
The Cambridge South East Transport Order

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Applicant's Statement of Common Ground with Historic England

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1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1. This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared in respect of the Cambridge South East Transport Scheme (the “Scheme”) as part of the application made by Cambridgeshire County Council (the “Applicant”) to the Secretary of State for Transport, for a Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) under sections 1, 3 and 6 of the Transport and Works Act 1992 (the “1992 Act”).
- 1.1.2. A detailed description of the Cambridge South East Transport scheme (“The Scheme”) can be found in Chapter [2] of the Applicant's Environmental Statement and Non-Technical Summary (Doc Ref: **[CD1-10.02]** / **[CD1-10.01]**)
- 1.1.3. This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere with the application documents. All application documents referred to are available on the Inquiry website.
- 1.1.4. This SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Inquiry and Secretary of State where agreement has been reached between the parties to it, and where agreement has (not) yet been reached. SoCGs are an established means in the planning process of allowing parties to identify and focus on specific issues that may need to be addressed during the Inquiry.

1.2. Parties to this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.2.1. This SoCG has been prepared between (1) the Applicant and (2) Historic England.
- 1.2.2. The Applicant is the Local Highway Authority for its administrative area for the strategic road network and has the necessary powers and duties to operate, manage, maintain, and enhance the local transport network.
- 1.2.3. Historic England is the government’s adviser on all aspects of the historic environment in England, with interest in historic buildings, areas, archaeology and landscapes. Historic England’s interest in the process and the Scheme relates to the historic environment and historic assets in the Order Limits for the Scheme and in the locality that are expected to be impacted by the Scheme.

1.3. Terminology

- 1.3.1. Within the table in Section 3, Issues of this SoCG, the terminology is as follows:
- 1.3.2. “Agreed” indicates area(s) of agreement.
- 1.3.3. “Under Discussion” indicates area(s) of current disagreement where resolution remains possible, and where parties continue discussing the issue(s) to determine whether they can reach agreement by the end of the Inquiry; and
- 1.3.4. “Not Agreed” indicates a final position for area(s) of disagreement where the resolution of the divergent positions will not be possible, and parties agree on this point.
- 1.3.5. It can be assumed that any matters not specifically referred to in Section 3, Issues of this SoCG are not of material interest or relevant to Historic England and therefore have not been subject of any discussions between the parties. As such, those matters can be read as agreed, only to the extent that they are either not of material interest or relevance to Historic England.

2. Record of Engagement

2.1.1. A summary of the meetings and correspondence that has taken place between the Applicant and Historic England in relation to the application is outlined in **Table 2-1** below.

Table 2-1 - Record of Engagement

Date	Form of Correspondence	Key Topics Discussed and Key Outcomes
30 th July 2025	Meeting	Key Topics: HE is largely satisfied with the outcomes of the ES and the heritage work to date but requires clarification on some documents being produced to support the application. Agreement to complete a SoCG to underpin the discussions and documents provided to HE ahead of inquiry. Key Outcomes: Appendices will be updated Production of a White Hill Scheduled Monument Appendix A Deposit Model TN will be provided A clearer HMS will be produced Enhanced Advisory Agreement to be put in place and regular meetings to commence to ensure agreement can be reached ahead of inquiry. A regular steering group with HE and County Archaeologist to be set up to achieve this.
15 th January 2026 19 th February 2026 19 th March 2026 27 th April 2026 28 th May 2026 25 th June 2026	Online Meeting	Key Topics: Regular monthly discussion with HE and CHET on the status of the heritage mitigation strategy, deposit model, statement of common ground to agree outstanding heritage matters in relation to the scheme. Key Outcomes: Updates from HE on their approval on the approach to the mitigation strategy
19 th June 2026	Online Meeting	Meeting to discuss the SoCG – agreements made on progressed points Key Outcomes: SoCG draft issues agreed and will be issued to HE for review

3. Issues

3.1. Issues agreed, not agreed or under discussion

3.1.1. Table 3-1 below details the issues which have been agreed, not agreed or are under discussion between the Applicant and Historic England.

