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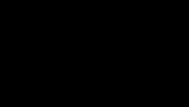
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STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

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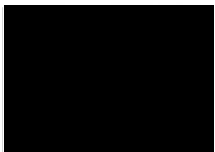
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1. Introduction

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 (2) Rugby Borough 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. Rugby Borough Council is a host Local Authority for the Scheme, falling within Category B 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 Rugby Borough 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 Rugby Borough Council.

2. Record of engagement

- 2.1.1. A summary of the meetings and correspondence that has taken place between National Highways and Rugby Borough 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
5 May 2023	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Rugby Borough Council	Rugby Borough Council Introductory meeting: timeline and objectives of the Scheme; explanation of the Statement of Community Consultation and its aims, including a request for input on consultation venues etc; discussion of Rugby Borough Council's Local Plan.
31 May 2023	Email from Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Introduction to Scheme and explanation of Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) principles, including ten proposed representative viewpoints, and request for agreement of number and location of viewpoints.
28 June 2023	Email from Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Request from the Applicant for response from Rugby Borough Council to LVIA email of 31 May 2023. Stated if no response received by 12 July 2023 then Applicant would assume Rugby Borough Council does not wish to make any comment.
3 July 2023	Email from Rugby Borough Council to Applicant	Response from Rugby Borough Council to LVIA email, explaining that a response would be provided as part of wider response to Planning Inspectorate's Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping consultation.
4 July 2023	Email from Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Applicant's acknowledgement of Rugby Borough Council's email of 3 July 2023 and request to be copied into the response to PINS' consultation due to the time-critical nature of undertaking summer photography.
10 August 2023	Email from Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	The Applicant requested clarification from Rugby Borough Council on their recommended representative viewpoints referred to in their Scoping response to the Planning Inspector. Specifically, suggested viewpoint 14 located 3km to the east of the Scheme. Requested confirmation of contact for landscape consultation. Applicant explained discussion on viewpoints required before summer photography survey scheduled for week commencing 21 August 2023.

10 August 2023	Email from Rugby Borough Council to Applicant	<p>Comments provided in response to Applicant's landscape viewpoint queries (email dated 10/08/23). Confirmed that suggested viewpoint 14 is Brinklow Castle mound and assumed Scheme visible but not confirmed through site visit.</p> <p>Advised that Rugby Borough Council's arboriculturalist and landscape team member will be providing further comment.</p>
10 August 2023	Email from Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Applicant requested contact details of Rugby Borough Council's arboriculturalist and landscape team member.
11 August 2023	Email from Rugby Borough Council to Applicant	<p>Rugby Borough Council's arboriculturalist contact provided to Applicant along with their further comments:</p> <p>"Suggested additional viewpoint from the western extent of Combe Pool¹. Publicly accessible path around the pool which is also used by anglers."</p> <p>Noted the conservation area status of Combe Pool and the woodland Tree Preservation Order (TPO) (Red TPO no.82) in relation to woodland that surrounds the pool. Noted that highways alterations may come in relative proximity to the trees.</p> <p>Recommended that all trees are considered via a BS5837:2012 (Trees in relation to design demolition and construction – Recommendations) report to include an Arboricultural Impact Assessment to inform the overall design and to ensure trees are successfully incorporated in the interests of the historical context of the local area and associated visual amenity, screening and biodiversity qualities of the local area.</p>
14 August 2023	Email from Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	<p>Applicant referred to the LVIA professional guidance (GLVIA3) and that photography locations are normally undertaken using viewpoints to which there is open public access.</p> <p>Based on maps and signage on site the Applicant understands that the track to the west and northwest of Combe Pool (around the Fishery) is private land and is not open to the public.</p> <p>The private land issue appears to constrain the suggestion of a viewpoint from the western extent of Combe Pool as well as suggested locations 11, 12 and 15 in the authority's scoping response.</p> <p>The Applicant reasoned that the viewpoint suggested would not be of merit in this case due to the level of screening afforded by the woodland which surrounds western parts of the Park and Pool, the Fishery, and</p>

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 throughout for Coombe Pool this document.

