



Section 55

Acceptance of Applications Checklist

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

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Section 55(2) Acceptance of Applications				
1	Within 28 days (starting day after receipt) the Planning Inspectorate must decide whether or not to accept the application for Examination.	Date received	28-day due date	Date of decision
Section 55(3) – the Planning Inspectorate may only accept an application if it concludes that:		Planning Inspectorate comments		
Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c): It is an application for an order granting development consent				
2	In accordance with sections(s) 14 to 30 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008), is the development a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) (or does it form part of an NSIP); and does the application state on the face of it that, in accordance with s31 of the PA2008, it is an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under the PA2008, or equivalent words? Does the application specify the development to	Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park (the Development) is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under section 14(1)(a) and 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008, as an onshore generating station in England with a capacity which exceeds 50 megawatts (MW). The works comprising the Development are described in Schedule 1 of the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) [EN010162/APP/3.1] and further explained in the Explanatory Memorandum [EN010162/APP/3.3].		

	<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 set out in the Application Form [EN010162/APP/1.3] in Section 4 and the Application Letter [EN010162/APP/1.1] which confirms that this Application is for a Development Consent Order under the Planning Act 2008.</p> <p>A detailed description of the Development is provided in ES Volume 2, Chapter 5: Development Description [EN010162/APP/6.2.5].</p>
3	Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)	<p>A Development Consent Order is required to authorise the Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park in accordance with Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008.</p>
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>The Applicant notified the Planning Inspectorate in writing of the intention to provide an Environmental Statement in respect of the Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park to the Planning Inspectorate pursuant to Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 by letter dated 13 January 2025 [EN010162/APP/5.1.7]</p> <p>The Applicant submitted the Great North Road Solar Park Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate on 8 November 2023, which was published on the Planning Inspectorates Project Page on 9 November 2023. Please refer to the ES Volume 4, Technical Appendix A3.1: Scoping Report [EN010162/APP/6.4.3.1].</p> <p>The ES Volume 4, Technical Appendix A3.1: Scoping Report [EN010162/APP/6.4.3.1] was consulted on by the Planning Inspectorate and the EA Volume 4, Technical Appendix A3.2: Scoping Opinion [EN010162/APP/6.4.3.2] was received on 19 December 2023.</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> <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>Yes, the Applicant received adequacy of consultation representations from Newark and Sherwood District Council (NSDC) (B authority under Section 43) and Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) (C authority under Section 43).</p> <p>The Applicant sent PINS the representations from NSDC and NCC on 12 June 2025, along with confirmation that the host authorities agreed to have their representations published.</p> <p>Both NSDC and NCC have confirmed, through their responses to the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Document, that the statutory consultation was carried out in accordance with the published Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). These authorities have not raised any concerns regarding the Applicant's compliance with duties under sections 42, 47, and 48 of the PA2008.. Responses from the local authorities can be found in Appendix 5.1.1: Statement of Compliance [EN010162/APP/5.1.1].</p>
Section 42: Duty to consult		
Did the Applicant consult the applicable persons set out in s42 of the PA2008 about the proposed application?		
6	<p>Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed?</p> <p>The persons prescribed are the statutory consultees set out in Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the APFP Regulations).</p>	<p>Yes – Pre-application consultation was undertaken in regard to the Development ahead of the submission of the application for development consent, with Section 42(1)(a) consultees, listed in the Consultation Report Appendix 5.1.7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN010162/APP/5.1.7]..</p> <p>The Applicant consulted all persons listed as a prescribed consultee notified by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State under Regulation 11(1)(a) and (c) of the EIA Regulations. These persons are referred to as 'Section 42 consultees' in the Consultation Report [EN010162/APP/5.1] and are listed in the Consultation Report Appendix 5.1.7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN010162/APP/5.1.7].</p>

