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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Overview of the project

- 1.1.1 Southern Water Services Limited (hereafter referred to as the 'Applicant') is developing proposals for the Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project (the Project). The Project is a water supply scheme that will ensure the Applicant can maintain essential water supplies to customers, especially in a drought, while protecting the rare and sensitive River Test and River Itchen chalk streams.
- 1.1.2 The Project would use advanced treatment techniques to turn highly treated wastewater, that is usually pumped far out to sea, into purified recycled water at a new water recycling plant in Havant. This purified recycled water would be pumped via a pipeline to the Havant Thicket Reservoir where it would mix with spring water. Water from the reservoir would then be pumped along another pipeline to the Applicant's Otterbourne Water Supply Works where it would be treated to strict drinking water standards before being sent into supply.

## 1.2 Purpose of this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.2.1 The purpose of this Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) is to set out the areas of agreement and disagreement between the Applicant, and Portsmouth City Council (PCC) in relation to the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the Project. The role of PCC and the other host local authorities in the DCO process is to provide input on matters relating to local planning policy, land use, and the potential impacts of the Project on their administrative areas. This document aims to support the Examination process by setting out the areas of agreement and those requiring further discussion specifically in relation to matters within the local authorities' statutory remit.
- 1.2.2 This SoCG has been prepared with due regard to guidance issued under Section 50 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) concerning pre-application processes, including the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (2024) Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects ('Pre-application Guidance 2024').

## 1.3 Parties to this statement

- 1.3.1 This SoCG has been prepared by (1) Southern Water Services Limited as the Applicant and (2) Portsmouth City Council.
- 1.3.2 Collectively, Southern Water Services Limited and Portsmouth City Council are referred to as 'the parties'.

## 1.4 Terminology

- 1.4.1 Table 1-1 outlines the terminology in the status column of Table 3-1. It can be taken that any matters not specifically referred to in Table 3-1 are not of material interest

or relevance to the parties' representation and therefore have not been considered in this document.

**Table 1-1: Status terminology**

Term	Explanation
Matter agreed with other party	Indicates that both Southern Water and PCC have reached a consensus on the specific issue, with no disagreements.
Provisional agreement pending application evidence	Indicates that while consensus has been reached on certain issues, confirmation of agreement is contingent upon PCC reviewing and accepting the supporting evidence.
Matters subject to further discussion	Indicates that the specific issues are still under discussion, and no final agreement has been reached yet.
Matter not able to be agreed	Indicates that an agreement on the specific issue has not been reached, and it is unlikely that further discussions will resolve the disagreement.

## 2 Record of post DCO submission engagement

- 2.1.1 The Applicant has engaged with PCC throughout the development of the DCO application.
- 2.1.2 A comprehensive record of pre-application engagement, including statutory consultation carried out under section 42 of the PA 2008, is provided in the Statement of Engagement (Statement of Commonality appended) (Document reference 5.9, DCO Volume 5) and the Consultation Report (Document reference 5.1, DCO Volume 5).
- 2.1.3 This SoCG has been prepared for submission with a reporting cut-off date of 23 April 2026. Engagement with PCC has continued beyond this date and will remain ongoing throughout the Examination. Accordingly, while this submitted version reflects all engagement up to 23 April 2026, the SoCG will continue to evolve as a live document, with further updates provided as additional discussions take place and outstanding matters progress.
- 2.1.4 This version of the SoCG is submitted in draft and unsigned form. The content of this version has nevertheless been reviewed by the relevant officer(s) at PCC. The Applicant confirms that at the reporting cut-off date, this version accurately reflects the matters discussed and the current position between the parties. Formal agreement and signing of the SoCG will be progressed as engagement continues during the Examination.
- 2.1.5 Since the reporting cut off date, where necessary, bilateral engagement with PCC on unresolved matters from the pre-application phase, matters arising during Examination, and areas where further clarification is required has continued. Where engagement has occurred, any records relevant to these matters will be set out in future iterations of this section.

### 3 Statement of Common Ground

3.1.1 Table 3-1 provides a summary of the key matters discussed between the Applicant and PCC in relation to the DCO application for the Project. Each matter is categorised according to its status, as defined in section 1.4. Table 3-1 aims to clearly present the areas of agreement, those still under discussion, and any unresolved issues.

