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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 Winchester City Council (WCC) in relation to the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the Project.

1.2.2 This document has been updated at Deadline 1 to reflect further engagement, progress in resolving outstanding matters and any changes to the parties' positions following submission of the DCO application. References to other Application documents have been updated from the original submission. Please refer to the latest version of the Guide to the Application (Document reference 1.3, DCO Volume 1) for the list of current versions of documents.

1.2.3 The role of WCC 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 Proposed Development 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.

1.2.4 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'). This SoCG should be read alongside WCC's Relevant Representation [RR-361], which sets out WCC's detailed position on matters relevant to the Examination. References in this SoCG are intended to complement, and where appropriate cross-reference, the issues raised in that Relevant Representation.

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) Winchester City Council.

1.3.2 Collectively, Southern Water Services Limited and Winchester 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 WCC 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 WCC 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 WCC throughout the development of the DCO application and continues to engage with WCC following submission of the 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) [APP-072] and the Consultation Report (Document reference 5.1, DCO Volume 5) [APP-029].

2.1.3 This version of the SoCG is submitted at Examination Deadline 1 (DL1). It represents an update to the draft SoCG submitted with the DCO application, which had a reporting cut-off date of 23 April 2026, and has been updated to reflect engagement with WCC since that date, where appropriate. The SoCG is currently unsigned but has been reviewed and agreed by the relevant officer(s) at WCC. The Applicant confirms that it 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.

2.1.4 Where appropriate, bilateral engagement with WCC has continued since submission of the application on unresolved matters from the pre-application phase, matters arising during Pre-examination/Examination, and areas where further clarification is required. **Table 2-1** sets out this engagement. Engagement remains ongoing throughout the Examination, and this SoCG is a live document, which will be updated and resubmitted as appropriate to reflect ongoing discussions, progress in resolving matters, and any changes to the status of issues identified by the parties.

Table 2-1: Record of post-submission engagement

Name	Purpose	Date
SoCG Review Meeting #1	First review of the draft SoCG post submission; to update the outstanding archaeology issues.	07/09/2026

3 Statement of Common Ground

3.1.1 Table 3-1 provides a summary of the key matters discussed between the Applicant and WCC in relation to the DCO application for the Project. Each matter is categorised according to its status, as defined in section 1.4. Table 3-1aims 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 WCC issue	Latest position in resolving the issue	Application document reference	Status
Principle of development					
WCC-2025-SC-0002	Need case	WCC acknowledges the Applicant's engagement on the Project's needs case and confirms it has no comments on this matter. WCC supports the Applicant's commitment to improving water supply resilience through the Water for Life Hampshire programme, including leakage reduction, demand management, and infrastructure investment, and notes that the Project will contribute 90 million litres per day toward addressing the regional shortfall.	The Applicant welcomes WCC's position. The Case for the Project (Document reference 5.6, DCO Volume 5, Version 1) submitted with the DCO application provides further details on the needs case.	Case for the Project (Document reference 5.6, DCO Volume 5, Version 1).	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2024-SC-0008	Project selection	WCC supports the Applicant's Water Resource Management Plan process, which rigorously appraised a wide range of options - including reservoirs, desalination, and water recycling - against environmental, social, and economic criteria, confirming the Project as the preferred solution; this approach and justification, as detailed in Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter 4 Consideration of alternatives [APP-083] and the Scheme Development Report [APP-073] - [APP-075] is supported by WCC.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position.	ES Chapter 4 Consideration of alternatives [APP-083]. Scheme Development Report [APP-073] - [APP-075].	Matter agreed with other party
DCO and planning					
WCC-2022-0004	Legacy and benefits	WCC would like to consider opportunities for other development or enhancements in tandem with the HWTWRP. This feedback came in particular from Swanmore Parish, for example relating to a cycling scheme. WCC would like to see that any options ruled out for certain reasons are made clear in the scheme development process, for example if there are landowner conflicts preventing an initiative going forward. An option suggested by WCC is for a cycle route from Havant to Winchester.	The Applicant has considered opportunities for enhancements alongside the HWTWRP. Specific suggestions such as the cycle route from Havant to Winchester would not be practicable or reasonably related to the Project. The Applicant has developed a package of legacy benefits included in the Case for the Project (Document reference 5.6, DCO Volume 5, Version 1).	ES Chapter 4 Consideration of alternatives [APP-083]. Case for the Project (Document reference 5.6, DCO Volume 5, Version 1).	Provisional agreement pending application evidence
WCC-2025-SC-0018	Legacy and benefits	In terms of public benefits, Members are keen to understand if some of the temporary haul roads that cross over existing Public Rights of Way (PRoW) could be partially retained as cycle paths that interconnect with the existing PRoW. It is noted that the rights of way plan has not been included; however, improvements to the PRoW network to include cycle paths would be a key benefit of the scheme.	The Applicant has considered the opportunity to retain temporary haul roads as permanent cycle paths. However, the nature of the Project does not raise issues of sustainable travel and accessibility that require such interventions. The Applicant would be unable to secure the land rights necessary to deliver this opportunity, noting that potential routes would impact private land under multiple ownerships. The Applicant remains		Provisional agreement pending application evidence

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		WCC reiterated interest in retaining some temporary haul roads that cross existing PRoW as permanent cycle paths to enhance connectivity. Improvements to the PRoW network, including cycle paths, are considered a key public benefit of the scheme.	open to supporting such initiatives in principle should a third party or local community be able to secure voluntary agreements and undertake the necessary consenting.		
Engagement and consultation					
WCC-2024-SC-0006	Engagement	WCC has confirmed that regular meetings with all local planning authorities and individual officers have taken place to provide updates on key developments and is satisfied with the approach taken to engage with authorities.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Statement of Engagement [APP-072].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2025-SC-0019	Engagement	WCC welcomes the Applicant's intention to engage directly with Parish Councils where applicable to support public benefits that may be achievable through the delivery of the Project.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Statement of Engagement [APP-072].	Matter agreed with other party
Design and construction					
WCC-2024-SC-0021	Construction - general	WCC understands that the majority of the works are expected to be temporary in nature and considers the proposals acceptable on that basis. WCC notes that further reports are awaited in relation to the two Above Ground Plant (AGP) areas and reserves comment until those details are submitted.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position. The ES includes a detailed assessment of environmental effects and appropriate mitigation measures. The Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3) sets out how the Project will avoid, reduce, and mitigate effects on the environment and the surrounding area during construction. The Applicant provided information on the AGP, including engagement on the Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1).	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3). Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1).	Provisional agreement pending application evidence
WCC-2022-0005	Design and construction	WCC supports the location of construction compound M-3 and construction compound M-2 and the mitigation measures set out in the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3). WCC also confirms that the Project does not interface with any land allocated in WCC's adopted or emerging Local Plan.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3).	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2022-0007	Design and construction	WCC acknowledges the proposed location of construction compound L-10. While the mitigation measures outlined in the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3) identify a framework for	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position and that this previously agreed issue has reverted to 'matters subject to further discussion' in light of concerns recently raised by local residents. The Applicant confirms that the detailed Construction Environmental Management Plan will be	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of	Matters subject to further discussion

