present within the Order Limits. This was agreed with the Planning Inspector in their Scoping Opinion.	Agreed	29 November 2024

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			out of the Environmental Statement.			
7	Material Assets and Waste: Waste safeguarding	Scoping Opinion [APP-114] ES Chapter 10 (Material Assets and Waste) [APP-032]	Waste Safeguarding The adopted Waste Core Strategy includes a policy safeguarding waste management sites from non-waste development. Policy CS 8 says that the authority will object to proposals for non-waste development within or adjacent to such sites where they prevent or unreasonably restrict the use of that site for waste management purposes. According to our records there are no waste sites in influencing distance so this matter can be scoped out. Warwickshire County Council Agree this matter can be scoped out of the Environmental Statement.	There are no waste sites in influencing distance of the Scheme so this policy has not been considered and this matter has been scoped out and is not included in the Environmental Statement.	Agreed	29 November 2024
8	Material Assets and Waste: Cumulative assessment – landfill capacity	ES Chapter 10 (Material Assets and Waste) [APP-032]	Waste Planning Implications In Warwickshire County Council's letter dated 7 May 2024 it said that before waste generation can be scoped out, notwithstanding PINS comments on this matter, a cumulative assessment of the Ansty project on the DCO will be	The technical memorandum (7 June 2024) provided further information related to cumulative impacts with the Ansty development. The Ansty scheme assessment concluded it would not have a significant effect on landfill capacity. The Ansty cumulative assessment concluded that as a result of other schemes	Agreed	29 November 2024

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			required to be submitted and agreed. Pages 10 and 11 in the 7 June 2024 memorandum deal with this issue. Based on the information and comments on these pages Warwickshire County Council are satisfied that the impact of the Ansty project have been taken into account by the DCO.	(including the M42 Junction 6) having non-significant effects it 'indicates that the issue and effects would not be likely to be significant, individually or cumulatively'. Taking into account the committed mitigations from both the A46 Walsgrave and Ansty schemes, they are both assessed to have no significant effects on landfill capacity when considered cumulatively.		
9	Material Assets and Waste: Commercial and industrial wastes		Warwickshire County Council agree with PINS that commercial and industrial wastes likely to be produced as part of the future operation of the development can be scoped out. Warwickshire County Council agree this matter can be scoped out of the Environmental Statement.	Commercial and industrial wastes have been scoped out of the assessment presented in the Environmental Statement Chapter 10 (Material Assets and Waste) (APP-032).	Agreed	29 November 2024
10	Material Assets and Waste: Imports of Construction Materials		Imports of Construction Materials Baseline: Availability of Construction aggregates. In its letter dated 7 May 2024, Warwickshire County Council agreed with PINS to some degree about the importation of construction materials (primary and	The technical memorandum (7 June 2024) provided further information. The Applicant has used the 2017 Warwickshire Local Aggregates Assessment to inform the baseline of the assessment (section 10.8. of Environmental Statement Chapter 10 [APP-032]).	Agreed	29 November 2024

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			<p>secondary aggregates). However, it was noted that reliance is placed on the National and Regional Guidelines for Aggregates Provision in England 2005 to 2020 as a baseline for various figures. The Guidelines are considered in terms of mineral planning policy to be well out of date and were not used to inform the preparation and adoption of the Warwickshire Minerals Local Plan.</p> <p>Warwickshire County Council believed that reliance for importing primary aggregates (sand, gravel, and concrete) should be placed on 2017 Warwickshire Local Aggregates Assessment and the West Midlands Aggregates Working Party AM2022 report. This matter is addressed on pages 11 and 12 of the Memorandum. Warwickshire County Council welcomes the decision that the baseline in the re-scoping exercise will be developed using the information sources it has identified.</p>	The Applicant has used the West Midlands Aggregates Working Party Annual Report 2023 which presents primary and secondary aggregate data up to the end of 2022. This report has been used to inform the baseline for the assessment in section 10.8 of Environmental Statement Chapter 10 [APP-032].		
11	Material Assets and Waste:		Consideration should also be given to the proximity of the Leicestershire border when	Information from Leicestershire County Council's Leicestershire	Agreed	29 November 2024