**Table 3-1: Summary of matters**

Row ID	Topic	Summary of PCC issue	Latest position in resolving the issue	Application document reference	Status
<b>Principle of development</b>					
PCC-2025-0009	Need case	<p>In the PCC area, a key issue is the prudent management of water resources given that the wider area is an area of serious water stress. Supporting text to draft Policy PLP32: Sustainable Drainage Systems (in the emerging local plan) acknowledges that the Applicant is seeking to improve water quality and resilience through its Water for Life Programme.</p> <p>Having reviewed the draft “need case” document, it would appear reasonably robust. PCC would however reserve our position on this until the DCO has been submitted and is under formal consideration.</p> <p>In the meantime, it would be useful to understand whether, that the scheme is flexible enough to assist Portsmouth Water in supplying their customers during drought events? PCC notes that the draft need case document states ‘has the resilience and adaptability to be flexible in the future to meet other sub-regional and regional needs, including for Southern Water’s Central area.’</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges PCC’s position and the status is recorded as provisional agreement until PCC have had the opportunity to review the final Case for the Project (Document reference 5.6, DCO Volume 5) submitted with the application.</p> <p>The Applicant has informed PCC that the HWTWRP has been designed primarily to meet the needs of Southern Water’s customers in its Western Area. However, as set out in the emerging Water Resources Management Plan 24 (WRMP24), once the bulk supply from Thames Water is operational via the Thames to Southern Transfer pipeline, a proportion of the water stored in Havant Thicket Reservoir may be used to support transfers beyond the Western Area.</p>	Case for the Project (Document reference 5.6, DCO Volume 5).	Provisional agreement pending application evidence
<b>DCO and planning</b>					
PCC-2024-0015	Consents and licences	<p>PCC acknowledges that the draft DCO Order Limits include land within Portsmouth, specifically the East–West route across Portsdown Hill and the North–South corridor along the existing Eastney Long Sea Outfall (LSO) route on the city’s eastern boundary. PCC understands from discussions with the Applicant that no works are currently proposed along the LSO route.</p> <p>PCC understands that a clear description of these works is provided within Chapter 3 Description of the Proposed Development, Volume I of the Environmental Statement (ES) (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6).</p>	The Applicant welcomes PCC's confirmation on this matter.	<p>Draft Development Consent Order (PDF version) (Document reference 3.1, DCO Volume 3).</p> <p>ES Chapter 3 Description of the Proposed Development. Volume I (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6).</p>	Matter agreed with other party

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<b>Engagement and consultation</b>					
PCC-2024-0008	Engagement	PCC confirmed during engagement that there has been adequate consultation on the Project.	The Applicant welcomes PCC's confirmation on this matter.		Matter agreed with other party
<b>Consents and licences</b>					
PCC-2025-0002	Watercourse crossings and methodologies	PCC confirms that there are no ordinary watercourse crossings within its boundary.	The Applicant has noted PCC's confirmation of this matter.		Matter agreed with other party
<b>Archaeology, cultural heritage and heritage settings</b>					
PCC-2024-SC-0007	Archaeology and cultural heritage - assessment	<p>PCC confirms agreement that Section E: Portsdown Hill to Boarhunt of the pipeline would cause temporary moderate adverse effects on the setting of Fort Widley as assessed in ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage, Volume I (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6), which will be mitigated through reinstatement and landscape planting, supported by site-specific design principles addressing building height, landform, planting, hedgerow gaps and appropriate materials included in the Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5).</p> <p>Detailed consideration regarding the impact of archaeological remains along the route through PCC has been considered by the Hampshire County Archaeological Service (up to April 2026).</p>	The Applicant acknowledges PCC's position.	<p>ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage, Volume I (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6).</p> <p>Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5).</p>	Matter agreed with other party
PCC-2026-0001	Archaeology and cultural heritage - baseline	The Hampshire County Archaeological Service has engaged throughout scheme development and confirmed that, at scoping stage, the precise ground impacts of the proposed tunnelling shafts and emerging IPS zones could not be fully assessed due to limited design detail. Further comment was therefore reserved pending detailed design.	The Applicant acknowledges the Hampshire County Archaeological Service's position. The Applicant has since shared locations of shafts, pipeline routes, Above Ground Plant (AGP) and construction compounds, and the Hampshire County Archaeological Service comments have informed scheme development through an iterative process. The scope of assessment, including change to setting, has been agreed and is reported in the ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage, Volume I (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6). Archaeological and geoarchaeological surveys, trial trenching and GI monitoring have been undertaken in agreement with the County Archaeological Service, informing the baseline and assessment. An Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7) accompanies the DCO application, with further post-consent survey, evaluation and mitigation to be secured through bespoke site-survey Written Scheme of Investigation (SSWSI) approved by the relevant archaeological advisors.	<p>ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage, Volume I (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6).</p> <p>Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7).</p>	Matter agreed with other party

