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Land at, and in the vicinity of, the existing Keadby Power Station (Trentside, Keadby, Scunthorpe DN17 3EF)

Consultation Report

The Planning Act 2008

The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 Regulation 5(2)(q)

Applicant: Keadby Next Generation Limited

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Glossary

Abbreviation	Description
2017 EIA Regulations	The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017
AILs	Abnormal Indivisible Loads
AoCM	Adequacy of Consultation Milestone
APFP Regulations	The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009
The Applicant	Keadby Next Generation Limited
BNG	Biodiversity Net Gain
CCS	Carbon Capture and Storage – in reference to the Keadby 3 Carbon Capture and Storage Power Station (the ‘Keadby CCS Power Station’)
CCGT	Combined Cycle Gas Turbine
CEMP	Construction Environmental Management Plan
CHP	Combined Heat and Power
CLG	Community Liaison Group
CLO	Community Liaison Officer
CTMP	Construction Traffic Management Plan
CWTP	Construction Worker Management Plan
DAS	Discretionary Advice Service
DCO	Development Consent Order
DECC	Department for Energy and Climate Change
DESNZ	Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
DfT	Department for Transport
DLUHC	Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
DTMP	Decommissioning Traffic Management Plan
EcIA	Ecological Impact Assessment
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment

Abbreviation	Description
EMF	Electromagnetic Field
ES	Environmental Statement
EWP	Energy White Paper
FAQs	Frequently Asked Questions
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
Ha	Hectares
HRA	Habitat Regulations Assessment
ICZ	Inner Consultation Zone
IDB	Internal Drainage Board
INNS	Invasive Non-Native Species
Keadby CCS Power station	The Keadby Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Power Station which was authorised by The Keadby 3 (Carbon Capture Equipped Gas Fired Generating Station) Order 2022
LBMEP	Landscape and Biodiversity Management and Enhancement Plan
LVIA	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
MHCLG	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
MMO	Marine Management Organisation
MOD	Ministry of Defense
MPs	Members of Parliament
MW	Megawatt
MWe	Megawatts electric
NGET	National Grid Electricity Transmission
NLC	North Lincolnshire Council
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NPSs	National Policy Statements
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
NTS	Non-Technical Summary
OCZ	Outer Consultation Zone

Abbreviation	Description
PIA	Personal Injury Accident
The Order	Keadby Next Generation Power Station Order
The 2008 Act	The Planning Act 2008
PEI	Preliminary Environmental Information
PINS	The Planning Inspectorate
The Proposed Development	The proposed Keadby Next Generation Power Station
Section 42 consultees	Prescribed persons, relevant local authorities, and affected and potentially affected land ownership interests (as required by Section 42 of the 2008 Act)
The Site	Keadby Power Station, Trentside, Keadby, Scunthorpe DN17 3EF
SoCC	Statement of Community Consultation
SoS	Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero
SRN	Strategic Road Network
AILs	Abnormal Indivisible Loads
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
TP	Travel Plan
DEMP	Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan
TS	Transport Statement
WSI	Written Scheme of Investigation
ZTV	Zone of Theoretical Visibility

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1.1. This Consultation Report sets out the consultation undertaken to support the proposed Keadby Next Generation Power Station ('the Proposed Development'). The Proposed Development meets the criteria to be considered as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ('NSIP') under Planning Act 2008 ('2008 Act') and therefore requires a Development Consent Order ('DCO').
- 1.1.2. This Consultation Report has been prepared in fulfilment of Section 37(3)(c) of the 2008 Act. This requires the DCO application to be accompanied by a consultation report giving details of the matters specified in Section 37(7).
- 1.1.3. It explains how Keadby Next Generation Limited ('the Applicant') has complied with the consultation requirements set out in the 2008 Act, as well as the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 ('the APFP Regulations') and Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ('the 2017 EIA Regulations').
- 1.1.4. Its primary function is to provide evidence to the Planning Inspectorate¹ ('PINS') about the Applicant's compliance with the requirements of the pre-application procedures and to demonstrate to those who responded to the consultation how the Applicant has had regard to their responses.
- 1.1.5. In 2022, a DCO was granted for the Keadby 3 Carbon Capture and Storage ('CCS') Power Station ('the Keadby CCS Power Station') at the existing SSE Keadby (Trentside, Keadby, Scunthorpe DN17 3EF) site ('the Site'). Due to similarities between that scheme and the Proposed Development, the Applicant carried out just one formal statutory consultation for the Proposed Development, to reduce potential consultation fatigue for stakeholders. This followed on from pre-application consultation undertaken by SSE plc ('SSE') as parent company of the Applicant, which took place across a period of around 14 months. Statutory consultation in line with the requirements set out by the 2008 Act ran from 9 January 2025 to 20 February 2025 and was followed by a targeted consultation from 17 April 2025 to 29 May 2025. A further targeted consultation was held from 9 May 2025 to 20 June 2025. All engagement and consultation was conducted prior to the submission of the DCO application. The Applicant's pre-application engagement and consultation activity is set out in **Table 1.1**.

¹ An executive agency of the UK Government responsible for dealing with the application process for NSIPs across England and Wales.

1.1.6. At each stage of engagement and consultation, the Applicant has considered and complied with relevant advice and guidance, as outlined in **Section 3** of this report.

Table 1.1: Summary of the Applicant's pre-application consultation process

Stage	Overview of activities	Timescales
Early engagement	<p>Early engagement with North Lincolnshire Council ('NLC'), local parish/ town councils, and PINS.</p> <p>Early engagement with statutory environmental bodies, including the Canal and River Trust, Natural England, and the Environment Agency.</p> <p>Consultation with NLC on the draft Consultation Strategy and Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC').</p> <p>Engagement with local schools as part of SSE's ongoing community outreach work in the area local to the Proposed Development.</p>	From March 2024 to 9 January 2025 (Statutory Consultation)
Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') related engagement	Submission of a request for an EIA Scoping Opinion to the Secretary of State ('SoS') and receipt of EIA Scoping Opinion.	Scoping Opinion request submitted to PINS on 30 April 2024. Scoping Opinion issued on 10 June 2024.
Programme Document	Creation of a Programme Document in line with Government guidance document 'Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects' (30 April 2024), shared with PINS.	The Applicant completed its Expression of Interest Form, which was submitted to PINS on 10 July 2024 along with the Programme Document. The

Stage	Overview of activities	Timescales
		Programme Document has been kept updated throughout the pre-application stage.
Statutory consultation	<p>Section 42 ‘Duty to consult’: consultation with prescribed consultees, host and other relevant local authorities, potentially affected land ownership interests and non-prescribed consultees.</p> <p>Section 46 ‘Duty to notify SoS of proposed application’: notification of the SoS (through PINS) of the Section 42 consultation.</p> <p>Section 47 ‘Duty to consult local community’: consultation in accordance with the published SoCC, advertised by consultation document distributed in the local area, press releases, newspapers notices and posters.</p> <p>Section 48 ‘Duty to publicise’: notice of the consultation published in the relevant news outlets, timed to coincide with the start of the Section 42 and Section 47 consultations.</p> <p>Environmental Impact Assessment (‘EIA’) Regulation 13: notification to PINS, to apply for an EIA Scoping Opinion, and consultation bodies in order to prepare a Preliminary Environmental Information (‘PEI’)</p>	9 January 2025 to 20 February 2025

Stage	Overview of activities	Timescales
	report and draft chapters of the Environmental Statement ('ES').	
First targeted consultation	A targeted Section 42 consultation with identified prescribed consultees, NLC and potentially affected land ownership interests as a result of a small number of changes to the Proposed Development's red line boundary.	17 April 2025 to 29 May 2025
Second targeted consultation	A further Section 42 consultation with identified prescribed consultees, host local authority and potentially affected land ownership interests as a result of an additional changes to the Proposed Development's red line boundary.	9 May 2025 to 20 June 2025
Adequacy of Consultation Milestone ('AoCM')	An AoCM document has been prepared as an overview of the engagement and consultation work undertaken for the Proposed Development – specifically comparing it to what was anticipated within the Programme Document and SoCC.	AoCM submitted to PINS on 15 July 2025. PINS provided comments on 21 July 2025.
Section 51 advice	The Applicant sought Section 51 advice from PINS at the pre-application stage.	The Applicant sought advice from PINS during the pre-application stage. This included a request for feedback on draft versions of some application documents which PINS provided on 16 July 2025.

2. Introduction

2.1. Overview

- 2.1.1. This Consultation Report (**Application Document Ref. 5.1.1**) has been prepared by AECOM on behalf of Keadby Next Generation Limited ('the Applicant'), a subsidiary of SSE plc ('SSE'). It forms part of the application for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') ('the Application') that has been submitted to the Secretary of State (the 'SoS') for Energy Security and Net Zero under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ('the 2008 Act'). The DCO, if made by the SoS, would be known as 'The Keadby Next Generation Power Station Order' ('the Order').
- 2.1.2. In correspondence and documentation at EIA scoping stage, the Applicant used the name 'SSE Hydrogen Developments Limited' and the project name 'Keadby Hydrogen Power Station' for the Proposed Development. A new project company named 'Keadby Next Generation Limited' was subsequently set up in November 2024, ahead of consultation, and the Applicant and project names were aligned to this thereafter.

2.2. The Applicant

- 2.2.1. The Applicant is a subsidiary of the FTSE-listed SSE plc, one of the UK's largest and broadest-based energy companies, and the country's leading developer of renewable energy. Over the last 20 years, the SSE Group has invested over £20 billion to deliver industry-leading offshore wind, onshore wind, CCGT, energy from waste, biomass, battery energy storage, energy networks and gas storage projects. Related SSE companies own and operate the adjacent Keadby 1 and 2 Power Stations and have the benefit of the DCO for Keadby 3 CCS Power Station (herein referred to as the 'Keadby CCS Power Station').
- 2.2.2. The Proposed Development is being developed with Equinor, one of the country's leading energy providers, supplying natural gas, oil and electricity. Equinor is developing multiple low-carbon hydrogen and carbon capture projects in the Humber, working towards transforming the UK's most carbon intensive industrial cluster into a net zero region.
- 2.2.3. SSE Renewables Limited operates Keadby Windfarm, which lies to the north and south of the Site and generates renewable electricity from 34 turbines, with a total installed generation capacity of 68MW.
- 2.2.4. SSE has set out a clear commitment to investment in low carbon power infrastructure, working with government and other stakeholders to create a net zero power system by 2040. This includes investment in flexible sources of electricity generation and storage for times of low renewable output which will

complement other renewable generating sources, either using low carbon fuels and/ or capturing and storing carbon emissions.

- 2.2.5. The design of the Proposed Development demonstrates this commitment and the Proposed Development will be built with a clear route to decarbonisation, consistent with SSE's Net Zero Acceleration Programme Plus and net zero transition plan which committed to the development and progression of new low carbon flexible power including hydrogen-fuelled generation.

2.3. The Proposed Development

- 2.3.1. The Proposed Development would comprise a high efficiency gas fired power station with an electrical output capacity of up to 910MWe and associated buildings, structures and plant and other associated development defined in Schedule 1 of the **Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1)** as Work Nos. 1-11 and shown on the **Works Plans (Application Document Ref. 2.3)**.

- 2.3.2. The Proposed Development will include:

- a new-build CCGT electricity generating station fuelled by hydrogen and/or natural gas with a power output of up to 910MW (Work No. 1) including:
 - a CCGT plant;
 - cooling infrastructure;
 - natural gas and hydrogen blending equipment;
 - supporting facilities including administration and control buildings, workshops, storage buildings, effluent treatment facilities, fire water storage tank(s), demineralised water treatment plant including storage tank(s), and permanent laydown areas for operation and maintenance activities;
- a hydrogen supply pipeline, including a gas compound for the hydrogen supplier's apparatus and a hydrogen gas compound for the Applicant's apparatus (Work No. 2);
- a natural gas supply pipeline including a compound for the natural gas supplier's apparatus and a natural gas compound for the Applicant's apparatus (Work No. 3);
- electrical connection works for the export and import of electricity to and from the generating station and the existing 400kV National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) substation located adjacent to the Keadby Power Station site, including works within the substation (which would be undertaken by NGET) (Work No. 4);
- water supply connection works to provide cooling and make-up water to the generating station, including intake structures and an underground and/or

- overground water supply pipeline running between the generating station and the Stainforth and Keadby Canal (Work No. 5);
- connections to and use of an existing outfall and associated pipework for the discharge of used cooling water, surface water and treated effluent to the River Trent (Work No. 6);
- public water connection pipeline from a new connection on Chapel Lane to provide potable water to the generating station (Work No. 7);
- new permanent access to the generating station (Work No. 8), comprising:
 - maintenance and improvement of an existing private access road from the A18, including replacement of a private bridge (Mabey Bridge) (Work No. 8A);
 - installation of layby and gatehouse with barriers, enclosures, drainage and lighting north of the A18 junction (Work No. 8B) and associated utilities connections (Work No. 8C); and
 - emergency access route comprising the maintenance and improvement of an existing private track running between the generating station and Chapel Lane and including new private bridge crossing over Glew Drain (Work No. 8D);
- temporary construction and laydown areas (Work No. 9A);
- maintenance and improvement of the existing access routes running between the A18 and construction laydown areas (Work No. 9B); and between Skew Bridge adjacent to the A18 and a temporary construction laydown area associated with Mabey Bridge replacement (Work No. 9C);
- retention, maintenance and improvement and subsequent removal of existing temporary haul route from the Waterborne Transport Offloading Facility (Work No. 9D) and the inspection and repair of the existing wharf, and temporary placement of mobile cranes including the temporary oversailing of crane arms (Work No. 9E); and
- landscaping and biodiversity enhancement measures (Work No. 10);
- an allocation of land to meet the requirements of the Carbon Capture Readiness (Electricity Generating Stations) Regulations 2013 (Work No. 11).