7	<p>Section 42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation(MMO)?</p> <p>The MMO must be consulted in any case where the Proposed Development would affect, or would be likely to affect, any of the areas specified in s42(2) of the PA2008.</p>	<p>Yes – while the Development does not include any offshore elements and does not fall within the Marine Management Organisation’s jurisdiction, the Applicant nonetheless consulted with the Marine Management Organisation as part of statutory consultation.</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>Yes – Section 9.5 of the Consultation Report [EN010162/APP/5.1] lists the relevant authorities that were consulted under Section 42(1)(b) of the Planning Act 2008. For ease, these have been replicated below: Relevant local authorities under Section 43 of the 2008 Act:</p> <p>Melton Borough Council (A)</p> <p>West Lindsey District Council (A)</p> <p>North Kesteven District Council (A)</p> <p>Bassetlaw District Council (A)</p> <p>Rushcliffe Borough Council (A)</p> <p>Gedling Borough Council (A)</p> <p>South Kesteven Borough Council (A)</p> <p>Ashfield District Council (A)</p> <p>Mansfield District Council (A)</p> <p>Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (A)</p> <p>Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council (A)</p> <p>Newark and Sherwood District Council (B)</p> <p>Nottinghamshire County Council (C)</p> <p>North Lincolnshire Council (D)</p>

		<p>Nottingham City Council (D)</p> <p>Derbyshire County Council (D)</p> <p>Leicestershire County Council (D)</p> <p>Lincolnshire County Council (D)</p>
9	Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?	N/A – The Greater London Authority were not consulted, as the Development does not fall within the Greater London area.
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>Yes – The Applicant consulted with all persons falling within the section 44 categories, as required by section 42(1)(d). The list of all land interests consulted is presented in Appendix 5.1.7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN010162/APP/5.1.7].</p> <p>The identification of Section 44 Consultees is captured in Section 9.6 of the Consultation Report [EN010162/APP/5.1].</p>
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 – the Applicant notified Section 42 consultees of the deadline for receipt of consultation responses. The Applicant undertook a six-week statutory consultation period, which ran from 09 January 2025 to 20 February 2025, providing consultees with 42 days to review the consultation materials and submit their comments. This consultation period exceeded the statutory minimum requirement of 28 days, starting from the day after receipt of the consultation documents.</p> <p>Following this, the Applicant conducted a targeted phase of consultation from 08 May to 06 June 2025. As part of this process, Section 42 consultees were notified of the deadline for submitting responses, giving them 29 days to review the consultation materials and provide their comments.</p>

		Copies of the Section 42 Notification Letters are captured in Appendix 5.1.7 [EN010162/APP/5.1.7] and 5.1.9 [EN010162/APP/5.1.9] of the Consultation Report [EN010162/APP/5.1]. This included notification of the response deadlines and they were issued by email and/or recorded post on or before the first day of consultation.
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?	Yes - Prior to commencing Section 42 consultation, the Secretary of State was notified of the Applicants intention to submit an application for development consent for the Development under Section 46 of the 2008 Act. The notification was sent to the Planning Inspectorate by email on 7 January 2025, prior to the commencement of Phase 2 Consultation on 9 January 2025. A copy of this letter and acknowledgement from PINS can be found in Appendix 5.1.7 of the Consultation Report [EN010162/APP/5.1.7].
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 – The Applicant prepared a draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), which set out how it proposed to consult people living within the vicinity of the land of the Development, about the proposed application. The Applicant consulted the host local planning authorities on the draft SoCC prior to its finalisation.</p> <p>See Section 7 of the Consultation Report [EN010162/APP/5.1] and Appendix 5.1.5 of the Consultation Report: Statement of Community Consultation Materials [EN010162/APP/5.1.5] for further details, including the SoCC as published.</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’	Yes - As outlined at Section 7.2 of the Consultation Report [EN010162/APP/5.1], the draft SoCC was consulted upon with the relevant host authorities on 19 July 2024 with a deadline for responses 27 August 2024. The response period was 40 days (19 July 2024 – 27 August 2024),

	and, where applicable, 'C' authorities received the consultation documents?	<p>and therefore exceeded the requirement set in Section 47(3) to provide a period of 28 days. :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newark and Sherwood District Council - Nottinghamshire County Council <p>The Applicant also sought feedback from Bassetlaw District Council on the draft SoCC. Although the local authority is not host to any of the Development's infrastructure, the Applicant's core consultation zone extended into the boundary of Bassetlaw District Council.</p>
15	Has the Applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	<p>Yes – The Applicant received responses from Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council and has had regard to these responses on the draft SoCC. Section 7.4 of the Consultation Report [EN010162/APP/5.1]</p> <p>Bassetlaw District Council did not provide feedback on the draft 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>Yes – The SoCC was uploaded to the document library on the Applicant's website and made available to view and collect from the public venues (Community Access Points) listed in the SoCC and accompanying notice. Evidence of the SoCC being hosted on the website is provided in Consultation Report Appendix 5.1.5: Statement of Community Consultation Materials [EN010162/APP/5.1.5].</p> <p>Notices were published in the Newark Advertiser on 19 December 2024 and Nottingham Post on 19 December 2024 to publicise the SoCC and its availability for inspection, both on the Development website and by way of hard copy. Copies of these notices are provided in Consultation Report Appendix 5.1.5: Statement of Community Consultation Materials [EN010162/APP/5.1.5]..</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	<p>Yes – In accordance with Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations, the SoCC confirms that the Development is an EIA development (paragraph 5 of the Section 47 Notice). The SoCC also sets out how the Applicant intends to</p>