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PCC-2026-0002	Archaeology and cultural heritage - baseline	The Hampshire County Archaeological Service agrees with the proposed approach to baseline data collection and recommends inclusion of Hampshire Gardens Trust as a consultee, which has been confirmed by the Applicant. Relevant Hampshire archaeology strategies, datasets and guidance have been incorporated into the ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage, Volume I (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6) and Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7). The scope of further geophysical and intrusive survey has been discussed and progressed, and trial trenching and geophysical survey results have been shared for information. It is agreed that not all areas of archaeological potential can be trial trenched; accordingly, the Outline WSI (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7) provides for archaeological monitoring during construction, including procedures for managing delays should significant remains be encountered, with advance trial trenching to be undertaken where necessary to avoid unacceptable disruption to works.	The Applicant acknowledges the Hampshire County Archaeological Service's position.	ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage, Volume I (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6).  Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7).	Matter agreed with other party
PCC-2026-0003	Archaeology and cultural heritage - baseline	The Hampshire County Archaeological Service endorses the approach to the priority boreholes. The Hampshire County Archaeological Service supports the programme of Ground Investigation (GI) works.	The Applicant acknowledges the Hampshire County Archaeological Service's position.		Matter agreed with other party
PCC-2026-0004	Archaeology and cultural heritage - baseline	The Hampshire County Archaeological Service supports the approach to data searches of the relevant Historic Environment Records (HER) for Portsmouth, Winchester, and Hampshire that forms part of the ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage, Volume I baseline (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6).	The Applicant acknowledges the Hampshire County Archaeological Service's position.	ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage, Volume I (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6).	Matter agreed with other party
PCC-2026-0005	Archaeology and cultural heritage - assessment	The Hampshire County Archaeological Service endorsed the Phase 1 geophysics (ES Appendix 7.3 Detailed gradiometer survey report - Phase 1, Volume II (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6)) reporting and Phase 2 Geophysical Survey WSI. The Hampshire County Archaeological Service confirms that it has no comments on ES Appendix 7.8 Phase 2 Detailed gradiometer survey report - Phase 2, Volume II (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6) or ES Appendix 7.9 Trial trenching report, Volume II (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6). Both documents are welcomed and are considered valuable in informing any future archaeological mitigation.	The Applicant acknowledges the Hampshire County Archaeological Service's position.	ES Appendix 7.3 Detailed gradiometer survey report - Phase 1, Volume II (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6).  ES Appendix 7.8 Detailed gradiometer survey report - Phase 2, Volume II (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6).  ES Appendix 7.9 Trial trenching report, Volume II	Matter agreed with other party

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				(Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6).	
PCC-2026-0006	Archaeology and cultural heritage - mitigation	The Hampshire County Archaeological Service agrees with the Outline WSI (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7) principles. The Hampshire County Archaeological Service understands and is satisfied that the topographic survey will be carried out in advance of any earthworks and is identified in the Outline WSI (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7) for inclusion in the relevant SSWSI(s) for investigative fieldwork that forms part of the pre-commencement activities. The Hampshire County Archaeological Service also supports the identification of areas for watching brief or other archaeological intervention, being agreed with the HCC and Winchester City Council Archaeology Services, following completion of investigative fieldwork in any given area. The Hampshire County Archaeological Service understands and agrees with the sampling strategy in Appendix A of the Outline WSI (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7).	The Applicant acknowledges the Hampshire County Archaeological Service's position.	Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7).	Matter agreed with other party
PCC-2026-0007	Archaeology and cultural heritage - mitigation	The Hampshire County Archaeological Service requested to discuss the mitigation strategy.	The Applicant has engaged with the Hampshire County Archaeological Service to discuss the approach to archaeological mitigation at a bilateral meeting on 21 October 2025. The Applicant acknowledges the importance of signposting archaeological provisions across multiple documents, including the Indicative Environmental Masterplan appended to the Design Approach Document (Document reference 5.12, DCO Volume 5), the Outline LEMP (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7) and Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5). This approach ensures that all relevant measures are clearly referenced and accessible for examination. The Outline WSI (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7) is secured through a DCO requirement. The Outline WSI (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7) is to all intents and purposes a mitigation strategy signposting to the non-investigative mitigation measures requested by consultees but which are specified and secured through other means. This signposting is at Outline WSI (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7) table 1-1. A version of the Outline WSI, incorporating stakeholders' comments, is submitted with the DCO application. However, a live version will continue to be engaged on through pre-examination in order to address any	Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7).  Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5).  Design Approach Document (Document reference 5.12, DCO Volume 5).  Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7).	Matters subject to further discussion

