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# Section 55

## Acceptance of Applications Checklist

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



## Tween Bridge Solar Farm Section 55 Acceptance of Applications Checklist

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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
		<b>26 August 2025</b>	<b>23 September 2025</b>	<b>23 September 2025</b>
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	<b>Yes</b> The proposed development set out in <b>schedule 1</b> of the <b>Draft DCO (Doc 3.1)</b> includes 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>equivalent words? Does the application specify the development to which it relates, meaning 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>	<p>This is consistent with the summary provided in <b>section 4</b> of the <b>Application Form (Doc 1.3)</b> which states that the application is for an NSIP.</p>
3	<b>Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)</b>	<p>The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the <b>Draft DCO (Doc 3.1)</b> includes development for which development consent is required.</p>
<b>Section 55(3)(e): The applicant in relation to the application made has complied with chapter 2 of part 5 (pre-application procedure)</b>		
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><b>Yes</b></p> <p>On <b>26 January 2023</b> the applicant notified The Planning Inspectorate in accordance with regulation 8(1)(b) of the EIA regulations of its intention to provide an environmental statement in respect of the proposed development. The notification was received before the start of statutory consultation on <b>20 March 2025</b>.</p> <p>A copy of the notification letter is provided at <b>appendix 4.1</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p>
5	<p>Have any Adequacy of Consultation Representations been received from 'A', 'B', 'C'</p>	<b>Yes</b>

	<p>and 'D' local authorities; and if so, do they 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>There are 2 host and neighbouring authorities, of which 2 responded to The Planning Inspectorate's invitation to make an AoCR dated 29 August 2025.</p> <p>All 2 responding authorities confirmed in their AoCR that either the applicant had complied with its duties under s42, s47 and s48 of the PA2008 and/ or that their authority had no comments/ objections to make. These local authorities were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City of Doncaster Council (B/D authority)*</li> <li>• North Lincolnshire Council (B/D authority)</li> </ul> <p><i>*City of Doncaster Council still have serious concerns regarding the adequacy of the applicant's consultation. They have said 'yes' in the boxes but have noted this is only applicable if no further consultation was required for the resubmitted application.</i></p> <p>All AoCRs received have been carefully considered and are available to view on the Find a National Infrastructure Project website: <a href="https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010148">https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010148</a></p>
<b>Section 42: Duty to consult</b>		
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><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The applicant has provided a list of persons consulted under s42(1)(a) on 20 March 2025 at <b>appendix 6.7</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p> <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42(1)(a) consultees is provided at <b>appendix 4.3</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</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>	N/A
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 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><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Table 7-3 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> lists the relevant local authorities that were identified and consulted under s43 and s42(1)(b) on <b>20 March 2025</b>.</p> <p>The host 'B' authority was consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Lincolnshire Council</li> <li>• City of Doncaster Council</li> </ul> <p>The host 'C' authority was consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lincolnshire County Council</li> </ul> <p>The boundary 'A' authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West Lindsey District Council</li> <li>• Selby District Council</li> <li>• Bassetlaw District Council</li> <li>• Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council</li> <li>• Wakefield Council</li> <li>• Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council</li> <li>• East Riding of Yorkshire Council</li> </ul>

		<p>The boundary 'D' authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North East Lincolnshire Council</li> <li>• North Yorkshire County Council</li> <li>• Nottinghamshire County Council</li> </ul> <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42(1)(b) relevant authorities is provided at <b>appendix 4.3</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p>
9	Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?	<b>N/A</b>
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</p> <p>Category 2: person interested in the land or has power to sell and convey the land or to release the land</p> <p>Category 3: persons who would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Paragraph 7.9.4</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> states that all persons identified under s42(1)(d) were consulted on <b>20 March 2025</b>.</p> <p><b>Paragraphs 7.8.4 to 7.11.4</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> summarise how the applicant made diligent inquiry to seek to identify and consult persons with an interest in lands affected by the <b>Draft DCO (Doc 3.1)</b>. The full methodology undertaken by the applicant is provided in <b>appendix 1</b> of the <b>Statement of Reasons (Doc 4.1)</b>.</p> <p>The persons consulted under s42(1)(d) are listed at <b>appendix 7.1</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p> <p>A sample of the letter is provided at <b>appendix 6.10</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p>
<b>Section 45: Timetable for s42 consultation</b>		

