

Rosefield Solar Farm

Section 55 Checklist

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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)	Yes. Rosefield Solar Farm (the 'Proposed Development') is defined as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under Sections 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and (2) of the Planning Act 2008 ('PA 2008'), as it consists of a solar PV array electricity generating facility, which will have a capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW). The Proposed Development is set out in Schedule 1 of the Draft Development Consent Order (DCO) [EN010158/APP/3.1] .		

	<p>under the PA2008, or 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>Confirmation as to why the Planning Inspectorate should receive the DCO Application is set out in Section 4 of the Application Form [EN010158/APP/1.3] and explained further at paragraphs 1.1.3 and 1.1.5 of the Explanatory Memorandum [EN010158/APP/3.2] to the Draft DCO. The Application Cover Letter [EN010158/APP/1.1] clearly states that this DCO Application (the 'DCO Application') is for a development consent order under the PA 2008.</p> <p>A non-technical description of the Proposed Development is included in the Non Technical Summary of the Environmental Statement (ES) [EN010158/APP/6.4]. A more detailed technical description of the Proposed Development is included in ES Volume 1, Chapter 3: Proposed Development Description [EN010158/APP/6.1].</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 request for Scoping Opinion was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in accordance with Regulation 10(1) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 'EIA Regulations 2017') on 13 November 2023. The Scoping Report is provided at ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.1: EIA Scoping Report [EN010158/APP/6.4]. The Scoping Opinion was received from the Planning Inspectorate on 21 December 2023 and is provided at ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.2: EIA Scoping Opinion [EN010158/APP/6.4].</p> <p>On 16 September 2024, the Applicant notified the Planning Inspectorate, in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations 2017, that they proposed to provide an ES in respect of the Proposed Development. The notification was given to the Planning Inspectorate before statutory consultation commenced on 18 September 2024 pursuant to Section 42 of the PA 2008.</p>

		A copy of the notification letter is provided at Appendix G-1 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2] .
5	<p>Have any adequacy of consultation representations (AoCR) 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> <p>Section 55(4) of the PA2008 provides that the Planning Inspectorate must have regard to the consultation report, and any AoCRs received.</p>	<p>As set out in Chapter 3 of the Consultation Report [EN010158/APP/5.1], the Applicant engaged with the host authority to complete the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone- in advance of submitting the Application.</p> <p>The Applicant agreed its approach to completing the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone with the host authority through its monthly planning calls on 02 April 2025. The Applicant additionally confirmed this approach with the Planning Inspectorate on 22 May 2025.</p> <p>The Applicant shared a copy of its Adequacy of Consultation Report (see Appendix M-1 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2]) with the host authority on 21 May 2025. On 24 July 2025, the host authority provided written confirmation that, based on the information provided, the Applicant had undertaken consultation in accordance with the requirements of sections 42, 47 and 48 of the PA 2008. A copy of this response is provided in Appendix M-2 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2].</p> <p>The Applicant submitted the final Adequacy of Consultation Report to the Planning Inspectorate ahead of submission of the DCO Application in August 2025.</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:</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicant has provided a list of persons consulted under s42(1)(a) on 18 September 2024 at Appendix E-1 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2].</p>

	Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the APFP Regulations).	<p>This list of persons consulted was produced using Schedule 1 of APFP Regulations, as well as individuals who were identified specifically by the Secretary of State within the Scoping Opinion. Details of how the Applicant identified and consulted with prescribed consultees where their statutory function was relevant to the Proposed Development during Phase Two Consultation is included in Chapter 5 of the Consultation Report [EN01014958/APP/5.1].</p> <p>The following information was provided to the consultees under section 42(1)(a):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 42 cover letter (see Appendix F-1.1 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2]); • Copy of section 48 notice (see Appendix F-1.5 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2]); and • A link to the Rosefield Solar Farm project website, which contained all Phase Two Consultation materials, including the PEIR, the updated layout of the Proposed Development, consultation booklet, exhibition banners, consultation leaflet and questionnaire (see Appendix G-3 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2]).
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>	Not applicable. The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) was not consulted as the Proposed Development does not involve offshore development or development within tidal waters. The MMO is not a relevant consultee in respect of the Proposed Development.
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</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Table 5-1 of the Consultation Report [EN010158/APP/5.1] lists the relevant local authorities that were identified and consulted under section 43 and section 42(1)(b) of the PA 2008 on 18 September 2024.</p>