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	Proximity to Leicestershire		determining the likely amount and source of materials that may be called upon by the DCO locally. This matter is dealt with on page 14 of the Memorandum. Warwickshire County Council welcomes that this issue will now be considered in the re-scoping exercise.	Minerals and Waste Local Plan Up to 2031 has been considered when determining the likely amount and source of materials that may be required by the Scheme locally. Leicestershire County Council's Authority Monitoring Report 2021 to 2022 has also been used. The information has been presented in Section 10.8- of the Environmental Statement Chapter 10 (Material Assets and Waste) [APP-032] to inform the baseline for the assessment		
12	Material Assets and Waste: Target for the use of recycled and secondary aggregates	First Iteration EMP [APP-109]. Appendix A Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC) [APP-110].	In its letter dated 7 May 2024 Warwickshire County Council said that the authority felt it was important that major developments such as this should have a target for the use of recycled and secondary aggregates imposed. A minimum target of 28% should be imposed for the life of the construction period. This matter is dealt with on page 12 of the 7 June 2024 Memorandum. Warwickshire County Council welcomes agreement to use the 28% target and the commitment for it to be inserted into the Register of Environmental Commitments	The technical memorandum (7 June 2024) provided further information. ES Chapter 10 (Material Assets and Waste) [APP-032] outlines that baseline recycled content targets for alternative aggregates are set out in DMRB LA110 Material assets and waste. Whilst the guideline target set for the West Midlands is 27%, Warwickshire County Council's target of 28% will be set where available for those applications and where it is technically and economically feasible to substitute the use of primary aggregates. By achieving 'good practice' during construction, the Scheme has the	Agreed	29 November 2024

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			(REAC) which forms Annex A of the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) (APP-110).	potential to incorporate in the region of 53% recycled aggregate content by weight. The REAC [APP-110] in commitment MA2 includes criteria for achieving the 28% use of renewable materials and materials with recycled content.		
Combined and Cumulative Effects						
13	Cumulative effects: Cumulative assessment – use of materials		In its letter dated 7 May 2024 Warwickshire County Council identified that the Ansty project would have implications for the future supply of imported materials and a cumulative assessment should be carried out in the light of the demand for materials for both projects which are likely to take place in the same time frame. This is especially important as Coventry did not have any extraction sites. This matter is discussed on page 13 of the 7 June 2024 Memorandum. In the light of the comments made, Warwickshire County Council is satisfied that matter has been addressed and agrees with its conclusions.	The technical memorandum (7 June 2024) provided further information related to cumulative impacts with the Ansty development. The Ansty scheme assessment detailed it would not have a significant effect with regards to the use of material assets. • The Ansty cumulative assessment concluded that as a result of other schemes (including the M42 Junction 6) having non-significant effects it 'indicates that the issue and effects would not be likely to be significant, individually or cumulatively'. • The A46 Walsgrave Junction Scoping assessment also concluded no significant effects in line with DMRB LA110 (equating to a	Agreed	29 November 2024

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				negligible-low impact in accordance with IEMA guidance). Taking into account the committed mitigations from both the A46 Walsgrave and Ansty schemes, cumulatively they are both assessed to have no significant effects on the use of material assets.		
Walkers, Cyclists and Horse-riders (WCH)						
14	WCH: Accessibility & Integration		<p>Potential link to Coombe Abbey Park discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connection to Coombe Abbey Park would need to go through 3rd party land outside red line boundary • Northern links to Coombe Abbey Park may affect heronry/SSSI site <p>Warwickshire County Council confirmed by email on 16 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.</p>	<p>The Applicant has retained the Hungerley Hall Farm accommodation overbridge and will continue to maintain the asset. These enabling works have the potential to facilitate a new route from Clifford Bridge Road and the Binley Cycleway (to be delivered by Coventry City Council) to Coombe Abbey Park in the future, at a substantially reduced cost and disruption. Such a route would connect with committed and proposed future active travel schemes within Coventry and Warwickshire local authority areas.</p> <p>The Applicant considers that all reasonable opportunities for connecting communities and enabling future active travel provision have been explored, and</p>	Agreed	16 May 2025