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><b>Yes</b></p> <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42 consultees is provided at <b>appendix 4.3</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p> <p>The sample letter dated <b>20 March 2025</b> confirmed that consultation commenced on <b>20 March 2025</b> and closed on <b>8 May 2025</b>, providing more than the required minimum time for receipt of responses.</p>
<b>Section 46: Duty to notify The Planning Inspectorate of proposed application</b>		
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><b>No*</b></p> <p>The applicant gave notice under s46 on <b>21 March 2025</b>, which was after the beginning of s42 consultation.</p> <p>A copy of the s46 notification letter is provided at <b>appendix 6.12</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> and a copy of s46 notification acknowledgement letter from The Planning Inspectorate is provided at <b>appendix 6.12</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p>
<b>Section 47: Duty to consult local community</b>		
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?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>A copy of the applicant's final SoCC is provided at <b>appendix 5.7</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p>
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	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The applicant sent the draft SoCC to City of Doncaster Council ('B Authority') and North Lincolnshire Council ('B' authority) on <b>13 February</b></p>



	'B' and, where applicable, 'C' authorities received the consultation documents?	<b>2025</b> and set a deadline of <b>13 March 2025</b> for responses; providing more than the required minimum time for responses to be received.
15	Has the applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Appendix 5.5 and appendix 5.6 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> provide City of Doncaster Council and North Lincolnshire Council's approval of the SoCC respectively. <b>Table 6-1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> provides a summary of the consultation responses from North Lincolnshire Council and City of Doncaster Council in respect of the draft SoCC and demonstrates how the applicant had regard to their content.</p> <p>Examples of changes from the draft SoCC to the final SoCC include:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">North Lincolnshire Council: <i>"Requested confirmation that the notice would be published within the Scunthorpe Telegraph."</i> to which the applicant confirmed, <i>"The SoCC was updated to confirm the notice would be published within the Scunthorpe Telegraph"</i>.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the applicant had regard to the responses received when preparing the SoCC.</p>
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?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The final SoCC was made available at the following locations, which is reasonably convenient having regard to the location of the proposed development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crowle Community Hub. The Market Hall, Market Place, Crowle, Scunthorpe, DN17 4LA.</li> <li>• Thorne Library. The Vermuyden Centre, Field Side, Thorne, Doncaster, DN8 4BQ.</li> <li>• Hatfield Community Library. High Street, Hatfield, Doncaster, DN7 6RY.</li> </ul>

		<p>A notice stating when and where the final SoCC could be inspected was published in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Guardian, 20 March 2025</li> <li>• The London Gazette, 20 March 2025</li> <li>• Doncaster Free Press, 20 March 2025</li> </ul> <p>The published SoCC notice, provided at <b>appendix 4.4</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> states where and when the final SoCC was available to inspect.</p> <p>Clippings of the published advertisements are provided at <b>appendix 5.9</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</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><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Paragraph 3 of the final SoCC at appendix 5.7 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> sets out that the development is EIA development and 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><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Paragraphs 6.4.1 to 6.5.4 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> set out how the community consultation was carried out in line with the final SoCC. <b>Paragraphs 6.1.1 to 6.3.3</b> sets out how the SoCC was drafted and how the applicant prepared the final SoCC.</p> <p><b>Table 7-8 under Chapter 7.27.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> sets out how the applicant has complied with the commitments set out in the final SoCC.</p>