		<p>through which the fisherman's path runs. The visual receptors would be the fishermen and these would have a very low level of visual sensitivity.</p> <p>Applicant requested confirmation of Rugby Borough Council's position on this matter and whether arrangements to access private land should be progressed (assuming that Rugby Borough Council is the landowner).</p>
15 August 2023	Email from Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	<p>Requested details and boundary of the TPO at Combe Pool.</p> <p>Noted that Applicant proposes to undertake a BS5837 arboricultural survey for the whole site (including immediately adjacent areas).</p>
16 August 2023	Email from Rugby Borough Council to Applicant	<p>Screenshot of mapping provided showing TPO boundary for Woodland TPO no.82 W1.</p>
17 August 2023	Email from Rugby Borough Council to Applicant	<p>Response provided to email (dated 14/08/23). Confirmation that Rugby Borough Council is not the landowner; Coventry City Council manage Coombe Abbey Park. A map was provided showing publicly accessible walking trails around Coombe Abbey estate. Rugby Borough Council identified that there is a walking trail just to north of anglers entrance to west therefore it is reasonable to add an additional viewpoint from this location.</p>
9 November 2023	Email from Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	<p>Applicant's request for discussion with Rugby Borough Council over potential scoping out of Material Assets and Waste (MAW) from the Environmental Statement.</p>
23 November 2023	Email from Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	<p>Follow up request from the Applicant for a meeting with Rugby Borough Council to discuss the descopeing of MAW from the Environmental Statement.</p>
14 December 2023	Email from Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	<p>The Applicant provided information for agreement to Rugby Borough Council about the proposed noise survey, including five survey locations and the methodology to be used for the assessment. Receptors were noted.</p> <p>For the construction noise assessment the Applicant proposed this to be undertaken in accordance with BS 5228 (2009 +2014:Parts 1 and 2) and DMRB LA 111 (Noise and vibration) Rev 2 which considers noise levels at the closest noise sensitive receptors to the works area. Relevant threshold levels will be determined from the calibrated noise model with the predicted construction noise levels then compared to threshold levels suitable for either a group of receptors or individual receptors and the impact determined.</p>

		<p>For the operational assessment the Applicant explained that the assessment will be using traffic data provided by the project team undertaken in accordance with the methodology and noise level thresholds set out in DMRB LA 111 Rev 2.</p> <p>Reference was made to an environmental management plan which would include the mitigation proposed.</p>
21 December 2023	Email from Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	<p>The Applicant notified Rugby Borough Council that due to traffic management requirements on the A46 for the next four months (starting in January 2024) there is a need to adapt the noise survey methodology to enable measurements to take place during the available time frame. The Applicant requested views from Rugby Borough Council.</p>
22 December 2023 (not received by Applicant until 12 January 2024 due to IT issues)	Email from Rugby Borough Council to Applicant	<p>Rugby Borough Council agreed that methodology is acceptable and agreed to discuss any necessary changes to the survey due to traffic management.</p> <p>Agreed the survey locations acceptable, and that 24-hour monitoring should still provide representative data.</p> <p>Rugby Borough Council noted that although more distant as a receptor, there are residential properties to the southeast of the junction within the Coombe Abbey area however the measuring points suggested should be sufficient to predict noise levels that may affect them and there are greater concentrations of residential properties closer to the site.</p>
5 January 2024	Email from Rugby Borough Council to Applicant	<p>Agreement from Rugby Borough Council to discuss descope of MAW from the Environmental Statement.</p> <p>Clarification that Rugby Borough Council will comment on environmental health perspectives for noise, vibration, dust etc. and on proposals for material management and reuse on site. Rugby Borough Council will defer to CL:AIRE for complying with DowCop.</p>
11 January 2024	Email from Applicant to Rugby Borough Council (with attachment of technical note)	<p>Applicant informed Rugby Borough Council that meeting with the Environment Agency had occurred and a technical note produced which outlines approach to the landfill sites.</p> <p>Stated would like to discuss scoping out of MAW, the scoping response from the Planning Inspectorate and proposals to include further data to support scoping out within the Environmental statement.</p>
11 January 2024	Email from Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	<p>Follow up to email dated 21 December 2023 with regards to changes to the noise survey due to traffic management and locations.</p>

