



# ***STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND***

Introduction for HCNF Community Groups

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## WHAT IS A STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND?

- A Statement of Common Ground is a legal document which is drawn up jointly between Heathrow and our stakeholders, including community groups.
- It outlines:
  - Issues flagged by stakeholders about the project
  - Evidence of our engagement with stakeholders on those issues
  - Whether these issues have been resolved
- Although it is a legal document, it is not legally binding.
- It is designed to give the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) an understanding of:
  - A stakeholder's historic and current issues with a project
  - The ways these issues have been addressed
  - The issues that are currently outstanding

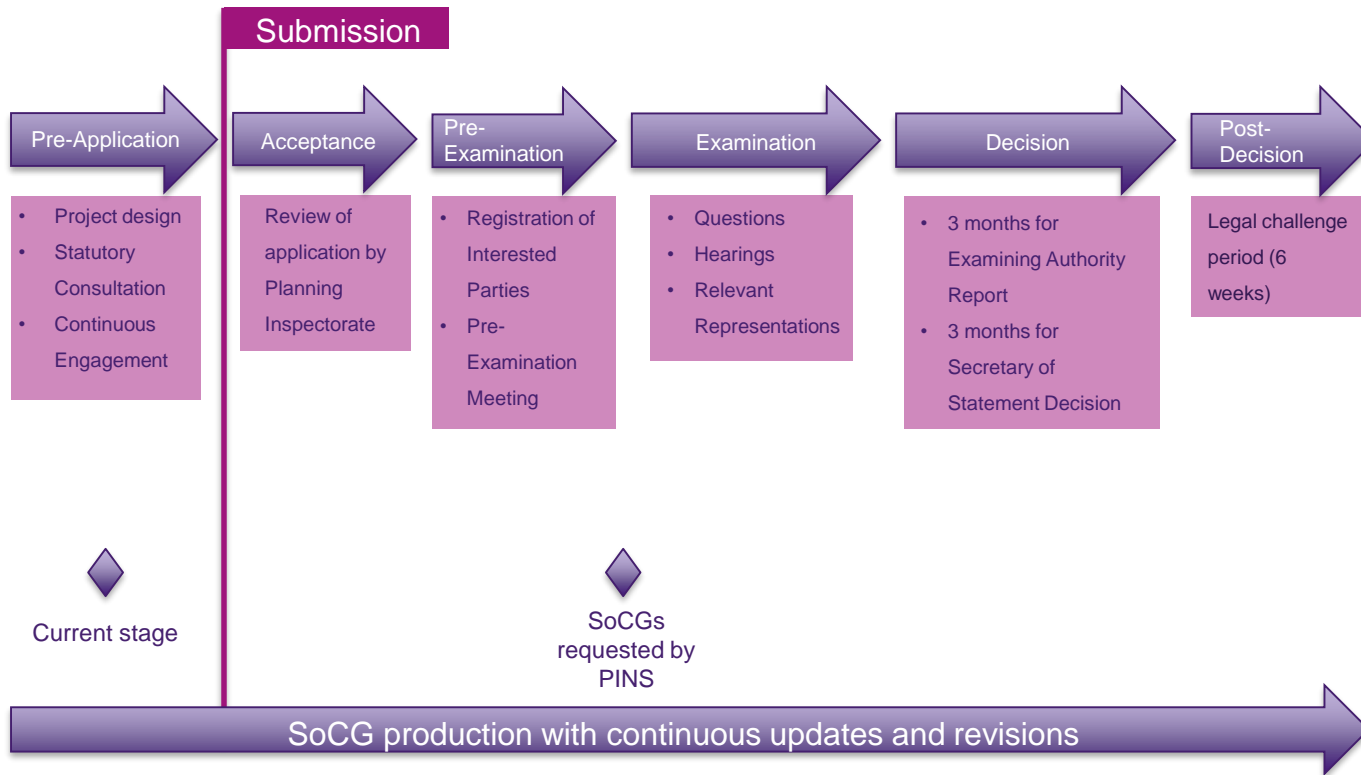


## *THE PROCESS WE ARE FOLLOWING*

- Heathrow will be submitting SoCGs to PINS with our Development Consent Order (DCO) planning application in 2020.
- SoCGs cover all aspects of the project, including noise and airspace changes, in order to give a good understanding of historic and current engagement and the issues presented.
- Stakeholders engaged in the process will be asked to sign off the SoCGs shortly before the application is submitted.
- If there are a large number of outstanding issues still to be resolved, then the process allows for sign off post-submission.