	<p>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>As a unitary authority, Buckinghamshire Council (the host authority) is categorised as a category 'B' authority. To ensure category 'D' authorities were captured, Buckinghamshire Council was additionally treated as a category 'C' authority for the purposes of identifying category 'D' authorities.</p> <p>The host 'B' authority was consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buckinghamshire Council <p>The boundary 'A' authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cherwell District Council • Dacorum Borough Council • London Borough of Hillingdon • South Oxfordshire District Council • Three Rivers District Council <p>The boundary 'D' authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Bedfordshire Council • Hertfordshire County Council • Greater London Authority • Milton Keynes Council • Oxfordshire County Council • Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead • Slough Council • West Northamptonshire Council • Wokingham Council
9	<p>Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?</p>	<p>As a unitary council or an upper tier county council which shares a boundary with a host 'C' authority, the Greater London Authority was consulted in this capacity on the Proposed Development pursuant to section 42(1)(b). The Proposed Development is not itself located in Greater London so there was no requirement to consult under section 42(1)(c).</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</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>Yes.</p> <p>As explained in section 5.4 of the Consultation Report [EN010158/APP/5.1], in line with section 42(1)(d) of the PA 2008, the Applicant consulted with landowners, lessees, tenants or occupiers (Category 1 persons, section 44(1)); and those with an interest in the land or certain powers with respect to the land (Category 2 persons, section 44(2)). No consultees were categorised as solely Category 3 interests.</p> <p>Landowners, lessees, tenants, or occupiers (Category 1 persons, per section 44(1)) were identified via a diligent inquiry process covering research methods, title information, land interest questionnaire, and internet-based research. Further details on the methodology of this diligent inquiry process is provided in paragraph 5.4.9 of the Consultation Report [EN010158/APP/5.1]. Individuals who have certain powers or an interest in the relevant land, requests for information and collaboration with the wider project team to identify any interests not identified through the land referencing process.</p> <p>A full list of persons falling within section 44 of the PA 2008 is included in the Book of Reference [EN010158/APP/4.3] submitted with the DCO Application.</p> <p>All relevant interests with the potential to make a claim under Section 152(3) of the PA 2008 because they hold the benefit of a restrictive right or covenant over land within the Order Limits, have been included within the Book of Reference [EN010158/APP/4.3] as the Category 2 persons.</p> <p>The Applicant wrote by recorded delivery to consultees identified under s42(1)(d) of the PA 2008 on 18 September 2024 setting out the background to the Proposed Development, the Applicant's intention to submit a DCO application, the fact that the Applicant had identified them as a consultee under section 42(1)(d) of the PA 2008, the documents being provided as part of the consultation, and how to respond to the consultation. An example of the letter sent to consultees is included in Appendix F-1.3 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2].</p>
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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>The Applicant wrote formally to all consultees identified under section 42 of the PA 2008 to notify them of the consultation. Each of the letters issued to the section 42 consultees clearly stated a deadline for the receipt of consultation responses.</p> <p>Each of the letters were issued on 18 September 2024 and provided a deadline for comments no later than 11:59pm on 14 November 2024 (8 weeks), therefore allowing in excess of 28 days to provide comments. Sample letters can be found at Appendix F-1 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2].