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		managing lighting, noise and dust impacts during construction, the effectiveness of these measures can only be fully assessed through review of the detailed CEMP. WCC considers that further discussion and assessment are required. The detailed CEMP will be important in demonstrating how potential impacts associated with the compound location can be appropriately managed, including the protection of the amenity of nearby residential occupiers.	submitted to and approved by the local planning authority, post-consent, pursuant to requirement 6 in Schedule 2 to the draft Development Consent Order [APP-023].	3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3). Draft Development Consent Order [APP-023]	
WCC-2022-0011	Design and construction	It is understood that the Applicant replaced Lagoon 10A with construction compound L-8, located with a buffer from Bow Lake and outside flood zones, with trenchless construction avoiding Bow Lake and the River Itchen tributary; potential contamination risks, including to downstream hatcheries, are assessed in ES Chapter 19 Water environment (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1) and managed through the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3), Pollution Prevention Management Plan and INNS Biosecurity Plan [APP-425], and WCC is content with this approach.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	ES Chapter 19 Water environment (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1). Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3). Invasive Non Native Species INNS Biosecurity Plan [APP-425].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2022-0012	Design and construction	WCC supports the location of construction compound L-2 to avoid impacts on adjacent Ancient Woodland and reduce historic environment impacts.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.		Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2022-0013	Design and construction	Following confirmation that SSC14b has been designated as construction compound K-3, and that trees will be preserved according to the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3), WCC is satisfied with the approach to managing nearby sensitive receptors. This includes protected woodland, PRoW, and residential properties.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position. .	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3).	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2022-0015	Design and construction	Following the relocation of TCC10 and SSC13 to construction compounds K-1 and J-3, use of trenchless construction beneath the River Hamble, and controls secured through the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3), WCC is content with the approach to managing sensitive receptors.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3).	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2022-0024	Design and construction	WCC supports the use of construction compounds G-3, G-4, and G-5 for trenchless construction under	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.		Matter agreed with other party

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		the River Meon, with measures in place to manage flood risk, protect habitats, and avoid the Ravenswood housing site.			
WCC-2022-0027	Design and construction	WCC noted the proximity of SSC02a and Lagoon 2 to a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) and disused quarries.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position. The Applicant confirms that SSC02a and Lagoon 2 have been revised as construction compounds E-4a and E-3, positioned to avoid SINC habitats and address quarry-related risks, with potential impacts managed through the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3) and INNS Biosecurity Plan [APP-425]., and WCC is content with this position.	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3). Invasive and Non Native Species INNS Biosecurity Plan [APP-425].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2022-0048	Design and construction	WCC notes the proximity of Lagoon 8, SSC14 and SSC14a to Kimbers Copse Ancient Woodland/SINC, nearby TPO woodland, PRoW and residential properties, where noise and lighting effects should be minimised.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position. The Applicant confirms that Lagoon 8 and SSC14 are no longer proposed; SSC14a and SSC14b have been revised as construction compounds K-5 and K-3 respectively, with a new compound K-4 south of Winters Hill, and none intersect PRoW. The ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092] includes detailed noise, arboricultural, landscape and visual assessments to guide mitigation, and WCC confirms it is content with this position.	ES Appendix 13.5 Arboricultural Impact Assessment[APP-175] – [APP-176]. ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2022-0049	Design and construction	Amendments to construction compounds H-4 and H-3, assessment of residential and PRoW impacts, and mitigation for noise, lighting and access are secured through the ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092], Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3) and Framework Rights of Way Management Plan (RoWMP) measures included in the Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) [APP-415], with agreed PRoW retention/diversion arrangements, and these matters are confirmed by WCC as agreed.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092]. Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3). Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (including Framework Construction Worker Travel Plan and Framework Rights of Way Management Plan) [APP-415].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2022-0050	Design and construction	WCC agrees with the measures outlined in the Framework CTMP and Framework RoWMP [APP-415] regarding the PRoW that runs between construction compound K-1 and construction compound J-3.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (including Framework Construction Worker Travel Plan and Framework Rights of Way Management Plan) [APP-415].	Matter agreed with other party

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WCC-2022-0051	Design and construction	WCC agrees with the measures outlined in the Framework CTMP and Framework RoWMP [APP-415] regarding the PRoW Colden Common 2a and the avoidance of the Tree Preservation Order (TPO) area.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (including Framework Construction Worker Travel Plan and Framework Rights of Way Management Plan) [APP-415].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2024-0014	Design and construction	WCC agrees with the Applicant's approach to site selection, as detailed in ES Chapter 4 Consideration of alternatives [APP-083], which provides justification for the preferred sites in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations and other legal and policy requirements.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position. The Applicant confirms that the Scheme Development Report [APP-073] - [APP-075], submitted with the DCO application, provides a detailed overview of the process undertaken to identify a preferred strategic solution to address the water supply challenges in Hampshire.	ES Chapter 4 Consideration of alternatives [APP-083]. Scheme Development Report [APP-073] - [APP-075].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2024-SC-0004	Design and construction	The maximum height of Intermediate Pumping Station G (IPS-G) is confirmed as 8 m and is secured through the Works Plans [APP-012] – [APP-014] and Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1), with the siting, drainage, landscaping, lighting and parking to be controlled through DCO requirements, and WCC is content with this approach.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1). Works plans [APP-012] – [APP-014].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2024-SC-0005	Design and construction	The Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1), submitted with the DCO and secured through a DCO requirement, provides an appropriate framework for guiding detailed design post-consent, and WCC is content with this approach.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1).	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2025-SC-0015	Design and construction	WCC agrees with the Applicant's approach to the level of detail expected in submissions following the grant of the DCO. WCC acknowledges that the Applicant has clearly documented key commitments relating to sensitive areas, such as trenchless tunnelling beneath the River Itchen, ecological clerk of works oversight, and operational noise thresholds, providing assurance that these measures will not be diluted during post-consent stages. In addition, WCC recognises that the Applicant has proactively shared draft relevant sections of key management plans, including the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3), the Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP) (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7, Version 1), and the Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3). Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7, Version 1). Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version 1).	Matter agreed with other party

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		1), ahead of submission. This aligns with WCC's request for early sight of these documents and supports its ability to comment meaningfully on the protections and mitigation proposed for sensitive receptors.			
WCC-nsc-021	Design and construction	WCC agrees with the proposed construction method for the River Hamble crossing using trenchless methods to minimise visual and construction impacts.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.		Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2023-0003	Design and construction	WCC agrees with the Applicant's approach to reinstatement and land restoration, and supports the inclusion of measures in the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3), such as the Soils Resource Management Plan, to minimise impacts on topography and soils and ensure land not required post-construction is restored to its previous use.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3).	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2024-SC-0002	Design and construction	WCC considers the proposed pipeline route acceptable, noting that it has been selected to minimise impacts on key ecological, historical and natural features. However, full comments are reserved pending review of DCO application documents.	The Applicant notes that WCC's final position in relation to pipeline routing will be confirmed upon review of the relevant DCO submission material.	ES Chapter 4 Consideration of alternatives [APP-083]. Scheme Development Report [APP-073] - [APP-075].	Provisional agreement pending application evidence
WCC-nsc-033	Design and construction	WCC notes that both route options enter the River Itchen Site of Special Scientific Interest, a highly sensitive area that flows to the Solent, a nationally designated site. WCC welcomes the tunnelling approach beneath the watercourse to prevent long-term visual impacts and requests assurance that mechanisms will be in place to prevent accidental construction impacts. WCC found the measures promising and largely in line with expectations, but reserved full agreement until the complete Outline CEMP is reviewed, post DCO submission.	The Applicant has selected a trenchless construction route under the River Itchen to reduce interaction with the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). This is a hard commitment that is secured through the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3). Further information on trenchless tunnelling plans will be found in Outline CEMP Appendix A - Reduced Working Width and Trenchless Crossing and Tunnelling Schedules and Plans (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7). The Applicant confirms that at watercourse intersections crossed by trenchless techniques, the pipeline will be installed at a minimum of 2.5m below the bed of the watercourse. The Contractor will produce a pollution prevention management plan that includes proactive management practices to ensure that any pollution incident is controlled, reported to relevant parties, and remediated. The Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3) requires real-time monitoring of ground movement during trenchless tunnelling, with defined trigger	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3). ES Chapter 8 Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity(Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1). ES Chapter 21 Summary of likely significant residual effects [APP-100].	Provisional agreement pending application evidence