12 January 2024	Email from Rugby Borough Council to Applicant	Agreement from Rugby Borough Council to discuss noise.
12 January 2024	Email from Rugby Borough Council to Applicant	Agreement from Rugby Borough Council to discuss descopeing of MAW from the Environmental Statement.
16 January 2024	Email from Rugby Borough Council to Applicant	Applicant email to set up descopeing of MAW from the Environmental Statement meeting. Rugby Borough Council queried if contact made with the Environmental Health Officers in Coventry. Noted that regular meetings may be required as Scheme and application progresses.
19 January 2024	MS Teams meeting between Applicant and Rugby Borough Council	Meeting to discuss MAW and noise assessment methodology. MAW: explanation provided by the Applicant about scoping out of MAW and the scoping opinion from the Planning Inspector. Applicant explained propose to produce a technical note with additional information for the Environmental Statement and seeking approval from local authorities to scope full assessment out of the Environmental Statement. Rugby Borough Council expressed satisfaction with the information reviewed and agreed with the approach taken, including the production of the updated technical note. Noise: Applicant provided overview of the noise surveys and the weather-related delays. The proposed methodology for the noise assessment and surveys discussed, including the selection of 4 measurement locations. Concerns were raised by the Applicant and Rugby Borough Council about the impact of road works on the M6 potentially affecting the results and introducing a margin of error. Rugby Borough Council stated a preference for having some data with a margin of error over having no data, acknowledging the challenges of conducting these surveys. Rugby Borough Council agreed with the 4 measurement locations for the survey.
19 January 2024	Email from Rugby Borough Council to Applicant	Confirmation email from Rugby Borough Council that they support the proposals for materials handling, reuse, waste management and materials control based upon the documents supplied and the discussions held, with additional details to be provided later. Noise: understand the difficulties with data gathering due to meteorological conditions and roadworks. Support also given from Rugby Borough Council for

		the proposed noise assessment methodology, modelling and revised proposals to obtain data to validate the modelling.
13 March 2024	Email from Rugby Borough Council and the Applicant	Email exchange between Rugby Borough Council and Applicant setting up meeting to review design development since Statutory Consultation.
2 April 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Rugby Borough Council	Meeting between Rugby Borough Council and the Applicant to discuss design development since Statutory Consultation: explanation of proposed Scheme changes and their rationale.
3 April 2024	Email from Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	The Applicant made Rugby Borough Council aware the cumulative assessment following PINS advice note 17 and a study area of 1km. Data sources used stated along with criteria for when a development would be short-listed for assessment. Initial search has identified no developments within the study area to be assessed cumulatively. Applicant sought agreement from Rugby Borough Council on developments identified.
4 April 2024	Email from Rugby Borough Council to Applicant	Confirmation from Rugby Borough Council of agreement with the draft short list and long list proposed for the cumulative effects assessment, plus advance notice of a proposed large campus development at j2 of the M6.
11 April 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Rugby Borough Council, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council	The Applicant / Host 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.
17 April 2024	Email from Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Acknowledgement of Rugby Borough Council's response to confirmation of development sites for the cumulative effects assessment.
16 May 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Rugby Borough Council, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council	The Applicant / Host authorities (Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council) liaison meeting, including SoCG development update.
13 June 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Rugby Borough Council, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council	The Applicant / Host authorities (Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council) liaison meeting: Scheme update, water quality assessment update, targeted consultation update.
26 June 2024	Email from the Applicant to Rugby	Notified Rugby Borough Council of intention to undertake baseline noise survey (as originally proposed). Seeking acceptance of the data if the