2.3.3. The Applicant will be responsible for the construction, operation (including maintenance) and eventual decommissioning of the Proposed Development

including the on-site connections to electricity, cooling water, hydrogen and natural gas supplies.

- 2.3.4. The Proposed Development will be capable of operating 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with programmed offline periods for maintenance.
- 2.3.5. The route for the hydrogen supply pipeline to the Proposed Development has not yet been confirmed. The supply pipeline is not included in the Proposed Development and will be progressed by a third party under a separate consent. In line with Government policy, it is recognised that developments such as the Proposed Development are needed to stimulate investment in the development of hydrogen production and supply infrastructure.
- 2.3.6. Further detail on the components of the Proposed Development is provided in **ES Volume I Chapter 4: The Proposed Development (Application Document Ref. 6.2.4)**. The areas within which each numbered Work (component) of the Proposed Development are to be built are defined by the coloured and hatched areas on the **Works Plans (Application Document Ref. 2.3)**.

2.4. The Proposed Development Site

- 2.4.1. The Site is located within and near to the existing Keadby Power Station site near Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, and lies within the administrative boundary of North Lincolnshire Council ('NLC'). The majority of land is within the ownership or control of the Applicant (or SSE associated companies) and is centred on national grid reference 482351, 411796.
- 2.4.2. The existing Keadby Power Station site currently encompasses the operational Keadby 1 and Keadby 2 Power Stations, including the Keadby 2 Power Station Carbon Capture and Readiness reserve space.
- 2.4.3. The Site encompasses an area of approximately 77.1 hectares (ha), of which approximately 26.7 ha of land is proposed for construction laydown.
- 2.4.4. Multiple proposed land uses together make up the Site, with the different areas described in turn below and shown on **ES Volume III Figure 3.3: Indicative Parts of the Site Plan (Application Document Ref. 6.4)**. These terms have been used to describe land use zones within the Site.
- 2.4.5. The Site is divided into the following areas of permanent and temporary land use (the proposed use is described in more detail in **ES Volume I Chapter 3: Site and Surrounding Area (Application Document Ref. 6.2.3)**):
- Main Site;
 - Ancillary Facilities;

- Water Connections;
- Electricity Connections;
- Waterborne Transport Off-loading Area;
- Construction Laydown Areas;
- Access routes (emergency, permanent and construction);
- Connections to Keadby 1 and Keadby 2 power stations; and
- Additional areas for landscaping and biodiversity provision.

2.5. The DCO Process

- 2.5.1. The Proposed Development falls within the definition of a NSIP under Section 14(1)(a) and 15(2) of the 2008 Act as a ‘generating station exceeding 50 MW’.
- 2.5.2. As a NSIP project, the Applicant is required to seek a DCO to construct and operate the generating station, under Section 31 of the 2008 Act. Section 37 of the 2008 Act also governs the form, content and accompanying documents that are required as part of a DCO application. The requirements are implemented through the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (‘APFP Regulations’), which state that an application must be accompanied by an ES, where a development is considered to be ‘EIA development’ under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (‘the EIA Regulations’) (as amended).
- 2.5.3. An application for development consent for the Proposed Development has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) acting on behalf of the SoS. Subject to the application being accepted, PINS will then examine it and make a recommendation to the SoS who will then decide whether to grant a DCO. The acceptance, examination, recommendation and decision stages are subject to fixed timescales and the decision is therefore anticipated to fall in 2026.
- 2.5.4. A DCO, if granted, has the effect of providing deemed planning permission for a development, in addition to a range of other consents and authorisations where specified within the Order.

2.6. The Purpose and Structure of this Document

- 2.6.1. The purpose of this document is to meet the requirements of Section 37(3)(c) of the 2008 Act, which requires an application for a DCO to be accompanied by a ‘consultation report’. Section 37(7) confirms that a consultation report means a report giving details of:
- what has been done by the promoter to comply with Sections 42 (‘Duty to

consult'), 47 ('Duty to consult local community') and 48 ('Duty to publicise') of the 2008 Act;

- any 'relevant responses' to the consultation under Sections 42, 47 and 48; and
- the account taken by the promoter of any relevant responses as required by Section 49 ('Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity') in developing the application from proposed to final form.

2.6.2. This Consultation Report provides an account of the statutory consultation undertaken by the Applicant in respect of the Proposed Development in accordance with the requirements of Section 37, as well as the engagement carried out earlier to inform the details of the Proposed Development and statutory consultation methodology. This report describes the approach that has been taken, the methods and activities employed, and the timescales and deadlines set for all pre-application consultation and publicity. This Consultation Report also details the responses that have been received to the consultation and sets out how these have been taken into account by the Applicant.

2.6.3. This Consultation Report has, where possible, been structured chronologically and has also taken account of the guidance set out in the PINS advice page 'Advice on the Consultation Report'². The structure of this Consultation Report is set out in **Table 2.1** below.

Table 2.1: Consultation Report Structure

Section	Title	Overview
Section 1	Executive Summary	Provides an overview of the Proposed Development, the Applicant, the consultation stages described in the subsequent report.
Section 2	Introduction	Introduces and provides details of the Applicant, the Proposed Development, the DCO process, and the Consultation Report document.

² PINS (2024) *Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on the Consultation Report*, <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-advice-on-the-consultation-report>

Section	Title	Overview
Section 3	Legislative Context and Relevant Guidance	Provides a summary of the legislative requirements of the 2008 Act and relevant regulations (including APFP Regulations and the 2017 EIA Regulations) in order to demonstrate that the Applicant has undertaken a consultation process which complies with the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government ('MHCLG') guidance on the pre-application process (March 2015), as well as relevant PINS advice.
Section 4	Keadby Next Generation Limited's Approach to Consultation	Describes the approach taken by the Applicant to pre-application consultation on the Proposed Development.
Section 5	Consultation Strategy	Describes the approach taken by the Applicant in the preparation of the Consultation Strategy, to inform early engagement and support the development of the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).
Section 6	Early Engagement	Describes the early engagement activities undertaken by the Applicant to introduce the Proposed Development to local community representatives, the relevant local authorities, and technical consultees.
Section 7	Programme Document	Describes the approach taken by the Applicant to the preparation and maintenance of the Programme Document throughout the pre-application stage to enable all those engaged in the pre-application process in line with Government guidance

Section	Title	Overview
		‘Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects’ (30 April 2024) to understand the timescales and ensure their contribution is programmed into the pre-application stage at the most effective point.
Section 8	Statement of Community Consultation: Preparation and Consultation	Describes the approach taken by the Applicant to the preparation of the SoCC, as required by Section 47 of the 2008 Act, the consultation that took place with the relevant local authorities in relation to the preparation of the document, and how the Applicant took account of the responses to the consultation in finalising the SoCC.
Section 9	Statutory Consultation: Identifying Consultees	Explains how the Applicant identified those persons with whom there was a statutory duty to consult in accordance with Sections 42, 43 and 44 of the 2008 Act and confirms who was consulted. It also lists other persons there was no statutory duty to consult but who the Applicant considered should be consulted as they may be interested in the Proposed Development (the ‘non-prescribed Consultees’ and ‘non-prescribed landowners’).
Section 10	Statutory Consultation: Section 42 ‘Duty to Consult’	Sets out how the Applicant consulted those parties set out in Section 42 of the 2008 Act (the ‘Section 42 consultees’), including prescribed persons; relevant local authorities (Section 43); land ownership interests and potentially affected land interests (Section 44); and

Section	Title	Overview
		non-prescribed consultees and landowners, as well as how the consultation and the handling of consultation responses complied with Section 42 of the 2008 Act.
Section 11	Statutory consultation: Section 46 'Duty to Notify Secretary of State of the Proposed Application'	Sets out how the Applicant notified the SoS of the start of the Section 42 consultation in accordance with Section 46 of the 2008 Act.
Section 12	Statutory consultation: Section 47 'Duty to Consult Local Community'	Describes how the consultation that the Applicant carried out complies with the duty to consult the local community under Section 47 of the 2008 Act, providing more detailed information on the Proposed Development as well as the opportunity for local people to comment upon it; the responses received to the consultation; and the compliance of the consultation with the published SoCC.
Section 13	Statutory consultation: Section 48 'Duty to Publicise'	Explains how the Applicant publicised the Proposed Development in accordance with Section 48 of the 2008 Act, including the newspapers that the Section 48 Notice was published in and the notification of EIA consultees under EIA Regulation 13.
Section 14	Targeted Consultation: Section 42 'Duty to Consult'	Sets out how the Applicant conducted two targeted consultations proportionate to red line boundary changes for the Proposed Development, consulting those parties set out in Section 42 of the 2008 Act (the 'Section 42 consultees'), including prescribed persons; relevant

Section	Title	Overview
		local authorities (Section 43); land ownership interests, and potentially affected land interests. This also includes how the consultation and the handling of consultation responses complied with Section 42 of the 2008 Act.
Section 15	Section 49 'Duty to take account of Response to Consultation and Publicity'	Summarises responses to the statutory consultation and sets out the regard had to them by the Applicant. This includes responses from consultees under Sections 42(1)(a), b) 1(d) and Section 47 of the 2008 Act. Four consultees who responded referred to the Section 48 notice as part of their Section 42 response. Section 15 concludes with a summary of issues raised and changes made to the Scheme as a result of the statutory consultation.
Section 16	Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM)	Summarises the Applicant's approach to producing its AoCM and evidencing the adequacy of the consultation undertaken, including its compliance with the Programme Document and SoCC.
Section 17	EIA Related Consultation	Provides a summary of the EIA related consultation carried out in accordance with the 2017 EIA Regulations in order facilitate the EIA process and the preparation of the ES for the Proposed Development.
Section 18	Section 51 advice	Sets out how the Applicant sought advice from PINS under Section 51 of the 2008 Act.

Section	Title	Overview
Section 19	Conclusions	Sets out how the Applicant intends to continue to engage with consultees following submission of the Application and during the examination process.

2.6.4. The appendices to this Consultation Report have been numbered so as to correspond with the order in which they are first referred to within it.

2.6.5. The full text of consultation responses received from members of the public have not been included within the Consultation Report as these contain personal information. However, the Applicant can make these available to PINS if necessary and subject to the relevant privacy policy.

3. Legislative Context and Relevant Guidance

3.1.1. This section provides a summary of the legislative context for DCOs, including legislative requirements and relevant guidance relating to pre-application consultation and publicity.

3.2. Overview of the DCO Regime

3.2.1. Under the DCO regime, the primary policy framework for examining and determining applications is provided by National Policy Statements ('NPS'). Section 5 of the 2008 Act allows the SoS to designate NPSs setting out national policy in relation to the types of NSIP listed at Section 14 of the 2008 Act.

3.2.2. In July 2011, the SoS for the Department of Energy and Climate Change ('DECC'), which was replaced by the Department for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy ('BEIS') in 2016, then Department for Energy Security and Net Zero ('DESNZ') in 2023, designated a number of NPSs relating to nationally significant energy infrastructure. These include an 'overarching' NPS that sets out the Government's policy for the delivery of major energy infrastructure and five NPSs relating to specific types of energy projects. These are to be read in conjunction with the overarching NPS, where they are relevant to an application.

3.2.3. The NPS that are considered to be of most direct relevance to the Proposed Development are:

- NPS EN-1 - Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy;
- NPS EN-2 – Natural Gas Electricity Generating Infrastructure; and
- NPS EN-4 – Natural Gas Supply Infrastructure and Gas and Oil Pipelines.

3.2.4. The extent to which the Proposed Development contributes to the need established in the NPS and meets their assessment criteria is considered in greater detail within the Planning Statement (**Application Document Ref. 5.6**), which has been submitted as part of the Application.

3.3. Legislative Requirements for Pre-Application Consultation and Publicity

3.3.1. The planning of major infrastructure under the 2008 Act is a 'front-loaded' process whereby the main features of the Proposed Development are established through statutory procedures of consultation and engagement, and all relevant technical studies, prior to making an application. The legislative framework relating to pre-application consultation and publicity for NSIPs is set out within:

- The 2008 Act;
- The APFP Regulations; and

- The 2017 EIA Regulations.

3.3.2. The particular, legislative requirements for applicants to follow in relation to pre-application consultation and publicity are summarised in **Table 3.1**.

