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1.1 INTRODUCTION

1.1.1 This document provides the Examining Authority (ExA) with the latest position on the Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) and Position Statements between the Applicant and relevant parties. It was submitted at Deadline 1, with this iteration (Revision V2) of the document being submitted at Deadline 2, and the Statement of Commonality will be updated throughout the Examination.

1.2 CONTENTS AND LIST OF STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND AND POSITION STATEMENTS

1.2.1 The SoCG and Position Statements largely follow a common structure:

- An introduction explaining the purpose of the SoCG or Position Statement and listing the relevant topics.
- Section 2 summarises the consultation undertaken to date.
- Section 3 identifies the documents underpinning the agreements recorded in the SoCG or Position Statement.
- Section 4 summarises agreed matters in the SoCG; in the Position Statements, it sets out the position of the respective parties.
- Section 5 summarises matters where agreement remains outstanding, where applicable. The Position Statements do not include this section.
- Section 6 summarises matters that are not agreed. The Position Statements do not include this section.

1.2.2 Sections 2 to 6 are presented in tables.

1.2.3 SoCG have been prepared with all parties identified in the Applicant's covering letter submitted at Deadline A on 15 September 2026 (PDA-001). A SoCG with Network Rail (AS-092) had already been submitted to the ExA prior to the Deadline A submission and therefore it was not included in the Applicant's covering letter. Details of the Network Rail SoCG are included within this document.

1.2.4 As detailed in the Applicant's Deadline A covering letter (PDA-001), in place of SoCG, Position Statements have been prepared with Biffa Waste Services and Smith & Sons. Details of these Position Statements are also included within this document.

Document Reference	Topic	Status	Comment
Cherwell District Council & Oxfordshire County Council (CDC & OCC)			
	Legal – DCO Drafting including Requirements, Protective Provisions, Section 106 Obligations and land arrangements	Under preparation by the Applicant	Comments on the draft DCO were made as part of the Local Impact Report. Protective provisions were sent to OCC on 17 September 2026 and the Applicant awaits a response. The Applicant proposes to prepare the SoCG once it has received a response to all outstanding matters.
	Planning, including policy and socio-economic issues	Under preparation by the Applicant	Ongoing meetings and dialogue to inform first draft (will be progressed post-LIRs)
	Landscape and Visual Impact	Under preparation by the Applicant	Ongoing meetings and dialogue with officers further to RRs. Applicant actions underway ahead of SoCG.
	LLFA and Highways Drainage	Under discussion	Latest version sent 25/09/26 following meetings with OCC and CDC and RRs.
	Rail	Under discussion	Significant progress made. One final outstanding matter relating to programme being discussed. The programme has now been approved by Network Rail and sent to OCC/CDC.
	Climate Change	Under preparation by the Applicant	Following discussions with OCC and CDC, the Applicant is to update following receipt of the LIRs and post Deadline 2.
	Ecology (and Trees)	Under preparation by the Applicant	Following discussions with OCC and CDC, the Applicant is to update following receipt of the LIRs and post Deadline 2.
Cherwell District Council			
	Noise, Air Quality & Odour, Lighting and 'Ground Conditions' (Contamination) – currently separate SoCGs but planned to be merged	Under discussion	Following discussions with OCC and CDC, the Applicant is to update following receipt of the LIRs and post Deadline 2.
	Built Heritage	Under discussion	Overlap with issues discussed with Historic