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			further comments from PCC and seek agreement on the version to be presented at examination.		
<b>Habitats and ecology</b>					
PCC-2025-SC-0003	Terrestrial and freshwater ecology - mitigation	PCC supports, in principle, the proposed chalk grass habitat enhancement at construction compound E2, and the approach outlined in relevant documents. Outside of the operational area for Break Pressure Tank and Intermediate Pumping Station E (BPT/IPS-E), PCC supports, in principle, the proposed chalk grass habitat enhancement, subject to land ownership and lease agreements.	The Applicant acknowledges PCC's position. The Applicant confirms that the proposed chalk grass habitat enhancement at construction compound E2 is secured by the site-specific design principle BPT/IPS-E_13 Environmental mitigation: Chalk grassland habitat Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5). This approach has been incorporated into the mitigation and reinstatement strategy in the Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP) (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7).	Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5).  Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7).	Matter agreed with other party
PCC-2025-SC-0004	Terrestrial and freshwater ecology - mitigation	PCC understands and is satisfied that the proposed pipeline alignment Sections E and F presented by the Applicant will avoid ecological constraints. PCC supports, in principle, the temporary drilling at construction compound D1 for the construction of intermediate shaft J at Gillman Road.	The Applicant acknowledges PCC's position. The Applicant confirms that the design has been developed in coordination with landscape and ecology considerations. Any disturbance to soil profiles will be managed according to a detailed Soils Resource Management Plan, which aims to achieve biodiverse grassland and is based on the principles set out in the Outline Soils Resources Management Plan appended to the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7). This approach has been incorporated into the mitigation and reinstatement strategy in the Outline LEMP (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7) and Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5). Chapter 8 Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity of the ES, Volume I (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6) provides a detailed assessment of impacts on terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity, including appropriate mitigation measures that align with the Local Nature Recovery Strategy. Any access shaft at Farlington will be temporary, with no permanent infrastructure left after works are completed, and chalk grassland habitat will be fully reinstated.	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7).  Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7).  ES Chapter 8 Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity, Volume I (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6).	Matter agreed with other party
<b>Contamination and land quality</b>					
PCC-2022-0017	Land quality and ground conditions - methodology	PCC recommended that the geotechnical assessment of the pipeline route be reviewed and supplemented, especially in areas of infilled land and near tanks, to minimise risks by inspecting these locations before ground works begin. PCC noted that historical maps and records indicate multiple areas of infilled land and the	The pipeline routes have been determined to avoid specific constraints either completely or by passing underneath them within natural strata. The actual alignment can be modified during detailed design within the constraints of the DCO Order Limits. The Applicant confirms that the DCO Order Limits are not located along Military Road to the south of Havant Bypass.	ES Appendix 11.2 Geotechnical and geo-environmental reports, Volume II (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6).	Provisional agreement pending application evidence

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		<p>presence of a tank at the corner of Military Road and the lane to the reservoirs.</p> <p>PCC requested confirmation on whether there is a gas risk at the Water Recycling Plant (WRP) site, as the risk assessment is ambiguously worded and assumes ventilation; PCC also asked for confirmation that backup pumps will not pose a future contamination risk.</p> <p>The method statement should address black top assessment and disposal or reuse, requiring contamination testing of soil and pavement materials, as well as the need to excavate in pavements and laybys, which will require testing for tar composition.</p> <p>PCC highlighted the heightened risk of encountering unexploded ordnance (UXO) due to the route traversing Ministry of Defence (MOD) land, even though only one bomb drop is recorded. Further ground investigation, including contamination chemical testing, may be needed to confirm the contamination status and inform material reuse.</p> <p>Finally, the geotechnical survey and desk study should consider ground chemical conditions in line with BS10175, with a conceptual model for end-use.</p>	<p>The Applicant has carried out a review of ground gas monitoring data which is included within the Havant WRP site – Land Parcel 72 – Geo-Environmental Interpretative Report which forms part of ES Appendix 11.2 Geotechnical and geo-environmental reports, Volume II (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6). The review concluded that the location of the proposed WRP site is within an area designated as a Characteristic Situation 3 and so ground gas protection measures are required. These measures form part of the primary mitigation measures for the Project.</p> <p>Regarding the backup pumps, the use of any pumps on the WRP site will not pose a contamination risk, as they will be installed and operated in accordance with operational management procedures documented in the contractor’s operating manual. It is normal practice to have duty and reserve pumps in operations where it is not possible to shut a pump down for maintenance; these are generally twin pumps that can be switched to allow maintenance on one whilst the other operates. The pumps will be electrically operated, and so there will be no potential for fuel leaks or spills. The pumps are sealed systems, so lubricating oils cannot leak out during normal operation.</p> <p>The pumps themselves will be housed within purpose designed areas to contain leaks from pipe bursts and will be designed to operate safely in potentially explosive atmospheres if necessary.</p> <p>A detailed Unexploded ordnance (UXO) risk assessment has been undertaken for the Project and is detailed in ES Appendix 14.2 Detailed unexploded ordnance risk assessment, Volume II (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6).</p> <p>Any construction activities that disturb existing macadam based road surfacing and subbase will require the contractor to assess any waste arisings for the presence of coal tar. This is a standard procedure for any competent contractor.</p> <p>Ground investigations along the route of the Project have been undertaken by the Applicant in accordance with best practice and British Standards (CL:RM Environment Agency,</p>	<p>ES Chapter 11 Land quality and ground conditions, Volume I (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6).</p> <p>ES Appendix 14.2 Detailed unexploded ordnance risk assessment, Volume II (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6).</p> <p>ES Appendix 11.2 Geotechnical and geo-environmental reports, Volume II (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6).</p>	