Table 3.1: Requirements for Pre-Application Consultation & Publicity

Section of 2008 Act/ relevant regulation	Legislative requirement
Section 37: Applications for orders granting development consent	Section 37(3) requires that any application for a DCO must be accompanied by a consultation report, which provides details of what has been done to comply with Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act, any relevant responses received to consultation and the account taken of those responses.
Section 47: Duty to consult local community	<p>Applicants must prepare a SoCC explaining how they intend to consult the people living within the vicinity of the land to which the proposed development relates about the proposed application. Before preparing the SoCC the applicant must consult the relevant local authorities about what is to be included within it, provide a period for comments of at least 28 days starting with the day after the day the SoCC is received, and have regard to any comments received before the deadline.</p> <p>The applicant must make the final SoCC available for inspection by the public in a location that is reasonably convenient for people living within the vicinity of the land (see also 'Section 50: Guidance about pre-application procedure' below), publish a notice in a locally circulating newspaper stating where and when the SoCC can be inspected and publish the SoCC as prescribed, and then carry out consultation in accordance with the SoCC.</p>
Section 42: Duty to consult	<p>Applicants must consult the following about the proposed application for at least 28 days starting with the day after the day the consultation documents are received (Section 45):</p> <p><i>Section 42(a) such persons as may be prescribed;</i></p>

Section of 2008 Act/ relevant regulation	Legislative requirement
	<p><i>Section 42(aa) the Marine Management Organisation, in any case where the proposed development would affect, or would be likely to affect, any of the areas specified in Section 42(2)) (which includes waters in or adjacent to England up to the seaward limits of the territorial sea);</i></p> <p><i>Section 42(b) each local authority that is within Section 43;</i></p> <p><i>Section 42 (c) the Greater London Authority if the land is in Greater London; and</i></p> <p><i>Section 42(d) each person who is within one or more of the categories set out in Section 44 (i.e., affected and potentially affected landowners, including occupiers, tenants, lessees, and other affected persons).</i></p>
Section 46: Duty to notify Secretary of State of proposed application	The applicant must notify the SoS of the start of the Section 42 consultation and provide the SoS with the same information as the applicant intends to send to the Section 42 consultees, either at the same time as, or before, commencing the Section 42 consultation.
Section 48: Duty to publicise	<p>The applicant must publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner (by what is referred to as a Section 48 Notice), namely in accordance with APFP Regulation 4(2), once in a national newspaper, once in the London Gazette, once in the Lloyds List and appropriate fishing trade journal where offshore development is involved, and for two consecutive weeks in one or more local newspapers circulating in the vicinity of the land to which the proposed development relates. The deadline for the receipt of responses stated in the Section 48 Notice must not be less than 28 days following the date when the notice is last published.</p> <p>The Section 48 Notice must include the following as required by Regulation 4(3) of the APFP:</p>

Section of 2008 Act/ relevant regulation	Legislative requirement
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>the name and address of the applicant;</i> • <i>a statement that the applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Secretary of State;</i> • <i>a statement as to whether the application is EIA development;</i> • <i>a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the proposed development;</i> • <i>a statement that the documents, plans, and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed development are available for inspection free of charge on a website maintained by or on behalf of the applicant;</i> • <i>the address of the website where the documents, plans and maps may be inspected;</i> • <i>the place on the website where the documents, plans and maps may be inspected;</i> • <i>a telephone number which can be used to contact the applicant for enquiries in relation to the documents, plans and maps;</i> • <i>the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection on the website;</i> • <i>whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge;</i> • <i>details of how to respond to the publicity; and</i> • <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.</i>
Section 50: Guidance about pre-application procedure	<p>The applicant must have regard to any pre application procedural guidance issued under this section.</p> <p>The principal pre-application guidance is the MHCLG and Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities ('DLUHC')'s 'Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for</p>

Section of 2008 Act/ relevant regulation	Legislative requirement
	<p>Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects’ (April 2024)³. This provides advice on a wide range of pre-application activities.</p> <p>In addition, guidance was issued by MHCLG on 22 July 2020 (updated on 31 December 2020) on pre-application procedures in the context of the Coronavirus pandemic⁴. This guidance provides suggestions on website design and methods of providing copies of documentation. It also provides guidance on satisfying the requirement to make the SoCC available for inspection, by providing it online (via a project specific website) and via hard copies on request.</p> <p>These are described further under ‘Relevant guidance’ below.</p>
Regulation 13 2017 EIA Regulations: Pre-application publicity under Section 48 (duty to publicise)	Where the proposed application is for EIA development, the applicant must send a copy of the Section 48 Notice to all the consultation bodies (‘consultation bodies’ means, for the purposes of the EIA Regulations, a body prescribed under Section 42(1)(a)), (such persons as may be prescribed) and each local authority within Section 43 ‘Local authorities for the purposes of Section 42(1)(b)), and any person notified to the applicant by PINS in accordance with EIA Regulation 11(1)(c)).
Section 49: Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity	The applicant must have regard to any ‘relevant response’ received to the Section 42, 47 and 48 consultation and publicity. A ‘relevant response’ means a response received to the Section 42, 47 and 48 consultation and publicity before any deadline imposed in accordance with the relevant section of the 2008 Act.

³ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/planning-act-2008-pre-application-stage-for-nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects>

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-on-procedural-requirements-for-major-infrastructure-projects>

3.4. Relevant Guidance

3.4.1. Relevant guidance relating to pre-application consultation and publicity is provided by the following documents.

- MHCLG and DLUHC: Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (April 2024).
- MHCLG: Guidance on procedural requirements for major infrastructure projects (22 July 2020, updated 31 December 2020).
- PINS: Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-application Prospectus (the 'Prospectus') (May 2024, updated May 2025).
- PINS: Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on the Consultation Report (August 2024).
- PINS: Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on EIA Notification and Consultation (September 2024).
- PINS: Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on working with public bodies in the infrastructure planning process (September 2024).
- PINS: Advice for members of the public (December 2024).
- NLC Statement of Community Involvement (August 2018).
- The Coronavirus Act 2020 and related legislation including the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

3.4.2. NLC's Statement of Community Involvement recognises that:

"Development proposals can, depending on their scale and nature have significant impacts on local communities. Therefore, it is advisable that applicants putting forward major proposals should carry out their own pre-application consultation with local people. We expect local communities to be offered the chance to influence proposals in their areas at an early stage through these consultation exercises. A consultation statement should be submitted alongside the formal planning application. This should describe what engagement took place and how this influenced the final proposal."

"Any pre-application consultation should be tailored to suit the circumstances of the site, proposal and locality. As part of the pre-application process,

developers should discuss and agree with the council the exact nature of consultation in advance.”

- 3.4.3. In addition, PINS has published on the Government’s website a series of advice pages⁵ intended to inform applicants, consultees, the public, and others about a range of matters in relation to the 2008 Act.

⁵ <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-infrastructure-planning-advice-notes#advice-for-applicants>

4. Keadby Next Generation Limited's Approach to Consultation

4.1.1. The Applicant's approach to consultation is informed by SSE's experience gained over many years as an operator and developer of thermal power stations, including Keadby 1 and Keadby 2 power stations. SSE also has a Community Liaison Officer ('CLO') based at Keadby with well-established working relationships with local organisations from the operation of Keadby 1 and the construction of Keadby 2. In addition, SSE (under the applicant name Keadby Generation Limited) completed comprehensive consultation on proposals for the DCO application for Keadby CCS Power Station on the same Site, which was granted in 2022. At a corporate level SSE has established a diversity and inclusion strategy and an associated working group, which it uses to inform its approach to engagement and consultation.

4.1.2. The approach taken for the Proposed Development has made use of this knowledge and experience, and is based on the following general objectives and principles.

- To raise awareness of the Proposed Development and provide the local community and other stakeholders with the opportunity to understand and comment on the proposals at different stages.
- To provide clear and concise information on the Proposed Development.
- To provide a range of means by which people can engage with the Proposed Development and provide comments and feedback.
- To ensure that comments and feedback are accurately captured and recorded.
- To show how comments and feedback have been taken account of in finalising the DCO application.

4.1.3. This was achieved by:

- developing a Consultation Strategy to provide a framework for early engagement and statutory consultation, including the areas and people to be consulted and the consultation activities and methods to be employed;
- deploying a range of methods to publicise the proposals, including an information booklet mailout, website, letters, newspaper notices, a telephone line, notices and posters, and events;
- carrying out a statutory consultation following early engagement, the former informed by information gathered at the early engagement stage and experience from previous consultations on the Site, and undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the 2008 Act; and

- providing clear and concise information on the Proposed Development and ultimately providing the local community and other consultees with the opportunity to consider the emerging proposals and provide comments and feedback, including directly to members of the project team at public consultation events.

4.1.4. Furthermore, as an existing operator in the area, SSE also sought to maintain and utilise existing relationships with the local community, parish/ town councils and political representatives.

4.2. Consultation Phasing

4.2.1. The Applicant initially adopted a two-phase approach, made up of early engagement with a number of identified stakeholders (based on the Applicant's awareness of specific interest in the Site as demonstrated from the Keady CCS Power Station consultation), followed by one formal statutory consultation.

4.2.2. A third phase was later added due to changes to the Site boundary. Following further design development, technical assessments and responses to the first consultation, changes were required to the proposed Site boundary. As some of these changes related to land in which a small number of stakeholders have an interest, the Applicant carried out two further targeted consultation with these stakeholders in respect of these changes. The targeted consultations were separate due to further changes being identified after the first targeted consultation period had started. None of these changes were significant or fundamentally altered the nature of the project consulted on, or impact on the assessment set out in the PEI Report, so it was considered that re-consultation with the wider public was not required.

4.2.3. An early-stage, non-statutory consultation was considered but deemed to present the risk of consultation fatigue in the local area due to the recent Keadby CCS Power Station consultation and the already established and ongoing engagement between SSE and the local community around the Keadby Power Station site. Therefore, it was decided that a single stage of statutory consultation would be taken forward.

4.2.4. The early engagement phase was undertaken from March 2024 to the beginning of the statutory consultation on 9 January 2025. This set out the background to the Proposed Development, making stakeholders aware of the developing proposal and upcoming consultation. This phase also included contacting statutory stakeholders regarding the scope of the environmental surveys envisaged.

4.2.5. Statutory consultation launched on 9 January 2025 and concluded on 20 February 2025. The consultation took place over six weeks (a duration above the

statutory minimum of four weeks). The statutory consultation was conducted in accordance with the SoCC, and involved consultation on the detail of the Proposed Development that would be the subject of the DCO application, in accordance with the requirements of the 2008 Act, including:

- Details of the Applicant's proposals, including how the Site will look and operate;
- The Preliminary Environmental Information ('PEI') compiled; and
- The Applicant's emerging proposals for avoiding, minimising and/ or mitigating any significant environmental or community effects likely to arise.

4.2.6. The first targeted consultation ran for six weeks, launching on 17 April 2025 and concluding on 29 May 2025. The second targeted consultation ran for six weeks, launching on 9 May 2025 and concluding on 20 June 2025. The targeted consultations are covered in more detail in **Section 14**.

5. Consultation Strategy

5.1. Background to Preparation of the Consultation Strategy

- 5.1.1. The Applicant developed a Consultation Strategy that set out the methods and processes that would be used to consult all identified stakeholders as part of its statutory consultation. This built upon SSE's operational experience and stakeholder relationships in the local area and more widely. The Consultation Strategy is a non-statutory document, but informed the preparation of the SoCC for the statutory consultation (detailed further in **Section 8**).
- 5.1.2. The Consultation Strategy established the consultation zone for the Proposed Development and identified stakeholders for early engagement based on their expertise, interest in, or influence over specific design aspects, and/or the consultation approach.
- 5.1.3. The Consultation Strategy was drafted taking account of the documents set out in **3.4.1**.

5.2. Objectives

- 5.2.1. The following overall objectives were adopted in the Strategy.
- To create positive, informative and open channels of communication with residents, local political representatives and the media and in doing so to generate local support for the Proposed Development.
 - To provide a robust, accessible and meaningful consultation around the future plans for the Site, giving stakeholders the opportunity to have their views heard and taken into account where possible.
 - To protect and grow SSE's reputation in the area and uphold a commitment to being a responsible developer, constructor, owner and operator of energy infrastructure.
 - To build and maintain positive relationships with all neighbours and stakeholders.

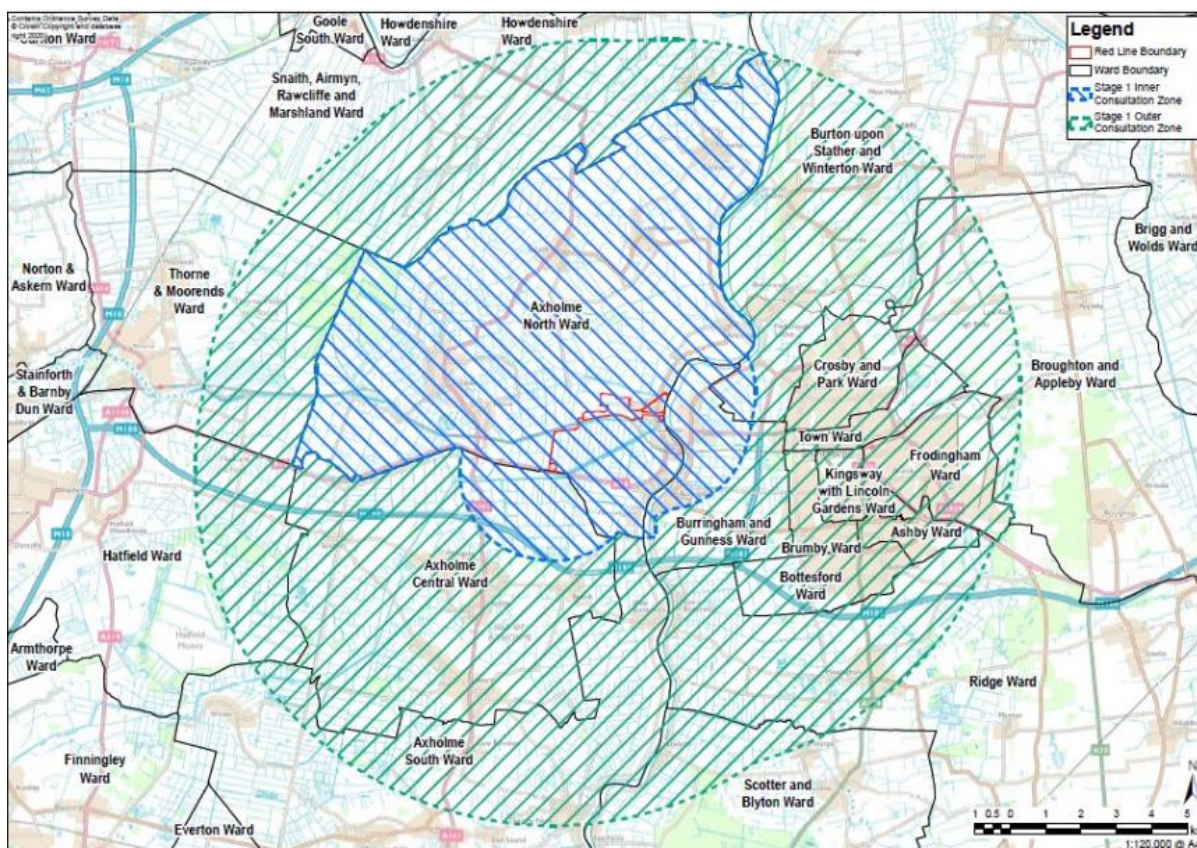
5.3. Who We Planned to Consult

- 5.3.1. In addition to the engagement undertaken as part of the Keadby CCS Power Station DCO application, SSE has a presence at the Keadby Power Station site and has existing relationships with stakeholders relevant to the Proposed Development. The Keadby Power Station site has a CLO who is well-embedded within the community, working with both internal and external stakeholders. Consequently, the Applicant had a good understanding of the stakeholders who might have an interest in, or be affected by, the Proposed Development, and was

able to engage with them throughout the conception and development of the proposals.