Table 3-1 – Issues

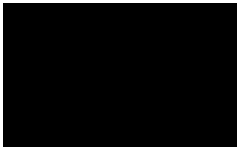
Issue No.	Issue	Document Reference	Historic England's Position	Applicant's Position	Status	Date and Method of Agreement
1.	Conclusions of the ES	CD2-REP-01 (Para 1.7)	HE is pleased to note that their EIA scoping responses informed the selection of heritage assets included in the baseline 1-1.5km baseline. The list of designated and non-designated heritage assets that have been assessed, as set out in Appendix 12.2 Desk-Based Assessment [CD1-10.49] are appropriate. Similarly, we consider the methodology used to assess the historic environment datasets within Chapter 12 is adequate for the purposes of the examination.	Noted and agreed	Agreed	19/6/26 – Meeting with HE
2.	Effect on scheduled monuments	CD2-REP-01 (para 1.9 / 1.10)	HE agrees with the conclusions of the ES that the proposed development will have minimal effect on significance of the following scheduled monuments: 1011717 The Causewayed Enclosure and Bowl Barrow at Little Trees Hill 1452825 Causewayed Enclosure and Great Shelford 1017884 Two Moated site 150m east of College Farm 1006929 Brent Ditch HE agrees with the conclusions of the ES that the proposed development will not have a significant effect on the following designated heritage assets: - Sawston Hall (Grade I) - Middlesfield Garden Wall (Grade II*) - Church of St Andrew (Grade II*) - Babraham Conservation Area - Stapleford Conservation Area	Noted and agreed	Agreed	19/6/26 – Meeting with HE
3.	White Hill Scheduled Monument	CD-REP-01 (para 2.14/2.15/2.27-2.30)	Historic England considers that the potential cumulative effects on White Hill Farm Scheduled Monument would need to be included in the Environmental Assessment. The White Hill monument has very high heritage values, is of National importance, and harm to its significance should be avoided or where not possible, appropriately mitigated. Historic England considers that the CSET application has not sufficiently examined the potential for impacts upon the scheduled monument through development within its setting. [25/6/26] Historic England has confirmed the Addendum to Heritage Desk-Based Assessment [CD1-10.60] provides the information need for the purposes of the examination. (Needs Date)	The Addendum to Heritage Desk-Based Assessment [CD1-10.60] includes a more detailed significance and setting assessment which draws upon a study of aerial photos held at HE Swindon archives as well as discussions with Mott-McDonald who are undertaking the archaeological assessment for the adjacent EWR. Overall, it has been assessed that the Scheme will result in a large adverse effect to the Site revealed by Aerial Photography West of White Hill (1006891). This is principally due to the removal of archaeological remains which are likely to form part of its wider hinterland and to a lesser degree impact derived from changes within the setting of the scheduled monument. This does not change the conclusions of the ES	Agreed	19/6/26 – Meeting with HE

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4.	Hobson's Conduit / Nine Wells Listed Monument	CD-REP-01 (para 3.11) CD-REP-01 (para 3.14)	The Proposed alignment of the busway will intersect with the watercourse that comprises Hobson's Conduit's Source. Historic England requires assurance that this development would not impact upon the hydrology and drainage patterns and therefore affect the flow of water from the source to the historic conduit. Historic England broadly agrees with the applicant's assessment of [the Nine Wells Monument]. In addition to seeking assurances regarding Hydrology and drainage patterns, more should be done in terms of better revealing the significance of these heritage assets. We suggest that the new busway and cycle track incorporate interpretation and landscaping that identifies and celebrates the historic and archaeological interest of the Nine Wells Monument and its associated watercourse. [25/6/26] Historic England have confirmed the Addendum to Heritage Desk-Based Assessment [CD1-10.60] provides the information need for the purposes of the examination. HE supports the approach to interpretation and would like to see this secured through the TOWA via the Heritage Mitigation Strategy (HMS) and proposed Heritage Community Engagement and Social Value Strategy (HCEVS)	The Addendum to Heritage Desk-Based Assessment [CD1-10.60] has addressed the concerns by Historic England regarding the drainage from the conduit. No abstractions of water from Hobson's Conduit will be undertaken as part of The Scheme. Further discussions with Hobson's Conduit Trust have resulted in changes to the proposed landscape design around Hobson's Conduit and the removal of Ecology Pond 3 which had a potential for disrupting lateral groundwater movements. Further refinement of the Attenuation Pond 1 has resulted in the relocation of the pond further from Nine Wells to minimise any risk of disrupting groundwater flows to Hobson's Conduit. Concerning the Nine Wells Monument, an interpretive strategy will be designed and implemented for the entire scheme, including the Nine Wells, Hobson's Conduit and White Hill area. This will be secured through the Heritage Mitigation Strategy and proposed Heritage Community Engagement and Social Value Strategy (HCEVS) that will be developed for the project in discussion with HE and CCC Archaeological Advisors. Specific mention has been made within the Heritage Mitigation Strategy to exploring the historical and communal importance of the Nine Wells Monument and Hobson's Conduit as a theme to be explored by the HCEVS. The applicant will explore the scope to include sympathetic landscaping and interpretation that is representative of the historic and archaeological nature of Nine Wells and Hobson's Conduit, the opportunity to include this will be revisited at the detailed design stage.	Agreed	19/6/26 – Meeting with HE
5.	Deposit Model	CD-REP-01 (para 4.52-4.54)	A preliminary deposit model does not appear to have been produced. This is a significant concern and represents a missed opportunity to build appropriate baseline evidence as required by policy. We recommend that a deposit model is produced for key areas as soon as possible to inform the ES. This is particularly important for areas of alluvium and peat, which can obscure archaeology and prove a challenge for some of the standard evaluation approaches.	A preliminary deposit model has been developed for the two sections of the Scheme that cross the valley of the River Granta. This is based on readily available BGS data as well as records of boreholes undertaken for the Scheme. The retrieved cores from the specific work have not however been retained. The Applicant is in discussions with Historic England in respect of a scope for purposive geoarchaeological work to be secured in the Heritage Mitigation Strategy. River Terraces are of medium potential for early prehistoric archaeology and alluvial and peat deposits are of medium to high potential for Holocene archaeology. Any further geoarchaeological survey should aim to better understand the nature of the alluvium and the potential for paleoenvironmental assessment. It is unlikely that any further works will cause impact to the depth that impact upon the sequence of the river terraces. The outcomes from this assessment do not result in changes to the conclusions of the ES	Agreed	19/6/26 – Meeting with HE

