



## **Pearmtree Hill Solar Farm**

### **Section 55 Checklist**

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**Appendix 3 of Advice on the preparation and submission of application documents**

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<b>Section 55(2) Acceptance of Applications</b>					
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>Section 55(3) – the Planning Inspectorate may only accept an application if it concludes that:</b>		<b>Planning Inspectorate comments</b>			
<b>Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c): It is an application for an order granting development consent</b>					
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 the development to	<b>Yes.</b> The Proposed Development set out in Schedule 1 of the <b>Draft DCO [EN010157/APP/3.1]</b> includes development falling within the categories in section 14 of the PA 2008. The Proposed Development is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) pursuant to sub-sections 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and (2) of the Act, as an onshore generating station in England with a capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW).			

	<p>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>	<p>This is consistent with the summary provided in section 4 of the <b>Application Form [EN010157/APP/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>	
<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>The Applicant notified the Planning Inspectorate in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 on 8 November 2023 of its intention to provide an Environmental Statement (ES) in respect of the Proposed Development. The notification was received before the start of statutory consultation on 15 May 2024.</p>
5	<p>Have any Adequacy of Consultation Representations been received from 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' local authorities; and if so, do they confirm that the Applicant has complied with the duties under s42, s47 and s48?</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.	
<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	Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed?  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).	<b>Yes.</b>  Persons prescribed under section 42(1)(a) are listed in column 1 of the Schedule to The Infrastructure Planning (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2024 ("2024 Regulations"). These 2024 Regulations came into force on 30th April 2024 replacing the table in Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 ("2009 Regulations"), with an updated table of prescribed consultees. The statutory consultation took place after 30 April 2024, therefore the Miscellaneous Provisions Regulations 2024 was used as the prescribed persons list.  The <b>Consultation Report [EN010157/APP/5.1]</b> and the <b>Consultation Report Appendices [EN010157/APP/5.2]</b> outlines the approach to identifying s42(a) consultees and when they were consulted.  The Applicant has provided a list of persons consulted under s42(1)(a) and the dates they were notified in <b>Consultation Report Appendices, Appendix D-1 [EN010157/APP/5.2]</b> . A sample of letters sent to those consultees is also provided in <b>Consultation Report Appendices, Appendix D-2.1 and D-2.4 [EN010157/APP/5.2]</b> .
7	Section 42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation(MMO)?	<b>Not Applicable.</b>

	<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>Paragraph 5.4.8 of the <b>Consultation Report [EN010157/APP/5.1]</b> outlines why the MMO was not consulted</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 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>Table 14 of the <b>Consultation Report [EN010157/APP/5.1]</b> lists the relevant local authorities which were identified under s43 and consulted on 13 May 2023, in accordance with s42(1)(b) of the PA2008.</p> <p>The host 'B' authorities consulted were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East Riding of Yorkshire Council</li> </ul> <p>The boundary 'A' authorities consulted were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hull City Council</li> <li>• North Lincolnshire Council</li> <li>• Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council</li> <li>• City of York Council</li> <li>• North Yorkshire Council</li> </ul> <p>There are no relevant 'C' or 'D' category neighbouring authorities</p> <p>A sample of the letter sent to the s42(1)(b) relevant authorities sent on 13 May 2024 is provided in <b>Consultation Report Appendices, Appendix D-2.1 [EN010157/APP/5.2]</b>.</p>
9	<p>Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?</p>	<p><b>Not Applicable</b></p> <p>Section 5.6 of the <b>Consultation Report [EN010157/APP/5.1]</b> outlines why the GLA was not consulted.</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 release the land; Category 3: persons who would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim.</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Section 5.7 of the <b>Consultation Report [EN010157/APP/5.1]</b> outlines the methods by which the Applicant made diligent inquiry to identify and consult persons with an interest in lands impacted by the Proposed Development and when they were consulted.</p> <p>The full methodology is provided in the <b>Statement of Reasons [EN010157/APP/4.1]</b>.</p> <p>A list of those persons consulted under s42(1)(d) is provided in the <b>Book of Reference [EN010157/APP/4.2]</b> and a sample of the letter sent can be found in <b>Consultation Report Appendices, Appendix D-2.2 [EN010157/APP/5.2]</b>.</p> <p>As detailed in Chapter 7 of the <b>Consultation Report [EN010157/APP/5.1]</b> a further targeted consultation was carried out between 8 October and 8 November 2024, including with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PILs who had been newly identified as a result of the proposed changes and were therefore being consulted on a statutory basis.</li> <li>• PILs who were previously contacted at statutory consultation and who the Applicant believed had additional land interests affected by the changes.</li> </ul> <p>A copy of the targeted consultation letter issued to newly identified persons with an interest in the land, and persons with an interest in the land that were already consulted at statutory consultation, is provided in <b>Consultation Report Appendices, Appendix H-4.1 and H-4.2 [EN010157/APP/5.2]</b></p>
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#### Section 45: Timetable for s42 consultation