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			levels and pre-agreed actions to prevent unacceptable settlement or impacts to sensitive receptors such as the River Itchen SSSI. The Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3) requires that works are subject to Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) where required, such as works within SSSIs. Monitoring results will feed directly into corrective action through the contractor's Environmental Management System. The Applicant notes that overall, the Project would have a significant beneficial impact on the River Itchen SSSI as reported in Chapter 8 Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1) and ES Chapter 21 Summary of likely significant residual effects [APP-100].		
Air quality and odour					
WCC-2024-SC-0013	Air quality and odour - assessment	WCC does not anticipate that Intermediate Pumping Station G (IPS-G) and Break Pressure Tank K (BPT-K) will result in adverse air quality and odour impacts.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	ES Chapter 6 Air quality and odour(Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1).	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-nsc-049	Air quality and odour - mitigation	It is understood that a Framework Construction Worker Travel Plan (CWTP) as part of Appendix A of the Framework CTMP [APP-415] is submitted with the DCO application. WCC agrees with the Applicant's approach to the Framework CWTP regarding the preparation of a Sustainable Transport Plan to address the management of construction emissions and on-site fuel, pending confirmation from Hampshire Highway Authority.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (including Framework Construction Worker Travel Plan and Framework Rights of Way Management Plan) [APP-415].	Matter agreed with other party
Archaeology, cultural heritage and heritage settings					
WCC-2022-0014	Design and construction	WCC notes that Sectional Site Compound (SSC) 13a (now construction compound K-2) intersects PRoW and is in proximity to Brooklands Farm, a listed building, and a Roman Road. Archaeological constraints may therefore be present.	The Applicant has assessed effects on the setting of Brooklands Farm, a listed building and the Roman Road in ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086]. Further surveys will be undertaken where required, with outcomes informing detailed design to avoid or reduce effects, and additional mitigation secured through an agreed programme of archaeological works set out in the Outline WSI (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version 1). PRoW impacts have been assessed and managed through the Framework (RoWMP) appended to the Framework CTMP [APP-415], with a temporary diversion proposed near construction compound K-2 and Bishop's Waltham 502 otherwise retained	ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritagel [APP-086]. Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version 1). Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (including Framework Construction Worker Travel Plan and Framework Rights	Matter agreed with other party

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			via trenchless crossing and formal separation from construction activities. Where the pipeline crosses Bishop's Waltham 502 adjacent to the construction compound, two short temporary diversions with minimal change in walking distance are proposed. Engagement with Hampshire County Council (HCC) has been undertaken to agree the approach to managing affected PRoW. The parties discussed this issue in a bilateral meeting on 7 September 2026 and agreed that these matters can be appropriately addressed through detailed design and post-consent approvals.	of Way Management. Plan) [APP-415].	
WCC-2024-0046	Design and construction	WCC noted that the pipeline route would be close to the separated Park Pale at Marwell Scheduled Monuments and requested an assessment of the impact on their setting. WCC recommends consideration of the fishponds at Fishers Pond in relation to the Scheduled Marwell Park Pale (Section L: Lower Upham to Brambridge). The Project's potential crossing of the fishpond complex should be assessed for direct and setting impacts, with viewpoints from Main Road/B3354 included.	The Applicant has assessed the potential impacts of the Project's crossing in the vicinity of Fishers Pond and the Scheduled Marwell Park Pale (Section L) within ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086] with mitigation measures secured through the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3). Effects on the Park Pale arising through changes to the setting have been assessed in accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (Decisions) Regulations 2010. Effects on the character of the former park have been considered as direct physical impacts on parkland character, and the fishpond complex (including the Park Pale) has been assessed as a direct physical effect. The effect on the Park Pale at Marwell arising through change to setting has been assessed as significant and adverse during construction, reducing to non-significant upon completion of construction. The effect on Marwell Park as a whole has been assessed as not significant, and the physical effect on the fishponds has been assessed as not significant subject to an agreed scheme of archaeological investigation and recording as set out in the Outline WSI (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version 1). Viewpoints have been discussed and agreed with WCC at a bilateral meeting on 31 July 2025. The parties discussed this issue at a bilateral meeting on 7 September 2026 and agreed that the outstanding matters will be appropriately	ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086]. Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3). Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version 1).	Matter agreed with other party

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			addressed through detailed design and relevant approvals post-consent.		
WCC-2025-0011	Archaeology and cultural heritage	It has been agreed that the updated Archaeological and Geoarchaeological Monitoring of Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3a–3c Ground Investigation Works report (June 2025) and the Archaeological Evaluation report (August 2025) are useful and accurate.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's comments.	ES Appendix 7.5 Geoarchaeological monitoring reporting[APP-121]. ES Appendix 7.9 Trial trenching report [APP-125].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2022-0044	Archaeology and cultural heritage	WCC highlighted the proximity of TSC05 and TSC04 to Otterbourne Manor, a listed building and scheduled monument, and Otterbourne Park Wood, an Ancient Woodland protected by TPO and designated as a SINC. A 15m buffer zone is recommended.	The Applicant has confirmed that TSC05 is now construction compound M-1 and construction works will maintain a 15m buffer from Otterbourne Park Wood. The Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3) defines that construction will not occur within 15 metres of Ancient Woodland. Potential impacts arising through change of setting of Otterbourne Manor, have been assessed within the ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086]. These effects on Otterbourne Manor were identified as temporary and significant, while effects on the Manor House were temporary and not significant. The parties discussed this issue at a bilateral meeting on 7 September 2026 and agreed that the outstanding matters will be appropriately addressed through detailed design and relevant post-consent approvals.	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3). ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage[APP-086].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2025-0009	Archaeology and cultural heritage	WCC noted that on other pipeline projects, working widths have been reduced following evaluation, in order to minimise archaeological mitigation needs. WCC highlighted that if this approach were applied to the Project, it could result in archaeological remains being preserved in situ, which would have implications for future activities, such as decommissioning or removal of the pipeline. WCC suggested that the ES should include provisions or commentary on these potential long-term implications.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's concern. The Applicant informs that decommissioning has been considered in ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086]. Direct disturbance of archaeological remains would be unlikely to arise as intrusive works related to demolition and removal of infrastructure would be undertaken in ground that had been disturbed during construction and the pipeline would be retained in situ after decommissioning. Consequently, these effects are not anticipated to arise. The parties discussed this issue at a bilateral meeting on 7 September 2026 and agreed that the outstanding matters could be addressed through detailed design and relevant post-consent approvals.	ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2024-0023	Archaeology and cultural heritage - scope of surveys and method	WCC agrees that the Phase 1 and Phase 2 geophysical surveys, Phase 3 and Phase 3C ground investigation works, and associated monitoring are acceptable and have been	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version 1).	Matter agreed with other party

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		appropriately scoped. It is understood that all geophysical survey contractors adhere to current Hampshire Cultural Trust archiving standards. It is agreed that the Pigeonhouse Farm site will be avoided with appropriate pre-works and precautionary monitoring, and that a full excavation will be undertaken at Frith Farm, with the agreed mitigation strategy to be shared with WCC and Historic England.		ES Appendix 7.10 World War II Crash Site Pigeon House Farm Technical Note and geophysical survey report [APP-126].	
WCC-2024-0004	Archaeology and cultural heritage - scoping	WCC agrees that the setting perceptions, archaeological study areas, heritage asset types and descriptions, and the proposed scope of the heritage and archaeology assessment set out in the Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report are appropriate.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position and confirms this is continued in ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086].	ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-NSC-0032	Archaeology and cultural heritage - baseline	WCC agrees with the Applicant's approach to updating baseline information for archaeology and cultural heritage in ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086], acknowledging that targeted searches for recent event data, a reduced study area, and engagement with archaeological officers have ensured inclusion of relevant investigations and thematic studies. WCC supports the use of professional judgment to incorporate pertinent data without revising the full desk-based assessment, ensuring the baseline reflects the most current understanding of archaeological potential.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position.	ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2022-0039	Archaeology and cultural heritage - methodology	All relevant Historic Environment Consultees have been included and the approach to baseline data collection is supported. There is no County-specific guidance required for survey and fieldwork, and no comments are raised on the submission of WSI or the assessment/survey programme.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position.	ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2024-0037	Archaeology and cultural heritage - assessment	AGP have been assessed on a worst-case parameter basis, with impacts on setting—including Park Place and the Hampshire Registered Historic Deer Park—addressed in the ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage[APP-086] and controlled through DCO secured Works Plans [APP-012] – [APP-014] and the Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1) developed through engagement with WCC. WCC agrees with this approach subject to details being submitted post-consent.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position.	ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage[APP-086]. Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1). Works plans [APP-012] – [APP-014].	Matter agreed with other party

