



Planning Inspectorate

Section 55

Acceptance of Applications Checklist

Appendix 2 of [Advice on the preparation and submission of application documents](#)

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Section 55(2) Acceptance of Applications				
1	Within 28 days (starting day after receipt) the Planning Inspectorate must decide whether or not to accept the application for Examination.	Date received	28-day due date	Date of decision
Section 55(3) – the Planning Inspectorate may only accept an application if it concludes that:		Planning Inspectorate comments		
Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c): It is an application for an order granting development consent				
2	In accordance with sections(s) 14 to 30 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008), is the development a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) (or does it form part of an NSIP); and does the application state on the face of it that, in accordance with s31 of the PA2008, it is an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under the PA2008, or equivalent words? Does the application specify	Yes	<p>The Proposed Development set out in Schedule 1 of Draft Development Consent Order (Document Reference 3.1) includes the development falling within the categories in S14 of the PA2008. The development is for the construction of a generating station and satisfies section 15(2)(a) of the PA2008.</p> <p>This is consistent with the summary provided in Section 4 of the Application Form (Document Reference 1.3) which states that the application is for a NSIP.</p>	

	<p>the development to which it relates (i.e. which category or categories in s14 to 30 does the Proposed Development fall)?</p> <p>If the development does not fall within the categories in s14 to 30, has a direction been given by the Secretary of State under s35 of the PA2008 for the development to be treated as development for which development consent is required?</p>	
3	Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)	
Section 55(3)(e): The Applicant in relation to the application made has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure)		
4	<p>In accordance with Regulation 8 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations), did the Applicant (prior to carrying out consultation in accordance with s42) either (a) request the Planning Inspectorate adopt a Screening Opinion in respect of the development to which the application relates, or (b) notify the Planning Inspectorate in writing that it proposed to provide an Environmental Statement in respect of that development?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A Scoping Report was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State on 31 January 2023 and is included in the Application at Document Reference 6.3.1.2. A Scoping Opinion was adopted by the Secretary of State on 13 March 2023 and is included in the Application at Document Reference 6.3.1.1.</p>
5	<p>Have any Adequacy of Consultation Representations been received from 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' local authorities; and if so, do they</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The applicant sent the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Report to both host authorities (City of Doncaster Council and North Lincolnshire Council). Both host</p>

	<p>confirm that the Applicant has complied with the duties under s42, s47 and s48?</p> <p>Section 55(4) of the PA2008 provides that the Planning Inspectorate must have regard to the Consultation Report, and any Adequacy of Consultation Representations received.</p>	<p>authorities responded confirming that the applicant had carried out the statutory consultation in accordance with the agreed Statement of Community Consultation. The responses from the host authorities were submitted to PINS 3rd July 2025 at the same time as the final revision of the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Report. Evidence is provided in the Consultation Report Appendices (Document Reference 5.2).</p>
Section 42: Duty to consult		
Did the Applicant consult the applicable persons set out in s42 of the PA2008 about the proposed application?		
6	<p>Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed?</p> <p>The persons prescribed are the statutory consultees set out in Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the APFP Regulations).</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The applicant has provided a list of persons consulted under s42(a)(a) in the Appendix 6.7 of the Consultation Report Appendices (Document Reference 5.2).</p> <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42(1)(a) consultees is provided at Appendix 4.4 of the Consultation Report Appendices (Document Reference 5.2).</p>
7	<p>Section 42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation(MMO)?</p> <p>The MMO must be consulted in any case where the Proposed Development would affect, or would be likely to affect, any of the areas specified in s42(2) of the PA2008.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>The applicant has not consulted the MMO with the reasoning that the proposed development will not likely affect any of the areas specified in s42(2) of the PA2008. The applicant provided this justification in paragraph 7.5.4 of the Consultation Report (Document Reference 5.1).</p>
8	<p>Section 42(1)(b) each local authority within s43?</p> <p>Definition of 'local authority' in s43(3) of the PA2008: The 'B' authority where the application land is in the authority's area; the 'A' authority where any part of the boundary of A's area is</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Table 7-3 of the Consultation Report (Document Reference 5.1) list the relevant local authorities that were identified and consulted under S43 and S42(1)(b) on 20 March 2025.</p>