11	<p>Did the Applicant notify s42 consultees of the deadline for receipt of consultation responses; and if so was the deadline notified by the</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Samples of the letter sent to s42 consultees as part of the statutory consultation are provided in <b>Consultation Report Appendices, Appendix D-2.1 and D-2.4</b></p>
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	<p>Applicant 28 days or more starting with the day after receipt of the consultation documents?</p> <p>[EN010157/APP/5.2], which confirmed that the statutory consultation started on 15 May 2024 and closed on the 26 June 2024 therefore providing more than the required minimum time for receipt of responses.</p> <p>As detailed within Chapter 5 of the <b>Consultation Report [EN010157/APP/5.1]</b> additional consultees were identified during the consultation and were notified by letter. Each of these additional consultees were provided with a minimum of 28 days to respond, with the final comments accepted until 11:59pm on Friday 30 August 2024.</p> <p>As detailed in Chapter 7 of the <b>Consultation Report [EN010157/APP/5.1]</b> further targeted consultation was carried out between 8 October and 8 November 2024, interested parties were notified by letter and given 30 days to respond from the date after they received the letter, which is over the 28 day statutory minimum.</p>
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#### Section 46: Duty to notify the Planning Inspectorate of proposed application

12	<p>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>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The Applicant gave notice under section 46 on 13 May 2024, which was prior to the commencement of the statutory consultation on 15 May 2024. A copy of the letter is included in <b>Consultation Report Appendices, Appendix D-4.1 [EN010157/APP/5.2]</b>.</p> <p>Following the printing of an error in the Consultation Brochure, the Applicant contacted the Planning Inspectorate to provide information on action undertaken to rectify the situation. A copy of this letter can be found in <b>Consultation Report Appendices, Appendix D-4.4</b> and a copy of the email can be found in <b>Consultation Report Appendices, Appendix D-4.5</b>.</p> <p>A copy of the acknowledgement of the section 46 letter from the Planning Inspectorate is provided in the <b>Consultation Report Appendices, Appendix D-4.6 [EN010157/APP/5.2]</b></p>
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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?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The Applicant prepared a SoCC for the statutory consultation, a copy of the final SoCC is provided in <b>Consultation Report Appendices, Appendix C-7 [EN010157/APP/5.2]</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 'B' and, where applicable, 'C' authorities received the consultation documents?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Yes the Applicant sent the draft SoCC to East Riding of Yorkshire Council on 29 February 2024 setting a deadline of Tuesday 2 April 2024 for responses; providing more than the required minimum time for responses to be received. Whilst not a host authority the draft SoCC was also sent to Hull City Council for consultation.</p> <p>The draft SoCC is provided in <b>Consultation Report Appendices, Appendix C-3 [EN010157/APP/5.2]</b>.</p>
15	Has the Applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Table 12 of the <b>Consultation Report [EN010157/APP/5.1]</b>, provides a summary of the consultation responses from East Riding of Yorkshire Council and demonstrates how the Applicant had regard to their content. No comments were received from Hull City Council.</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 published on the Applicant's project website, as shown in <b>Consultation Report Appendices, Appendix C-9 [EN010157/APP/5.2]</b>.</p> <p>The SoCC made available to view at Beverley Library, Leven Library and Tickton Village Hall which were considered the closest and most reasonable</p>