	Borough Council and (Coventry City Council)	survey extended into the early part of a week which was affected by school holidays in Leicestershire.
26 June 2024	Email from Rugby Borough Council to the Applicant and Coventry City Council	Rugby Borough Council agreement that the survey should be undertaken and the survey report will clearly identify the holidays starting in the 'margins of error' or equivalent section and if the traffic flow alter significantly, adjustments will be calculated to give representative data.
26 June 2024	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council and (Coventry City Council)	Email acknowledging response from Rugby Borough Council and agreeing that the survey report will clearly identify the holidays and if the traffic flow alter significantly, adjustments will be calculated to give representative data.
11 July 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Rugby Borough Council, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council	The Applicant / Host authorities (Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council) liaison meeting: Scheme update on DCO forward programme, progress of transport forecasting package, Hungerley Hall Farm accommodate bridge structural survey, drainage report.
8 August 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Rugby Borough Council, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council	The Applicant / Host authorities (Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council) liaison meeting: Scheme update, water quality assessment update, targeted consultation update.
22 August 2024	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Advance notification of the Applicant's targeted consultation on the Scheme.
22 August 2024	Email from Rugby Borough Council to the Applicant	Request from Rugby Borough Council for clarification of how responses to the targeted consultation would be considered.
29 August 2024	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Explanation from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council of how responses to targeted consultation would be considered and reported on in the DCO Consultation Report.
9 September 2024	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Request for Rugby Borough Council to provide feedback on the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone.
9 September 2024	Email from Rugby Borough Council to the Applicant	Confirmation from Rugby Borough Council that the authority is satisfied with the adequacy of consultation, based on the information at their disposal.
10 October 2024	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough 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.

11 October 2024	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	First draft of the SoCG issued to Rugby Borough Council for comment.
31 October 2024	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Notification to Rugby Borough Council that the Application 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.
6 November 2024	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Rugby Borough Council	Meeting to discuss the role of Statements of Common Ground and how Rugby Borough Council would be involved.
11 November 2024	Email from Rugby Borough Council to the Applicant	Request from Rugby Borough Council for a copy of the Environmental Scoping Report for the Scheme from the Applicant.
11 November 2024	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Copy of the Environmental Scoping Report for the Scheme provided to Rugby Borough Council by the Applicant.
11 November 2024	Email from Rugby Borough Council to the Applicant	Rugby Borough Council provided comments on first draft SoCG.
11 November 2024	Email from Rugby Borough Council to Applicant	Confirmation that land east of the A46 has been put forward for the housing and economic land availability assessment. The anticipated date of publishing the assessment is March 2025 when the preferred options consultation will be published. Offered geographical information systems (GIS) package showing sites proposed.
26 November 2024	Email from Rugby Borough Council to Applicant	Rugby Borough Council provided GIS data with the areas which may/may not influence traffic flows/future design considerations along the A46 Coventry Eastern Bypass. Rugby Borough Council selected those sites which might affect the A45/A46 Tollbar End junction for information.
12 December 2024	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Applicant confirmed to Rugby Borough Council that the application for development consent had been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate.
18 December 2024	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Explanation by the Applicant 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 Rugby Borough Council.
17 January 2025	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Confirmation from the Applicant that the Relevant Representations period had begun.
23 January 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 • 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 Rugby Borough Council	Next draft SoCG shared with Rugby Borough Council.
6 February 2025	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Offer of a meeting to discuss outstanding matters in the draft SoCG.
17 February 2025	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Reminder of the offer of a meeting to discuss outstanding matters in the draft SoCG.
18 February 2025	Email from Rugby Borough Council to Applicant	Request to meet to discuss the SoCG on 19 February 2025.
19 February 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Rugby Borough Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the current draft SoCG between the Applicant and Rugby Borough Council. • Rugby Borough Council confirmed that internal reviews of the outstanding matters were underway and that an update would be provided when available.
20 February 2025	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Minutes of 19 February 2025 meeting circulated for comment.
20 February 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant and Rugby Borough Council, Warwickshire	Joint update meeting between host local authorities (Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council) and the Applicant, covering:

	County Council and Coventry City Council	<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 • Environmental Matters (meeting to be arranged by Coventry City Council with National Highways and Environment Agency to discuss flood bund)
24 February 2025	Email from Rugby Borough Council to the Applicant	Confirmation that minutes of the 19 February meeting are accurate.
27 February 2025	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council	Minutes of 20 February joint authorities meeting circulated for comments.
7 March 2025	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council	Minutes of 20 February confirmed, following no comments from authorities on draft version.
26 March 2025	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Request for Rugby Borough Council for information on three outstanding 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
16 April 2025	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Further request for updates on outstanding SoCG matters and an explanation that the 'Rule 6' letter had set out a draft timetable for the Examination of the Scheme's DCO application, including a deadline for submission of SoCGs.