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WCC-nsc-032	Archaeology and cultural heritage - assessment	WCC understands that the Project is not located within Colden Common and acknowledges that the ES Appendix 7.7 Heritage assets settings assessment [APP-123] confirms that construction of the pipeline between the Water Recycling Plant (WRP) site and Otterbourne Water Supply Works (WSW) would not be perceptible from either the House nor non-designated gardens, and no adverse effect would arise to the significance of Brambridge House and non-designated Park.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position.	ES Appendix 7.7 Heritage assets setting assessment [APP-123].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2022-0031	Archaeology and cultural heritage - assessment	WCC notes the proximity of Shaft A1 to Otterbourne Manor, a scheduled monument, and Otterbourne Park Ancient Woodland. It is important that groundworks do not alter the area's hydrology.	The Applicant has confirmed that the Order Limits and construction works will maintain a minimum offset of 15m from the Ancient Woodland at Otterbourne Park Wood. The Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3) defines that construction will not occur within 15 metres of Ancient Woodlands. Potential impacts on Otterbourne Manor, a scheduled monument, and any associated archaeology have been assessed in the ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086]. Hydrological considerations have been incorporated into the design to ensure that groundworks do not adversely affect the surrounding area. The parties discussed this issue at a bilateral meeting on 7 September 2026 and agreed that the outstanding matters will be appropriately addressed through detailed design and relevant post-consent approvals.	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3). ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2024-SC-0015	Archaeology and cultural heritage - assessment	WCC confirms that the extent of study, baseline and assessment methodologies to archaeology are appropriate. WCC seeks clarification on geoarchaeological and intrusive archaeological surveys. Additional assessment work is needed to refine the baseline. Recommendations include early trenching, inclusion of photographs, an Outline Mitigation Strategy, public engagement strategy, identification of important hedgerows, tunnelling beneath medieval fishpond earthworks, and further information on impacts to non-designated heritage assets.	The Applicant has addressed the Council's comments through ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritagel [APP-086] and supporting documents. A draft Outline WSI was shared with WCC for comment. The Applicant completed two phases of geophysical survey (ES Appendix 7.3 Detailed gradiometer survey report - Phase 1 [APP-119] and ES Appendix 7.8 Detailed gradiometer survey report - Phase 2 [APP-124]) the Geoarchaeological and archaeological monitoring of Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3a-3c Ground Investigation Works (ES Appendix 7.5 Geoarchaeological monitoring report, [APP-121]) and archaeological trial trench evaluation (as per PEI Report Appendix 7.4) and the proposed archaeological evaluation via trial trenching ES Appendix 7.9 Trial Trenching Report [APP-125]. The Applicant acknowledges the completion of	ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086]. Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version 1). ES Chapter 8 Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1). ES Appendix 7.3 Detailed gradiometer survey report - Phase 1 [APP-119].	Matter agreed with other party

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			intrusive evaluation trenching post-DCO consent risks impacting the construction schedule. The Outline WSI (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version 1) includes an agreed outline mitigation strategy and a public engagement and public value strategy. Important hedgerows are identified within the ES Chapter 8 Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1). The Applicant engaged with WCC regarding the tunnelling beneath the entirety of the medieval fishpond earthworks at 11 Acre Pond (Fishers Pond) as per WCC-2024-0008. Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage of the ES [APP-086] includes limitations and mitigation proposals, and outlines a staged programme of archaeological and geoarchaeological work, non-investigative mitigation measures, and protective strategies for sensitive locations. The ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086] includes an assessment of impacts on non-designated heritage assets outside the Order Limits within the study area from inundation, dewatering, or vibration/compaction. The parties discussed this issue at a bilateral meeting on 7 September 2026 and agreed that the outstanding matters will be appropriately addressed through detailed design and relevant post-consent approvals.	ES Appendix 7.8 Detailed gradiometer survey report - Phase 2 [APP-124]. ES Appendix 7.5 Geoarchaeological monitoring report, [APP-121].	
WCC-2025-0010	Archaeology and cultural heritage - assessment	WCC requested that the timetabling of future geophysical survey needs to be properly considered to allow time for reports to be produced, their results considered and inform design of mitigation proposals, compilation of mitigation Survey-Specific WSIs and for the local authority advisors/Historic England to review and agree. WCC requested further discussion on potential community outreach during mitigation (Frith Farm Crash Site).	The Applicant confirms that this issue is being progressed through engagement with Archaeological Advisors for WCC and HCC and Historic England and the development of the Outline WSI (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version 1). The Applicant has confirmed through engagement that it is not practical to continue evaluation work pre-DCO submission. The Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3) includes measures that	ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086]. Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3).	Provisional agreement pending application evidence

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		WCC requested further amendments to the Outline WSI (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version 1) and confirmed that it cannot agree with this version of the document. WCC expressed concern regarding the limited archaeological evaluation expected to be completed by the time of DCO submission. Early scheduling of archaeological works is essential to avoid conflicts and delays in the construction schedule.	require the Contractor to prepare Survey-Specific Written Scheme(s) of Investigation (WSI) substantially in accordance with the Outline WSI (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version 1) submitted with the DCO application. The Applicant acknowledges WCC's concerns regarding the scheduling of post-DCO archaeological evaluation and mitigation. Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage of the ES [APP-086] sets out the approach to archaeological assessment and mitigation, including early programming of archaeological works to avoid conflict with the construction schedule. Schedule 2 Requirements within the draft DCO [APP-023] ensure the necessary control mechanisms are in place. On 24 September 2026, the Applicant shared proposed amendments to the Outline WSI addressing those comments for WCC's review, ahead of formal resubmission of the revised document into the Examination. WCC subsequently confirmed that the proposed amendments satisfactorily addressed its previous comments. The Applicant acknowledges WCC's further comments regarding the protocol and the archaeological clerk of works and confirms that these have been addressed in the updated Outline WSI (Document Reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version 1) submitted at Examination Deadline 1.	Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version 1). Draft Development Consent Order [APP-023].	
WCC-2025-SC-0004	Archaeology and cultural heritage - assessment	No adverse concerns are raised regarding Intermediate Pumping Station A (IPS-A) (now Break Pressure Tank and Intermediate Pumping Station E (BPT/IPS-E). A PRoW lies to the east of Section E: Portsdown Hill to Boarhunt. Due to proximity to the Fort Widley scheduled monument, there is potential for setting impacts. WCC will engage with Portsmouth City Council to discuss. The forts remain an ongoing consideration and should be assessed. WCC notes that this part of the development lies within both Winchester and Portsmouth Authority Areas. The Limits of Deviation for the AGP have increased to accommodate security features, and the draft Order Limits have been expanded for mitigation and route adjustments based on updated ecological data. WCC reiterates concerns raised	The Applicant has progressed BPT/IPS-E and assessed potential impacts on communities, road networks, PRoW, noise, vibration and air quality. A Framework RoWMP included in the Framework CTMP [APP-415] has been submitted as part of the DCO application. Fort Widley and Fort Purbrook have been assessed in ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage[APP-086] with significant (temporary) moderate adverse effects arising through change to the setting during construction, which would be reversed on completion of construction. Landscaping and design measures have been incorporated into the Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1) to avoid impacts on the setting of Fort Widley, including: • BPT/IPS-E_2 Landscape integration;	Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (including Framework Construction Worker Travel Plan and Framework Rights of Way Management Plan) [APP-415]. ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086]. Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1).	Matter agreed with other party