	<p>also a part of the boundary of B's area; the 'C' authority (upper tier) where the application land is in that authority's area; the 'D' authority (upper tier) where such an authority shares a boundary with a 'C' authority.</p>	<p>The host 'B' authorities consulted were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Lincolnshire Council • City of Doncaster Council <p>The boundary 'A' authorities consulted were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Lindsey District Council • Selby District Council • Bassetlaw District Council • Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council • Wakefield Council • Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council • East Riding of Yorkshire Council <p>A map illustrating the boundary for each authority is provided at Figure 4 of the Consultation Report (Document Reference 5.1).</p> <p>A sample of the letter sent to S42(1)(b) relevant authorities is provide at Appendix 4.4 of the consultation Reports (Document Reference 5.2).</p>
9	<p>Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>Paragraph 7.7.1 of the Consultation Report (Document Reference 5.1) confirms that Greater London Authority were not consulted as the scheme is not within Greater London.</p>
10	<p>Section 42(1)(d) each person in one or more of s44 categories?</p> <p>Category 1: owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of land; Category 2: person interested in the land or has power to sell and convey the land or to</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Paragraph 7.9.4 of the Consultation Report (Document Reference 5.1) states that all persons identified under S42(1)(d) were consulted 20 March 2025.</p>

	release the land; Category 3: persons who would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim.	
Section 45: Timetable for s42 consultation		
11	Did the Applicant notify s42 consultees of the deadline for receipt of consultation responses; and if so was the deadline notified by the Applicant 28 days or more starting with the day after receipt of the consultation documents?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Table 2-1 of the Consultation Report (Document Reference 5.1) confirms that the statutory consultation commenced 20th March 2025 and concluded 8th May 2025, allowing 49 days for responses to be received.</p> <p>A sample of the email and letter sent to s42 consultees is provided at Appendix 4.1 of the Consultation Report (Document Reference 5.2)</p> <p>The letter and email confirms that s42 consultees identified were notified of the deadline for consultation responses, and that each consultee was given at least 28 days to respond.</p>
Section 46: Duty to notify the Planning Inspectorate of proposed application		
12	Did the Applicant supply information to notify the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application; and if so, was the information supplied to the Planning Inspectorate on or before the date it was sent to the s42 consultees? Was this done on or before commencing consultation under s42?	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Applicant sent a consultation letter to the Secretary of State on 20th March 2025 to provide notification of the consultation and provided a link on which consultation documents could be accessed. Evidence is provided at Appendix 12a of the Consultation Report Appendices (Document Reference 5.2).</p> <p>On 21st March 2025, the Applicant provided the Planning Inspectorate with the Section 46 notification informing of the start of statutory consultation. Evidence is provided at Appendix 6.12 of the Consultation Report Appendices (Document Reference 5.2)</p>

Section 47: Duty to consult local community		
13	Did the Applicant prepare a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) on how it intended to consult people living in the vicinity of the land?	Yes A copy of the final SoCC is provided at Appendix 5.7 of the Consultation Report Appendices (Document Reference 5.2)
14	Were 'B' and (where relevant) 'C' authorities consulted about the content of the SoCC; and if so, was the deadline for receipt of responses 28 days beginning with the day after the day that 'B' and, where applicable, 'C' authorities received the consultation documents?	Yes A copy of the final SoCC is provided at Appendix 5.7 of the Consultation Report Appendices (Document Reference 5.2)
15	Has the Applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	Yes Table 7-4 of the Consultation Report (Document Reference 5.1) provides a summary of the consultation response from North Lincolnshire Council in respect of the draft SoCC and demonstrates how the applicant has regard to their responses. No comments were received from City of Doncaster Council.
16	Has the SoCC been made available for inspection on a website maintained by or on behalf of the Applicant; and has a notice been published in a newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the land which states where and when the SoCC can be inspected?	Yes The final SOCC was made available at the following locations from 20 th March: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crowle Community Hub - The Market Hall, Market Place, Crowle, Scunthorpe DN17 4LA • Thorne Library - The Vermuyden Centre, Field Side, Thorne, Doncaster DN8 4BQ • Hatfield Community Library - High Street, Hatfield, Doncaster DN7 6RY