	out how the Applicant intends to publicise and consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information?	publicise and consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), as detailed in section 3 (Method of Consultation), section 6 (What We Will Consult On), and section 7 (How We Will Consult and How Respondents Can Participate). It further explains that the PEIR and PEIR Non-Technical Summary would be made available as part of the statutory consultation materials.													
18	Has the Applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC?	Yes – see section 7.6 of the Consultation Report [EN010162/APP/5.1.] for details regarding how the Applicant has complied with the SoCC commitments.													
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 – The Applicant publicised the proposed application for development consent in accordance with the requirements of Section 49 of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations, with further detail provided below. Copies of all newspaper notices are included in the Consultation Report Appendix 5.1.5: Statement of Community Consultation Materials (for Section 47 Notice) [EN010162/APP/5.1.5] and Consultation Report Appendix 5.1.8: Section 48 Consultation Materials (for Section 48 Notice) [EN010162/APP/5.1.8].													
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c)		The Section 48 Notice (included in Consultation Report Appendix 5.1.8: Section 48 Consultation Materials [EN010162/APP/5.1.8]).			
	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	The London Gazette. The Section 48 Notice (included in Consultation Report Appendix 5.1.8: Section 48 Consultation Materials [EN010162/APP/5.1.8]). The Development is not located in any land in Scotland, and therefore no notice was published in the Edinburgh Gazette.	06 January 2025		
	d) where the proposed application relates to offshore development – (i) once in Lloyds List; and (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal?	No – The Development does not include any offshore development.	N/A		
20	Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in Regulation 4(3) of the (as amended) APFP Regulations 2009?	Yes – The published Section 48 Notice forms the Consultation Report Appendix 5.1.8: Section 48 Consultation Materials [EN010162/APP/5.1.8],and 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 and unnumbered introduction paragraph
c)	a statement as to whether the application is EIA development	4	d)	a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the Proposed Development	2 and 3

e)	a statement that the documents, plans and maps were available on a website maintained by or on behalf of the Applicant. The statement must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The nature and location of the Proposed Development• The address of the website• The place on the website• A telephone number which can be used to contact the Applicant for enquiries in relation to the documents, plans and maps.	4-7 and 20	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection	7
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	7	h)	details of how to respond to the publicity	14 to 16
i)	a deadline for receipt of those responses by the Applicant, being not less than 28 days following the date when the notice is last published	17			
21	Are there any observations in respect of the s48 notice provided above?				
	The notice is in accordance with Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008.				
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?	Yes. In accordance with Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations 2017, a copy of the Section 48 Notice was issued to all EIA Consultation bodies (as defined in Regulation 3 of the EIA Regulations) alongside the consultation documents as part of the Section 42 consultation, on 09 January 2025.			