</p> <p>As described in section 5.2 of the Consultation Report [EN010158/APP/5.1], during the consultation period the Applicant extended the deadline for submitting feedback until 05 December 2024. The reasons why the Applicant extended the consultation period and the steps taken to mitigate this are set out in paragraphs 5.2.2 to 5.2.4.</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>Prior to commencing section 42 consultation, the Applicant notified the Secretary of State of its intention to submit an application for development consent under section 46 of the PA 2008.</p> <p>The letter was sent to the Planning Inspectorate electronically on 16 September 2024, prior to section 42 consultation beginning on 18 September 2024. A copy of the letter can be found in Appendix G-1.1 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2]. A response, acknowledging receipt of this notification, was received from the Planning Inspectorate on 18 September 2024 and can be found in Appendix G-1.2 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/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?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>As prescribed by section 47(1) of the PA 2008, the Applicant prepared a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) setting out how it proposed to consult people living in the vicinity of the Site boundary.</p> <p>A copy of the final published SoCC is provided at Appendix D-1 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2].</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>Yes.</p> <p>In accordance with section 47(2) of the PA 2008, the draft SoCC was sent to the host authority on 12 July 2024. The deadline for receipt of responses was 9 August 2024. Prior to this, the Applicant consulted informally on the contents of the draft SoCC in May 2024.</p> <p>A copy of the letters and emails sent to the host authority can be found in Appendices C-1.1 and C-3.1 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2].</p> <p>Appendices C-2 and C-4 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2] set out the comments received on the draft SoCC from the host authority.</p>
15	Has the applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicant had regard to all comments received from the host authority when preparing the SoCC, as set out in Appendices C-2 and C-4 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2].</p> <p>Key changes made in response to feedback included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amending the consultation period from six to eight weeks. • Providing high-level information about the components of a solar farm within the SoCC. • Including younger audiences as a discrete seldom heard group.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adding information on engaging members of Buckinghamshire 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?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>As stated in section 4.8 of the Consultation Report [EN010158/APP/5.1] the SoCC was made publicly available for inspection in a way that was reasonably convenient for people living in the vicinity of the Order Limits land.</p> <p>Following the SoCC being published on 04 September 2024, the Applicant made it available for the public to view, print and download via the Rosefield Solar Farm project website (see Appendix D-3 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2]). Printed copies of the SoCC were available to inspect at two deposit points close to the proposed Site boundary (see section 4.8 of the Consultation Report [EN010158/APP/5.1]).</p> <p>A notice was published in The Bucks Herald and Winslow Advertiser on 04 September 2024 under section 47 of the PA 2008, which circulates within the vicinity of the Order Limits land, which states where and when the SoCC could be inspected. A copy of this notice can be found within Appendix D-2 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2].</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 1.2 of the SoCC stated that the development is EIA development and sets out how the Applicant intended to publicise and consult on preliminary environmental information. A copy of the final SoCC is provided in Appendix D-1 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2].</p>
18	Has the applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicant has listed the requirements of the SoCC, and how it carried out the consultation in accordance with each requirement in Appendix D-4 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2]. Details of activity carried</p>