		<p>locations for local communities. A notice stating when and where the final SoCC could be inspected was published in;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Yorkshire Post on 8 May 2024 and 15 May 2024</li> <li>• The Hull Daily Mail on 8 May 2024 and 15 May 2024</li> <li>• The Guardian on 14 May 2024</li> <li>• The London Gazette on 14 May 2024</li> </ul> <p>Clippings of the published notices are provided in the <b>Consultation Report Appendices, Appendix C-8 [EN010157/APP/5.2]</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>Section 2.2 of the final SoCC, available to view in <b>Consultation Report Appendices, Appendix C-7 [EN010157/APP/5.2]</b> set out that the development is EIA development and confirms that the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) would be published as part of the consultation material. Section 6.4 set out what was consulted on, section 6.6 set out how the Applicant intended to publicise the consultation and section 7.1 set out how those with an interest in the proposals could respond to the consultation.</p>
18	Has the Applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Chapter 5 of the <b>Consultation Report [EN010157/APP/5.1]</b> set out how the statutory consultation was carried out. Section 5.18 of the <b>Consultation Report [EN010157/APP/5.1]</b> set out how the Applicant has complied with the commitments set out in this SoCC.</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 2009?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Section 5.10 of the <b>Consultation Report [EN010157/APP/5.1]</b> provides information on how the Applicant has demonstrated compliance in this regard. Additionally, Table 15 of the <b>Consultation Report [EN010157/APP/5.1]</b> details</p>

		<p>the newspapers and dates of s48 publicity in relation to the statutory consultation.</p> <p>A copy of each of the notices can be found in of the <b>Consultation Report Appendices, Appendix C-8 [EN010157/APP/5.2]</b>.</p>												
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20	Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in Regulation 4(3) of the (as amended) APFP Regulations 2009?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The s48 notice published in respect of the statutory consultation a copy of which can be found in of the <b>Consultation Report Appendix C-8.1 [EN010157/APP/5.2]</b> contained the required information as set out in the following sections.</p>												

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	7	d)	a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the Proposed Development	5
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>	12 and contact details at end of notice	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection	12
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	14	h)	details of how to respond to the publicity	16
i)	a deadline for receipt of those responses by the Applicant, being not less than 28	17			

	days following the date when the notice is last published	
21	Are there any observations in respect of the s48 notice provided above?	
	<b>No</b>	
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 statutory consultation, as confirmed in paragraph 5.10.7 of the <b>Consultation Report [EN010157/APP/5.1]</b>. Samples of the s42 consultation letters issued as part of the statutory consultation are provided in <b>Consultation Report Appendix D-2 [EN010157/APP/5.1]</b>, which confirm that 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 6 of the Consultation Report [EN010157/APP/5.1] and Consultation Report Appendices, Appendix G [EN010157/APP/5.2]</b> set out how the Applicant had regard to the consultation responses received as part of the statutory consultation including where a response has led to a change in the Proposed Development.</p> <p><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Chapter 7 of the Consultation Report [EN010157/APP/5.1] and Consultation Report Appendices, Appendix H-8 [EN010157/APP/5.2]</b> set out how the Applicant had regard to the consultation responses received as part of further targeted consultation.</p>
<b>S50(3) Regard to guidance about pre-application procedure</b>		