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				the objectives of the Scheme have been met.		
The need for the Scheme						
15	The need for the Scheme		<p>Warwickshire County Council indicated during the second phase of public consultation that it remained happy to support Option 11 for the A46 Walsgrave junction going forward to detailed design and delivery.</p> <p>Warwickshire County Council confirmed by email on 16 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed.</p>	The comment is noted.	Agreed	16 May 2025
Road Drainage and the Water Environment						
16	Road Drainage and the Water Environment: Flood Risk	<p>ES Chapter 13 (Road Drainage and the Water Environment) [APP-035]</p> <p>ES Appendix 13.1 (Flood Risk)</p>	From a flood risk perspective, Warwickshire County Council Flood Risk Management (FRM) have reviewed the Flood Risk Assessment submitted and have no obvious issues to raise at examination. From the FRA provided, it is noted the main flood risks to people and property occur within Coventry City Council's area/jurisdiction; flood risk within Warwickshire County Council is	The Applicant agrees with Warwickshire County Council in that there are no concerns with flood risk in the authority's boundaries. The Applicant will manage the residual flood risks during the operational phase in a similar manner as it does others across the strategic road network.	Agreed	16 May 2025

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		Assessment) [AS-012]	predominantly limited to the A46 highway itself and the embankments and these residual risks are for National Highways to manage/own. Warwickshire County Council confirmed by email on 16 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.	The Applicant's SoCG with Coventry City Council addresses the flood risks within their areas.		
17	Road Drainage and the Water Environment: Surface water drainage	ES Chapter 13 (Road Drainage and the Water Environment) [APP-035] ES Appendix 13.6 (Drainage Strategy Report) [APP-106]	Warwickshire County Council FRM agree with the overarching drainage principles set out in the Environmental Statement and supporting Drainage Strategy Report. It is noted that Requirement 9 of the DCO requires approval by the Secretary of State for surface water drainage details in consultation with relevant local planning authorities and Highway Authorities. Warwickshire County Council FRM is not therefore expected to be consulted further but can support our highways colleagues in due course.	The Applicant agrees with Warwickshire County Council and will consult with the relevant LPAs at the appropriate time during detailed design in line with Requirement 9.	Agreed	16 May 2025

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18	Road Drainage and the Water Environment: Balancing ponds	Works Plans [APP-013] Drainage and Surface Water Plans [APP-018]	It is noted that the three balancing ponds are all within Coventry City Council's boundary. Warwickshire County Council would not wish to have any future responsibility for any highway drainage features. Warwickshire County Council confirmed by email on 16 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.	The new drainage features introduced by the Scheme are shown on the Works Plans [APP-013] and Drainage and Surface Water Plans [APP-018]. These drainage features all fall within Coventry City Council's boundary, and will be owned and maintained by Coventry City Council and the Applicant. It is not anticipated that Warwickshire Country Council would have any responsibility for these new drainage features.	Agreed	16 May 2025
19	Road Drainage and the Water Environment: Balancing ponds	Works Plans [APP-013] Drainage and Surface Water Plans [APP-018]	The position of the ponds on the proposed road layout drawings is welcomed. Any changes that might be made to the drainage of the highway that could impact on Warwickshire County Council would require specific discussions with our drainage and highway maintenance experts. Warwickshire County Council confirmed by email on 16 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.	The new drainage features introduced by the Scheme are shown on the Works Plans [APP-013] and Drainage and Surface Water Plans (APP-018). Should any additional further changes be required to the positioning of the features, the Applicant would first consult Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council as the Lead Local Flood Authorities for the land where the Scheme is situated. This is secured by Requirement 9 of the draft DCO [PD1-003] which requires the surface water drainage system to be constructed in accordance with the approved details, unless	Agreed	16 May 2025

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				otherwise agreed in writing by the Secretary of State following consultation by the undertaker with the relevant planning authority.		
Draft DCO and other consents and agreements						
20	Draft DCO and other consents and agreements: Land Drainage Consent	Draft Development Consent Order [PD1-003]	<p>Warwickshire County Council FRM has, at this stage, some concerns with the land drainage mechanisms within the DCO.</p> <p>The DCO disappplies Section 23 of the Land Drainage Act 1991 and Part 4, paragraph 22 outlines the undertaker's powers relating to watercourses subject to the Protective Provisions in Schedule 9. No such protective provisions for land drainage are provided in the draft Order.</p> <p>Nonetheless, through discussions with the Undertaker and their consultants, it is understood the land drainage consenting implications are limited and could be addressed through the normal consenting process under the Land Drainage Act, prior to the order coming into force.</p>	The Applicant remains in discussion with Warwickshire County Council to secure the relevant land drainage consent during Examination to enable the construction of the Scheme. With this in place, the Applicant therefore considers that no protective provisions in relation to land drainage are necessary.	Agreed	16 May 2025