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			<p>BS10175) for a specific list of potential sources of contamination which pose the greatest risk to the indicative design. Soil, groundwater and surface water samples were collected and sent for laboratory analysis to assess whether current conditions represent an unacceptable risk to identified receptors. The results of the pre-consent Project specific ground investigations, for the entire route of the pipelines, are reported within ES Appendix 11.2 Geotechnical and geo-environmental reports, Volume II (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6). ES Appendix 11.2 Geotechnical and geo-environmental reports, Volume II (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6) includes both refined conceptual site models and geotechnical assessments for ground conditions identified within the Order Limits, noting that geotechnical assessments are not discussed within Chapter 11 Land quality and ground conditions, Volume I of the ES(Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6).</p> <p>The Applicant issued an email to PCC clarifying the approach used in the desk study and ground investigation and suggested a meeting to discuss (17 March 2026).</p>		
<b>Land use and agriculture</b>					
PCC-2025-SC-0010	Land use and agriculture - assessment	It is agreed that the extent of construction compound D-1 is not within Local Green Space as per the Policies Map for the Regulation 19 Pre submission Portsmouth Local Plan 2024 and Regulation 19 Pre-Submission Portsmouth Local Plan Addendum 2025. Consequently, PCC supports the location of the extension to construction compound D-1 as part of the Project.	The Applicant acknowledges PCC's position.		Matter agreed with other party
<b>Landscape and visual impact</b>					
PCC-2022-0016	Landscape and visual impact - scoping of the LVIA for the compound, shaft and pipeline	<p>PCC agrees with the scope and the description of landscape and visual receptors considered in the ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual, Volume I (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6). PCC understands and is satisfied with the identification of key vegetation features and the protection measures presented by the Applicant.</p> <p>PCC understands and is satisfied with the measures presented by the Applicant to minimise impacts on soils as a result of construction.</p> <p>PCC agrees, provided that the design, Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan</p>	The Applicant acknowledges PCC's position.	<p>ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual, Volume I (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6).</p> <p>Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7).</p> <p>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7).</p>	Matter agreed with other party