# TIMELINE



## *CREATING THE STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND*

- SoCGs will remain live documents up to submission and beyond.
- Whilst HCNF is made up of different stakeholder groups, our objective is to capture a consensus view across local community groups.
- We have started by capturing issues raised at previous HCNF working groups and forums. We will be seeking your feedback to ensure we have captured all the relevant issues.
- We intend to use this issues log to set the agenda for a number of working group sessions with HCNF community representatives – chaired by an independent noise expert.



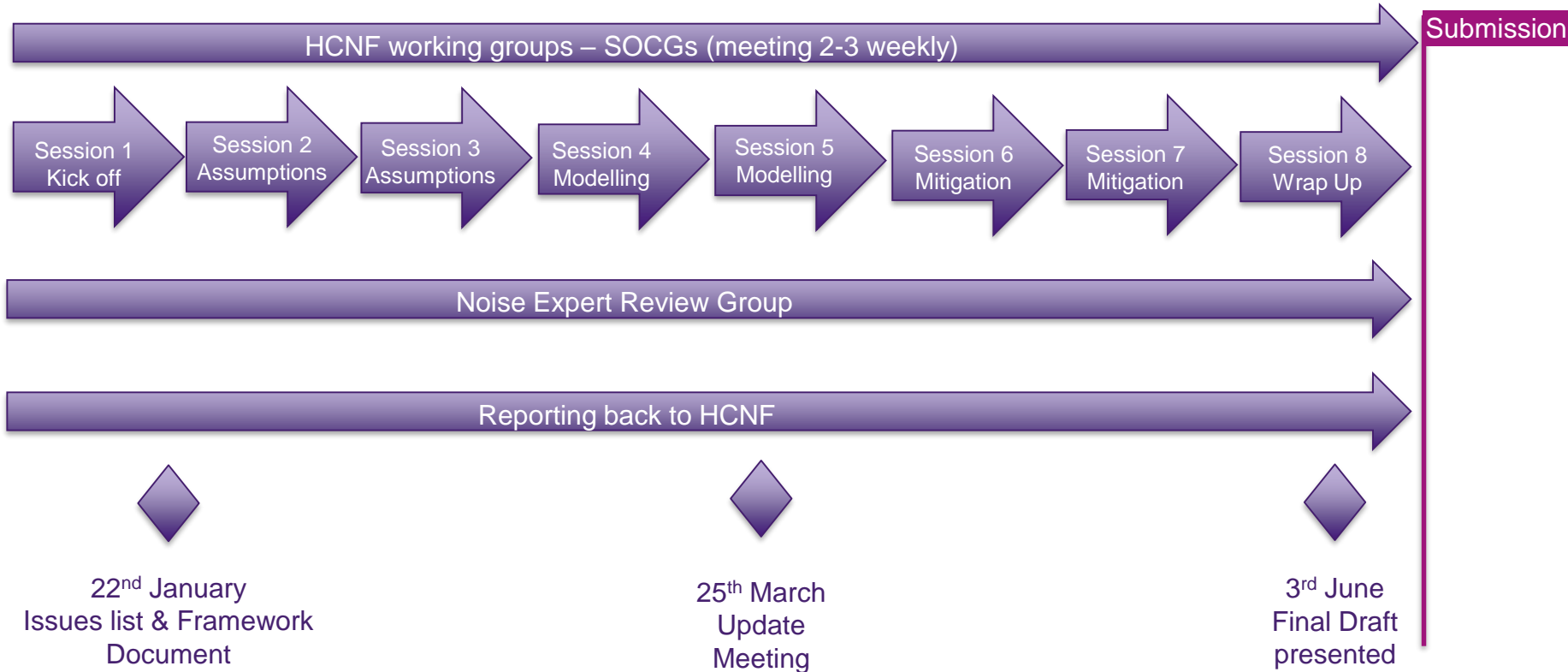
## STEP 1 – ISSUES LOG

We have revisited the records of these meetings and working groups to capture the issues raised and have structured this to broadly resemble the Environmental Statement Assessment (starter for 10, not exhaustive):

- **Assumptions** - baseline, forecast schedules and fleet mix (quieter aircraft), operations, etc.
- **Modelling** - aircraft, ground noise, road, rail, WebTAG, etc.
- **Mitigation** - noise envelope, operational measures, noise insulation, construction, non-residential measures, etc.



# ENGAGEMENT TIMELINE



## *ENGAGEMENT PLAN & TIMESCALES*

- We propose sessions are held to develop the SoCG.
- We will use future HCNF working group meetings to discuss the SoCG and get your contributions.
- Proposed timescales for populating the SoCG are as follows:
  - 22 January Forum: present framework document
  - 25 March Forum: progress update to wider forum
  - 3 June Forum: present final draft SoCG





# Any questions?



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