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>As stated in the <b>Application Cover Letter [EN010157/APP/1.1]</b>, the Applicant has had regard to the 'Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process' in preparing this application. The Applicant's regard to pre-application guidance is listed in the <b>Consultation Report Appendices, Appendix I-3 [EN010157/APP/5.2]</b></p>
25	<p><b>Summary: Section 55(3)(e)</b></p>	
<p><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></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"> <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>Section 4 of the <b>Application Form [EN010157/APP/1.3]</b> explains why the Proposed Development falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>Section 5 of the <b>Application Form [EN010157/APP/1.3]</b> provides a brief, nontechnical description of the application site, and section 6 describes the location of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>A <b>Location and Land Area Plan [EN010157/APP/2.1]</b> has been submitted as part of the DCO Application.</p>
27	Is it accompanied by a Consultation Report?	<p><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>The DCO Application is accompanied by a <b>Consultation Report [EN010157/APP/5.1]</b> and <b>Consultation Report Appendices [EN010157/APP/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?	<b>Yes.</b>			
29	Is it accompanied by the documents and information set out in APFP Regulation 5(2)?	<b>Yes.</b> The documents and information required by APFP Regulation 5(2) are set out in the documents and locations within the application as listed below:			
Information	Document	Information	Document		
a)	Where applicable, the Environmental Statement required under the EIA Regulations and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	<b>ES Volume 1: Introductory Chapters [EN010157/APP/6.1]</b> <b>ES Volume 2: Aspect Chapters [EN010157/APP/6.2]</b> <b>ES Volume 3: Figures [EN010157/APP/6.3]</b> <b>ES Volume 4: Technical Appendices, Commitments Register and Non-Technical Summary [EN010157/APP/6.4]</b>	b)	The draft Development Consent Order (DCO)	<b>Draft DCO [EN010157/APP/3.1]</b>

		<b>ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.1: EIA Scoping Report [EN010157/APP/6.4]</b>		
		<b>ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.2: EIA Scoping Opinion [EN010157/APP/6.4]</b>		
	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	<b>Explanatory Memorandum [EN010157/APP/3.2]</b>	d)	Where applicable, a Book of Reference
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?
e)	A copy of any Flood Risk Assessment	<b>ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.6: Flood Risk Assessment [EN010157/APP/6.4]</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>Book of Reference [EN010157/APP/4.2]</b>
				<b>Statement of Statutory Nuisance [EN010157/APP/5.4]</b>

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h)	A Statement of Reasons and a Funding Statement (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition)	<p><b>Statement of Reasons</b> <b>[EN010157/APP/4.1]</b></p> <p><b>Funding Statement</b> <b>[EN010157/APP/4.3]</b></p>	i)	<p>A Land Plan identifying:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the land required for, or affected by, the Proposed Development;</li> <li>(ii) where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of Compulsory Acquisition or any rights to use land;</li> <li>(iii) any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights; and</li> <li>(iv) any special category land and replacement land</li> </ul>
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<p>j) A Works Plan showing, in relation to existing features:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the proposed location or (for a linear scheme) the proposed route and alignment of the development and works; and</li> <li>(ii) 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>	<p><b>Works Plans</b> <b>[EN010157/APP/2.2]</b></p>	<p>k)</p>	<p>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 or public rights of navigation</p>	<p><b>Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans</b> <b>[EN010157/APP/2.3]</b></p>
<p>l) Is this of a satisfactory standard?</p>		<p>m)</p>	<p>Is this of a satisfactory standard?</p>	
<p>l) Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation eg sites of geological or</li> </ul>	<p><b>Statutory/Non-statutory Sites or Features of Nature Conservation and Habitats of Protected Species, Important Habitats or Other Diversity Features</b></p>		<p>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,</p>	<p><b>Statutory/Non-statutory Sites or Features of the Historic Environment Plan</b> <b>[EN010157/APP/2.13]</b></p> <p>An assessment of any effects on such sites, features or structures likely to be caused by the Proposed Development is provided in the</p>