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		during the 2024 consultation regarding the impact of the AGP height on the historic environment.	• BPT/IPS-E_7 Maximum building/structure height; • BPT/IPS-E_11 Environmental mitigation: Trees and shrubs west of BPT/IPS-E; • BPT/IPS-E_12 Environmental mitigation: Landform planting; • BPT/IPS-E_13 Environmental mitigation: Chalk grassland habitat; and • BPT/IPS-E_14 Environmental mitigation: Hedgerow gaps. The Applicant has defined the height parameters for BPT/IPS-E within the site-specific design principles. These principles have been shared with WCC and discussed in bilateral meetings. The maximum building or structure height will not exceed 8m above finished floor level and finished floor level will not be higher than 86.6m AOD. The Limits of Deviation for AGP has been refined to accommodate security features, and the Order Limits have been expanded to reflect mitigation measures and route adjustments informed by updated ecological data. Measures have been incorporated to address concerns raised during the Summer 2024 Consultation regarding the impact of the AGP height on the historic environment. The parties discussed this issue at a bilateral meeting on 7 September 2026 and agreed that the outstanding matters will be appropriately addressed through detailed design and relevant post-consent approvals.		
WCC-2024-0011	Archaeology and cultural heritage – built heritage assessment	WCC considers that the built heritage assessment has appropriately covered all relevant built heritage assets in the PEI Report.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position and confirms this is continued in ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086].	ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-nsc-009	Archaeology and cultural heritage - mitigation	WCC considers that the setting of the Portsdown Hill forts is not undermined by the proposed temporary works associated with Section E and Section F: Boarhunt to Crockerhill of the proposed pipeline route and supports the alignment being located further north to reduce impacts.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.		Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2024-0008	Archaeology and cultural heritage - mitigation	It is understood that the Winchester Road crossing, between Fisher's Pond and Bow Lake will be undertaken using a trenchless method. It is agreed that the suggested alternative alignment of the trenchless crossing of Winchester Road is not practicable and that the proposed trenchless crossing represents an appropriate solution.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.		Matter agreed with other party

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WCC-2025-SC-0007	Archaeology and cultural heritage - mitigation	WCC notes the proximity of Little Park Mansions (Grade II) and Park Place (Grade II*) to IPS-G and considers that a heritage assessment is required. WCC acknowledged that the draft Order Limits have been revised to accommodate alternative construction access and avoid trees at IPS-G. The proposed compounds and access track are closer to listed buildings, requiring further consideration. There is high potential for archaeological remains in this area which should be considered in the DCO documents.	The Applicant has assessed the effects of IPS-G on the historic environment within ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086], including the settings of Little Park Mansions, Park Place and the surrounding non-designated parkland, which were considered during site selection and scheme development. Engagement with WCC, including sharing the draft design principles in April and September 2025 and February 2026 and discussion at bilateral meetings, has informed proposals for appearance and landscaping. Site-Specific Design Principles in the Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1) secure controls over maximum building height, finishes and noise as primary and tertiary mitigation. Secondary mitigation will be provided through an agreed programme of archaeological investigation secured via the Outline WSI (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version 1) and implemented through the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3) and survey-specific WSIs prepared post-DCO consent. The parties discussed this issue at a bilateral meeting on 7 September 2026 and agreed that the outstanding matters will be appropriately addressed through detailed design and relevant post-consent approvals.	ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086]. Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3). Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version 1). Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1).	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2025-0001	Archaeology and cultural heritage - mitigation	WCC raised concerns regarding the integration of historic environment issues in the Outline LEMP, particularly in relation to replanting or new planting on upstanding archaeological remains or earthwork features. Appropriate species and planting methods should be used, and opportunities to open views to archaeological earthworks should be considered. WCC requested further discussion on any overlap between the Commitments Register and the heritage specific document to help heritage consultees to find what they are looking for more easily. WCC also requires the Commitments Register to all refer to all archaeological work.	The Applicant has acknowledged the importance of signposting archaeological provisions across multiple documents including the Indicative Environmental Masterplan appended to the Design Approach Document [APP-077] - [APP-079], the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3), Outline LEMP (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7, Version 1) and Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1) and has addressed these concerns within the Outline LEMP (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7, Version 1) and the Outline WSI (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version 1). Cross-referencing between documents ensures that planting design responds to the character of the landscape while safeguarding archaeological features.	Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7, Version 1). Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1). Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version 1). Design Approach Document [APP-077] - [APP-079]. Outline Construction Environmental Management	Provisional agreement pending application evidence

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			This approach ensures that all relevant measures are clearly referenced and accessible for examination. The Outline WSI (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version 1) is secured through a DCO requirement. The Outline WSI 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, as set out in the ES Appendix 5.5 Commitments Register (Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6, Version 1). This signposting is at Outline WSI table 1-1. The parties discussed this issue at a bilateral meeting on 7 September 2026. The Applicant confirms that an updated Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3), Outline LEMP (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7, Version 1) and Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1) address these comments and have been submitted at Examination Deadline 1. WCC will review.	Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3). ES Appendix 5.5 Commitments Register,(Document reference 6.2, DCO Volume 6, Version 1).	
WCC-2025-SC-0009	Archaeology and cultural heritage - mitigation	WCC acknowledges that the draft Order Limits have been increased to include mitigation areas at Little Bull Lane. There is potential for archaeological remains that should be assessed in the EIA. Archaeological evaluation and mitigation work should be progressed.	The Applicant has increased the Order Limits in this location to incorporate mitigation areas at Little Bull Lane, providing flexibility in pipeline routing to minimise vegetation loss and impacts to protected species. These areas include both primary mitigation zones and Environmental Mitigation and Enhancement Areas (EMEA), which support woodland reinstatement and new planting along the woodland edge. These measures are set out in the site-specific Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5) submitted with the DCO application. The potential for archaeological remains has been assessed within the ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086] and appropriate evaluation and mitigation measures have been incorporated. Secondary mitigation would comprise the application of an agreed scheme of archaeological investigation aimed at providing mitigation of the loss of archaeological information as framed in the Project specific Outline WSI (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version 1). An Outline CEMP (Document	Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1). ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage, [APP-086]. Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Document reference 7.6, DCO Volume 7, Version 1). Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3).	Matter agreed with other party

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			reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3)has been submitted as part of the DCO application documents, including environmental measures to be adopted during construction. The Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3) details the construction management plans to be prepared by the Contractor following DCO consent being granted, which includes the Survey-Specific Written Scheme(s) of Investigation (WSI), which defines the scope and methods of archaeological investigation required, and a written scheme of geoarchaeological investigation into the Survey Specific WSI. The parties discussed this issue at a bilateral meeting on 7 September 2026 and agreed that the outstanding matters will be appropriately addressed through detailed design and relevant post-consent approvals.		
WCC-2025-SC-0013	Archaeology and cultural heritage - mitigation	Although construction compound L-1 is located outside the Winchester Local Authority Area, the changes may impact the setting of Marwell Manor and nearby Scheduled Monuments. These impacts should be considered in the DCO documents.	The Applicant has undertaken a setting assessment as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment, which is documented in ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086]. This includes consideration of potential impacts on the setting of Marwell Manor and nearby Scheduled Monuments, arising from construction compound L-1. The assessment has been informed by the ES Appendix 7.6 Heritage assets settings scoping appraisal [APP-122], prepared in accordance with Historic England's Good Practice Advice in Planning: 3 (GPA3). A Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) has also been submitted as part of ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092], identifying appropriate mitigation measures to minimise adverse effects, including vegetation loss. These measures are secured through the Outline LEMP (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7, Version 1) submitted with the DCO application. The parties discussed this issue at a bilateral meeting on 7 September 2026 and agreed that the outstanding matters will be appropriately	ES Chapter 7 Archaeology and cultural heritage [APP-086]. ES Appendix 7.6 Heritage assets settings scoping appraisal [APP-122]. ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visua [APP-092]. Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7, Version 1).	Matter agreed with other party