- 5.3.2. As such, the Applicant aimed to develop a Consultation Strategy that took account of pre-existing engagement related to the Keadby Power Station site, to leverage existing relationships and maximise engagement, as well as identify any additional stakeholders not previously engaged. The stakeholders engaged through existing relationships are detailed in **Section 6.3**. The Strategy reflected the methods used for previous statutory engagement in relation to Keadby CCS Power Station. This included creating a SoCC that clearly set out how the Applicant proposed to consult the local community (Section 47 of the 2008 Act) as well as the relevant prescribed (Section 42) and non-prescribed consultees.
- 5.3.3. A consultation zone was developed comprising of an 'Inner Consultation Zone' ('ICZ') and an 'Outer Consultation Zone' ('OCZ'). The consultation methods used were tailored accordingly.
- 5.3.4. The ICZ extended to around 2.5km around the total extent of the area within which the Proposed Development would be constructed (the 'Main Site'), broadly corresponding to the areas within which the Proposed Development could be visually prominent, or receive a perceptible increase in noise or traffic. The OCZ extended to around 10km around the Main Site and broadly corresponds to the majority of the Zone of Theoretical Visibility ('ZTV') estimated for the Proposed Development based on the maximum built dimensions of the main items of plant and the stack. It also corresponds to the area which could (without mitigation) experience air quality, traffic or socioeconomic effects or potentially be interested in but unaffected by the Proposed Development.
- 5.3.5. As **Figure 5.1** shows, the ICZ enclosed Gunness, Althorpe, Burringham, Ealand and Amcotts. It was extended manually to cover the entire Axholme North ward in view of the limited visual separation between this area and the Proposed Development. The OCZ enclosed all of Scunthorpe, Epworth, Belton, and Burton upon Stather.

Figure 5.1: Consultation Zones as shown in the Consultation Strategy



- 5.3.6. The consultation zones were reviewed prior to statutory consultation to ensure they remained applicable in line with the above principles.
- 5.3.7. The consultation zone was informed by a desk-based land referencing exercise (using Land Registry data), which was undertaken prior to the start of the statutory consultation in order to identify affected landowners within the Site, or potential 'category 3' claimants (i.e. nearby landowners that may experience substantial disruption). This allowed a suitable environmental assessment scope and appropriate engagement with land interests.

6. Early Engagement

- 6.1.1. SSE (as parent company of the Applicant) first publicly announced plans for the Keadby CCS Power Station and Keadby Next Generation Power Station developments at the Site in April 2021 (**Appendix 6A**). An update announcing the Proposed Development was issued via press release on 14 March 2024 and provided early information on the proposals (**Appendix 6B**).
- 6.1.2. The Proposed Development was not a new concept within the local community, as future plans for potential carbon capture and hydrogen-powered power stations at the Keadby Power Station site had been made publicly available and communicated via a press release in early 2020, as well as shared at community events from December 2023.
- 6.1.3. Following the press release in March 2024, a number of stakeholders were identified for targeted engagement in advance of statutory consultation (see **Section 6.2** and **Table 6.1**) in an effort to engage them early on the Proposed Development.
- 6.1.4. The aims and objectives of the early engagement were to:
- help inform the consultation methods and approach used during the statutory consultation for the Proposed Development;
 - make identified stakeholders (specifically local political representatives, the relevant parish/ town Councils and specifically identified statutory environmental stakeholders) aware of the Proposed Development, informing them that any potential impacts are being robustly and thoroughly assessed (see **Section 6.2**);
 - provide stakeholders with information on hydrogen as fuel technology;
 - provide stakeholders with the opportunity to ask initial questions and provide comments/ feedback, which would help inform the wider, more detailed formal consultation;
 - provide opportunity for the local community to understand how the Proposed Development was different to the Keadby CCS Power Station project on the same site, for which a DCO was granted in 2022; and
 - build up momentum and awareness for the launch of the statutory consultation.
- 6.1.5. Early engagement on the Proposed Development also dovetailed with the ongoing engagement between the CLO for the Keadby Power Station site and the local community.

6.2. Who Was Engaged

6.2.1. The below details the specific key stakeholders and stakeholder groups the Applicant engaged with during the early engagement period.

6.2.2. **MP:** The Applicant engaged in the early stages of the Proposed Development with the then MP for the area, Andrew Percy MP, Member of Parliament for Brigg & Goole and the Isle of Axholme, as well as the MP for the former Don Valley constituency, Nick Fletcher MP. Following the General Election on 4 July 2024 and associated 2024 electoral boundary changes, the MP for the Site became Lee Pitcher MP, Member of Parliament for Doncaster East and the Isle of Axholme. Under the new boundaries, the consultation zone also encompassed the constituency of Scunthorpe (east of the River Trent), represented by Sir Nic Dakin MP.

6.2.3. **Councillors:** The Ward and parish/ town councillors identified for early engagement were:

- Councillors for Axholme North Ward (North Lincolnshire Council): Councillor John Briggs and Councillor Julie Reed. [REDACTED] and has been succeeded by Councillor Ian Bint, who was engaged on the Proposed Development following his election in June 2024.
- Parish councillors for Keadby with Althorpe Parish Council, Crowle and Ealand Town Council, Luddington and Haldenby Parish Council, Amcotts Parish Council, Eastoft Parish Council, Burringham Parish Council, Gunness Parish Council, Garthorpe Parish Council, and Fockerby Parish Council.

During early engagement, councillors were spoken to informally about plans for the Site and were found to be generally supportive of Keadby Next Generation Power Station as part of SSE's journey to net zero, and the decarbonisation of the Keadby Power Station site. Following these early conversations, the councillors were engaged formally as part of the statutory consultation process.

6.2.4. **Statutory Environmental Stakeholders:** A number of consultees prescribed by the DCO process were engaged with at the early engagement stage. These included:

- Natural England;
- The Environment Agency;
- The Canal and River Trust;
- NLC; and
- Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Water Level Management Board ('IoANNWLMB').

- 6.2.5. **Local landowner:** at the early engagement stage, SSE continued its ongoing liaison with local landowners engaged on Keadby CCS Power Station.
- 6.2.6. **Education and School Engagement:** As part of its commitment to inspiring future generations, SSE was already engaging with local schools and colleges via the Keadby Power Station site CLO. This work is ongoing and part of a wider engagement programme by SSE (to work with local educational establishments to ensure that young people are given information on the uses of hydrogen, its role in net zero, future career opportunities on-site and within a hydrogen economy). Activities have to date included:
- working with the local primary school Keadby and Althorpe Primary, to educate young people about what happens at the Keadby Power Station site, energy production and careers;
 - sponsoring a tutor group at Engineering University Technical College North Lincolnshire and working closely with their students; and
 - working with local secondary schools, and the local Special Educational Needs (SEN) school St Hugh's in Scunthorpe.
- 6.2.7. These groups were informed of the Proposed Development as part of this ongoing engagement.
- 6.2.8. **Community Liaison Group ('CLG'):** This was an existing group that had been set up to enable SSE to engage on matters relating to the Keadby Power Station site. The group is made up of local ward councillors, officers at NLC, local parish councillors and local community members. The group meets quarterly and is attended by the site's CLO, who provided updates on the Proposed Development during the early engagement stage.
- 6.2.9. **Community Groups:** The Applicant liaised with the parish/ town councils to identify any community groups in the local area that it would be beneficial to engage with during consultation on the Proposed Development. As a result, the consultation was shared with the local Women's Institute, 'Men in Shed' group, as well as a local working men's club and a group of ex-engineers who had historically worked at the Keadby Power Station site. Posters advertising the consultation were also placed in local halls used by groups such as a local mother and toddler group.
- 6.2.10. At around the same time as early engagement was taking place, the Applicant also received EIA Scoping responses from a number of environmental bodies as documented in the **ES Volume I Chapters 8 – 20 (Application Document Refs. 6.2)**.

6.3. How They Were Engaged

- 6.3.1. Introductory emails were sent to local political stakeholders including the local MPs (as soon as possible following the 2024 General Election), ward councillors of the ward containing the Proposed Development, and all the local parish/ town councils within the Isle of Axholme (as outlined in **6.2.3**). The CLG initially established for the Keadby CCS Power Station development also received this communication. These emails were sent on 18 March 2024.
- 6.3.2. The CLO and members of the project team, including the Consultant Project Director and Project Manager, then introduced the proposals to the local parish/ town councils in the quarterly CLG meeting – which includes North Lincolnshire Council, Amcotts Parish Council, Crowle & Ealand Town Council, Eastoft Parish Council, Luddington & Haldenby Parish Council, Keadby with Althorpe Parish Council, and Eastoft Parish Council – and Keadby with Althorpe Parish Council monthly meetings. Site updates were given through these channels, focusing on operational assets and future developments. Full formal briefings with the project team were given prior to the consultation, on 17 July 2024 for Keadby with Althorpe Parish Council and 17 September 2024 for the CLG.
- 6.3.3. The CLO also introduced the Proposed Development in lessons at local educational establishments. These establishments were:
- Althorpe and Keadby Primary school (27 September 2024);
 - Engineering University Technical College North Lincolnshire (26 September 2024);
 - Frederick Gough School (27 November 2024);
 - Outwood Academy (7 October 2024);
 - St. Bede's Catholic Voluntary Academy (30 January 2025); and
 - St Hughes Special Educational Needs ('SEN') School (6 February 2024).
- 6.3.4. Specific technical prescribed consultees with whom engagement is required on specific design aspects of the Proposed Development (such as environmental bodies) were contacted via introductory emails.
- 6.3.5. These introductory emails were sent between 22 April and 2 May 2024. The emails offered stakeholders a briefing with the Applicant, as well as beginning the process of setting up discretionary advice service ('DAS') agreements as required. The following meetings took place.
- Environment Agency, 23 May 2024: Initial meeting.
 - Environment Agency, 18 November 2024: Meeting focused on flood-risk assessment.
 - Natural England, 7 October 2024: Initial meeting.

6.3.6. A project website with a high-level overview of the Proposed Development under the name “Keadby Hydrogen Power Station” was published and made available to the public in advance of the early engagement phase. This was hosted by, and accessible through, SSE’s developments webpage⁶. A separate, dedicated website for the Proposed Development was also available from March 2024 containing more specific information on the Proposed Development, and was then updated before consultation⁷.

6.3.7. **Table 6.1** provides a breakdown of early engagement activities.

Table 6.1: Details of early engagement activities with identified stakeholders

Stakeholder	Email	Meeting
Andrew Percy MP (MP at the time for Brigg & Goole)	18 March 2024 - email update on SSE’s plan for the Proposed Development and link to the press release, as well as offer of an on-site meeting with members of the project team and site tour.	Offer of an on-site meeting was not taken up.
Lee Pitcher MP (MP for Doncaster East and the Isle of Axholme) and Nick Fletcher MP (MP for former Don Valley constituency)	30 April 2024 - introductory emails outlining SSE’s plan for the Proposed Development and offer of site tour.	6 Sept 2024 – Lee Pitcher MP given a site tour.
Keadby with Althorpe Parish Council	18 March 2024 - email update on SSE’s plan for the Proposed Development and link to the press release, as well as offer of an on-site meeting with members of the project team and site tour.	8 May 2024 – attendance at the parish council monthly meeting. 4 September 2024 – parish council given a site tour.

⁶ <https://www.ssethermal.com/flexible-generation/development/keadby-next-generation-power-station/>

⁷ <https://keadbynextgen.com/>

		17 September 2024 – attendance at quarterly CLG meeting.
Keadby CLG	18 March 2024 - email update on SSE's plan for the Proposed Development and link to the press release, as well as offer of an on-site meeting with members of the project team and site tour.	17 September 2024 – attendance at the quarterly meeting. The offer of an on-site meeting was not taken up.
Environment Agency	Introductory emails between 22 April and 2 May 2024 offering a briefing and beginning the process of setting up a DAS agreement.	23 May 2024 – introductory meeting. 18 November 2024 – flood risk assessment meeting.
Natural England	Introductory emails between 22 April and 2 May 2024 offering a briefing with the Applicant and beginning the process of setting up a DAS agreement.	7 October 2024 – initial meeting.
NLC	Introductory emails between 22 April and 2 May 2024 offering a briefing with the Applicant and beginning the process of setting up a DAS agreement. NLC consulted on the draft SoCC on 11 September 2024.	17 June 2024 – introductory and briefing meeting.
Canal and River Trust	Introductory emails between 22 April and 2 May 2024 offering a briefing with the Applicant and beginning the process of setting up a DAS agreement.	N/A

6.4. What Information Was Provided

- 6.4.1. Those engaged via email were provided with an introduction to the Applicant, the Proposed Development, and the consultation process. The email outlined the need for the Proposed Development and how the Proposed Development would be developed. The emails were tailored to the stakeholder, and can be found in **Appendix 6C**.
- 6.4.2. The website featured a high-level overview of the project aims, explaining the need to develop energy sources that would provide resilience for the electricity network in the future.
- 6.4.3. Early engagement was important for providing the opportunity for those engaged to understand how the Proposed Development was different to the Keadby CCS Power Station Project on the same site, for which a DCO was granted in 2022.