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			Warwickshire County Council confirmed by email on 16 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.			
Design and Engineering						
21	Design and Engineering: Maintenance	Draft DCO [PD1-003]	The smaller of the two dumb-bell roundabouts is within Warwickshire, as shown on the consultation drawings. Any highway infrastructure associate with this roundabout is expected to be retained by National Highways as the highway authority. However, it is noted that the previous scheme to improve the junction at A46 Binley Woods included several areas of planting and highway verges including wildflower areas. Recently Warwickshire County Council have been approached as local highway authority to take over the maintenance and management of these areas. In the case of A46 Walsgrave, Warwickshire County Council would not wish to have a similar experience. We would not wish to have any future maintenance responsibilities for any soft landscaping areas. Our	The Applicant would be responsible for the maintenance of the A46 and the new dumbbell roundabout. There are currently no plans for Warwickshire County Council to maintain any of the infrastructure or landscaping for this Scheme. Article 4 of the draft DCO [PD1-003] states that the Undertaker, i.e. the Applicant, would be responsible for the maintenance of the authorised development.	Agreed	16 May 2025

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			<p>resources are limited, and this area is not in close proximity to other areas where soft landscaping maintenance is carried out routinely. This would create an unnecessary maintenance burden.</p> <p>Warwickshire County Council confirmed by email on 16 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.</p>			
22	Design and Engineering: Signage	<p>General Arrangement [APP-017]</p> <p>Scheme Design Report [APP-135]</p>	<p>As with all highway improvement schemes there may be a need for new or improved signage to be placed on the local networks. Warwickshire County Council would like to see any proposals for additional signing on our local road network at an early stage, so that the full impact of the ongoing future maintenance can be assessed and commuted sums be made available as appropriate.</p> <p>Warwickshire County Council confirmed by email on 16 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.</p>	<p>No signage related to the Scheme is currently proposed on the Warwickshire County Council local road network.</p> <p>The General Arrangement [APP-017] set out where the Applicant proposes to install permanent signage for the Scheme.</p> <p>As stated in the Scheme Design Report [APP-135], a signage strategy has been completed for the Scheme to inform the overall design. The strategy has been designed to be compliant with national guidance including the DMRB and Traffic Signs Manual and is how the road will be made understandable for</p>	Agreed	16 May 2025

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23	Design and Engineering: Maintenance	Draft DCO [PD1-003]	<p>Additionally, the new highway infrastructure will require a winter maintenance regime to be established in due course. Warwickshire County Council would not wish to have any responsibility for gritting of any area shown in the new road layout. All future winter maintenance responsibilities should remain with National Highways.</p> <p>Warwickshire County Council confirmed by email on 16 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.</p>	<p>The Applicant would be responsible for the maintenance of the A46 and the new dumbbell roundabout. There are currently no plans for Warwickshire County Council to maintain any of the infrastructure or landscaping for the Scheme.</p> <p>Article 4 of the draft DCO (PD1-003) states that the Undertaker, i.e. the Applicant, would be responsible for the maintenance of the authorised development. This includes the winter maintenance of this part of the proposed Scheme.</p>	Agreed	16 May 2025
24	Design and Engineering: Maintenance		<p>It is assumed that all highway infrastructure directly associated with the proposed junction improvements will remain the responsibility of National Highways. Street lighting, roadside barriers, signing, roadside gullies etc all have ongoing future maintenance requirements; Warwickshire County Council would not be in a position to take</p>	<p>The Applicant would be responsible for the maintenance of the A46 and the new dumbbell roundabout.</p> <p>Coventry City Council would own and maintain the re-aligned B4082 up to the dumbbell junction.</p> <p>The boundary between the two would be determined as part of the detailed design phase.</p>	Agreed	16 May 2025

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			<p>over the maintenance liability of these assets and we welcome a plan setting out future maintenance responsibilities.</p> <p>Warwickshire County Council confirmed by email on 16 May 2025 that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses.</p>	There are currently no plans for Warwickshire County Council to maintain any of the infrastructure or landscaping for this scheme.		