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6.	Heritage Mitigation Strategy	CD-REP-01 (para 5.1)	Historic England considers that more information is required from the applicant regarding how they intend to develop a programme of mitigation, should consent be given for the proposal. We recommend that the range of documents is simplified and that a coherent strategy is put forward at examination for how archaeology will be managed during the project and where mitigation will be applied.	A single Heritage Mitigation Strategy document has been developed and shared in regular discussion with Historic England and the CHET. The Heritage Mitigation Strategy includes the following topics: ▪ The roles and responsibilities of the relevant stakeholders pertinent to Heritage ▪ The process for advice and approvals ▪ A summary of the geoarchaeological, archaeological, and historical background for the Scheme as provided in other and previous documents, as well as the regional research framework. ▪ The general phases or stages of archaeological mitigation, the specific mitigation techniques proposed for the Scheme, the aims of each technique, each Mitigation Site across the Scheme within which each technique is proposed, and specifics on the iterative nature of the development and review of mitigation. ▪ The relevant research framework and agenda questions for each Mitigation Site. ▪ An Overarching Project Design (OPD), with details on pre-commencement requirements, methodologies for each mitigation technique, and the general expected scope of excavation and recording, sampling and finds processing, and other pertinent activities or products, including reporting. The HMS has been admitted to the inquiry and will be filed under document [CD20-02]	Agreed	
7.	CoCP	CD-REP-01 (para 5.6-5.9)	The CoCP needs to consider emergency protocols for unexpected finds of archaeological nature, and how this scenario would be managed, with specific reference to waterlogged finds that may be present within the peat and alluvium. The CoCP should include a reference to the Heritage Mitigation Plan or Strategy, the WSI and wording to support an emergency protocol for unexpected finds. The CoCP should include reference to a Paleoenvironmental or Geoarchaeological strategy. 25/06/2026 - HE is satisfied, subject to confirmation of the wording of the HMS	An emergency finds procedure has been drafted within the Heritage Mitigation Strategy, and this has been written into CoCP addendum with reference to the Heritage Mitigation Strategy and all relevant WSIs and strategies. HE has provided appropriate wording which has been updated into the CoCP Addendum.	Agreed	
8.	Conditions	Email 2/6/26	Historic England would like to review the REAC and Condition Wording in relation to heritage matters that will be subject to planning permission. HE requests that they be recognised as a named party in order to provide specialist support to the LPA in the development of the WSI.	The REAC can be found under CD1-10.10 and draft condition wording relating to heritage can be found in Item 9 of the Request for Deemed Planning Permission CD1-14, correct as of July 2026. The applicant has accepted the proposed inclusion of HE as a supporting party in submitting the WSI for the scheme and this will be added to the condition. Conditions are being drafted with the local planning authority and will be reviewed up to inquiry, and HE will be informed if there are any updates to these conditions with respect to Heritage as the inquiry progresses. This SoCG will be updated following any material changes to the conditions.	Agreed	

Note: Where there is reference of the planning conditions and associated condition numbers, these are subject to amendment/adjustment over the course of the public inquiry process. This SoCG refers to the planning conditions as they currently stand as of September 2026.

Signed on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council:

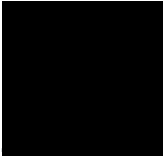


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