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		(CEMP) (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7) and Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP) (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7) are further developed and implemented in accordance with the agreed principles and relevant best practice guidance, and in consultation with the Local Planning Authority (LPA).			
PCC-2023-0001	Landscape and visual impact - viewpoints	PCC agrees with the Applicant's selected viewpoints as presented in Appendix 13.4 of Chapter 13 Landscape and visual, Volume II in the ES (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6).	The Applicant acknowledges PCC's position.	ES Appendix 13.4 Visual baseline and effects, Volume II (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6).	Matter agreed with other party
PCC-2023-0003	Landscape and visual impact - landscape and visual receptors	The Applicant incorporated feedback into the Local Landscape Character Assessment (LLCA) baseline in the ES, and PCC confirms support for the assessments, including LLCA11 and LLCA 14, which were fully considered in the ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual, Volume I (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6).	The Applicant acknowledges PCC's position.	ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual, Volume I (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6).	Matter agreed with other party
PCC-2025-0007	Landscape and visual - assessment	PCC supports 'in principle' the approach to Chalk Hill presented by the Applicant, subject to land ownership and lease agreements. PCC agrees with the management principles of the Outline LEMP (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7), with final species mixes to be undertaken by the Contractor post-consent, in consultation with the relevant LPA as part of the detailed LEMP.	The Applicant acknowledges PCC's position.	Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7).	Matter agreed with other party
PCC-2025-0006	Landscape and visual - assessment	<p>PCC has informed the Applicant that a site visit to BPT-E was conducted to assess the visual impact of the Project on the landscape. However, it became evident from the drawings presented during the recent Historic Environment and Landscape Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Working Group (WG) on September 18 that these may not have been created based on an accurate topographical survey. PCC requested clarifications regarding the plan and cross-sections based on surveyed levels, which would greatly help them understand how much the plant will be embedded into the hillside.</p> <p>Additionally, PCC raised a concern regarding the scale of the required security fencing. PCC encouraged the Applicant to explore options for reducing its visual impact through careful choices of colour and the incorporation of mitigating planting.</p>	<p>The Indicative Environmental Masterplan drawings appended to the Design Approach Document (Document reference 5.12, DCO Volume 5) presented at the Historic Environment and Landscape EIA WG are illustrative and aim to show general design intent. They are not final designs, but provide one example of how mitigation could be delivered to help integrate the Project within the landscape in accordance with the Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5).</p> <p>The ES assessment is based on the defined design parameters, secured through the Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5). These parameters and accurate topographical information have been used to prepare the Landscape Institute Type 4 scale verifiable photomontages included within the ES. The photomontages relevant to BPT/IPS-E include Viewpoint (VP)019 on the Wayfarer's Walk to the north; VP022 on New Down Lane (also Footpath 218/28/1) immediately to the west;</p>	<p>Design Approach Document (Document reference 5.12, DCO Volume 5).</p> <p>Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5).</p>	Provisional agreement pending application evidence

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			<p>and VP023, also on New Down Lane, further to the north near Widley Farm.</p> <p>Regarding the scale and appearance of the security fencing, the Applicant acknowledges PCC's concern as well as operational, safety and security requirements. Following PCC feedback after sharing the updated version of the draft design principles in September 2025, the corresponding design principle (BPT/IPS-E_8) now includes 'fencing'. As such, the detailed design of buildings (including finishes) and fencing would respond to the local character by using materials and a colour palette appropriate to the local context. Opportunities to further reduce visual impacts, such as through the use of colour treatments and the incorporation of mitigating planting, would be defined at detailed design stage, informed by a colour assessment and submitted for approval by the LPA.</p> <p>The Applicant updated the Latest Position in Resolving the Issue, having regard to the draft design principles shared with LPA on 20 February 2026.</p>		
<b>Noise and vibration</b>					
PCC-2024-0001	Noise and vibration - methodology	PCC supports the monitoring positions for the noise survey methodology proposed by the Applicant.	The Applicant acknowledges PCC's position. The Applicant confirms that monitoring positions for the noise survey are shown in ES Figure 15.1 Noise and vibration direct effects study areas, sensitive receptors and monitoring locations, Volume III (Document reference 6.3, DCO Volume 6).	ES Figure 15.1 Noise and vibration direct effects study areas, sensitive receptors and monitoring locations, Volume III (Document reference 6.3, DCO Volume 6).	Matter agreed with other party
<b>Traffic and transport</b>					
PCC-2024-0023	Traffic and transport - construction compound accesses	<p>Construction Compound D-1: The Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) must give regard into how this compound arrangement can work alongside the Campdown works should they be consented and constructed.</p> <p>All movements into Gillman Road would need to ensure vehicles can clearly clear the main B1277 carriageway and ensure they are fully waiting outside of its running lanes if awaiting access into the compound.</p> <p>Gillman Road is signed as a 'public footpath' and "quiet route" and as such consideration would be needed to ensure access is maintained or</p>	The Applicant shared a draft Framework CTMP with PCC, confirming that it includes an indicative access drawing for the temporary site construction compound D-1, which will be accessed from Gillman Road. Gillman Road is designated as a 'public footpath' and a "quiet route"; appropriate measures to address this are set out within the Framework CTMP (Document reference 7.2, DCO Volume 7). The Traffic Management Strategy (Document reference 7.3, DCO Volume 7) and Framework Rights of Way Management Plan (RoWMP) as part of the Framework CTMP (Document reference 7.2, DCO Volume 7) detail measures to ensure the safe management of this route for pedestrians and cyclists.	Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (including Framework Construction Worker Travel Plan and Framework Rights of Way Management Plan (Document reference) (Document reference 7.2, DCO Volume 7). Traffic Management Strategy (Document reference 7.3, DCO Volume 7).	Matters subject to further discussion