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			England. Following discussions with OCC and CDC, the Applicant is to update following receipt of the LIRs and post Deadline 2.
Oxfordshire County Council			
	Transport/Highways	Under preparation by the Applicant	Ongoing dialogue – will be progressed by the Applicant post-LIRs.
	Minerals and Waste	Under discussion	Following discussions with OCC and CDC, the Applicant is to update following receipt of the LIRs and post Deadline 2.
	Archaeology	Under discussion	Ongoing dialogue – progress on Archaeological Mitigation Strategy to be reflected in updated version by the Applicant.
Gloucestershire County Council			
	Transport/Highways/Rail	Under discussion	Ongoing dialogue – following meeting and correspondence to confirm Applicant's response and issues addressed. A draft was shared by the Applicant on 13/10/2026. Applicant awaiting comments.
The Environment Agency			
	Waste, Drainage and Flood Risk, Groundwater	Under preparation by the Applicant	Ongoing dialogue – will be progressed by the Applicant post-LIRs.
Historic England			
	Heritage	Under discussion	Final version to be agreed post Deadline 2 – single outstanding matter will be addressed by the Applicant in the updated ES Chapter at Deadline 2.
Natural England			
	Ecology	Under discussion	Ongoing dialogue – will be progressed further by the

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			Applicant post-written representations.
National Highways			
	Traffic and Transport related to the Strategic Road Network. Draft DCO including protective provisions, relevant requirements and management plans and land arrangements.	Under preparation by the Applicant	The Applicant continues to engage with National Highways and there are now only two outstanding matters relating to the Transport Assessment. The Applicant returned amended protective provisions to National Highways on 8 September 2026 and awaits full comments. National Highways commented on the draft DCO in relevant representations and at Deadline 1 and the Applicant has responded to these at Deadline 2 (Document 11.4).
Anglian Water			
	Interaction with Anglian Water assets. Draft DCO including protective provisions, relevant requirements and management plans and land arrangements.	Under discussion	Meeting to discuss SoCG drafting on 14/10/2026. Draft SoCG shared with Anglian Water on 19/10/2026. Applicant awaiting comments.
Thames Water			
	Interaction with Thames Water assets. Draft DCO including protective provisions, relevant requirements and management plans and land arrangements.	Under discussion	A draft was shared by the Applicant on 09/10/2026.
Upper Ouse Water Management			
	Flood Risk and Drainage impact including interaction with Upper Ouse Water Management Board	Under discussion	Draft issued on 06/10/2026.

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	catchment/maintenance responsibilities.		
Dorchester Living			
	Land uses and potential synergies, landscape and visual/design, highways infrastructure, sustainable transport, rail, land arrangements and potentially ecology.	Under discussion	Discussions ongoing between the parties. Updated SoCG circulated on 22/08/2026. Meetings between the Applicant and Dorchester took place on 15/10/2026 and 21/10/2026. Regular meetings have been put in place and a Position Statement has been agreed between the parties.
Valencia Waste Management			
	Land arrangements	Under discussion	SoCG will follow ongoing discussions.
Viridor			
	Potential synergies and land arrangements.	Under discussion	Draft issued 14/10/2026.
Network Rail			
Document 8.1, AS-092	Rail	Agreed	
Biffa Waste Services			
	Lease arrangements, planning policy, odour impacts and alternative treatment capacity.	Under discussion	A draft was shared by the Applicant on 09/10/2026.
Smith & Sons			
	Land, interfaces between OxSRFI and quarry and safeguarding land for mineral extraction.	Under discussion	A draft was shared by the Applicant on 12/10/2026.

1.3 COMMONALITY

1.3.1 This section summarises the principal topics covered by the SoCG and highlights common themes across the agreements with different parties. This will be revisited as the position evolves between the parties.

1.3.2 The table identifies the topics covered by each SoCG and shows their status using a red, amber or green (RAG) rating:

- Red – not agreed
- Amber – under discussion
- Green – agreed

1.3.3 Where a topic does not apply to a party, the corresponding table entry is left blank.

Party	Document Reference	Legal*	Planning	Landscape & Visual	Drainage and Flood Risk	Ecology	Climate Change	Noise	Air Quality	Odour	Lighting	Ground	Heritage	Transport/Highways	Rail	Minerals	Waste	Archaeology	Compulsory Acquisition
CDC & OCC (joint)																			
Cherwell District Council																			
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*Includes DCO drafting, Requirements, Protective Provisions, Section 106 Obligations and Land Arrangements