		<p>Although The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the applicant has carried out the consultation in line with the final SoCC, the following observations have been noted with regards to certain commitments:</p> <p>City of Doncaster Council made note in the response to the AoCM that it <i>“repeatedly raised significant concerns with the Applicant that consultation with the Council has been minimal, effectively only ensuring the minimum is achieved in terms of legal compliance. The Council has expressed its disappointment regarding this approach and has relayed its concern that this lack of meaningful engagement appears to be dictated by the Applicant’s determination to meet a self imposed and accelerated deadline for submission for Examination rather than as a tangible opportunity to positively shape the project.”</i></p>
<b>Section 48: Duty to publicise the proposed application</b>		
19	Did the applicant publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner set out in regulation 4(2) of the (as amended) APFP regulations?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Paragraph 6.6.2 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> states:</p> <p><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><b>Chapter 6.6.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> displays the newspapers and dates of s48 publicity as set out below.</p> <p>A copy of the s48 notice is provided at <b>appendix 4.4 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p> <p>Clippings of the published notices set out below are provided at <b>appendix 5.9 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p>

Newspaper(s)			Date		
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;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Scunthorpe Telegraph</li><li>Doncaster Free Press</li></ul>	20 March 2025 27 March 2025		
b)	once in a national newspaper;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Guardian</li></ul>	20 March 2025		
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The London Gazette</li></ul>	20 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?	<b>Yes</b> The published s48 notice, supplied at <b>appendix 4.4</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> , contains the required information as set out below:			
Information		Paragraph	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	1

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 - 9
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"><li>the nature and location of the proposed development</li><li>the address of the website</li><li>the place on the website</li><li>a telephone number which can be used to contact the applicant for enquiries in relation to the documents, plans and maps</li></ul>	18	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection	14
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	19 - 21
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?				
	No				

22	Has a copy of the s48 notice been sent to the EIA consultation bodies and to any person notified to the applicant in accordance with regulation 13 of the EIA regulations?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>A copy of the s48 notice was sent to the EIA consultation bodies as part of the s42 consultation, as confirmed in <b>paragraph 5.3.5 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p> <p>A sample of the s42 consultation letter provided at <b>appendix 4.3 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> confirms a copy of the s48 notice was enclosed.</p>
<b>s49: Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity</b>		
23	Has the applicant had regard to any relevant responses to the s42, s47 and s48 consultation?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Chapter 8.4 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> sets out how the applicant had regard to the consultation responses received; this chapter identifies the changes that proceeded consultation responses. <b>Chapter 8.4.5 to 8.4.15</b> demonstrates the suggested changes that were considered but were not implemented.</p> <p>The actions informed by the consultation responses appear to be reflected in the final form of the application as submitted. Where a particular response has not led to a change in the application, it is sufficiently clear that regard was had to it.</p>
<b>S50(3) Regard to guidance about pre-application procedure</b>		
24	To what extent has the applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects'?	<p><b>Paragraph 9.3.1 to Paragraph 9.4.2 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> states that the applicant has had regard to all relevant statutory guidance. <b>Appendix 3.4</b> of the Consultation Report (<b>Doc 5.1</b>) contains information about how the applicant had regard to the advice given to them by The Planning Inspectorate.</p>

	The Planning Inspectorate must have regard to the extent to which the applicant has had regard to guidance issued under s50.	The applicant submitted an adequacy of consultation milestone statement on <b>3 July 2025</b> . The Applicant confirmed in <b>Chapter 9.3, section 9.3.3</b> that <i>“Due to the time constraints associated with the re-organisation of the Grid connection queue, it was not possible for the Applicant to receive Section 51 advice on the AoCM Statement.”</i>
25	<b>Summary: Section 55(3)(e)</b>	The applicant has complied with chapter 2 of part 5 (pre-application procedure) of the PA2008.
<b>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)</b>		
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"> <li>• a brief statement which explains why it falls within the remit of The Planning Inspectorate; and</li> <li>• a brief statement that clearly identifies the location of the application site, or the route if it is a linear scheme?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Section 4</b> of the <b>Application Form (Doc 1.1)</b> explains why the development falls within the remit of The Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p><b>Section 5</b> of the <b>Application Form (Doc 1.1)</b> provides a brief non-technical description of the site and <b>section 6</b> provides the location of the proposed development.</p> <p>A <b>Location Plan (Doc 2.1)</b> has been provided.</p>
27	Is it accompanied by a consultation report?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The application is accompanied by a <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> and <b>Consultation Report appendices (Doc 5.2)</b>.</p>