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WCC-nsc-015	Archaeology and cultural heritage - mitigation	The pipeline route moves closer to New Place (Hampshire Inventory of Historic Gardens) and the Grade I listed New Place. It is important that the impact on the setting of the building is demonstrated and any long-term visual changes must be avoided in this area.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's comment and confirms that New Place has been considered in ES Appendix 7.7 Heritage assets settings assessment [APP-123]. Construction works would not be perceptible from either the house or garden, as they are screened by mature planting and intervening buildings and are being undertaken further north-east along High Street. Consequently, no adverse effect would arise to the significance of this asset.	ES Appendix 7.7 Heritage assets settings assessment [APP-123].	Matter agreed with other party
Habitats and ecology					
WCC-nsc-010	Biodiversity and nature conservation	WCC agrees with the Applicant's approach to scheme development to avoid areas of Ancient Woodland and supports the commitments in the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3) to maintain at least a 15m buffer from Ancient Woodland.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3).	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2025-SC-0008	Terrestrial ecology - trees/woodland	WCC raised concerns regarding the proposed link between the east and west construction compounds for IPS-G over Winchester Road, which would pass through trees subject to a TPO, and considers this layout likely to be resisted.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position. Following comments from HCC Highways, the Applicant has amended the draft Order Limits to accommodate alternative temporary construction access, adjusted compound areas to avoid trees where possible, and increased the Limits of Deviation for AGP to accommodate security requirements. Any loss of vegetation, including mixed deciduous woodland subject to a TPO, is recognised as a priority habitat and has been identified for assessment within the ES Chapter 8 Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1). WCC agrees that alternative temporary access arrangements and associated environmental effects are appropriately considered through the amended scheme and accompanying assessment.	ES Chapter 8 Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity(Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1).	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2022-0032	Terrestrial and freshwater ecology - assessment	WCC recognises the need for a high-sensitivity approach to tunnelling beneath the Itchen Navigation at Shaft AG, given the importance of the River Itchen and its relationship with the Solent designated sites, and notes the proximity of Otterbourne Park Wood Ancient Woodland.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position. The Applicant has selected a trenchless crossing to minimise interaction with chalk geology and protect water quality, with potential effects fully assessed within ES Chapter 19 Water environment(Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1), including hydrogeological impacts within SPZ1 and interactions with the River Itchen SAC and Solent SPA. Effects on Otterbourne Park Wood have been assessed	ES Chapter 19 Water environmen (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1). ES Appendix 13.5 Arboricultural Impact Assessment [APP-175] – [APP-176].	Matter agreed with other party

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			within ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092], informed by the Arboricultural Impact Assessment (ES Appendix 13.5 Arboricultural Impact Assessment [APP-175] – [APP-176]) and LVIA, and a minimum 15 m buffer from the Order Limits has been maintained to avoid impacts on the Ancient Woodland. WCC confirms that it is content with this approach.	ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092].	
WCC-2023-0007	Terrestrial and freshwater ecology - assessment	WCC note that IPS-3 (now refined to Intermediate Pumping Station G (IPS-G)) is in close proximity to a TPO area to the east and Ancient Woodland to the north. WCC emphasises the importance of retaining trees near this major junction and notes that access appears close to the busy Blind Lane junction. WCC also notes that the site has been approved as a safe dog walking field and requests that the business owner be involved in discussions. WCC agreed with this approach, subject to review of the ES Appendix 13.5 Arboricultural Impact Assessment [APP-175] – [APP-176].	The Applicant has noted WCC's position. A bilateral meeting was held on 24 January 2024 to explain the site selection process for the IPS-G. The original IPS-3 site has been refined to IPS-G, and the initial site used as a dog walking field is not being progressed. Existing woodland, hedgerows and vegetation have informed the Scheme Development Report [APP-073] - [APP-075] through the application of avoidance principles, with the design ensuring there will be no loss or deterioration of Ancient Woodland. While not all vegetation can be retained, trenchless construction techniques have been incorporated where valuable features are present. Chapter 13 Landscape and visual of the ES [APP-092] includes a comprehensive Appendix 13.5 Arboricultural Impact Assessment Volume II [APP-175] – [APP-176] outlining best practice measures for tree protection. The LVIA and Arboricultural Impact Assessment have informed the design and opportunities for environmental enhancement.	Scheme Development Report [APP-073] - [APP-075]. ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092]. ES Appendix 13.5 Arboricultural Impact Assessment [APP-175] – [APP-176].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2024-SC-0016	Terrestrial and freshwater ecology - assessment	WCC agrees that the assessment methodology is appropriate, subject to the application of mitigation. WCC confirms that the Applicant has clearly linked impacts and mitigation within ES Chapter 8 Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1) and will apply the mitigation hierarchy to avoid impacts on statutory designated sites, with mitigation where required. Engagement with relevant steering groups has been undertaken and agreed with WCC, and the approach includes defined buffers (including a 15 m exclusion from Ancient Woodland), trenchless crossing of the River Wallington, and justification for design choices. WCC confirmed at the bilateral meeting on 9 September 2025 that this approach, including figures and mitigation measures presented in the ES, is acceptable.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	ES Chapter 8 Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1).	Matter agreed with other party

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WCC-2025-SC-0006	Terrestrial and freshwater ecology - mitigation	WCC notes that the draft Order Limits have been amended to reduce impacts on Wickham Park Golf Club, including provision for an additional trenchless crossing to allow flexibility at detailed design stage. WCC notes that the amended layout would affect Wickham Meadow SINC and requests that this be considered within the ES.	The Applicant has updated the Order Limits to avoid direct impacts on Wickham Meadow SINC. Indirect impacts have been assessed in Chapter 8 Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity of the ES (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1), taking into account the amended layout and its relationship to the surrounding environment. This approach has been agreed with WCC on 9 September 2025. The Applicant has updated the Order Limits to avoid direct impacts on Wickham Park Golf, with any potential indirect effects assessed in ES Chapter 8 Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1) based on the amended layout. This approach was agreed between WCC and the Applicant at the bilateral meeting on 9 September 2025.	ES Chapter 8 Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1).	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-nsc-055	Terrestrial and freshwater ecology - mitigation	WCC highlights the potential for the Project to disrupt established wildlife corridors, particularly hedgerows used by bats and dormice, and requests assessment and mitigation that addresses timing and connectivity.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position. The Applicant confirms that these effects have been assessed in ES Chapter 8 Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1), that the working width has been reduced from 40 m to 20 m in sensitive locations, and that vegetation will be reinstated as soon as practicable in accordance with the Outline LEMP (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7, Version 1). The Applicant advises that the maximum period between hedgerow removal and reinstatement is expected to be around six months (or up to twelve months in a worst case scenario) and commits to maintaining ecological connectivity through measures such as dead-hedging and temporary bat-connectivity features at key locations, with dormouse mitigation secured through licensing. WCC is content with this approach.	ES Chapter 8 Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1). Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3). Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7, Version 1).	Matter agreed with other party
Carbon and climate change					
WCC-2025-SC-0001	Carbon and climate change - assessment	WCC agrees with the Applicant's approach to assessing carbon and climate change impacts in ES Chapter 10 Carbon and climate change [APP-089], including consideration of carbon emissions throughout design, preparation of an Outline Carbon Management Plan [APP423].	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	ES Chapter 10 Carbon and climate change [APP-089]. Outline Carbon Management Plan [APP423].	Matter agreed with other party
Biodiversity and nature conservation					
WCC-2024-0034	Biodiversity Net Gain/Environmental Net Gain	WCC agrees with the Applicant's approach to delivering all required mitigation within the Order Limits, with off-site measures only for the Solent Waders Brent Goose Site and Biodiversity Net Gain as set out in the HRA - Stage 2 Appropriate	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	HRA - Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment and Marine Conservation Zone - Stage 1 Assessment (Document	Matter agreed with other party

