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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Commonality for Statements of Common Ground (this “Statement”) relates to an application made by National Highways (the “Applicant”) to the Secretary of State for Transport, via the Planning Inspectorate (the “Inspectorate”) under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the “2008 Act”) for a Development Consent Order (DCO). If made, the DCO would grant consent for the A46 Coventry Junctions (Walsgrave) Scheme (the “Scheme”). A detailed description of the Scheme can be found in Chapter 2 of the Environmental Statement (ES) (**APP-024**).
- 1.1.2 This Statement has been prepared to provide the Examining Authority (ExA) with the current position on Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) between the Applicant and prescribed consultees.
- 1.1.3 This Statement also provides a current position on the commonality on specific points between SoCG at Examination Deadline 1 - 27 May 2025.

2 Structure of Statements of Common Ground

2.1 Consistent approach

2.1.1 To ensure consistency in approach taken to documenting matters agreed, matters subject to further negotiation or matters not agreed; each of the SoCG adopts a standard format in order to provide clarity to other parties and ultimately the ExA.

2.1.2 Each SoCG has the following structure:

- Section 1 – provides an introduction to the SoCG and a description of its purpose
- Section 2 – states the engagement that has occurred between the Applicant and the other party
- Section 3 – sets out the issues which have arisen, reporting on the status of each issue, for example, whether it is agreed, is still under discussion or not agreed, and remaining actions.

3 List of Statements of Common Ground

3.1 Statements of Common Ground between the Applicant and Other Parties

- 3.1.1 The Applicant prepared SoCGs with a number of parties during the preparation of the DCO application.
- 3.1.2 These parties were the same as those that the ExA requested SoCGs for within the Rule 6 Letter (**PD-006**) of 9 April 2025.
- 3.1.3 The parties which the Applicant has prepared SoCGs with are listed in **Table 3-1** below. Further details about the current position of each SoCG can be found at **Table 4-1** of this Statement.

Table 3-1 – List of SoCGs at Deadline 1: 27 May 2025

Category	Stakeholder Name
Local Authorities	Coventry City Council
	Rugby Borough Council
	Warwickshire County Council
Prescribed Consultees	Environment Agency
	Historic England
	Natural England

4 Summary of Current Position

4.1 Current position of each SoCG

4.1.1 This section provides the current position of each SoCG.

4.1.2 **Table 4-1** provides a high-level position and where necessary includes further detail to aid understanding of the ExA and Interested Parties. The high-level positions used in the table are:

- **Final Signed SoCG All Matters Agreed** – the final SoCG has been signed by both parties and all matters are agreed.
- **Final Signed SoCG With Matters Outstanding** – the final SoCG has been signed by both parties, and there remains matters outstanding that the Applicant and the other party agree will not be resolved during the Examination.
- **SoCG In Draft** – The SoCG has been drafted by the Applicant, it has been shared with the other party and comments have been provided. Discussion is ongoing to reach a ‘Final Signed SoCG All Matters Agreed’ or ‘Final Signed SoCG With Matters Outstanding.’

Table 4-1 – SoCG High-Level Position

Document Reference	Party	Position at Deadline 1 27 May 2025
TR010064/EXAM/8.6	Coventry City Council	SoCG In Draft
TR010064/EXAM/8.8	Rugby Borough Council	SoCG In Draft
TR010064/EXAM/8.7	Warwickshire County Council	SoCG In Draft
TR010064/EXAM/8.10	Environment Agency	SoCG In Draft
TR010064/EXAM/8.9	Historic England	SoCG In Draft
TR010064/ EXAM/8.11	Natural England	SoCG In Draft

5 Commonality

5.1 Commonality of Matters and / or Topics across the SoCGs

- 5.1.1 This section of the Statement provides a summary of principal issues covered in the SoCG and demonstrates where there is commonality in the topics or matters.
- 5.1.2 **Table 5-1** below is presented in such a way to show topics covered within the various SoCGs and how these are relevant to each party and a position for each topic as follows:

	Matter agreed
	Matter subject to further discussion
	Matter not agreed
	No position presented in SoCG

- 5.1.3 If a party has more than one matter on the same topic, the relevant cell in Table 5-1 is marked according to whichever is at the lowest level of agreement. For example, if a party has one Biodiversity matter that is agreed and one that is subject to further discussion, the Biodiversity cell for that party in Table 5-1 would be shaded amber rather than green.

Table 5-1- Table of Commonality at Deadline 1

Exam library document reference	Party	Topics																		
		The need for the Scheme	Draft DCO and other consents and agreements	Construction impacts and management	Design and Engineering	Environmental Assessment Methodology (including surveys)	Air Quality	Cultural Heritage	Landscape and Visual	Biodiversity	Geology and Soils	Material Assets and Waste	Noise and Vibration	Population and Human Health	Road Drainage and the Water Environment	Climate	Combined Cumulative Effects	Walkers, Cyclists and Horse-riders	Environmental Design and Mitigation	Traffic and Transport
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