		<p>Copy of the Section 48 Notice is captured in Appendix 5.1.8 of the Consultation Report [EN010162/APP/5.1.8]. This included notification of the response deadlines and they were issued by email and/or recorded post on or before the first day of consultation.</p> <p>A list of Section 42 consultees, who received a copy of the Section 48 Notice, is provided in the Consultation Report Appendix 5.1.7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN010162/APP/5.1.7].</p>
s49: Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity		
23	<p>Has the Applicant had regard to any relevant responses to the s42, s47 and s48 consultation?</p>	<p>Yes – The Applicant has had regard to all relevant responses made pursuant to Section 42, Section 47 and Section 44 in accordance with Section 49.</p> <p>A summary of relevant responses received and how the Applicant has considered these is provided in Sections 12 and 13 of the Consultation Report [EN010162/APP/5.1].</p> <p>A summary of relevant responses to the subsequent targeted consultation, including how the Applicant has had regard to these comments, is described in Chapter 11 of the Consultation Report [EN010162/APP/5.1].</p>
S50(3) Regard to guidance about pre-application procedure		
24	<p>To what extent has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects'?</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate must have regard to the extent to which the Applicant has had regard to guidance issued under s50.</p>	<p>A table setting out how the Applicant has had regard to and complied with the relevant legislation and guidance relating to pre-application consultation is presented in Consultation Report Appendix 5.1.1: Statement of Compliance [EN010162/APP/5.1.1].</p>
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. See Application Letter [EN010162/APP/1.1] and the Application Form [EN010162/APP/1.3] which provide these details.</p> <p>The Application is made in the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2 of the APFP Regulations.</p> <p>Paragraph 6 of the Cover Letter (EN010162/APP/1.1) provides a brief statement as to why the Project falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate, as well as section 4 of the Application Form (Doc Ref. 1.</p> <p>Section 5 of the Application Form (EN010162/APP/1.3) provides a brief nontechnical description of the Project and Section 6 identifies the location of the Project.</p> <p>ES Volume 3, Figure 1.1: Development Location Plan (EN010162/APP/6.3.1.1) has been provided to show the location of the Project.</p>
27	Is it accompanied by a Consultation Report?	<p>A Consultation Report [EN010162/APP/5.1] has been submitted as part of the application for Development Consent and should be read in conjunction with its associated appendices [EN010162/APP/5.1.1 – 5.1.11].</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?	<p>Yes – a key plan has been provided showing the relationship between the different sheets, where a plan comprises of three or more separate sheets</p>

29	Is it accompanied by the documents and information set out in APFP Regulation 5(2)?	Yes - The documents and information set out in APFP Regulation 5(2) are set out below.			
Information		Document	Information		Document
a)	Where applicable, the Environmental Statement required under the EIA Regulations and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	Environmental Statement Volumes 1 [EN010162/APP/6.1] to Environmental Statement Volumes 4, Technical Appendix 18.1: Outline Recreational Routes Management Plan (RRMP) [EN010162/APP/6.4.1 8.1] ES Volume 4, Technical Appendix A3.1: EIA Scoping Report [EN010162/APP/6.4.3 .1]	b)	The draft Development Consent Order (DCO)	Draft Development Consent Order EN010162/APP/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	Explanatory Memorandum [EN010162/APP/3.3]	d)	Where applicable, a Book of Reference	Book of Reference [EN010162/APP/4.3]
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
e)	A copy of any Flood Risk Assessment	Yes. The Application includes a Flood Risk Assessment at Volume 4 – Technical Appendices, Technical Appendix A9.1 – Flood Risk Assessment, (EN010162/APP/6.4.9 .1).	f)	A statement whether the proposal engages one or more of the matters set out in section 79(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (statutory nuisances) and if so how the Applicant proposes to mitigate or limit them	Yes. A Statutory Nuisance Statement (EN010162/APP/5.2) is provided as part of the Application.
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
h)	A Statement of Reasons and a Funding Statement (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition)	Statement of Reasons [EN010162/APP/4.1] and the Funding Statement [EN010162/APP/4.2]	i)	A Land Plan identifying:- (i) the land required for, or affected by, the Proposed Development;	Land Plan [EN010162/APP/2.2] Plots and descriptions listed within the Book of Reference (EN010162/APP/4.3) are consistent with the plots shown on the Land Plans.

j)			k)	(ii) where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of Compulsory Acquisition or any rights to use land; (iii) any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights; and (iv) any special category land and replacement land	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
	A Works Plan showing, in relation to existing features:- (i) the proposed location or (for a linear scheme) the proposed route and alignment of the	Works Plans [EN010162/APP/2.3] show the location and limits of each Work No.		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	Public Rights of Way Diversions and Permissive Routes Plan [EN010162/APP/2.4] Streets and Access Plan [EN010162/APP/2.8] Traffic Regulation Measures Plan [EN010162/APP/2.13]

l)	development and works; and (ii) the limits within which the development and works may be carried out and any limits of deviation provided for in the draft DCO		m)	way or public rights of navigation	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
	Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:- (i) any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation eg sites of geological or landscape importance; (ii) habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features; and (iii) water bodies in a river basin management plan,	(i) Statutory/Non-statutory Nature Conservation Designations Plan [EN010162/APP/2.5] (ii) Habitats of Protected Species Plan [EN010162/APP/2.7] (iii) Water Bodies in a River Basin Management Plan [EN010162/APP/2.6]		Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of the historic environment, (eg scheduled monuments, World Heritage sites, listed buildings, archaeological sites and registered battlefields) together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features or structures likely to be caused by the	Statutory and Non-Statutory features of Historic Environment Plan [EN010162/APP/2.15]. Assessments of the effects have been presented within ES Volume 2, Chapter 11: Cultural Heritage (EN010162/APP/6.2.11).