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		Assessment and Marine Conservation Zone - Stage 1 Assessment (Document reference 5.2, DCO Volume 5, Version 2) and Biodiversity Gain Plan [APP-426].		reference 5.2, DCO Volume 5, Version 2). Biodiversity Gain Plan [APP-426].	
WCC-2024-0049	Biodiversity Net Gain/Environmental Net Gain	EMEA have been incorporated around the AGP sites, secured through the Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1), and developed through engagement with WCC to deliver Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) and Environmental Net Gain. WCC is content with this approach.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1).	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2024-SC-0017	Biodiversity Net Gain/Environmental Net Gain	WCC agrees with the Applicant's approach to delivering BNG as set out in the Biodiversity Gain Plan [APP-426] submitted with the DCO application, which includes statutory Defra metric calculations and a Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan. WCC supports the targeting of Biodiversity Opportunity Areas within or adjacent to the draft Order Limits for habitat creation where practicable.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Biodiversity Gain Plan [APP-426].	Matter agreed with other party
Landscape and visual impact					
WCC-2022-0026	Design and construction	WCC agrees that the setting of the PRoW Southwick and Widley 38 is assessed within the ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092].	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2022-0037	Landscape and visual impact - baseline	WCC agrees with the Applicant's approach in defining Local Landscape Character Areas (LLCA), based on district and county Landscape Character Assessment (LCA), to address variations in detail and scale across the study area, in line with best practice set out by Natural England and the Guidelines for LVIA (3rd Edition).	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position. The Applicant confirms that the approach in defining LLCA is set out in the ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092].	ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2022-0038	Landscape and visual impact - assessment	It is agreed that the Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1) includes a commitment to minimise lighting effects, and that the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3) secures measures to control glare, light spill and disturbance, ensuring lighting is used only where necessary for safety, kept to the lowest practicable luminosity, and designed and directed to reduce impacts on nearby properties, habitats and designated dark-sky areas; these measures will be refined and implemented through the Contractor's detailed CEMP.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1). Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3).	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2023-0012	Landscape and visual impact - assessment	WCC agrees with the Applicant's approach to refining viewpoint locations during the design	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.		Matter agreed with other party

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		process, acknowledging that fieldwork, design updates, and stakeholder input informed changes.			
WCC-2024-0003	Landscape and visual impact - assessment	WCC agrees with the Applicant's proposed viewpoints for the LVIA and Heritage Setting Assessment.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position. The Applicant confirms that the proposed viewpoints are set out in the ES Figure 7.5 Heritage Specific View Point from Fort Widley looking EastI [APP-228] and ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092].	ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092]. ES Figure 7.5 Heritage Specific View Point from Fort Widley looking East [APP-228].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2024-SC-0022	Landscape and visual impact - assessment	It is understood that the landscape and visual effects, primarily arising during construction and around AGP, have been robustly assessed in ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092] with temporary scarring and restoration addressed and mitigation secured through the Outline LEMP (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7, Version 1) and Indicative Environmental Masterplan appended to Design Approach Document [APP-077] - [APP-079]. WCC is content with this approach.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092]. Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7, Version 1). Design Approach Document [APP-077] - [APP-079].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2024-0020	Landscape and visual impact - mitigation	WCC agrees with the Applicant's approach to consider potential views from Footpath Wickham 2a during winter fieldwork, acknowledging that viewpoint 128 was appropriately selected to represent the PRoW in the Wickham area and that the footpath will be included in the LVIA within ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092].	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2025-0005	Landscape and visual impact - mitigation	It is understood that the effects on view settings have been assessed through site-specific design principles secured in the Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1), with the LVIA in ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092] acknowledging likely significant effects on views from a section of the Pilgrim's Trail within the South Downs National Park. WCC is content with this approach.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1). ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2025-SC-0012	Landscape and visual impact - mitigation	WCC agrees with the Applicant's approach regarding BPT-K, acknowledging that although its footprint has increased, previous precautionary assumptions on vegetation loss remain valid. WCC also supports the Applicant's measures to account for additional hedgerow loss due to temporary northern construction access and welcomes confirmation that the Ancient Woodland adjacent to the existing track will be avoided and left undisturbed.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.		Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2025-0006	Landscape and visual impact - mitigation	WCC notes the Viewpoint 82, in the South Downs National Park (SDNP), and VP085 on PRoW near Wintershill. Mitigation strategies are progressing	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Design Principles Document (Document	Matter agreed with other party

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		with emphasis on the importance of minimising impacts on this highly protected area. This has included the Applicant reviewing mitigation measures in greater detail including the use of natural materials, context sensitive colour palettes and embedding structures into the hillside as part of the design principle BPT-K_7 'Building, finishes and fencing' of the Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1). All subject to further discussion. WCC confirms that it is content with this position.		reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1).	
Noise and vibration					
WCC-2025-0004	Noise and vibration – nighttime works	WCC agrees that the potential noise effects associated with construction compounds, AGP and temporary construction access works have been appropriately assessed. Nighttime construction of temporary accesses and haul roads has been scoped out of the ES in accordance with established criteria and relevant guidance, with WCC accepting this approach on the basis that such works are of short duration and that Best Practicable Means will be applied at all times. It is understood that noise impacts and mitigation measures are addressed within ES Chapter 15 Noise and vibration [APP-094] and secured through the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3), with further detail to be provided in a Noise and Vibration Management Plan prior to construction. WCC understands that every reasonable effort will be made to undertake works during daytime hours where practicable to minimise impacts on nearby noise-sensitive receptors.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	ES Chapter 15 Noise and vibration [APP-094]. Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3).	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2024-0018	Noise and vibration - mitigation	WCC notes the proximity of residential properties to IPS-G and expects robust assessment and mitigation of construction and operational impacts.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position. The Applicant has assessed construction and operational noise for IPS-G within ES Chapter 15 Noise and vibration [APP-094] and confirms that with secured mitigation, residual operational effects are not significant. Noise controls are secured through the Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1), which requires operational noise to avoid exceedance of LOAEL, and through standard mitigation set out in the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3), supported by a Contractor prepared Noise and Vibration Management Plan. Air quality, dust and odour	ES Chapter 15 Noise and vibration [APP-094]. Design Principles Document (Document reference 5.11, DCO Volume 5, Version 1). Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3).	Matter agreed with other party

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			effects have been assessed in ES Chapter 6 Air quality and odour (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1), with mitigation included in the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3) to ensure residual effects are not 'adverse' to qualify the significant effect. The Applicant confirms that with secured mitigation, residual operational effects are not significant. WCC agrees that the assessment approach and mitigation framework appropriately address impacts on nearby residents.	ES Chapter 6 Air quality and odour (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1).	
Socioeconomics, tourism, recreation, and health					
WCC-2024-SC-0026	Socioeconomic, tourism, recreation and health - assessment	WCC considers the approach to employment to be appropriate. WCC notes that the assessment of tourism impacts will be made within 500m of the draft Order Limits for direct and indirect effects, with a wider area proposed for strategic tourist receptors. This is considered appropriate and further comment will be reserved until details are submitted. WCC also considers the assessment of public health impacts, which are suggested to be minor adverse and neutral during construction, to be appropriate.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position and continues to progress this approach as reflected in the Chapter 17 Socio-economics, tourism and health of the ES (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1).	ES Chapter 17 Socio-economics, tourism and health (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1).	Matter agreed with other party
Traffic and transport					
WCC-2022-0025	Public Rights of Way	WCC agrees with the measures outlined in the Framework CTMP and appended Framework RoWMP [APP-415] regarding the Boarhunt 19 PRoW.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (including Framework Construction Worker Travel Plan and Framework Rights of Way Management Plan) [APP-415].	Matter agreed with other party
Flood risk and water environment					
WCC-2024-0035	Washouts	WCC sought assurance that washout operations will not cause erosion or flooding.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position. The Applicant confirms that these matters are addressed in ES Chapter 19 Water environment (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume, Version 1), with washout valves used for testing, commissioning and routine operation; routine washouts will be fully captured and disposed of by the contractor, and emergency releases are assessed as low likelihood with embedded mitigation set out in ES Chapter 14 Major accidents and disasters [APP-093]. All commissioning stage measures are secured	ES Chapter 19 Water environment (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume, Version 1). Operational Environmental Management Plan [APP-422]. Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference	Matter agreed with other party