17 April 2025	Email from Rugby Borough Council to the Applicant	<p>An update from Rugby Borough Council on three outstanding SoCG matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scoping out of MAW from the Assessment to be moved to an 'Agreed' status. 2. Selection of residential noise receptors at Coombe Abbey Park to be moved to an 'Agreed' status. 3. Accessibility and integration of WCH routes – Rugby Borough Council maintained its position that the Scheme should do more to improve WCH routes and facilities.
23 April 2025	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Acknowledgement of SoCG matters and confirmation of personnel changes.
15 May 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"> • Scheme update • SoCG update • Environmental matters
21 May 2025	Emails from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council and from Rugby Borough Council to the Applicant	Confirmation of status of this SoCG.
9 June 2025	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Minutes of 15 May meeting circulated.
12 June 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"> • Scheme update • SoCG update • Environmental matters
24 June 2025	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Request for exchange of documents to be submitted at examination deadline 3.
24 June 2025	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Corrections relating to documents to be submitted at examination deadline 3.

10 July 2025	Email from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council	Revised draft SoCG with updates to the Applicant's position regarding matter 5 (WCH: Accessibility & Integration) provided for comment.
14 July 2025	Emails from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council and from Rugby Borough Council to the Applicant	Confirmation of status of this SoCG.
6 August 2025	MS Teams meeting between the Applicant, Rugby Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council	Joint meeting to address Rugby Borough Council's outstanding SoCG matter regarding walking and cycling in collaboration with Warwickshire County Council.
6-13 August 2025	Emails from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council and from Rugby Borough Council to the Applicant	Discussion of the outstanding SoCG matter regarding walking and cycling, proposed responses to the Examining Authority's written questions, and Rugby Borough Council's position on this matter.
29 August-3 September 2025	Emails from the Applicant to Rugby Borough Council and Rugby Borough Council to the Applicant	Preparation of finalised SoCG.

- 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) Rugby Borough 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) National Highways and (2) Rugby Borough Council.

3.1.2. At Examination Deadline 6 both parties have reached agreement on the status of 5 matters in total, of which 4 are agreed and 1 is not agreed.

Table 3-1 Issues

Ref	Issue	Doc Ref	Rugby Borough Council's Position	The Applicant's Position	Status	Date
Cultural Heritage						
1	Cultural Heritage: Brinklow Castle scheduled monument	ES Chapter 6 (Cultural Heritage) [APP-028]	<p>In relation to cultural heritage receptors [listed in the PEIR] the impact on Brinklow castle is not listed as a consideration as highlighted in the scoping response.</p> <p>Following a meeting on 19 February 2025, Rugby Borough Council confirmed that it was content this matter was agreed following the Applicant's responses</p>	In response to some early concerns expressed by Historic England and Rugby Borough Council (as referenced in the Engagement log, e.g. 10 August 2023), Brinklow Castle scheduled monument was examined for potential impacts. As reported in Environmental Statement Chapter 6 (Cultural Heritage) [APP-028], the monument is approximately 5km east of the Scheme and is screened from it by the intervening topography. Its setting does not include the Order Limits and its distance and position relative to destinations indicates it would not be subject to impacts from	Agreed	24 February 2025

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				changes to traffic during construction.		
Landscape and Visual						
2	Landscape & Visual: viewpoints	ES Appendix 4.1 (Scoping Opinion response) [APP-061] . ES Chapter 7 (Landscape and Visual Effects) [APP-029]	Rugby Borough Council requested additional viewpoints including one in Coombe Abbey Park. [Rugby Borough Council confirmed that they are content with the explanation provided by the Applicant, as noted in the Engagement Log.]	The additional viewpoints suggested by Rugby Borough Council were considered but discounted on the grounds of private locale and lack of potential visibility of the Scheme. The reasoning for discounting each of these viewpoints is provided in Environmental Statement Appendix 4.1 (Scoping Opinion Response) [APP-061] . ES Chapter 7 (Landscape and Visual Effects) [APP-029] presents the assessment used to determine any potential likely significant effects of the Scheme upon landscape and visual effects, both during construction and operation. The assessment is considered compliant with DMRB LA 104 (Environmental Assessment and Monitoring) and DMRB LA 107 (Landscape and visual effects).	Agreed	24 February 2025
Noise and Vibration						
3	Noise & Vibration:	ES Chapter 11 (Noise and	Coombe Abbey Park to the east of the site is a residential property	The property to the east of the Scheme within Coombe Abbey	Agreed	17 April 2025