6.5. Overall Engagement Levels and Outcomes of Early Engagement

- 6.5.1. Following the previous Keadby CCS Power Station consultation and ongoing engagement between SSE and the local community around the Keadby Power Station site, introducing the proposals to stakeholders allowed for the gauging of early opinions and the building of momentum and awareness before the launch of the statutory consultation.
- 6.5.2. Topics discussed with the local parish/ town councils and CLG during early engagement sessions included:
- interest in and requests for information about new jobs and apprenticeship opportunities for the local community, during construction and operation of the Proposed Development;
 - interest in and requests for information about community benefits;
 - requests for tours of the Site;
 - interest in educational resources and how the Proposed Development would tie into the work SSE regularly carries out with local educational institutions;
 - suggestions for locations of consultation events; and
 - concerns over the visual impact of the Proposed Development and requests for planting to screen it.

6.5.3. This feedback helped to shape the consultation materials and was taken into consideration when selecting locations for consultation events for the statutory consultation.

6.5.4. There was no feedback on the Proposed Development itself at this stage. However, tours of the Site were set-up as follows.

- Julie Reed (Ward Councillor for Axholme North) – 4 September 2024.
- Keadby with Althorpe Parish Council – 4 September 2024.
- Lee Pitcher MP (Doncaster East and Isle of Axholme) – 6 Sept 2024.
- Group of ex-engineers (a community group identified by the Parish Council) – 30 January 2025.
- Women's Institute – 19 June 2025.

6.5.5. Additionally, the Applicant chose to progress with a request that had been raised in discussions with the ward councillors and Keadby with Althorpe Parish Council regarding an existing tree planting scheme and requests for additional screening planting for the existing Keadby 1 and 2 Power Stations, and any future Proposed Development on the site. This is being managed separately, outside of this Application.

7. Programme Document

7.1.1. This section sets how the Applicant prepared its Programme Document.

7.1.2. The Government produced guidance, 'Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects' (30 April 2024), which states (Paragraph 009 Reference ID 02-009-20240430) that the pre-application process for NSIPs is to be applicant-led and, to deliver a good pre-application process, including effective engagement and a well-prepared application, applicants should draft a Programme Document at the outset of the pre-application stage for submission to PINS.

7.1.3. The guidance goes on to state that the Programme Document will enable all those engaged in the pre-application process, particularly statutory consultees, to understand the timescales and ensure their contribution is programmed into the pre-application stage at the most effective point. It will also assist the applicant in managing the preparation and subsequent submission of the application documents for consideration by PINS at the acceptance stage.

7.1.4. While the Programme Document is not a statutory requirement for consultation, it was developed following the above guidance (Paragraph 010 Reference ID 02 010 20240430). The Programme Document is structured as follows.

- Section 1.0 – Provides an introduction to the Applicant, the Proposed Development, and the purpose and structure of the Programme Document.
- Section 2.0 – Sets out the timetable for the Applicant's pre-application process, including key dates/milestones and the anticipated submission date for the application.
- Section 3.0 – Sets out the Applicant's proposals for pre-application consultation, including engagement with statutory consultees and local authorities during the pre-application stage, with cross-references to the SoCC and also the position with regard to any Planning Performance Agreements.
- Section 4.0 – Sets out the main issues for resolution during the pre-application stage, including the activities that will be undertaken to address those issues and also identifies potential risks to the achievement of the pre-application stage.

7.1.5. The Programme Document was first submitted to PINS (alongside the Applicant's completed Expression of Interest Form) on 10 July 2024, and published on the

Applicant's project website on 1 October 2024, where it could be accessed at:
<https://www.keadbynextgen.com/> by clicking on the 'The Project' tab.

- 7.1.6. It was updated periodically throughout the pre-application process and continues to be available on the website. The most recent revision of the Programme Document at the time of writing (fourth version) is included at **Appendix 7A**.

8. Statement of Community Consultation: Preparation and Consultation

8.1.1. This section sets how the Applicant prepared the SoCC, how it was consulted on with the local authority as specified in Section 43(1) of the 2008 Act, the feedback received through this consultation, and any changes made to the SoCC following it. The preparation of the SoCC was informed by the Applicant's Consultation Strategy (see **Section 5**) and the outcomes of early engagement (see **Section 6**).

8.2. Legislative Requirements

8.2.1. Section 47 of the 2008 Act places a duty on those applying for a DCO to consult the local community. The Applicant is required to prepare a SoCC setting out how it proposes to consult people living within the vicinity of the land to which the application relates. Section 47 of the 2008 Act also requires the applicant to consult the local authority in whose area the Proposed Development sits as per Section 43(1), in this case NLC, on the contents of the SoCC.

8.2.2. The applicant must then make the SoCC available for inspection by the public and publish a notice in a newspaper circulating within the vicinity of the land to which the application relates, stating where and when the SoCC can be inspected.

8.3. Content of the SoCC

8.3.1. As described in **5.3**, the SoCC proposed a consultation zone made up of an ICZ and an OCZ, with consultation methods varying for each zone. The use of the ICZ and OCZ was based on the approach used for Keadby CCS Power Station, which worked well.

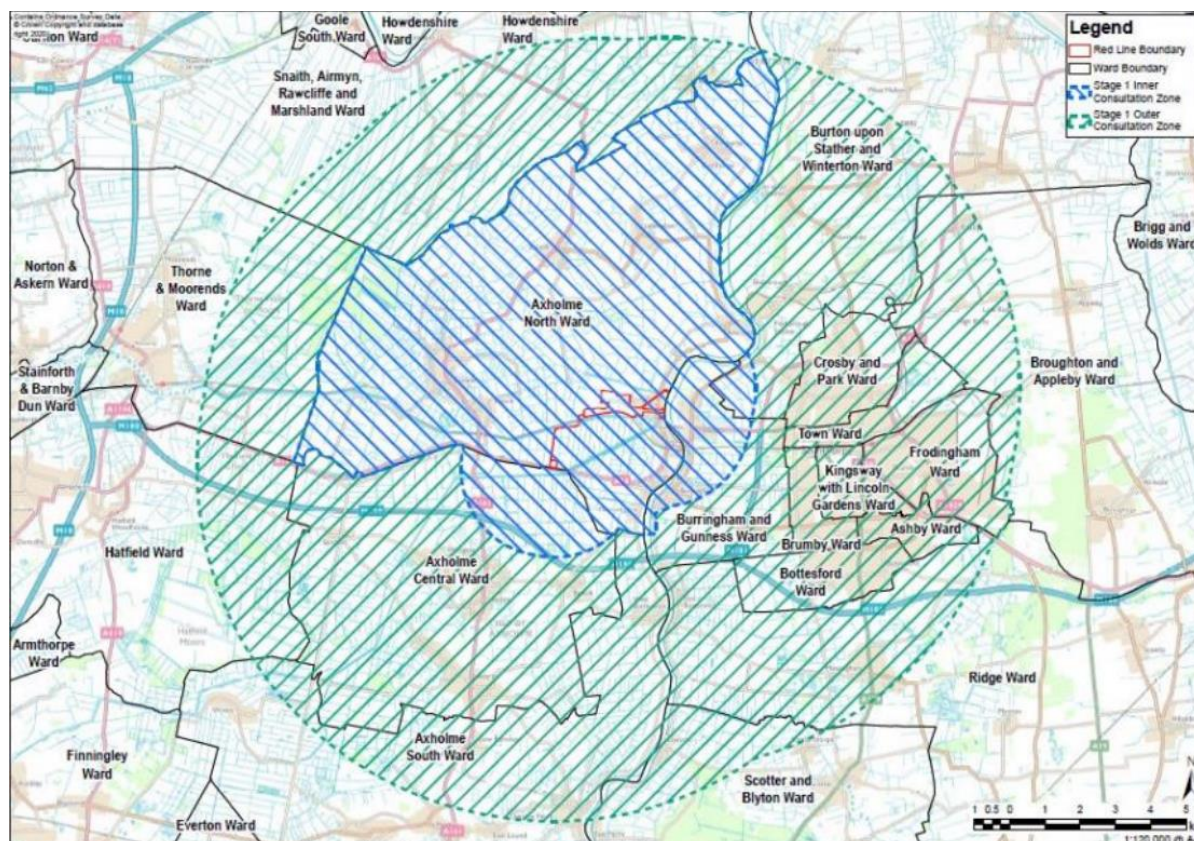
8.3.2. The ICZ extended to around 2.5km around the boundary of the Main Site, broadly corresponding to the areas within which the Proposed Development could be visually prominent, or generate a perceptible increase in noise or traffic.

8.3.3. The OCZ extended to around 10km around the boundary of the Site and broadly corresponds to the majority of the ZTV estimated for the Proposed Development based on the maximum built dimensions of the main items of plant and the stack. It also corresponds to the area and population which could (without mitigation) experience air quality, traffic or socioeconomic effects or be potentially interested in but unaffected by the Proposed Development.

8.3.4. The extent of the ICZ and OCZ defined in the SoCC are shown in **Figure 8.1**. The ICZ encloses Gunness, Althorpe, Burringham, Ealand and Amcotts. It has been

extended manually to cover the entire Axholme North ward, in view of the limited visual separation between this area and the Proposed Development. The OCZ encloses all of Scunthorpe, Epworth, Belton, and Burton upon Stather.

Figure 8.1: Consultation Zones in the SoCC



8.3.5. The draft SoCC set out a range of methods to be used to consult the local community. These included in-person events, a Virtual Exhibition, a mailout to all addresses within 2.5km of the Main Site, public notices in well visited locations within the ICZ and notices in newspapers circulating in both the ICZ and OCZ.

8.3.6. The outcomes of the prior Keadby CCS Power Station consultation also informed the SoCC. For example, three quarters of feedback from respondents to that consultation stated that they were satisfied with the consultation methods and information available. Keadby Next Generation Limited therefore decided to use similar methods, including those adopted in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. This included:

- an increased web presence and use of a Virtual Exhibition;
- sending a consultation document directly to all addresses within 2.5km of the Main Site, as it was noted that 95% of respondents stated that they had read a physical newsletter that was issued; and,

- making the PEI Report Non-Technical Summary ('NTS') available in an interactive online format via the Virtual Exhibition, including a glossary of terms, as respondents had indicated that they struggled to understand acronyms and jargon.

8.4. Statutory Consultation on the Draft SoCC

- 8.4.1. Prior to consultation with NLC on the draft SoCC, on 17 June 2024 the Applicant met with NLC and shared a summary of the consultation methods used for early engagement and a draft SoCC, requesting any initial comments. NLC did not share any comments at this stage.
- 8.4.2. Pursuant to Section 47, an email was issued to NLC on behalf of the Applicant enclosing the draft SoCC on 11 September 2024. Comments were requested by 5pm on Thursday 10 October 2024 (i.e. 28 days after the day following the day it was received by NLC). A copy of the email sent to NLC can be found in **Appendix 8A**.
- 8.4.3. A reminder email was sent to NLC on behalf of the Applicant on 30 September 2024. A copy of the email can be found in **Appendix 8B**.
- 8.4.4. On 10 October 2024, NLC provided the Applicant with its written opinion that the SoCC was drafted in line with NLC's adopted Statement of Community Involvement. This letter is enclosed in **Appendix 8C**.

8.5. Publication of the SoCC Notice and Final SoCC

- 8.5.1. The SoCC was finalised after the consultation with NLC and a copy of the final SoCC is provided at **Appendix 8D**.
- 8.5.2. A notice stating where and when the SoCC could be inspected was subsequently published in local newspapers circulating within the vicinity of the Site. Details of this are given in **Table 8.1**.

Table 8.1: SoCC Newspaper Notices

Newspaper	Date Notice Published
Scunthorpe Telegraph	9 January 2025
Doncaster Free Press	9 January 2025
Goole/Selby/Epworth Times	9 January 2025

8.5.3. Section 47 also requires that the applicant makes the SoCC available for inspection by the public in a way that is reasonably convenient for people living in the vicinity of the Proposed Development As such the Applicant made the SoCC available from 9 January 2025 at a number of locations within the ICZ and OCZ. Details of these locations are given in **Table 8.2**.

Table 8.2: SoCC Deposit Locations

Document inspection location	Address	Opening hours	Contact details
SSE Keadby Site Gatehouse	Keadby Power Station Trentside Keadby Scunthorpe DN17 3EF	Monday 09:00 – 17:00 Tuesday 09:00 – 17:00 Wednesday 09:00 – 17:00 Thursday 09:00 – 17:00 Friday 09:00 – 17:00 Saturday Closed Sunday Closed <i>Closed on bank holidays</i>	01724 788200
Scunthorpe Central Library	Scunthorpe Central Carlton Street Scunthorpe North Lincolnshire DN15 6TX	Monday 09:00 – 17:00 Tuesday 09:00 – 17:00 Wednesday 09:00 – 17:00 Thursday 09:00 – 17:00 Friday 09:00 – 17:00 Saturday 09:00 – 13:00 Sunday Closed <i>Closed on bank holidays</i>	01724 860161
NLC offices	Church Square House 30-40 High Street Scunthorpe DN15 6NL	Monday 09:00 – 17:00 Tuesday 09:00 – 17:00 Wednesday 09:00 – 17:00 Thursday 09:00 – 17:00 Friday 9:00 – 16:30 Saturday Closed Sunday Closed <i>Closed on bank holidays</i>	01724 297000
Crowle Community Hub	The Market Hall Market Place Crowle Scunthorpe DN17 4LA	Monday 09:00 – 12:30, 13:00 – 17:00 Tuesday 09:00 – 12:30, 13:00 – 17:00 Wednesday 09:00 – 12:30, 13:00 – 17:00 Thursday 09:00 – 12:30, 13:00 – 17:00 Friday 09:00 – 12:30, 13:00 – 17:00	07825 901679

Document inspection location	Address	Opening hours	Contact details
		Saturday 09:00 – 12:00 Sunday Closed <i>Closed on bank holidays</i>	

8.5.4. Evidence of the SoCC being delivered and located at the document inspection locations can be found in **Appendix 8E**.