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)?	The documents and information required by APFP regulation 5(2) are set out in the documents and locations within the application as listed below:																						
<table><tr><td colspan="2">Information</td><td colspan="2">Document</td><td colspan="2">Information</td><td colspan="2">Document</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="2">a)</td><td>Where applicable, an environmental statement required under the EIA regulations and any scoping or screening opinions or directions</td><td colspan="2">ES Non-Technical Summary (Doc 6.3.1.0) ES Chapters (Doc 6.1.1 – 6.2.18) ES appendices (Docs 6.3.1.1 – 6.3.17.3) ES Figures (Docs 6.4.1.1 – 6.4.17.1).</td><td rowspan="2">b)</td><td>a draft development consent order (DCO)</td><td colspan="2">Draft Development Consent Order (Doc 3.1)</td></tr><tr><td>Is this of a satisfactory standard?</td><td colspan="2">Yes</td><td>Is this of a satisfactory standard?</td><td colspan="2">Yes</td></tr></table>			Information		Document		Information		Document		a)	Where applicable, an environmental statement required under the EIA regulations and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	ES Non-Technical Summary (Doc 6.3.1.0) ES Chapters (Doc 6.1.1 – 6.2.18) ES appendices (Docs 6.3.1.1 – 6.3.17.3) ES Figures (Docs 6.4.1.1 – 6.4.17.1).		b)	a draft development consent order (DCO)	Draft Development Consent Order (Doc 3.1)		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes	
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a)	Where applicable, an environmental statement required under the EIA regulations and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	ES Non-Technical Summary (Doc 6.3.1.0) ES Chapters (Doc 6.1.1 – 6.2.18) ES appendices (Docs 6.3.1.1 – 6.3.17.3) ES Figures (Docs 6.4.1.1 – 6.4.17.1).		b)	a draft development consent order (DCO)	Draft Development Consent Order (Doc 3.1)																		
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes																		



c)	An explanatory memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of provisions in the draft DCO	<b>Draft Explanatory Memorandum (Doc 3.2)</b>	d)	Where applicable, a book of reference	<b>Book of Reference (Doc 4.3)</b>
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b>		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b>
e)	A copy of any flood risk assessment	<b>ES appendix 10.1 (Doc 6.3.10.1)</b> <b>Sequential test (Doc 7.11)</b>	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	<b>Statutory Nuisances Statement (Doc 5.4)</b>
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b>		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b>
h)	A statement of reasons and a funding statement (where the application involves any compulsory acquisition)	<b>Statement of Reasons (Doc 4.1)</b> <b>Funding Statement (Doc 4.2)</b>	i)	A land plan identifying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the land required for, or affected by, the proposed development</li> </ul>	<b>Land Plans (Doc 2.2)</b>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of compulsory acquisition or any rights to use land</li> <li>• any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights; and</li> <li>• any special category land and replacement land</li> </ul>	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b>		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b> ( <i>with minor discrepancies as noted in box 30</i> )
j)	A works plan showing, in relation to existing features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the proposed location or (for a linear scheme) the proposed route and</li> </ul>	<b>Works Plans (Doc 2.3)</b>	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	<b>Street Works Access and Public Rights of Way Plan (Doc 2.4)</b>