		<p>A notice stating when and where the final SoCC could be inspected was published in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scunthorpe Telegraph on 20th March 2025 and 27th March 2025 • Doncaster Free Press on 20th March 2025 and 27th March 2025 • Guardian newspaper on 20th March 2025 • London Gazette on 20th March 2025 <p>Extracts of the published advertisements are provided at Appendix 5.9 of the Consultation Report Appendices (Document Reference 5.2).</p> <p>The published SoCC notice, provided at Appendix 4.4 of the Consultation Report Appendices (Document Reference 5.2), states where and when the final SoCC was available to inspect.</p>
17	In accordance with Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations, does the SoCC set out whether the development is EIA development; and does it set out how the Applicant intends to publicise and consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Section 3 of the SoCC, available at Appendix 5.7 of Consultation Report Appendices (Document Reference 5.2) set out the scheme proposals and confirms that the development is EIA development. Section 4 sets out how the applicant intended to publicise and consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information.</p>
18	Has the Applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC?	<p>Yes</p> <p>On 26th June 2025, the applicant received a response from the City of Doncaster Council confirming the Applicant had met with its duties under sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act. This is evidenced in Appendix 8.1 of the Consultation Report Appendices (Document Reference 5.2)</p> <p>On 27th June 2025, the Applicant received a response from North Lincolnshire Council confirming that the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Report demonstrates that the Applicant has carried out statutory consultation in accordance with the adopted Statement of Community Consultation. North</p>

		Lincolnshire's response confirms that consultation undertaken meets the requirements of s47(7) of the Planning Act 2008 and the Applicant has met their statutory obligation in this regard. This is evidenced in Appendix 8.2 of the Consultation Report Appendices (Document Reference 5.2).
Section 48: Duty to publicise the proposed application		
19	Did the Applicant publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner set out in Regulation 4(2) of the (as amended) APFP Regulations 2009?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Paragraph 6.6.2 of the Consultation Report (Document Reference 5.1) states: <i>"The applicant has fulfilled its duty under section 48 of the Act which is to publicise the notice (applicant prepared a combined S47/section 48 notice) in the prescribed manner and section 4(2) of the APFP Regulations which requires (amongst other things) that the notice to be published for at least two successive weeks in a local paper."</i></p> <p>Paragraph 6.6.1 of the Consultation Report (Document Reference 5.1) sets out the publication dates the s48 notice.</p> <p>A copy of the combined s48/s47 notice is provided at Appendix 4.4 of the Consultation Report Appendices (Document Reference 5.2).</p> <p>Extracts of the published notices set out below are provided at Appendix 5.9 of the Consultation Report Appendices (Document Reference 5.2). (a)</p>
		<p>Newspaper(s)</p> <p>Date</p>

a)	for at least two successive weeks in one or more local newspapers circulating in the vicinity in which the Proposed Development would be situated;	Scunthorpe Telegraph on 20 th March 2025 and 27 th March 2025 and Doncaster Free Press on 20 th March 2025 and 27 th March 2025.	
b)	once in a national newspaper;	Guardian on 20 th March 2025.	
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	London Gazette on 20 th March 2025.	
d)	where the proposed application relates to offshore development – (i) once in Lloyds List; and (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal?	N/A	
20	Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in Regulation 4(3) of the (as amended) APFP Regulations 2009?	<p>Yes</p> <p>The published s48 notice, supplied at Appendix 4.4 of the Consultation Report Appendices (Document Reference 5.2), contains the required information as set out below:</p>	
Information		Paragraph	
a)	the name and address of the Applicant.	1	b)
			a statement that the Applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Secretary of State
c)	a statement as to whether the application is EIA development	12	d)
			a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the Proposed Development
			5-8