n)	together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features, habitats or bodies likely to be caused by the Proposed Development	(iv) See Environmental Statement, Volume 2, Chapter 8 (Ecology and Biodiversity) for an assessment of any effects on sites/features/habitats/water bodies – [EN010162/APP/6.1] to [EN010162/APP/6.2.8]	o)	Proposed Development	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land	There is no Crown Land on the project, this is not applicable		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	Yes. The Application is accompanied by a number of plans and drawings which are provided under Regulation 5(2)(o) of the APFP Regulations. The full list is provided in Section 4 of the Guide to the Application (EN010162/APP/1.4) and the key drawings are as follows: Location, Order Limits and Grid Coordinates [EN010162/APP/2.9]

p)			q)	pedestrian access, any car parking and landscaping	Illustrative Layout Plan [EN010162/APP/2.10] Landscape Masterplan [EN010162/APP/2.11] Detail Area Masterplans [EN010162/APP/2.12] Hedgerow Plans [EN010162/APP/2.14] Streets and Access Plans [EN010162/APP/2.8] Waterbodies in a Riverbasin Management Plan [EN010162/APP/2.6]
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Are they of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
	Any of the documents prescribed by Regulation 6 of the APFP Regulations:	Grid Connection Statement [EN010162/APP/7.15]		Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	Application Letter [EN010162/APP/1.1] Section S55 Checklist [EN010162/APP/1.2] Guide to the Application [EN010162/APP/1.4]

				<p>Pre-application Programme Document [EN010162/APP/1.5]</p> <p>PINS Electronic Application Index [EN010162/APP/1.6]</p> <p>List of Plans [EN010162/APP/2.1]</p> <p>Planning Statement [EN010162/APP/5.4]</p> <p>Policy Compliance Document [EN010162/APP/5.5]</p> <p>Main Issues for Examination [EN010162/APP/7.4]</p> <p>Design Approach Document – Part 1 of 3 [EN010162/APP/5.6]</p> <p>Design Approach Document – Part 2 of 3 [EN010162/APP/5.6]</p> <p>Design Approach Document – Part 3 of 3 [EN010162/APP/5.6]</p> <p>Commitments Register [EN010162/APP/7.1]</p> <p>Statement of Need [EN010162/APP/7.2]</p> <p>Consents and Licenses Required under Other Legislation [EN010162/APP/7.3]</p> <p>Design and Access Statement [EN010162/APP/7.5]</p>
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					Equalities Impact Assessment [EN010162/APP/7.6] Concept Design Parameters and Principles [EN010162/APP/7.14]
	Are they of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
30	Are there any observations in respect of the documents provided at Box 29 (a) to (q) above?				
	N/A				
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 Secretary of State to make an appropriate assessment of the implications for the site if required by Regulation 48(1)?		Yes – A Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Report [EN010162/APP/5.3] has been submitted as part of the application for development consent.		
32	In accordance with Regulation 5(2)(r) of the APFP Regulations, if requested by the Planning Inspectorate, have two paper copies of the		The Planning Inspectorate confirmed to the Applicant that no hard copies of the Application are required at the point of submission.		

	application form and other supporting documents and plans been provided?	
33	Has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance'?	Yes – the statutory 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance' has been taken into account when preparing the application for development consent. The Applicant considers that the application has been prepared to the standards that the Planning Inspectorate considers satisfactory.
34	Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)	The Application contains the documents as required under the Planning Act 2008 and the APFP Regulations and they are of a stais

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>	Pre-application fees were paid accordingly.
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Fees to accompany an application

36	<p>Was the fee paid at the same time that the application was made?</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate must charge the Applicant a fee in respect of the decision by the Planning Inspectorate under section 55 of the PA2008. If the Applicant fails to pay the fee, the Planning Inspectorate need not consider the application until payment is received. The fee must be paid at the same time that the application is made</p>	<p>The fee was paid by BACS on 24/06/25 with the reference EN010162 GNR Solar</p>
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Role	Electronic signature	Date
Case Manager		
Acceptance Inspector		