		out as part of the consultation can be found in Chapter 5 of the Consultation Report [EN010158/APP/5.1] .																
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?	Yes. A Section 48 Notice for the Proposed Development was published in The Bucks Herald, The Guardian and London Gazette. A copy of the section 48 notice as published in the newspapers is provided in Copies of Newspaper Notices [EN010158/APP/1.7] .																
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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?	Yes. The Applicant included the required information within the section 48 notice. This can be found within Copies of Newspaper Notices [EN010158/APP/1.7] .
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Information		Paragraph	Information		Paragraph
a)	the name and address of the applicant.	Yes. See Paragraph 1 of the section 48 notice (beginning: "Notice is hereby given...").	b)	a statement that the applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Secretary of State	Yes. See Paragraph 1 of the section 48 notice (beginning: "Notice is hereby given...").
c)	a statement as to whether the application is EIA development	Yes. Paragraph 4 of the section 48 Notice (beginning: "The Proposed Development is an Environmental Impact Assessment...")	d)	a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the proposed development	Yes. Paragraph 3 of the Section 48 Notice (beginning: "The DCO would, authorise...").
e)	a statement that the documents, plans and maps were available on a website maintained by or on behalf	Yes. The notice states this at	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection	Yes. The notice states at Paragraph

	<p>of the Applicant. The statement must include:</p> <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. 	Paragraph 5 (beginning: "Consultation on the proposals will take place from....").			5 that "These will be available online free of charge from 18 September 2024 to 14 November 2024..."
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	Yes. The notice states this at Paragraph 8 (beginning: "The Applicant will provide USBs...").	h)	details of how to respond to the publicity	Yes. The Notice notes this at Paragraph 9 (beginning: "Any person may comment on the proposals...")
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	Yes. The notice states this at Paragraph 11 (beginning: Responses			

		must be received...").	
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>Yes.</p> <p>A copy of the section 48 notice was sent to the EIA consultation bodies, as defined in Regulation 3 of the EIA Regulations, as part of the section 42 consultation. A sample version of the section 42 consultation letter is provided at Appendix F-1.1 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2] and confirms a copy of the Section 48 notice was enclosed as part of the letter to section 42 consultees (Appendix F-1.5 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2]).</p> <p>The Applicant did not receive notification of additional consultees under Regulation 11(1)(c) of the EIA Regulations.</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>All relevant responses received to the consultation under sections 42, 47 and 48 of the PA 2008 have been considered by the Applicant, with responses being discussed in Chapter 6 of the Consultation Report [EN010158/APP/5.1]. Appendix J-1 and Appendix J-2 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/5.2] set out a summary of responses received under section 42 and section 47 of the PA 2008 (by topic area) and regard had by the Applicant. None of the consultation responses specified that they had submitted under section 48 of the PA 2008.</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Consultation Report [EN010158/APP/5.1] demonstrates how the consultation has met the requirements set out in sections 42, 47, 48, 49 and 50 of the PA 2008 (as well as the requirements of the APFP Regulations and EIA Regulations) and that the Applicant has complied with guidance on the pre-application process and compiling the consultation report (see Appendices L-1: Compliance with PA 2008: Guidance on the pre-application stage for NSIPs, April 2024 and L-2: Compliance with Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on the Consultation Report, August 2024 [EN010158/APP/5.2]).
25	Summary: Section 55(3)(e)	
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)		
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 a brief statement that clearly identifies the location of the application site, or the route if it is a linear scheme? 	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The DCO Application is made in the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2 of the APFP Regulations.</p> <p>Section 4 of the Application Form [EN010158/APP/1.3] explains why the development falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>Section 5 of the Application Form [EN010158/APP/1.3] provides a brief non-technical description of the site and section 6 provides the location of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>A Location, Order Limits and Grid Coordinate Plan [EN010158/APP/2.1] has been provided.</p>
27	Is it accompanied by a consultation report?	Yes.

		The DCO Application is accompanied by a Consultation Report [EN010158/APP/5.1] and Consultation Report Appendices [EN010158/APP/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. The Applicant can confirm that this requirement has been complied with.	
29	Is it accompanied by the documents and information set out in APFP Regulation 5(2)?	Yes. The documents and information required by APFP Regulation 5(2) are set out in the documents and locations within the DCO Application as listed below. The Guide to the Application [EN010158/APP/1.2] and the Electronic Application Index [EN010158/APP/1.5] also list the documents submitted and accompanying APFP Regulation references.	
Information		Document	
a)	Where applicable, the environmental statement required under the EIA regulations and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	Yes. The Application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement comprising the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Statement (ES) Volume 1: Introductory Chapters 	b)
		The draft development consent Order (DCO)	Yes. The DCO Application includes a Draft Development Consent Order [EN010158/APP/3.1] .