e)	a statement that the documents, plans and maps were available on a website maintained by or on behalf of the Applicant. The statement must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature and location of the Proposed Development • The address of the website • The place on the website • A telephone number which can be used to contact the Applicant for enquiries in relation to the documents, plans and maps. 	18	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection	11
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	18	h)	details of how to respond to the publicity	13-16
i)	a deadline for receipt of those responses by the Applicant, being not less than 28 days following the date when the notice is last published	22			
21	Are there any observations in respect of the s48 notice provided above?				
22	Has a copy of the s48 notice been sent to the EIA consultation bodies and to any person	Yes			

	notified to the Applicant in accordance with Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations?	<p>A copy of the s48 notice was sent to the EIA consultation bodies as part of the s42 consultation. A full list of the consultees identified can be found in Appendix 6.1 of the Consultation Report Appendices (Document Reference 5.2)</p> <p>A sample of the s42 consultation letter provided at Appendix 4.3 of the Consultation Report Appendices (Document Reference 5.2) confirms a copy of the s48 notice was enclosed.</p>
s49: Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity		
23	Has the Applicant had regard to any relevant responses to the s42, s47 and s48 consultation?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Section 8.4 of the Consultation Report (Document Reference 5.1) identifies the key design changes that were made, including where this was as a direct result of consultation feedback. Appendix 4.5 of the Consultation Report Appendices (Document Reference 5.2) sets out the full list of responses to the consultations and the regard it had to them, including whether or not responses led to changes to the design of the application.</p>
S50(3) Regard to guidance about pre-application procedure		
24	<p>To what extent has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects'?</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate must have regard to the extent to which the Applicant has had regard to guidance issued under s50.</p>	<p>The Applicant has had due regard to statutory guidance "Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects" in the carrying out of its pre-application duties and preparation of the Application.</p> <p>The Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-application Prospectus states that a Programme Document should be introduced at the Inception Meeting with the Planning Inspectorate. This service was introduced in May 2024, which was two years after the Inception Meeting. The Applicant produced a Programme Document and the Planning Inspectorate provided comments on the Programme Document on 24 January 2025 and 16 May 2025. The Programme Document is provided at Appendix 8.4 of the Consultation Report Appendices (Document</p>

		<p>Reference 5.2). The Applicant provided regular updates to all consultees regarding the progress of Scheme throughout the pre-application process.</p> <p>The Applicant has produced a Potential Main Issues for the Examination Document at Document Reference 5.9 of the Application.</p> <p>The Applicant issued the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone to the Local Authorities on 10 June 2025. A response was received from City of Doncaster Council on 26 June 2025, and North Lincolnshire Council on 27 June 2025. The Adequacy of Consultation Milestone document was issued to the Planning Inspectorate on 3 July 2025.</p> <p>Appendix 3.4 of the Consultation Report Appendices (Document Reference 5.2) sets out how the Applicant has had regard to section 51 Advice given by the Planning Inspectorate.</p>
25	Summary: Section 55(3)(e)	
<p>s55(3)(f) and s55(5A): The application (including accompaniments) achieves a satisfactory standard having regard to the extent to which it complies with section 37(3) (form and contents of application) and with any standards set under section 37(5) and follows any applicable guidance under section 37(4)</p>		
26	<p>Is it made in the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2 of the APFP Regulations, and does it include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a brief statement which explains why it falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate; and 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Section 4 of the Application Form (Document Reference 1.1) explains why the development falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>Section 5 of the Application Form (Document Reference 1.1) provides a brief non-technical description of the site and section 6 provides the location of the Proposed Development.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a brief statement that clearly identifies the location of the application site, or the route if it is a linear scheme? 	A Location Plan (Doc 2.1) has been provided.												
27	Is it accompanied by a Consultation Report?	Yes The application is accompanied by a Consultation Report (Document Reference 5.1) and Consultation Report Appendices (Document Reference 5.2).												
28	In accordance with Regulation 5(4) of the APFP Regulations, where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets, has a key plan been provided showing the relationship between the different sheets?	Yes												
29	Is it accompanied by the documents and information set out in APFP Regulation 5(2)?	Yes												
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	Information	Document		Information	Document									
a)	Where applicable, the Environmental Statement required under the EIA Regulations and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	Environmental Statement Main Report Chapters (Document References 6.2.0 - 6.2.18) A copy of the Scoping Opinion is included in the ES Technical Appendix 6.3.1.1).	b)	The draft Development Consent Order (DCO)	Draft Development Consent Order (Document Reference 3.1)									