Ref	Issue	Doc Ref	Rugby Borough Council's Position	The Applicant's Position	Status	Date
	Coombe Abbey Park residential receptors	Vibration) [APP-033]	<p>which will need to be considered as a potential noise receptor. Confirmation should be sought from Coventry Council as to their normal construction hours.</p> <p>[Rugby Borough Council confirmed on 17 April 2025 that its Environmental Health team had reviewed Chapter 11 (Noise and Vibration) of the Environmental Statement and found it to be acceptable, including the proposed mitigation of noise impacts from construction.]</p>	Park has been included within the noise assessment, as set out in Environmental Statement Chapter 11 (Noise and Vibration) [APP-033]. The assessment concludes that the Scheme would not have a likely significant effect on that property.		
Material Assets and Waste						
4	Material assets and waste: scoping out of assessment	<p>ES Chapter 10 (Material Assets and Waste) [APP-032]</p> <p>ES Appendix 10.1 (Management of Historical Landfill Wastes) [APP-095]</p>	<p>Rugby Borough Council support the proposals for materials handling, reuse, waste management and materials control based upon the documents supplied and the discussions held, with additional details to be provided later, including the production of the updated technical note for how to deal with contaminated land in the areas of landfill. (email dated 19 January 2024).</p> <p>[Rugby Borough Council confirmed on 17 April 2025 (as recorded in the Engagement Log) that they have</p>	<p>Having initially considered the possibility of scoping out MAW from its environmental assessments, this option was ultimately not pursued and MAW is included as a chapter in the Environmental Statement Chapter 10 (Material Assets and Waste) [APP-032]. The Engagement Log refers to instances of this issue being raised and discussed with Rugby Borough Council.</p> <p>The technical note has been included in the Environmental Statement as Appendix 10.1</p>	Agreed	17 April 2025

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			discussed the scoping out of MAW with Warwickshire County Council and are in agreement with the Applicant's actions.]	(Management of Historical Landfill Wastes) [APP-095].		
Walkers, Cyclists and Horse-riders (WCH)						
5	WCH: Accessibility & Integration	ES Chapter 12 (Population and Human Health) [APP-034] ES Figure 12.3 (Design mitigation and enhancement measures) [APP-058] Warwickshire County Council Local Impact Report [REP1-040]	Public Right of Way (PRoW) R75x extends across Farber Road Bridge which crosses over the A46. This PRoW extends from the bridge towards Coombe Fields Road where it becomes PRoW R75b. It terminates on Coombe Fields Road a few metres to the south of a new access road created for a new employment development known as Prospero Ansty (see planning permission R19/1540 for up to 160,000m ² of B1 and B2 uses on a 65ha site). This new road connects into Ansty Business Park (see planning permission R09/0035/MEIA for 124,484m ² of B1 uses). Rugby Borough Council would strongly encourage the further exploration of the potential to improve and upgrade this route as an off-road footpath and cycleway. Access between Coventry and this	A WCH assessment was undertaken for the Scheme and the outcome is provided in ES Chapter 12 (Population and Human Health) [APP-034]. Surveys undertaken as part of the assessment identified that the section of the bridleway to the east of the A46, and specifically, to the east of the Coombe Abbey Park entrance (via the permissive route), was notably less utilised than the sections to the west. The assessment concludes that the route is primarily used for leisure purposes to access the park from Walsgrave side. The Applicant also notes that Warwickshire County Council has identified a scheme to improve the suitability of the bridleway linking Walsgrave/Farber Road across the A46 for all users, referred to as	Not Agreed	1 September 2025