c)		<p>[EN010158/APP/6.1];</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ES Volume 2: Factor Chapters [EN010158/APP/6.2]; • ES Volume 3: Figures [EN010158/APP/6.3]; and • ES Volume 4: Technical Appendices, Commitments Register and Non-Technical Summary [EN010158/APP/6.4]. 	d)		
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
	An explanatory memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of provisions in the draft DCO	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Application includes an Explanatory Memorandum [EN010158/APP/3.2]. This explains the</p>		Where applicable, a book of reference	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The DCO Application includes a Book of Reference [EN010158/APP/4.3]. This meets Department for Communities and Local Government's Planning Act 2008: guidance related to</p>

		purpose and effect of the provisions of the Draft Development Consent Order [EN010158/APP/3.1] .			procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land (September 2013).
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
e)	A copy of any flood risk assessment	Yes. The DCO Application includes ES Volume 4, Appendix 16.1: Flood Risk Assessment [EN010158/APP/6.4] .	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	Yes. A Statutory Nuisance Statement [EN010158/APP/5.4] is provided as part of the DCO Application.
	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	Yes. The DCO Application includes a Statement of	i)	A land plan identifying:- (i) the land required for, or affected by,	Yes. The DCO Application includes the Land Plans [EN010158/APP/2.2] showing the land required/affected by

	any compulsory acquisition)	Reasons [EN010158/APP/4.1] . In addition, a Funding Statement [EN010158/APP/4.2] is also provided.		the proposed development; (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	the Proposed Development. These are in accordance with Regulation 5(2)(i) of the APFP Regulations. Plots and descriptions listed within the Book of Reference [EN010158/APP/4.3] are consistent with the plots shown on the Land Plans.
	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	Yes. The DCO Application includes Works Plans [EN010158/APP/2.3]	k)	Where applicable, a plan identifying any new or altered means of access, stopping up of streets or roads or any	Yes. The DCO Application includes Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans [EN010158/APP/2.4] . These are in

I)	linear scheme) the proposed route and alignment of the 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	J. The Works Plans accord with APFP Regulation 5(2)(j), and show the proposed location of the development and the limits within which the works are proposed to be carried out.	m)	diversions, extinguishments or creation of rights of way or public rights of navigation	accordance with Regulations 5(2)(k) & (o) of the APFP Regulations.
	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, for example sites of	Yes. A Statutory and Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Designations Plan is shown in ES Volume 3, Figure 2.1: Environmental Considerations [EN010158/APP/6.3] . This Plan also		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,	Yes. Plans identifying and statutory and non-statutory sites of historic interest can be found in ES Volume 3 [EN010158/APP/6.3] Figures: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Figure 9.1: Heritage Assets within the Order Limits.- Figure 9.2: Non-designated Heritage Assets within 1km of

	<p>geological or 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,</p> <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>shows the habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features.</p> <p>Plans identifying any statutory and non-statutory sites of interest can also be found in ES Volume 3, Figure 7.1: Location of Statutory Designated Sites and ES Volume 3, Figure 7.2: Location of Non-statutory Designated Sites [EN010158/APP/6.3].</p> <p>In regard to sites of geological importance, it is confirmed that there are no Regionally Important Geodiversity Sites located within the Order Limits. Statutory and Non-</p>		<p>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>the Order Limits overlain with ZTV .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Figure 9.3: Designated Heritage Assets within 5 km of the Order Limits overlain with ZTV. - Figure 9.4: Heritage assets scoped into assessment of effects on setting. <p>Further assessment of the effects has been presented in ES Volume 2, Chapter 9: Cultural Heritage [EN010158/APP/6.2].</p>
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	<p>Statutory Landscape Site plans is shown in ES Volume 3, Figure 10.3: National Character Areas [EN010158/APP/6.3] and ES Volume 3, Figure 10.4: District Landscape Character Types and Areas [EN010158/APP/6.3].</p> <p>In terms of water bodies in a river basin management plan, these are demonstrated in ES Volume 3, Figure 16.1: Watercourses and ES Volume 3, Figure 16.6: WFD waterbodies and catchments [EN010158/APP/6.3].</p> <p>A Habitats Regulation Assessment is provided as a</p>			
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		<p>standalone document under HRA No Significant Effects Report (NSER) [EN010158/APP/5.3]. This report accords with APFP Regulation 5(2)(g).</p> <p>Supporting assessments are presented in ES Volume 2, Chapter 7: Biodiversity, Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual and Chapter 16: Water [EN010158/APP/6.2].</p>			
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
n)	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land	Not applicable.	o)	Any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the development consent proposal showing details of	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The DCO Application is accompanied by the following plans and drawings which are provided under Regulation 5(2)(o) of the APFP Regulations:</p>