8.5.5. The SoCC was also made available online from 9 January 2025. The SoCC Notice also advised that requests for a physical copy of the SoCC could be made by:

- Website: at <https://keadbynextgen.com> via the 'get in touch' page;
- Post: by writing to Freepost KNG POWER STATION CONSULTATION;
- Telephone: on Freephone 01202 043652; or
- E-mail: by e-mailing keadbydevelopments@aecon.com.

8.5.6. The SoCC Notice also contained details of the consultation events, in order to publicise these more widely.

8.5.7. The SoCC Notice template is provided at **Appendix 8F** and copies of the SoCC Notice as it appeared in local newspapers are provided at **Appendix 8G**.

9. Statutory Consultation: Identifying Consultees

9.1.1. This section explains how the Applicant identified those persons who there was either a statutory duty to consult (the ‘Section 42 consultees’), or those who the Applicant considered should be consulted due to their interest in the Proposed Development (the ‘non-prescribed consultees’). It also introduces how Sections 47 (‘Duty to consult local community’) and 48 (‘Duty to publicise’) of the 2008 Act have informed the identification of consultees.

9.2. Section 42 ‘Duty to Consult’

9.2.1. Applicants must consult all consultees who are described in Section 42 of the 2008 Act, and are set out below.

Section 42(a) – Such persons as may be prescribed

9.2.2. ‘Such persons as may be prescribed’ (hereafter referred to as ‘Prescribed Consultees’) were identified by reference to Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations, which lists all prescribed consultees and the circumstances when they must be consulted about a proposed application for a DCO.

9.2.3. In addition, the Applicant has had regard to the PINS advice page ‘Advice on EIA Notification and Consultation’ (September 2024), which provides advice and guidance on the identification of prescribed consultees. In identifying those to consult, where appropriate the Applicant applied the ‘Circumstances Test’ set out in Annex 1 of the advice page⁸. Where there was uncertainty or doubt as to whether or not to include a consultee, the Applicant erred on the side of caution and included that consultee on the list of those to be consulted.

9.2.4. In identifying prescribed consultees, the Applicant also reviewed the list provided by PINS dated 25 June 2020 (which followed a Regulation 8 notification by SSE dated 15 May 2020) under Regulation 11(1)(b) of the 2017 EIA Regulations (prescribed consultation bodies). This list was provided by PINS in relation to Keadby CCS Power Station but was deemed to be still relevant to the Proposed Development in the identification of prescribed consultees. No non-prescribed consultees were identified by PINS. More information about the EIA consultation is provided in **Section 17**.

9.2.5. **Appendix 9A** lists the Prescribed Consultees from Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations that were consulted pursuant to Section 42. This includes statutory

⁸ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-advice-on-eia-notification-and-consultation>

undertakers who were identified with reference to Annex 1 of the PINS advice page 'Advice on EIA Notification and Consultation'. In addition, the Applicant's land agents were instructed to identify statutory undertakers who may have apparatus and/ or land interests either within or adjoining the Site.

Section 42 (aa) – the Marine Management Organisation ('MMO')

9.2.6. As the Site boundary includes areas within the River Trent – a tidal river – where existing infrastructure is proposed to be used, the Applicant did engage and consult with the MMO. However, the Proposed Development does not require a Deemed Marine Licence as no works are proposed in the river.

Section 42 (b) – Each local authority that is within Section 43

9.2.7. The relevant local authorities to consult were identified by applying Section 43, subsections (1), (2) and (2A).

9.2.8. Section 43(1) confirms that a local authority is within Section 43 if the land (to which the application relates) is in that authority's area.

9.2.9. Section 43(2) goes on to state that a local authority (the 'A' authority) is within the section if:

- the land is in the area of another authority (the 'B' authority);
- 'B' is a unitary council or a lower tier district council; and
- any part of the boundary of 'A's' area is also part of the boundary of B's area.

9.2.10. Subsection (2A) states that if the land is within the area of an upper-tier county council (a 'C' authority), a local authority (a 'D' authority) is within the section if:

- 'D' is not a lower-tier district council⁹; and
- any part of the boundary of 'D's' area is also part of the boundary of 'C's' area.

9.2.11. The relevant local authorities for the purposes of Section 43 and the Proposed Development are set out in **Table 9.1** along with the date on which they were consulted with, as part of the statutory consultation.

⁹ That is, not a district council which lies within a county council area. This includes unitary authorities, metropolitan district councils which do not lie within a county council area, and National Park Authorities.

Table 9.1: Local authorities within Section 43

Authority	Category(ies) of authority	Date consulted
NLC	B	9 January 2025 – 20 February 2025
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	A	9 January 2025 – 20 February 2025
Lincolnshire County Council	A	9 January 2025 – 20 February 2025
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	A	9 January 2025 – 20 February 2025
Nottinghamshire County Council	A	9 January 2025 – 20 February 2025
North East Lincolnshire Council	A	9 January 2025 – 20 February 2025
Bassetlaw District Council	A	9 January 2025 – 20 February 2025
West Lindsey District Council	A	9 January 2025 – 20 February 2025

9.2.12. Maps showing the boundaries of the above local authorities relative to the location of the Site are provided at **Appendix 9B**.

Section 42(d) – Each person in one or more of the categories set out in Section 44

9.2.13. Section 44 defines the categories of persons to be consulted for the purposes of Section 42(d). These are as follows.

- Category 1 - an owner, lessee, tenant (whatever the tenancy period) or occupier of the land required for the Proposed Development.
- Category 2 - a person interested in the land, or who has the power to sell and convey the land, or to release the land.
- Category 3 - if the applicant thinks that, if the DCO were to be made and fully implemented, the person would or might be entitled (a) as a result of the implementing of the order, (b) as a result of the order having been implemented, or (c) as a result of use of the land once the order has been implemented, to make a relevant claim.

9.2.14. A ‘relevant claim’ is defined by Section 44(6) as meaning:

- a) a claim under Section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 (compensation where satisfaction not made for the taking, or injurious affection, of land subject to compulsory purchase);
- b) a claim under Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 (compensation for depreciation of land value by physical factors caused by use of public works); and/ or
- c) a claim under Section 152(3) of the 2008 Act (compensation in case where no right to claim in nuisance).

9.2.15. Section 44 places a duty on the applicant to make ‘diligent inquiry’ as to the identification of Category 1, 2, or 3 persons (the ‘Section 44 persons’). The term ‘diligent inquiry’ is not defined in the 2008 Act itself, but it sets a threshold of inquiry to allow the termination of that inquiry when reasonable and recognised avenues of research have been exhausted.

9.2.16. The Applicant’s land referencing company employed a number of methods to identify Section 44 persons taking account of best practice and relevant guidance, including the PINS advice page ‘Advice on the process for obtaining information about interests in land (under Section 52 of the 2008 Act)’ (August 2024). Methods included the issue of Request for Information (‘RFI’) letters and confirmation schedules to all potentially affected landowners/ occupiers; searches at the Land Registry; review of legal title reports; Companies House and Electoral Roll searches; searches for registered correspondence to the relevant address (where appropriate); site visits; and discussions with known owners/ occupiers, amongst others.

9.2.17. Where an interest remained in ‘unknown’ ownership or where it was not clear whether an interest existed or not (in each case following diligent inquiry), the Applicant posted a site notice (included in **Appendix 9C**) on or close to the land in question as part of the statutory consultation (map included in **Appendix 9D**). The notices were secured in place by cable ties and monitored weekly for a minimum of six weeks. Where notices were removed or damaged before the end of the monitoring period they were replaced, and at the end of the monitoring period the notices and cable ties were taken down and removed.

9.2.18. The wider consultation methods employed (including local and national newspaper adverts/ notices and posters – see **Section 12** for more details) also had the potential to notify those with an interest in the relevant land of the Proposed Development.

9.2.19. It is important to note that the Applicants’ land referencing company sought to continue identifying Section 44 persons throughout the pre-application stage, in order to give the greatest possible chance of identifying people who may be relevant. Where additional Section 44 persons were identified they were

consulted in accordance with the Applicant's duty to consult under Section 42 (specifically Section 42(1)(d)).

- 9.2.20. Based on the identification of sensitive receptors (including residential properties) by the Applicants' environmental consultants in the vicinity of the Site, together with an appraisal of potential nuisance effects such as noise, vibration and dust generation during construction and operation of the Proposed Development, no potential claimants were identified under Category 2 interests who could potentially make a 'relevant claim' (such as pursuant to Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973) due to those factors.
- 9.2.21. The Applicant's land referencing company identified various parties with interests in land who have potential Category 3 interests, in particular parties who rely on roads that are within the Site boundary (and who do not own land within the Site) and whose access could be affected by the Proposed Development. Examples include parties who use Chapel Lane to access the Vazon Bridge area. These parties have been included in relevant plots in the Book of Reference (**Document Ref. 3.1**) in Parts 1 and 2 (as relevant) as occupiers (in respect of access) or parties benefitting from a right of access.
- 9.2.22. The list of Section 44 persons who were consulted with for the statutory consultation is included at **Appendix 9E**.

'Non-prescribed' consultees and landowners

- 9.2.23. As noted above, the Applicant decided to consult a number of non-prescribed consultees, who, although there was no statutory duty to consult, it was considered may be interested in the Proposed Development. These non-prescribed consultees were contacted at the start of the Section 42 Consultation on 9 January 2025. These non-prescribed consultees were consulted in the same manner and provided with the same information as the Section 42 consultees.
- 9.2.24. The non-prescribed consultees included the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership, and the Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which is not run by a Conservation Board and therefore is not a statutory consultee.
- 9.2.25. The non-prescribed consultees who were consulted are listed in **Appendix 9F**.

9.3. Section 47 'Duty to Consult Local Community'

- 9.3.1. Section 47 of the 2008 Act places a duty on the applicant to consult the local community, that is, the people living within the vicinity of the land to which the application for a DCO relates. The Applicant's approach to consulting the local

community is set out in **Section 4, Section 5, and Section 8** of this report and in the publicised SoCC (**Appendix 8F**). This duty and how it was carried out is covered in **Section 12**.

9.4. Section 48 ‘Duty to Publicise’

- 9.4.1. Section 48 of the 2008 Act places a duty on the applicant to publicise a proposed application for a DCO in the ‘prescribed manner’. Section 48 and the associated APFP Regulation (Regulation 4) do not specify the identification of particular consultees, so this duty is not covered further in this section. **Section 13** of this report sets out how the proposed application was publicised, in line with Section 48.

10. Statutory Consultation: Section 42 ‘Duty to Consult’

- 10.1.1. This section sets out the statutory consultation carried out by the Applicant in accordance with Section 42 ‘Duty to Consult’ of the 2008 Act. The statutory consultation took place from 9 January 2025 to 20 February 2025.
- 10.1.2. As stated in **Section 9**, at the same time as consulting the Section 42 consultees, the Applicant also consulted a number of non-prescribed consultees who, while there was no statutory duty to consult, it was considered may be interested in the Proposed Development.
- 10.1.3. The total period of consultation (43 days) exceeded the minimum period (28 days from the day after the day of receipt of the consultation documents) required by Section 45 of the 2008 Act.

10.2. Who Was Consulted

- 10.2.1. The Section 42 consultation involved the Applicant consulting the ‘Prescribed Persons’ (see **Section 9** and **Appendix 9A**), the relevant local authorities under Section 43 (see **Section 9, Table 9.1**) and persons/ land ownership interests falling within Categories 1, 2 and 3 of Section 44 (see **Section 9** and **Appendix 9E**). As noted previously, these consultees are collectively referred to as the ‘Section 42 consultees’.
- 10.2.2. Consistent with the Applicant’s objective to consult widely on the Proposed Development, a number of non-prescribed persons (see **Section 9** and **Appendix 9F**) were also consulted. As noted previously, these persons were consulted in the same manner and provided with access to the same information as the Section 42 consultees.
- 10.2.3. In total, 165 prescribed and non-prescribed consultees (together known as the ‘Section 42 consultees’) were consulted.

10.3. How Were They Consulted

- 10.3.1. The Section 42 consultees and non-prescribed consultees were sent a consultation letter by Royal Mail first class delivery, or by both email and Royal

Mail first class delivery where the Applicant had both an email address and a postal address for the consultee.

- 10.3.2. Postal service (with letter and location plan in paper copy) was carried out on 8 January 2025, to be delivered the next day (letters dated 9 January 2025 to reflect the delivery date), and emails were sent on 9 January 2025.
- 10.3.3. Emails were sent on 9 January 2025 and included the Section 42 consultation letter, a plan of the indicative Site layout, and the Section 48 Notice. Both the consultation letter and the Section 48 Notice provided details of where the other consultation documents relating to the Proposed Development could be found on the project website. This approach was used for those persons for whom an email address was available, being the majority of the prescribed and non-prescribed consultees.
- 10.3.4. A total of 263 recipients from across the 165 Section 42 consultees identified were sent letters by post, of which 188 were also sent the same letter by email. This was due to the fact that some consultees had multiple addresses, therefore were sent more than one copy of the letter, for example where there were both national and local offices or a number of departments within the same organisation.
- 10.3.5. The letters explained why each consultee was being consulted, provided background information on the Proposed Development, summarised its main components and invited comments and feedback to be submitted before 11:59pm on 20 February 2025.
- 10.3.6. All consultees were sent a copy of the Section 48 Notice in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2017 EIA Regulations (covered in **Section 17**). The Applicant sent a Section 42 letter, which also covered this requirement (an example of the letter sent to Section 42 consultees, along with the Section 44 and non-prescribed consultees from this mailout, can be found in **Appendix 10A**).

10.4. How And When Could Feedback be Provided

- 10.4.1. The Section 42 consultation emails and letters advised of a variety of ways in which consultees could respond, which were as follows.
- Website: using the online form available from 9 January 2025 via www.keadbynextgen.com.
 - E-mail: keadbydevelopments@aecom.com.
 - Post: Freepost KNG POWER STATION CONSULTATION (a paper copy of the form was available on request).

- Telephone: Freephone 01202 043652 (A voicemail-based service that could be called 24/7).