	alignment of the development and works; and			way or public rights of navigation	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the limits within which the development and works may be carried out and any limits of deviation provided for in the draft DCO</li> </ul>				
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b> ( <i>with minor discrepancies as noted in box 30</i> )		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b>
I)	<p>Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation, for example sites of geological or landscape importance</li> <li>habitats of protected species, important habitats</li> </ul>	<p><b>i) Plan of statutory and non-statutory sites or features (doc 2.7)</b></p> <p><b>ES figures 3.1 and 3.4 (docs 6.4.3.1 and 6.4.3.4)</b></p> <p><b>Accompanying figures in HRA Report (doc 5.3).</b></p> <p>An assessment of these is undertaken within ES Chapter 7 (doc 6.2.7) and the</p>	m)	<p>Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of the historic environment, (for example scheduled monuments, world heritage sites, listed buildings, archaeological sites and registered battlefields) together with an assessment of</p>	<p><b>Plan showing Statutory and Non-Statutory Historic or Scheduled Monument Sites (Doc 2.8)</b></p> <p><b>ES figures 8.1 – 8.3 (docs 6.4.8.1 – 6.4.8.3)</b></p> <p>An assessment of these is undertaken within ES Chapter 8 (Doc 6.2.8).</p>

	<p>or other diversity features; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• water bodies in a river basin management plan;</li> </ul> <p>together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features, habitats or bodies likely to be caused by the proposed development</p>	<p>HRA Report (doc 5.3).</p> <p><b>ii) Figures within ES appendix 7.1 (doc 6.3.7.1)</b></p> <p><b>Figures within individual species surveys as ES appendices (docs 6.3.7.2 – 6.3.7.7)</b></p> <p>An assessment of these is undertaken within ES Chapter 7 (doc 6.2.7).</p> <p><b>iii) Water Bodies in a River Basin Management Plan (Doc 2.5)</b></p> <p><b>Figures within ES appendix 10.2 (doc 6.3.10.2)</b></p> <p>An assessment of these is undertaken within ES chapter 10 (doc 6.2.10) and ES</p>		<p>any effects on such sites, features or structures likely to be caused by the proposed development</p>	
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n)		appendix 10.2 (doc 6.3.10.2)	o)		
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b>		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b>
	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land	<b>N/A</b>		Any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the development consent proposal showing details of 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	<b>Indicative Layouts and Cross Section Plans (Doc 2.9)</b>
p)	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>N/A</b>	q)	Are they of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b>
	Any of the documents prescribed by regulation 6 of the APFP regulations	<b>Grid Connection Statement (Doc 5.8)</b>		Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	<b>Cover Letter (Document Reference 1.2). Application Form (Document Reference 1.1)</b>



					<b>Flood Risk Sequential Assessment (Document Reference 7.11)</b> <b>Other Consents and Licenses (Document Reference 5.7)</b> <b>Planning Statement (Document Reference 5.5)</b> <b>Design Approach Document (Document Reference 5.6)</b> <b>Appendix A: Parameters Document (Document Reference 5.6.1)</b>
	Are they of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b>		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b>
30	Are there any observations in respect of the documents provided at box 29 (a) to (q) above?				
	<b>Land Plans (Doc 2.2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The land plans appear to be duplicated.</li> <li>• Reference is made to 'INSET APPENDIX 1 Doc Ref: RWE_TWE_BOR_APPENDICES_1&amp;2_REV1' but this document could not be located.</li> <li>• Plot 1/37 is obscured by the order limit boundary.</li> <li>• It is unclear which plots labels 1/53, 1/55, 2/35, 2/37, 4/54 and 4/41 relate to.</li> <li>• Labels 2/29 and 2/31 appear to be pointing to the same plot.</li> <li>• Plots labelled on Sheet 3 in Inset 5 have unclear boundaries. Some lines are grey and some are black.</li> <li>• Sheet 4 - path south east of plot 4/8 appears unlabelled.</li> <li>• The boundary of plot 4/8 is unclear as it is obscured by the order limit boundary.</li> <li>• Plot 4/47 label appears to point to a grey coloured plot.</li> </ul>				

- The plot boundaries for 6/3, 6/4 and 6/5 are unclear due to grey and black outlines being used.
- There is no boundary separating plot 7/1 and 7/2.
- Plot 7/14 points to a green plot indicating that it is highway. This is not mentioned in the BoR.