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			<p>significant employment area is currently hindered by the need to cross the A46. This consequently offers an excellent opportunity to better enhance this connection and encourage trips by active travel.</p> <p>Rugby Borough Council would also encourage the development of any opportunities for providing better connectivity with University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire (UHCW) and from Coventry to Coombe Abbey.</p> <p>In lieu of the Applicant providing this infrastructure, Rugby Borough Council will seek a Development Consent Obligation agreement to secure funds to enable these upgrades and connections.</p> <p>Following a meeting with the Applicant and Warwickshire County Council on 6 August 2025, Rugby Borough Council reiterated that it is desirable for the scheme to deliver improved pedestrian and bicycle connectivity across the A46. This is important to connect Coventry to Coombe Abbey which attracts around 350,000 visitors annually. It</p>	<p>Cy05 Bridleway (Walsgrave – Ansty Park). This is complemented by a further proposal to provide an improved connection into Ansty Park from the bridleway (referred to as Cy01 Ansty Park). Both form part of its Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. These are being progressed by Warwickshire County Council and do not form part of the Walsgrave Scheme.</p> <p>The Applicant has also 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>		

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			<p>is also desirable to link Coventry to Ansty Park/Prospero Ansty which when fully occupied will accommodate up to 5000 employees.</p> <p>There is an existing footpath link on footpath/bridleway R75X and R75y at Walsgrave Hill to the north of the scheme which links over the A46 towards the hospital.</p> <p>This footpath/bridleway is identified in the Warwickshire Local Cycling and Waking Infrastructure Plan 2024 (LCWIP) as scheme Cy05. This would upgrade the bridleway to provide a path/cycle track linking Walsgrave and Ansty Park. This is identified as a medium priority scheme in the LCWIP. However, no costing yet exists for the scheme and it is not funded.</p> <p>The position of Rugby Borough Council has been that the Applicant should contribute to this scheme to help facilitate pedestrian and cycle connectivity.</p>	<p>The Applicant considers that all reasonable opportunities for connecting communities and enabling future active travel provision, including to other local schemes under development, have been explored. Details of the design mitigation and enhancement measures are shown on ES Figure 12.3 (Design mitigation and enhancement measures) [APP-058].</p> <p>The Applicant held a meeting with Rugby Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council on 6 August 2025 where these matters were discussed.</p> <p>The Applicant notes Rugby Borough Council's position that if the DCO scheme is unable to secure the land and make the passive provision to enable the proposed Hungerley Hall Farm overbridge cycle route, then contributions to LCWIP scheme Cy05 should be provided as a fallback. For the reasons stated above, the Applicant has not committed to such contributions in</p>		

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			<p>Rugby Borough Council understands that the Applicant considers that a contribution to this LCWIP scheme is not necessary given the new proposal within the application order limits to facilitate a route for pedestrians and cyclists to cross over the retained Hungerley Hall Farm accommodation overbridge and allow delivery of the route detailed in Coventry City Council's indicative cycle route plan [REP1-040].</p> <p>Rugby Borough Council's view is that, provided the DCO scheme secures the necessary land and makes the necessary passive provision to enable that new pedestrian and cycle route to Combe Abbey to be delivered, then contributions to LCWIP scheme Cy05 in addition would be unnecessary.</p> <p>However, if the DCO scheme is unable to secure the land and make the passive provision to enable the proposed Hungerley Hall Farm overbridge cycle route, then contributions to LCWIP scheme</p>	<p>the event that specified land cannot be secured for passive cycle provision and has concluded that this matter cannot be agreed.</p> <p>Nevertheless, the Applicant welcomes Rugby Borough Council's view that the DCO as applied for will provide the necessary land and passive provision to address this issue. In the unlikely event that the DCO that is granted does not contain such provisions, the Applicant will continue to work with Rugby Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council to investigate, where possible, any potential contributions through schemes such as designated funds that could be provided outside the DCO.</p>		

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			Cy05 should be provided as a fallback. Rugby Borough Council recognises that National Highways do not agree that such contributions would be justified, and that if the DCO scheme is unable to secure the land and make the passive provision to enable the proposed Hungerley Hall Farm overbridge cycle route, then National Highways will continue to work with Rugby Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council to investigate where possible any potential contributions through schemes such as designated funds that could be provided outside the DCO.			