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		<p>appropriate temporary closures/diversions are put in place.</p> <p>Construction Compound E-1 New Down Lane:</p> <p>Given the topography of the site, careful consideration shall be given to visibility splays with assistance of speed surveys and type of vehicles using the junction (larger and slow moving) both at the site access and the junction with Portsdown Hill.</p> <p>Further work may be required to make sure any abnormal loads can be accommodated through this route given its layout and topography.</p>	<p>A review of the consented scheme has confirmed that it will not impact the access route to construction compound D-1, as detailed in the Framework CTMP (Document reference 7.2, DCO Volume 7).</p> <p>The Applicant has confirmed that the Framework CTMP (Document reference 7.2, DCO Volume 7) includes indicative access drawings with visibility splays for both the site accesses and the junction with Portsdown Hill Road. This information has been issued to Portsmouth City Council and was discussed at a bilateral meeting on 23 September 2025.</p> <p>Two options have been discussed to manage access on New Down Lane: either physical widening or contractor management of all traffic movements, with the option to widen New Down Lane taken forward. At each construction compound access location, Automatic Traffic Count (ATC) survey data (if available) or the posted speed limit has been used to calculate appropriate visibility requirements, based on Hampshire City Council Technical Guidance Note 3 “Stopping Sight Distances and Visibility Splays.” PCC has accepted the use of Stopping Sight Distances (SSD) calculated according to this guidance, as it uses the same inputs as the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB).</p>		
PCC-2024-0021	Traffic and transport - highway trenchless crossings strategy	The Local Highway Authority (LHA) expects to be issued a Ground Investigation Report and Geotechnical Design Report – either for each location or as all-encompassing reports addressing the highway crossings. Where the route of the proposed underground pipeline crosses highways and public footpaths, PCC expects geotechnical information and assessments to be completed in line with National Highways Geotechnics design standard CD622.	<p>Following a bilateral meeting with PCC on 19 July 2024, the Applicant presented an overview of the Project, including trenchless crossing proposals affecting PCC highways, and sought confirmation of PCC’s technical approval process and standards.</p> <p>On 11 November 2024, the Applicant issued a Trenchless Crossings Highways Assets Technical Note (the Technical Approval Strategy document) to PCC and subsequently met with all highway authorities on 7 January 2025. PCC, in agreement with HCC, confirmed that full compliance with CD622 and CG300 is required and the HCC approval process should apply, reflecting the limited scope of works within the PCC’s highway network.</p> <p>An updated Technical Note was issued on 15 April 2025. On 2 May 2025, PCC confirmed that the process and content were acceptable in</p>		Provisional agreement pending application evidence

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			<p>principle but advised that a review period of approximately 7-8 weeks would be required, rather than the proposed 28 days, due to the complexity and cross-boundary coordination.</p> <p>The Applicant is preparing an updated Technical Approval Strategy document in accordance with DMRB standards, incorporating amended review periods and clarification of the DGA and OOGA roles under CD 622, to be reissued for acceptance in principle.</p>		
PCC-2025-SC-0008	Traffic and transport - mitigation	<p>PCC notes that the majority of the Project lies outside the Portsmouth Highway Network and within Hampshire County Council's remit, and is content for Hampshire County Council to lead on the fundamental highways assessment. PCC will review and comment as appropriate through established engagement mechanisms, informed by HCC's response. PCC's interest is limited to direct impacts on the Portsmouth Highway Network, principally associated with the two construction compounds adjacent to Gillman Road and New Down Lane and any construction-related delays. PCC emphasises the need for detailed traffic management proposals, particularly given the compounds' locations on a primary route affecting both highway authorities, to safeguard highway safety and network functionality. PCC is keen to minimise impacts on public transport, particularly on Portsdown Hill Road, and requests further details on mitigation and engagement with operators. PCC considers the Project unlikely to result in material adverse impacts on the safety or function of PCC highways, noting that works largely involve tunnelling rather than open-cut construction and that compound traffic effects are expected to be limited, subject to ongoing discussions to manage construction-phase impacts.</p>	<p>The Applicant has engaged with PCC and other highway authorities on the Framework CTMP (Document reference 7.2, DCO Volume 7), the TMS (Document reference 7.3, DCO Volume 7), the Framework RoWMP (appended to the Framework CTMP (Document reference 7.2, DCO Volume 7)) and the Framework Construction Worker Travel Plan (appended to the Framework CTMP (Document reference 7.2, DCO Volume 7)).</p> <p>A technical note has been provided to PCC, detailing the forecast construction traffic impacts during network peak hours. In response, PCC has reviewed the information and indicated that the proposed works are unlikely to result in any severe impact on the operation of the highway network within their jurisdiction. PCC has also confirmed that the principles underpinning the planning submission are, at this stage, considered acceptable from a highway's perspective. However, it is acknowledged that ongoing engagement and discussion with PCC will continue as the Project progresses.</p>	<p>Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (including Framework Construction Worker Travel Plan and Framework Rights of Way Management Plan) (Document reference 7.2, DCO Volume 7).</p> <p>Traffic Management Strategy (Document reference 7.3, DCO Volume 7).</p>	Matters subject to further discussion
<b>Flood risk and water environment</b>					
PCC-2025-0008	Design and construction	<p>PCC supports the drainage strategy for BPT/IPS-E. It is agreed that the Applicant adopts a conservative zero-infiltration approach and confirmed that the Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) design will not increase flood risk, with detailed design and maintenance to be undertaken by the Contractor and subsequently transferred to the Applicant.</p>	The Applicant acknowledges PCC's position.	ES Appendix 19.1 Flood Risk Assessment, Volume II (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6).	Matter agreed with other party
PCC-2024-SC-0006	Flood risk and scheme development	<p>It is agreed that an overland flow SuDS strategy for BPT/IPS-E will incorporate feedback on bunding and flood risk modelling into the Flood Risk</p>	The Applicant acknowledges PCC's position.	ES Appendix 19.1 Flood Risk Assessment, Volume II	Matter agreed with other party