	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
c)	An Explanatory Memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of provisions in the draft DCO	Draft Explanatory Memorandum (Document Reference 3.2)	d)	Where applicable, a Book of Reference	Book of Reference (Document Reference 4.3)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
e)	A copy of any Flood Risk Assessment	ES Chapter 10 Water Resource Technical Appendix 10.1 (Document Reference 6.3.10.1)	f)	A statement whether the proposal engages one or more of the matters set out in section 79(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (statutory nuisances) and if so how the Applicant proposes to mitigate or limit them	Statutory Nuisance Statement (Document Reference 5.4)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
h)	A Statement of Reasons and a Funding Statement (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition)	Statement of Reasons (Document Reference 4.1)	i)	A Land Plan identifying:- (i) the land required for, or affected by, the Proposed Development;	Land Plans (Document Reference 2.2). The Land Plans include Special Category Land.

		Funding Statement (Document Reference 4.2)		(ii) where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of Compulsory Acquisition or any rights to use land; (iii) any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights; and (iv) any special category land and replacement land	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
j)	A Works Plan showing, in relation to existing features:- (i) the proposed location or (for a linear scheme) the proposed route and alignment of the	Works Plan (Document Reference 2.3)	k)	Where applicable, a plan identifying any new or altered means of access, stopping up of streets or roads or any diversions, extinguishments or creation of rights of way	Street works, Access and Public Right of Way Plan (Document Reference 2.)

l)	development and works; and (ii) the limits within which the development and works may be carried out and any limits of deviation provided for in the draft DCO		m)	or public rights of navigation	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
	Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:- (i) any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation eg sites of geological or landscape importance; (ii) habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features; and	Plans (i) Plans of Statutory and Non-Statutory Historic Sites (Document Reference 2.8). (ii) Important Hedgerows Plan (Document Reference 2.6). (iii) Plans of Waterbodies in river basin management plan (Document Reference 2.5).		Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of the historic environment, (eg scheduled monuments, World Heritage sites, listed buildings, archaeological sites and registered battlefields) together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features or structures likely to be caused by	Plans of Statutory and Non-Statutory Historic Sites (Document Reference 2.8). ES Chapter 8 Cultural Heritage (Document Reference 6.2.8) ES Chapter 8 Technical Appendix 8.1 Heritage Baseline Assessment (Document Reference 6.3.8.1) ES Chapter 8 Technical Appendix 8.2 Geophysical Survey Report (Document Reference 6.3.8.2)

n)	(iii) water bodies in a river basin management plan, together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features, habitats or bodies likely to be caused by the Proposed Development	<p>Assessments</p> <p>ES Chapter 7 – Ecology & Biodiversity (Document Reference 6.2.7)</p> <p>Shadow Habitat Regulations Assessment (Document Reference 5.3)</p>	o)	the Proposed Development	<p>ES Chapter 8 Technical Appendix 8.3 Geoarchaeological Assessment (Document Reference 6.3.2.3)</p> <p>ES Chapter 8 Technical Appendix 8.4 Trial Trenching Report (Document Reference 6.3.2.4)</p> <p>ES Chapter 8 Technical Appendix 8.5 Test Pitting Report (Document Reference 6.3.2.5)</p> <p>ES Chapter 8 Technical Appendix 8.6 Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (Document Reference 6.3.2.6)</p>
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land	N/A		Any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the development consent proposal showing details of	Indicative Layouts and Cross Section Plans (Document Reference 2.9)