<p>landscape importance;</p> <p>(ii) habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features; and</p> <p>(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>	<p><b>Plan [EN010157/APP/2.11]</b></p> <p><b>Water Bodies in a 'River Basin Management Plan' Plan [EN010157/APP/2.12]</b></p> <p>An assessment of any effects on such sites, features, habitats or bodies likely to be caused by the Proposed Development is provided in the following documents and associated appendices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ES Volume 2, Chapter 7: Biodiversity [EN010157/APP/6.2]</b></li> <li>• <b>Habitats Regulations Assessment - Information to inform Appropriate Assessment</b></li> </ul>	<p>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 the Proposed Development</p>	<p>following documents and associated appendices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ES Volume 2, Chapter 9: Cultural Heritage [EN010157/APP/6.2]</b></li> <li>• <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix 9.1: Archaeological Desk Based Assessment [EN010157/APP/6.4]</b></li> <li>• <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix 9.2: Geophysical Survey Report [EN010157/APP/6.4]</b></li> <li>• <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix 9.3: Archaeological Trial Trenching Report [EN010157/APP/6.4]</b></li> <li>• <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix 9.4: Detailed Settings Impact Assessment [EN010157/APP/6.4]</b></li> </ul>
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n)	Is this of a satisfactory standard?		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying	<p><b>Crown Land Plans</b> <b>[EN010157/APP/2.6]</b></p>	Any other plans, drawings and sections	<p><b>Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans</b> <b>[EN010157/APP/2.3]</b></p>

	information identifying any Crown land		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 Layout Plan</b> <b>[EN010157/APP/2.7]</b> <b>Indicative Layouts and Cross Sections Plans</b> <b>[EN010157/APP/2.10]</b> <b>ES Volume 4, Appendix 7.11: Arboricultural Impact Assessment</b> <b>[EN010157/APP/6.4]</b> <b>ES Volume 3, Figure 3.4 : Indicative Environmental Masterplan</b> <b>[EN010157/APP/6.3]</b>	
	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:	<b>Grid Connection Statement</b> <b>[EN010157/APP/7.1]</b>	q)	Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	<b>Application Cover Letter</b> <b>[EN010157/APP/1.1]</b> <b>Introduction to the Application</b> <b>[EN010157/APP/1.2]</b> <b>Application Form</b> <b>[EN010157/APP/1.3]</b> <b>Section 55 Checklist</b> (this document) <b>[EN010157/APP/1.4]</b> <b>Electronic Application Index</b> <b>[EN010157/APP/1.5]</b> <b>Copies of newspaper notices</b> <b>[EN010157/APP/1.6]</b>

			<p><b>Pre-application Programme Document [EN010157/APP/1.7]</b></p> <p><b>Planning Statement [EN010157/APP/5.5]</b></p> <p><b>Potential Main Issues for Examination [EN010157/APP/5.6]</b></p> <p><b>Design Approach Document [EN010157/APP/5.7]</b></p> <p><b>Design Parameters Document [EN010157/APP/5.8]</b></p> <p><b>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN010157/APP/7.2]</b></p> <p><b>Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN010157/APP/7.3]</b></p> <p><b>Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan [EN010157/APP/7.4]</b></p> <p><b>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN010157/APP/7.5]</b></p> <p><b>Outline Battery Safety Management Plan [EN010157/APP/7.6]</b></p> <p><b>Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN010157/APP/7.7]</b></p>
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	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	<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 implications for the site if required by Regulation 48(1)?</p> <p><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>The application is accompanied by a <b>Habitats Regulations Assessment - Information to inform Appropriate Assessment [EN010157/APP/5.3]</b></p>		

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?	The Planning Inspectorate has confirmed to the Applicant that two paper copies of the application form or other application documents and plans would not be necessary.
33	Has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance'?	<b>Yes.</b> The <b>Application Cover Letter [EN010157/APP/1.1]</b> confirms that the Applicant has had regard to the statutory guidance on the preparation of the DCO Application.
34	<b>Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)</b>	

### The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended)

#### Pre-application fee

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 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>	<p>The Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-application Prospectus sets out that pre-application charging for projects that had their inception meeting prior to 30 April 2024 would begin on 1 April 2025.</p> <p>As the Application had its inception meeting on 27 July 2023, and submission of the DCO Application is prior to 1 April 2025, no pre-application fees have been paid.</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><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>The fee was paid via BACS transfer on 18 February 2025.</p>
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