#### **Work Plans (Doc 2.3)**

- The works plans are not searchable

#### **Consultation Report (CR) (Doc 5.1 to 5.2)**

- The CR states that a copy of the letter sent to s42(1)(d) parties is found within appendix 6.9. However, a copy of the letter is included at appendix 6.10.

#### **Book of Reference (Doc 4.3)**

- In part 2, plots 6/4 & 6/5 are in metres not square metres.
- In part 3, plots 10/7 & 10/8 are in metres not square metres.

#### **DCO – Application Form Electronic Copy (Doc 1.1)**

The document shows an error page, not the application form.

#### **Application Cover Letter (Doc 1.2)**

The cover page refers to '1.1 Application Form' but the document is the cover letter.

#### **Noise Monitoring Locations (Doc 6.4.13.2)**

This document has an incorrect cover sheet.

#### **Phase 1 Ground Conditions Desk Study reports for Land Parcels A to F (Doc 6.3.9.1)**



	<p>All 10 documents refer to Land Parcels A-E on the cover sheet but 'A-F' on the application index.</p> <p><b>Baseline Traffic Survey Report (Doc 6.3.12.3)</b></p> <p>The plain English column of the application index refers to 'part 1'. However, this is the only part and cover page doesn't refer to 'part 1'.</p> <p><b>Stainforth &amp; Keedby Canal - Thorne To Crowles Corridor Study (Doc 6.3.6.7)</b></p> <p>This is labelled as appendix 6.8 on the application index. However, the cover page refers to '6.7'.</p> <p><b>Environmental Statement Technical Appendix 6.4 Photomontage Visualisation (Doc 6.3.6.4)</b></p> <p>Part 1 and Part 2 are not differentiated on the cover pages.</p> <p>For further information and advice relating to observations made by the Inspectorate please refer to the letter dated 23 September 2025 providing the applicant with advice under section 51 of the PA2008. This is available to view on the Find a National Infrastructure Project website: <a href="https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/">https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/</a>  <a href="https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010148">https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010148</a></p>	
31	<p>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, &amp;c.) 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</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>A shadow <b>Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report</b> has been provided (Doc 5.3).</p> <p>The HRA Report identifies relevant European sites and the likely effects on those sites. It is considered that the information provided in the report is adequate for acceptance.</p> <p>Note: The Examining Authority will be able to ask questions during the examination. This may result in additional information being required to inform the HRA Report and the competent authority. Depending upon the</p>

	implications for the site if required by regulation 48(1)?	type and availability of information required it may not be possible to obtain this during the statutory timetable of the examination.
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?	<b>No hard copies requested.</b>
33	Has the applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance'?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the applicant has demonstrated regard to the guidance principles.</p>
34	<b>Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)</b>	<p>The Planning Inspectorate concludes that the application (including accompaniments) has been prepared to a standard that it considers satisfactory.</p> <p>In respect of the discrepancies identified in box 30 of this checklist, to help facilitate an efficient and effective examination of the application s51 advice has been provided to the applicant in conjunction with the decision to accept the application. That advice is published on the Find a National Infrastructure Project website, here: <a href="https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010148">https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010148</a></p>
<b>The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010</b>		
<b>Pre-application fee</b>		

35	<p>Were all pre-application fees paid before the application was made?</p> <p>Pre-application services for which a fee can be charged is defined in regulation 2A(8) and includes services listed within schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (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 notice. 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>	<p>The fees for providing the applicant with standard pre-application services were received on 30 July 2025 before the application was made.</p>
<p><b>Fees to accompany an application</b></p>		
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 fee was received on 22 August 2025 before the application was made.</p>

Role	Electronic signature	Date
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