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		Assessment, Volume II (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6). PCC understands the Project's strategy to reduce treated wastewater discharge to the Eastney LSO by diverting flows to the WRP site.		(Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6).	
PCC-2025-SC-0009	Water environment (including flood risk) - mitigation	The Applicant provided additional details on the Project and drainage approach following the Summer 2024 Consultation, and PCC agrees to the use of overland flow for SuDS discharge—subject to flood risk modelling, which was completed and incorporated into the ES Appendix 19.1 Flood Risk Assessment, Volume II (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6).	The Applicant acknowledges PCC's position.	ES Appendix 19.1 Flood Risk Assessment, Volume II (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6).	Matter agreed with other party
<b>Cumulative and in-combination effects</b>					
PCC-2025-0022	Cumulative effects - assessment	PCC confirms that appropriate engagement took place on the Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA) longlist, shortlist, and methodology, agreed that the longlist was suitable as of May 2025, and supports the inclusion of a figure showing only shortlisted developments in the ES.	<p>The Applicant acknowledges PCC's position. The Applicant confirms that it has included Figure 20.1 Projects considered as part of the cumulative effects assessment – shortlist, Volume III (Document reference 6.3, DCO Volume 6) in the ES Chapter 20 Cumulative and in-combination effects, Volume I (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6).</p> <p>The Applicant confirms that the full details are provided in ES Appendix 20.1 List of 'other developments' – longlist and shortlist, Volume II (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6).</p>	<p>ES Appendix 20.1 List of 'other developments' – longlist and shortlist, Volume II (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6).</p> <p>ES Figure 20.1 Projects considered as part of the cumulative effects assessment – shortlist, Volume III (Document reference 6.3, DCO Volume 6).</p> <p>ES Chapter 20 Cumulative and in-combination effects, Volume I (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6).</p>	Matter agreed with other party
<b>Multiple issues</b>					
PCC-2025-0003	Design and construction	Localised soil reuse will be considered in areas of new chalk grassland planting adjacent to existing chalk grassland, which is secured through the Outline LEMP (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7) and outlined within the BPT/IPS-E_13 Environmental mitigation: Chalk grassland habitat and EMEA-E-2b Additional environmental enhancement within the Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5). The EMEA is identified within the Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5). The preparation of a Noise and Vibration Management Plan secured through the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7) is supported by PCC. Sustainable use of	The Applicant acknowledges PCC's position.	<p>Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5).</p> <p>Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7).</p> <p>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7).</p>	Provisional agreement pending application evidence

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		<p>water is secured through the GDP_5 Sustainable water strategy of the Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5), which is supported by PCC. The landscape-scale approach, as secured through GDP_9 of the Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5), is supported by PCC.</p> <p>The building integration, as secured through GDP_1 of the Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5), is supported by PCC. PCC is satisfied with the specific General Design Principles (GDP) identified within the context of the full suite of GDP, and Site-Specific Design Principles (SSDP) are secured through a DCO requirement, providing an appropriate framework for guiding detailed design post-consent.</p>			

## 4 Signatories

4.1.1 This SoCG is agreed between Southern Water Services Limited (the Applicant) and Portsmouth City Council on the date below.

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