10.4.2. The letters clearly stated that the deadline for the receipt of responses was 20 February 2025.

10.5. Response to the Consultation

10.5.1. 28 different consultees responded to the Section 42 consultation. 29 responses were received in total, as one consultee responded twice. Of the responses received, 22 raised specific comments or issues related to the Proposed Development, and seven confirmed that the consultee had no comments to make. Three other consultees acknowledged receipt of the consultation letter and documents, but did not provide a formal response or feedback.

10.5.2. The responses received to the consultation are provided in **Appendix 10B**. Following the receipt of these responses, the Applicant set up meetings and engaged in technical discussions as appropriate.

10.5.3. A summary of the issues raised by consultees and the response from the Applicant, including any subsequent changes to the Proposed Development, are provided in **Table 15.1c** in **Section 15** (and is therefore not repeated here). This section also details which consultees confirmed that they did not wish to make representations.

10.6. Section 42 Consultation Extension

10.6.1. One letter to a Section 42 consultee was returned with the reason “addressee gone away”. The Section 42 letter was then re-issued to this consultee to a recipient at the same address, via hand delivery on 19 February 2025, and provided a deadline of six weeks and one day from the date of delivery to provide a response (3 April 2025).

10.7. Summary

10.7.1. It is considered that the statutory (Section 42) consultation undertaken has complied with the requirements of the 2008 Act, which are set out in **Table 3.1** (see **Section 3**).

11. Statutory Consultation: Section 46 ‘Duty to Notify Secretary of State of the Proposed Application’

- 11.1.1. Section 46 of the 2008 Act places a duty on the applicant for a DCO to notify the SoS of the Section 42 consultation that it is to carry out. The applicant must comply with this requirement either before or at the same time as commencing the Section 42 consultation. In doing so, the applicant must send to the SoS the same information provided to the Section 42 consultees.
- 11.1.2. In accordance with Section 46, PINS was notified of the start of the Section 42 consultation by the Applicant by letter (sent via e-mail) on 8 January 2025.
- 11.1.3. The letter was accompanied by a secure fileshare link to the consultation materials, sample letters (PDFs) used for each type of Section 42 consultee, the Location Plan, and Section 48 Notice PDF attachments. A copy of the Section 46 Notification is provided in **Appendix 11A**.
- 11.1.4. PINS acknowledged receipt of the Section 46 Notification by letter on 10 January 2025 (sent by e-mail).
- 11.1.5. The Applicant therefore complied with Section 46 of the 2008 Act.

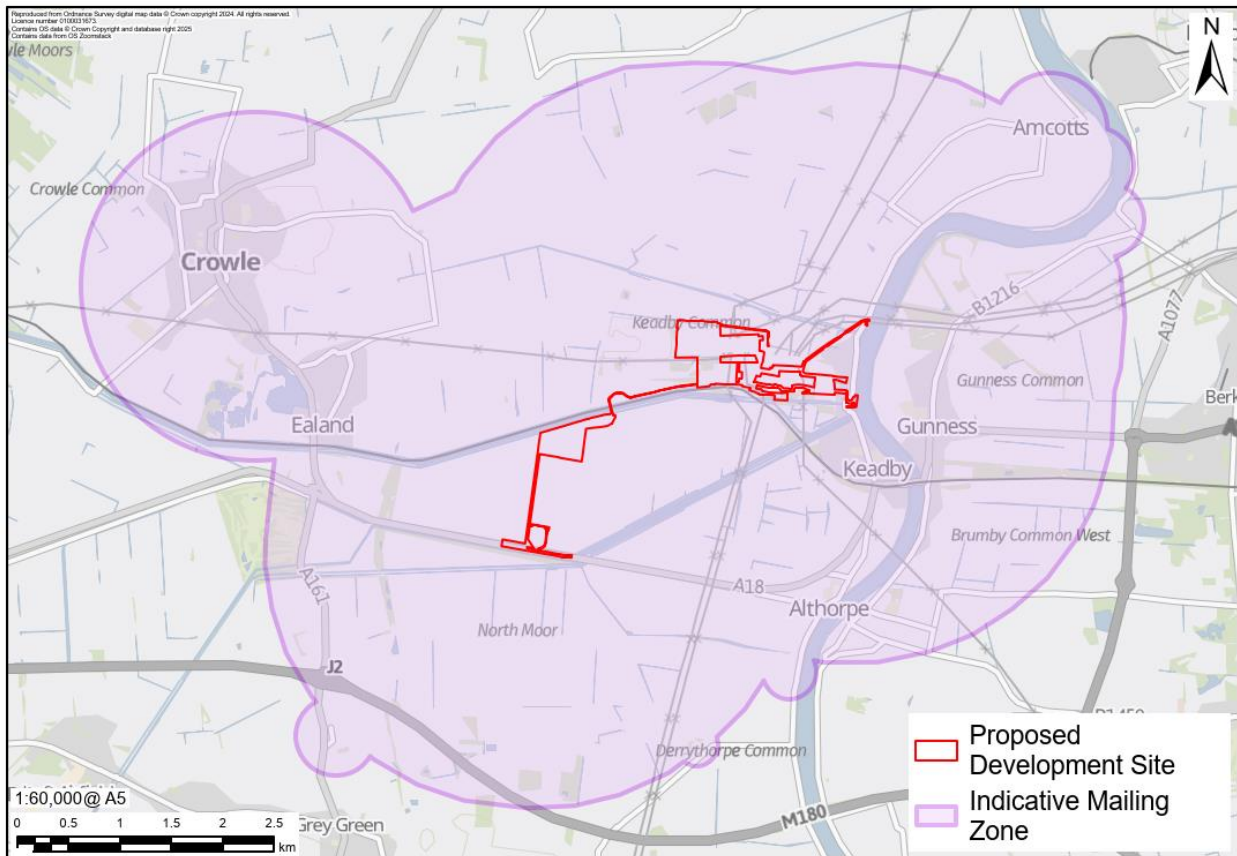
12. Statutory Consultation: Section 47 ‘Duty to Consult Local Community’

- 12.1.1. This section sets out how the local community consultation carried out by the Applicant as part of the statutory consultation complies with Section 47 ‘Duty to consult local community’ of the 2008 Act. The consultation was undertaken in accordance with the approach and methods set out in the SoCC (see **Section 8**). The compliance of the consultation with the SoCC is considered further below.
- 12.1.2. The statutory Section 47 consultation took place from 9 January 2025 to 20 February 2025. The primary purpose of the consultation was to inform the local community of the Proposed Development and seek views on the Proposed Development. This constituted the Applicant’s statutory consultation pursuant to Section 47 of the 2008 Act.

12.2. Who Was Consulted?

- 12.2.1. A consultation document (a copy of which is provided in **Appendix 12A**) was sent to a mailing zone covering 4,067 residential and business addresses around the Main Site. This distribution area differed slightly from that which was described in the Strategy and SoCC, in that it was extended. The reasoning behind the change is explained in **12.14** below and a map of the mailing zone can be found at **Figure 12.1**.

Figure 12.1: Map of the direct mail zone



12.2.2. For more detail on how people were consulted, please see **12.4 – 12.14** below.

12.2.3. Notices were also placed in local newspapers advertising the consultation (see **Section 8.5, Appendix 8G** and **12.6** for details). These newspapers are circulated across (and beyond) the ICZ and OCZ and helped increase the likelihood that people beyond the ICZ were made aware of the consultation. A number of other methods were employed to advertise the consultation, which are explained further below.

12.2.4. The Keadby Power Station site's CLO contacted all of the schools engaged at the early engagement stage (see **6.3**) for the Proposed Development, as well as all schools within the Isle of Axholme and Scunthorpe areas, to notify them of the commencement of the statutory consultation. This included sending a copy of the

posters for the consultation, and an invitation for the school community to attend the consultation events.

12.3. How Were They Consulted?

12.3.1. The local community was consulted via a wide range of methods. These are outlined in the SoCC and under the relevant headings below.

12.3.2. Through these methods the community was advised of a variety of ways in which they could respond to the consultation, which were as follows.

- Website: using the online form available from 9 January 2025 via www.keadbynextgen.com.
- E-mail: keadbydevelopments@aecom.com.
- Post: Freepost KNG POWER STATION CONSULTATION (a paper copy of the form was available on request and at events).
- Telephone: Freephone 01202 043652 (A voicemail-based service that could be called 24/7).

12.4. Consultation Document

12.4.1. The Consultation Document was 28 pages long and replicated the information that could be found in the Virtual Exhibition and on the Consultation Boards (see **12.7**).

12.4.2. The Consultation Document was posted on 6 January 2025 to 4,067 properties (described and shown in **12.2**), as it was noted during the Keadby CCS Power Station Consultation that a number of respondents relied on the information in the distributed newsletter alone.

12.4.3. Hard copies of the Consultation Document were also available to read at inspection locations (see **12.10**), as well as at in-person consultation events (see **12.5**). The Consultation Document could also be requested to be posted directly to anyone.

12.4.4. The Consultation Document was also available to download from the project website and the Virtual Exhibition.

12.4.5. A copy of the Consultation Document is provided in **Appendix 12A**.

12.5. Public Consultation Events

12.5.1. Six consultation events were held in January 2025, details of which were advertised in the community mail out of the Consultation Document, posters (**Appendix 12B**), newspaper notices and stakeholder emails.

12.5.2. The events were open for anyone to drop-in throughout the opening times without the need for pre-booking. Each event consisted of exhibition boards (**Appendix 12C**) and maps of the Proposed Development (**Appendix 12D**), with representatives from different subjects from the project team available in the room to answer questions and share comments. Paper copies of the feedback form were available at the events (**Appendix 12E**). Paper copies of the PEI Report and PEI Report Non-Technical Summary were also available for viewing.

12.5.3. Consultation events were held on the following dates/ times.

- Wednesday 22 January 2025 at Keadby Village Hall, 15:00 – 19:00
- Thursday 23 January 2025 at Crowle Community Hub, 10:00 – 14:00
- Friday 24 January 2025 at Church of St Mark, Amcotts, 15:00 – 19:00
- Saturday 25 January 2025 at Keadby Village Hall, 10:00 – 14:00
- Monday 27 January 2025 at Keadby Village Hall, 16:00 – 20:00
- Tuesday 28 January 2025 at Althorpe Memorial Hall, 10:00 – 14:00

12.5.4. Attendance figures and photos of the events' setup are provided in **Appendix 12F**.

12.5.5. The posters used to advertise the consultation are described in more detail in **12.9**. Evidence of the posters located throughout the local community can be found in **Appendix 12G**.

12.6. Newspaper Notices

12.6.1. As mentioned in **12.2.3**, SoCC Notices were posted in the Scunthorpe Telegraph, Goole Times, Selby Times, Epworth Times, and the Doncaster Free Press (see **Section 8.5** and **Appendix 8G** for details). This Notice also provided information about the public consultation events and Virtual Exhibition.

12.7. Project Website and Virtual Exhibition

12.7.1. The project website for the Proposed Development was launched for the statutory consultation. This provided easy to access links to consultation materials, and an alternative means to view all of the consultation documentation from the Virtual Exhibition (see **12.7.4**).

- 12.7.2. The website also contained information regarding consultation timescales, with links to both the Virtual Exhibition and the feedback form, where users could submit their comments on the proposals. The project website, alongside the other consultation materials, was accessible via the following link: <https://keadbynexngen.com/>. Screenshots of the project website and the Virtual Exhibition landing page that were live between the 9 January 2025 to 20 February 2025 can be found in **Appendix 12H**.
- 12.7.3. A dedicated statutory consultation page on the project website included details of the consultation, consultation events, document inspection points, and linked to the Virtual Exhibition. Visitors were also able to view and download the consultation document, consultation boards, and PEI Report.
- 12.7.4. The Virtual Exhibition contained user-friendly access to view and download all the consultation materials for the Proposed Development as were available on the project website, and the PEI Report NTS. Users were able to explore and look around the Virtual Exhibition by dragging their cursor in any direction and selecting icons next to information boards, digital documents, and other signposts. All information contained in the Virtual Exhibition was displayed on the user's browser via embedded PDFs.
- 12.7.5. The Virtual Exhibition was live for the duration of the consultation, closing at 23:59 on 20 February 2025. An archived version of the Virtual Exhibition with the feedback links disabled can be found at the following link: <https://keadbynexngen.consultation.ai/>.
- 12.7.6. The information in the Virtual Exhibition provided the local community and stakeholders with information on the Proposed Development. This included:
- A welcome message describing the Proposed Development and how to use the Virtual Exhibition;
 - A virtual desk at the centre of the room containing links to the following project information:
 - PEI Report & PEI Report NTS;
 - Habitats Regulations Assessment;
 - SoCC;
 - Frequently Asked Questions ('FAQs') Document;
 - Consultation document;
 - Consultation poster;
 - Programme Document;
 - Site Location Plan;
 - Keadby Next Generation and the Clean Power 2030 Action Plan information sheet;
 - Investing in Our Communities information sheet; and
 - Althorpe and Keadby Primary School BNG Ideas information board;

- 10 consultation information boards (the ‘Consultation Boards’) located clockwise around the Virtual Exhibition room;
- Information panel where users could submit their feedback (the online feedback form is provided in **Appendix 12L**); and
- A virtual screen stand featuring a video on careers and apprenticeships with links to the SSE careers page.

12.7.7. The Consultation Boards presented in the Virtual Exhibition were identical to those used at the consultation events. These were prepared collaboratively by the project team and technical authors, and covered the following.

- Introduction
- What is Keadby Next Generation Power Station Project?
- What is hydrogen?
- Environment
- Preliminary environmental effects (across two boards)
- Construction
- Keadby Next Generation Power Station design
- How to Get Involved
- Next Steps

12.7.8. The Consultation Boards (as listed out above) included an overview of work undertaken to develop the Proposed Development and PEI Report, and design considerations including several potential changes yet to be decided on (which participants were encouraged to express their opinion on). These are summarised as follows.