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			through the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3), and all operational controls are detailed within the Operational Environmental Management Plan submitted with the DCO application [APP-422]. No objection has been raised by WCC from a flood risk perspective.	7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3). ES Chapter 14 Major accidents and disasters [APP-093].	
WCC-2025-SC-0003	Water environment - Water Framework Directive	WCC has reviewed the submitted details relating to the water environment of Havant Thicket Reservoir and nearby water bodies including Riders Lane and Hermitage Streams, Langstone Harbour and the Solent. As these areas fall outside the WCC administrative boundary, comments have been deferred to the relevant authorities including HCC, Natural England and the Environment Agency. However, WCC has expressed concern regarding the anticipated increase in phosphorus levels in Havant Thicket Reservoir and the Eastney Long Sea Outfall (LSO), noting the potential harm to sensitive surrounding areas and the need for nutrient neutrality.	The focus of the water quality modelling has been to understand the impact of blending recycled and spring water on water quality and aquatic ecology in Havant Thicket Reservoir, as well as potential water quality effects on downstream water bodies receiving flows from the reservoir (Riders Lane Stream, Hermitage Stream, Langstone Harbour), and the Solent (releases of reject water from the water recycling process from Eastney LSO). The water quality assessment incorporates updated reservoir modelling and the Applicant's commitment to phosphorus removal, and revised reservoir embankment designs, resulting in no predicted significant adverse effects on water quality in the reservoir or downstream. Use of High Rejection Rate Membranes in the water treatment at the WRP site significantly reduces phosphorus concentrations in the output, addressing previous concerns about eutrophication and algal growth, and improving compliance with the Water Environment Regulations (WER). Outputs from the detailed water quality modelling and assessment of effects are fully reported in Chapter 19 Water environment of the ES (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1) submitted with the DCO application. The results of the water quality modelling predict that operation of the Project would not result in a deterioration in chemistry or physico-chemistry status of the reservoir. Similarly, there would be no deterioration in water quality in downstream water bodies, and the addition of reject water to the existing discharge at Eastney LSO would not result in any significant changes to consented water quality parameters. Modelling has also predicted no significant changes to salinity in the Hermitage Stream associated with releases of surface water from a new Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) outfall into the tidal Hermitage Stream at the WRP	ES Chapter 19 Water environment (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1). ES Appendix 19.7 Nutrient Assessment [APP-202].	Provisional agreement pending application evidence

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			site. Consequently, no significant effects on aquatic ecology are anticipated. Potential changes in nutrient loading into the Solent and River Itchen nutrient neutrality areas will be addressed in the Appendix 19.7 Nutrient Assessment [APP-202] of Chapter 19 Water environment of the ES (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1) submitted with the DCO application.		
WCC-2024-SC-0029	Water environment (including flood risk) - assessment	WCC notes that the Environment Agency, HCC and Portsmouth City Council are the Lead Authorities on water environment matters and has deferred most comments accordingly, but requests clarification on foul drainage arrangements for construction compounds.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position. The Applicant confirms that ES Chapter 19 Water environment (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1) includes a detailed assessment of the impacts on the water environment and outlines the approach to foul drainage within site compounds. WCC is content with this approach.	ES Chapter 19 Water environment (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6, Version 1).	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2022-0023	Water environment (including flood risk) - mitigation	Trenchless construction will be undertaken from construction compounds G3–G5, sited with regard to flood risk and floodplain habitat, with protection of the River Meon SINC secured through the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3) and INNS Biosecurity Plan [APP-425], with which WCC is content.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3). Invasive and Non Native Species INNS Biosecurity Plan [APP-425].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2024-0048	Water environment (including flood risk) - mitigation	SuDS drainage has been designed following BRE365-compliant infiltration testing, with infiltration prioritised where viable and alternative solutions aligned with the SuDS hierarchy and set out in the Flood Risk Assessment [APP189] – [APP-196], with which WCC is content.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	ES Appendix 19.1 Flood Risk Assessment [APP189] – [APP-196].	Matter agreed with other party
Cumulative and in-combination effects					
WCC-2025-0012	Cumulative effects - assessment	WCC agrees that the longlist of developments considered as of May 2025 was appropriate and confirms that sufficient engagement has taken place. WCC also agrees with the shortlist of sites and schemes taken forward for the Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA). The approach of including a figure in the ES Chapter 20 Cumulative and in-combination effects (Document reference 6.1, DCO Volume 6) showing only shortlisted developments, with full details provided in ES Appendix 20.1 1 List of 'other developments' – longlist and shortlist [APP-208], is considered acceptable.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position. The Applicant confirms that the ES Figure 20.1 Projects considered as part of the cumulative effects assessment – shortlist [APP-208] is included in the ES Chapter 20 Cumulative and in-combination effects [APP-099*]. The Applicant confirms that the full details are provided in ES Appendix 20.1 List of 'other developments' – longlist and shortlist [APP-208].	ES Appendix 20.1 List of 'other developments' – longlist and shortlist [APP-208]. ES Figure 20.1 Projects considered as part of the cumulative effects assessment – shortlist [APP-410].	Matter agreed with other party

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				ES Chapter 20 Cumulative and in-combination effects [APP-099].	
Multiple issues					
WCC-2024-SC-0012	General Comment	WCC considers the overall approach to assessment and determination of significance to be reasonable.	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position and continues this approach in ES Chapter 5 EIA Approach and methodology [APP-084].	ES Chapter 5 EIA approach and methodology [APP-084].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2024-SC-0023	Major accidents and disasters - assessment	Water quality protection, failure response, emergency planning and pipeline safeguarding measures are secured through continuous monitoring, automatic diversion, the Operational Environmental Management Plan [APP-422] and emergency response plans, and physical pipeline marking, with which WCC is content.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3). Operational Environmental Management Plan [APP-422].	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2025-SC-0014	Multiple Issues	WCC agrees with the Applicant's approach to addressing amendments proposed during the Spring 2025 Consultation, including the new Church Lane access, vegetation loss, and updated Order Limits alignment, as assessed in ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092]. WCC supports the reinstatement strategies outlined in the Outline LEMP (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7, Version 1), the consideration of proximity to the SDNP, and the measures to mitigate noise and vibration impacts by relocating the Church Lane access and restricting its use to daytime hours. WCC also acknowledges that the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3) includes environmental measures and a Noise and Vibration Management Plan.	The Applicant acknowledges and welcomes WCC's position.	ES Chapter 13 Landscape and visual [APP-092]. Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3). Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Document reference 7.5, DCO Volume 7, Version 1).	Matter agreed with other party
WCC-2024-SC-0027	Traffic and transport - assessment	WCC acknowledges that HCC Highways is the Lead Authority and defers the majority of comments to them. However, WCC requests further clarification regarding construction working hours, including the definition of seasonal divisions such as summer and winter. WCC notes that Saturday working hours are extended and recommends that specific pipeline sections, particularly those adjacent to residential receptors, be reviewed to determine whether these hours are appropriate. In areas with sensitive receptors, WCC recommends a later start and earlier finish on Saturdays or no weekend working to allow	The Applicant acknowledges WCC's position. The Applicant notes that the reference to restricting works after 13:00 on Saturdays relates to potential noise mitigation measures. As set out in measure NV3 of the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3), any additional working hour restrictions would be subject to the detailed assessments undertaken through the Noise and Vibration Management Plan (NVMP) following consent. Accordingly, the Outline CEMP (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7,	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document reference 7.1, DCO Volume 7, Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3).	Provisional agreement pending application evidence

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		residents respite. Clarification is also requested on the expected frequency of 24-hour operations, including Sundays and bank holidays.	Version 1 for document 1 of 3, [APP-413] and [APP-414] for documents 2 and 3) does not currently require construction activities to cease after 13:00 on Saturdays at the identified locations; rather, it provides that the NVMP will determine whether such restrictions are necessary and, if so, the specific locations, activities and hours to which they would apply.		

4 Signatories

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

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