p)			q)	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location, Order Limits and Grid Coordinate Plans [EN010158/APP/2.1]; • Traffic Regulations Plans [EN010158/APP/2.5]; and • Illustrative Layout Plans and Sections [EN010158/APP/2.6].
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Are they of a satisfactory standard?	
	Any of the documents prescribed by regulation 6 of the APFP regulations:	Yes. The DCO Application includes a Grid Connection Statement [EN010158/APP/7.1].		Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	The following documents have been included in support of the DCO Application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought [EN010158/APP/4.4]; • Schedule of Other Consents and Licences [EN010158/APP/5.5]; • Statement of Need [EN010158/APP/5.6]; • Planning Statement [EN010158/APP/5.7]; • Design Approach Document [EN010158/APP/5.8]; • Design Commitments [EN010158/APP/5.9];

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential Main Issues for Examination [EN010158/APP/5.10]; • Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Outline CEMP) [EN010158/APP/7.2]; • Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan (Outline OEMP) [EN010158/APP/7.3]; • Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (Outline DEMP) [EN010158/APP/7.4]; • Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (Outline CTMP) [EN010158/APP/7.5]; • Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (Outline LEMP) [EN010158/APP/7.6]; • Outline Soil Management Plan (Outline SMP) [EN010158/APP/7.7]; • Outline Rights of Way and Access Strategy (Outline RoWAS) [EN010158/APP/7.8]; • Outline Battery Safety Management Plan (Outline BSMP) [EN010158/APP/7.9];
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft Archaeological Management Strategy [EN010158/APP/7.10];• Outline Drainage Strategy [EN010158/APP/7.11];• Equality Impact Assessment [EN010158/APP/7.12];• BESS Plume Assessment Summary [EN010158/APP/7.13]; and• Outline Employment, Skills and Supply Chain Plan (Outline ESSCP) [EN010158/APP/7.14].
	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?			
	No			
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.) Regulations 1994 applies; or any Ramsar site(s), which may be affected by the proposed development, together with sufficient information that will enable the		Yes. A Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report has been provided. The HRA No Significant Effects Report (NSER) [EN010158/APP/5.3] 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.	

	Secretary of State to make an appropriate assessment of the implications for the site if required by regulation 48(1)?	
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 wrote to the Applicant and confirmed that no hard copies of the DCO Application are required at the point of the submission. The Applicant has not been advised that any documents are required in hard copy.
33	Has the applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance'?	The Applicant has had regard to the DCLG guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance' when preparing the Application. The Applicant considers that the Application has been prepared to the standards that the Secretary of State considers satisfactory
34	Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)	
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 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</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicant confirms that a pre-application fee of £31,705.00 was paid by BACS transfer to the Planning Inspectorate on 13 May 2025.</p>

	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.	
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>Yes.</p> <p>A fee of £8,946 was paid by CHAPS transfer to the Planning Inspectorate on 18 September 2025, prior to the DCO Application being made.</p>

Role	Electronic signature	Date
Case Manager		
Acceptance Inspector		



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