				design, external appearance, and the preferred layout of buildings, structures, drainage, surface water management, means of vehicular and pedestrian access, any car parking and landscaping	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Are they of a satisfactory standard?	
p)	Any of the documents prescribed by Regulation 6 of the APFP Regulations:	Grid Connection Statement (Document Reference 5.8)	q)	Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	Cover Letter (Document Reference 1.2). Application Form (Document Reference 1.1) Application Guide (Document Reference 1.3) Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Document Reference 7.1) Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan (Document Reference 7.2)

				<p>Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (Document Reference 7.3)</p> <p>Outline Battery Management Safety Plan (Document Reference 7.4)</p> <p>Outline Ecological Construction Management Plan (Document Reference 7.5)</p> <p>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (Document Reference 7.6)</p> <p>Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (Document Reference 7.7)</p> <p>Outline Soil Management Plan (Document Reference 7.8)</p> <p>Outline Supply Chain, Employment and Skills Plan (Document Reference 7.9)</p>
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				<p>Flood Risk Sequential Assessment (Document Reference 7.11)</p> <p>Other Consents and Licenses (Document Reference 5.7)</p> <p>Planning Statement (Document Reference 5.5)</p> <p>Design Approach Document (Document Reference 5.6)</p> <p>Appendix A: Parameters Document (Document Reference 5.6.1)</p>
	Are they of a satisfactory standard?			Are they of a satisfactory standard?
30	Are there any observations in respect of the documents provided at Box 29 (a) to (q) above?			
31	In accordance with Regulation 5(2)(g) of the APFP Regulations, is the application accompanied by a report identifying any European site(s) to which Regulation 48 of The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.)	Yes	A Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report has been provided (Document Reference 5.3).	

	Regulations 1994 applies; or any Ramsar site(s), which may be affected by the Proposed Development, together with sufficient information that will enable the Secretary of State to make an appropriate assessment of the implications for the site if required by Regulation 48(1)?	The HRA Report identifies relevant European sites and the likely effects on the integrity of those sites. It is considered that the information provided in the report is adequate for acceptance.
32	In accordance with Regulation 5(2)(r) of the APFP Regulations, if requested by the Planning Inspectorate, have two paper copies of the application form and other supporting documents and plans been provided?	No hard copies requested.
33	Has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance'?	Yes The Applicant has had regard to the statutory guidance contained within 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance' when preparing this application as set out in Section 24 above.
34	Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)	
The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended)		
Pre-application fee		
35	Were all pre-application fees paid before the application was made? Pre-application services for which a fee can be charged is defined in Regulation 2A(8) and includes services listed within Schedule	Yes. All pre-application fees in accordance with the 'standard' tier service were paid before the application was made.

	<p>1 of the Fees Regulations 2010. Fees for pre-application services apply to all proposed applications, from the inception meeting. These fees must be paid within 28 days of the invoice. If the applicant fails to pay the fee within 28 days, the Planning Inspectorate will not provide the applicant with any further pre-application services or take any further steps in relation to the proposed application.</p>	
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Fees to accompany an application

36	<p>Was the fee paid at the same time that the application was made?</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate must charge the Applicant a fee in respect of the decision by the Planning Inspectorate under section 55 of the PA2008. If the Applicant fails to pay the fee, the Planning Inspectorate need not consider the application until payment is received. The fee must be paid at the same time that the application is made</p>	<p>The application fee was received by PINS 22 August 2025.</p>
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Role	Electronic signature	Date
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Case Manager		
Acceptance Inspector		