- Various building finishes for the main CCGT building and for smaller structures.
- Boundary treatment concepts under consideration including planting for visual interest, minimising clutter on the site, and using a mixture of surfacing.

12.7.9. The Consultation Boards can be found in **Appendix 12C**. The full PEI Report can be viewed at: <https://keadbynextgen.com/library>.

12.8. Notices

12.8.1. Section 47 Notices, along with site location plans, were erected at six locations around the Site boundary in January 2025 and monitored weekly. **Appendix 12I** contains pictures of the Notices in position. This was done alongside notices displayed as part of land referencing efforts to identify the owners of unregistered land. The Section 47 Notice can be found in **Appendix 8F**. Furthermore, a map

of the locations at which they were displayed (alongside the locations of the unregistered site notices) can be found in **Appendix 9D**.

12.9. Posters

- 12.9.1. Posters advertising the consultation, how people could take part and provide feedback, and the consultation events, were distributed to 26 locations within the local community, alongside a letter asking for the posters to be displayed within each premise.
- 12.9.2. While venues were not obliged to display the posters, a number of venues did. A copy of the poster can be found in **Appendix 12B**. The accompanying letter, alongside a table of the locations described above and evidence of the posters in the local community, can be found in **Appendix 12G**.

12.10. Document Inspection Locations

- 12.10.1. Consultations materials, including the PEI Report and location plan were made available to view via the project website and four physical locations from 9 January 2025 until 20 February 2025.
- 12.10.2. Physical deposit points included the SSE Keadby Site Gatehouse, Scunthorpe Central Library, NLC Offices, and the Crowle Community Hub. Full details of the inspection locations, including address, opening times and contact details can be found at **Appendix 12J**.
- 12.10.3. This allowed members of the public to use the documents as a reference and peruse them at their leisure. The consultation materials were available at these deposit points for the duration of the consultation.

12.11. Other Methods

- 12.11.1. Emails were sent to local political representatives (including local councillors, parish/ town councillors and relevant Members of Parliament) on 9 January 2025. The local representatives included the Axholme North Ward councillors and the parish/ town Councils of Keadby with Althorpe, Crowle and Eland, Luddington and Haldenby, Amcotts, Eastoft, Burringham, Gunness and Garthorpe and Fockerby. Example emails can be found in **Appendix 12K**.

12.12. How And When Feedback Could be Provided

- 12.12.1. Respondents were able to submit their feedback on the Proposed Development in the following ways.

- Post: 'Freepost KNG POWER STATION CONSULTATION'.

- Email: keadbydevelopments@aecon.com.
- Telephone: Freephone 01202 043652 (A voicemail-based service that could be called 24/7).
- Online feedback form – accessible via both the project website and the Virtual Exhibition.

12.12.2. The feedback form included six questions, some of which were broken into several parts, featuring both multiple choice and free-text questions. A copy of the feedback form is provided in **Appendix 12E**. A copy of the online version of the feedback form is provided in **Appendix 12L**.

12.13. Response to the Consultation

12.13.1. Attendance at the consultation events varied, with a total of 84 attendees across the six events. The event that had the most attendees was on 24 January, with 28 attendees. This event was linked to Amcotts Parish Council's annual Burns Night celebration, allowing the project team to engage with more members of the local community. The event with the least attendees was on 27 January, with nine attendees at Keadby Village Hall, the third event in that venue.

12.13.2. Website analytics showed that a total of 99 users visited the Virtual Exhibition during the course of the consultation, resulting in a total of 403 page views. The average session time was four minutes and 23 seconds, which is over twice as long as the average for the Keadby CCS Power Station consultation, which was one minute and 58 seconds.

12.13.3. The project website was more popular than the Virtual Exhibition, receiving a total of 2600 page views from 1300 unique users. The majority of these views came via direct address (61%) while significant numbers came from search engines like Google and Bing (25% in total) and from Facebook (8%). The most viewed page of the website was the home page (33%), followed by the document library (23%), and the consultation information page (20%).

12.13.4. The Applicant received one online feedback form and one hard copy feedback form by post. The responses received via the feedback form are described in **Section 15 (Table 15.1a)**.

12.13.5. The Applicant also received four emails from members of the public sharing feedback on the proposals. For analysis purposes, these responses were included with the responses to Question 4 of the feedback form, a free-text question that asked respondents *"Please use this space to share your views or any further thoughts on the proposals presented in the engagement materials, including how we could maximise opportunities or mitigate any impacts during construction"*. These responses are described in further detail in **Table 15.1b**.

- 12.13.6. Question 1 was a multiple-choice question which asked respondents *“Do you support the proposals for the Keadby Next Generation Project?”*. Both of the two respondents answered this question, with one stating ‘Yes’ and the other stating ‘Not sure’.
- 12.13.7. Question 2 was a multiple-choice question which asked respondents *“Which of the potential benefits of the project would mean the most to you? Please tick from the list below.”*. Both of the two respondents answered this question, with one respondent selecting all the benefits listed. The other respondent selected ‘Decarbonisation’ and ‘Energy security’.
- 12.13.8. Question 3 was a multiple-choice question which asked respondents *“Are you concerned that the Keadby Next Generation project may have some impacts? If so, please tick those from the list below which you are concerned about specifically”*. Both of the two respondents answered this question, with one respondent selecting ‘Landscape and visual impacts’, ‘Ecology and biodiversity’ and ‘Pollution’. The other respondent indicated that they were ‘Not concerned’.
- 12.13.9. Question 4 was a free-text question that asked respondents to *“Please use this space to share your views or any further thoughts on the proposals presented in the engagement materials, including how we could maximise opportunities or mitigate any impacts during construction”*. Both respondents answered this question, and their responses have been analysed alongside the four email responses. Several themes were identified within the comments made within these responses, which are described in further detail in **Table 15.1b**.
- 12.13.10. Question 5 was a multiple-choice question which asked respondents to state to what extent they agreed to the following statements:
- 1) *I have a good understanding of the Keadby Next Generation project and its role in supporting UK energy security and decarbonisation.*
 - 2) *I have a better understanding of the planning and approval process for the project.*
 - 3) *The consultation materials were clear and easy to understand.*
 - 4) *SSE and Equinor are willing to listen to my opinions.*
 - 5) *The consultation was inclusive and accessible.*
- Both respondents selected ‘Agree’ for all five statements.
- 12.13.11. Question 6 was a multiple-choice question which asked respondents *“How did you first hear about the proposals?”*. Both respondents answered this question, with one responding that they had heard about the statutory consultation via the

Consultation Document mailout, and the other indicating that this was through word of mouth.

12.14. Compliance with the SoCC

12.14.1. The SoCC set out how people would be consulted.

12.14.2. A decision was made that, to avoid splitting communities and help ensure comprehensive engagement during the consultation, the 2.5km consultation document distribution zone in the SoCC needed to be extended in circumstances where a village or town was partly outside of the 2.5km area. The Applicant therefore increased the distribution of the mailout from what was described in the SoCC to include the whole of Crowle, Amcotts, Neap House and Woodhouse, in addition to the original 2.5km zone. This approach helped ensured that the entirety of all relevant communities were included in the consultation process. **Figure 12.1** shows a map of the area to which the Consultation Document was sent.

12.14.3. All other aspects of the statutory (Section 47) consultation followed the intended consultation methods and proposals set out in the SoCC. The compliance of the consultation with the SoCC is confirmed in **Table 12.1** below.

Table 12.1: Activities and Methods set out in the SoCC and Comparison with Actual Methods

Activity or Component	Method(s) available	Indicative Timing and Approach for statutory consultation (from SoCC)	Actual approach undertaken during statutory consultation
Initial contact with host local authority planning officer.	Email/ telephone leading to web meeting.	Formal consultation will be carried out on the SoCC for the statutory 28-day period.	Formal consultation was carried out on the SoCC with NLC between 11 September 2024 and 10 October 2024, for the statutory period of 28 days. No comments were received.
Initial contact with local political representatives.	Email/ telephone.	The Applicant will make contact with local councillors, parish/ town councils and Members of Parliament in advance of the start of consultation.	The Applicant made contact with local councillors, parish/ town councils and MPs as part of early engagement. They were then notified of the statutory consultation on 9 January 2025, outlining the project and the intended timescales.
Clearly define and publicising start and end dates for the consultation.	There is a minimum period for consultation of four weeks (28 days). This should be clearly publicised in advance and throughout the period.	A period of six weeks.	The statutory consultation ran for six weeks, 9 January 2025 to 20 February 2025.
Publicise statutory consultation to the community.	Mailout to all addresses within	The mailout of a consultation document giving details about information sources and consultation methods (see below) to	A 28-page consultation document was posted to 4,067 properties within mailing zone, as shown in Figure 12.1 .

Activity or Component	Method(s) available	Indicative Timing and Approach for statutory consultation (from SoCC)	Actual approach undertaken during statutory consultation
	2.5km of the Main Site.	all addresses within 2.5km of the Main Site is proposed.	
	Notices/ advertorials in newspapers or existing local newsletters circulating in the ICZ and OCZ.	The OCZ is proposed. Statutory notices (both SoCC notices and Section 48 notices) will be placed in local newspapers (including the Scunthorpe Telegraph for the Section 48 notice, and this plus the Goole, Selby and Epworth Times, and the Doncaster Free Press for the SoCC notice) for at least the statutory number of insertions and timings. The SoCC notice will include details of the project website and key consultation methods.	SoCC Notices were posted in the Scunthorpe Telegraph, Goole Times, Selby Times, Epworth Times, and the Doncaster Free Press on 9 January 2025. The Section 48 Notice was published in the Scunthorpe Telegraph on 9 January 2025 and again on 16 January 2025.
	Notices and posters in well visited locations (noticeboards, shop windows, park gates) in the ICZ. Electronic notices or hyperlinked information from the local authority website.	Public posters will be used if practical to do so. Electronic notices will be carried out if requested by NLC.	SoCC (Section 47) notices along with site location plans were erected at six locations around the Site boundary in January 2025 and monitored weekly. This was done alongside notices displayed as part of land referencing efforts to identify the owners of unregistered land. Additional posters were displayed in local community venues promoting the consultation.

Activity or Component	Method(s) available	Indicative Timing and Approach for statutory consultation (from SoCC)	Actual approach undertaken during statutory consultation
			Electronic notices were not requested by NLC.
Brief local political representatives (MPs, ward councillors, parish/town councillors) in ICZ and OCZ. A similar approach is adopted for existing local or residents' groups.	Normally a series of 1-on-1 meetings before/at the public information event or at the organisation's premises.	Local political representatives will be provided with contact details for the project team when we contact them in advance and offered online or in-person briefings as requested.	Project team contact details were provided and briefings offered at both consultation events. Stakeholders who were sent information about the consultation events, including a copy of the poster, were all asked if they would like any additional information, and given a project team member's email address (unless the stakeholder had an existing relationship with a specific member of the project team).
	Briefing meeting with the project team. This could potentially be done on a grouped basis (e.g., per topic) for technical consultees.	We intend to offer a briefing meeting to Keadby Parish Council early in the consultation period.	The CLO attended the local Keadby Parish Council Meeting and Local Liaison Group Meeting prior to the consultation; however, no such meeting took place during the consultation. Both groups were emailed information about the consultation and offered further briefings at the start of the consultation, though none were taken up.
Display information in public via an exhibition with clear information and	In-person exhibition	In-person consultation events will be hosted in the local area within the ICZ to allow local residents the opportunity to view consultation materials and ask any	Six in-person events took place across a week from 22 January 2025 to 28 January 2025. These were hosted in four different locations in the area local to the Proposed

Activity or Component	Method(s) available	Indicative Timing and Approach for statutory consultation (from SoCC)	Actual approach undertaken during statutory consultation
project team members on hand to answer questions.	A Virtual Exhibition can be used to increase the accessibility of public consultation events. This is being successfully used on other infrastructure projects including by public authorities.	questions they might have of the project team. The Virtual Exhibition tool will supplement in-person engagement events. A privacy notice will be displayed in the exhibition and accessibility needs will be considered in the development of the exhibition. The URL will be https://keadbynextgen.consultation.ai/ .	Development, with 84 people attending the events. A Virtual Exhibition was created and live during statutory consultation which contained all the same materials as the in-person events and was available on both mobile and desktop 24 hours a day. A privacy notice was linked to in the welcome notice on the Virtual Exhibition tool and was included on the virtual feedback form linked to from the Virtual Exhibition. Accessibility of the Virtual Exhibition was considered, with it being developed in line with full Web Content Accessibility Guidance (WCAG 2.2) compliance.
Depositing consultation documents in a public place for people to use as a reference source.	Physical deposit locations at local libraries, council offices, leisure centres or other public venues in the ICZ and OCZ.	Four physical deposit locations will be used to host the consultation documents, including the PEI Report and PEI Report NTS. The addresses, opening times, and contact details of these deposit points will be included in the Section 48 Notices, the Section 47 Notices, and the consultation materials including on the project website.	Physical deposit points were used at the SSE Keadby Site Gatehouse, Scunthorpe Central Library, North Lincolnshire Council Offices, and the Crowle Community Hub. This allowed members of the public to use the documents there as a reference source and peruse them at their leisure. The consultation materials were available at

Activity or Component	Method(s) available	Indicative Timing and Approach for statutory consultation (from SoCC)	Actual approach undertaken during statutory consultation
			<p>these deposit points for the duration of the consultation.</p> <p>The Section 48 notices, Section 47 notices, and consultation materials, all included the addresses, opening times, and contact details of these deposit points. This was also available on the project website.</p>
Web presence	Project website and project e-mail address.	<p>The project website (https://keadbynextgen.com) will be updated and will include a privacy notice.</p> <p>The project e-mail address remains live (keadbydevelopments@aecon.com).</p>	The project website and email were launched ahead of the statutory consultation. The website included a privacy notice.
Social media	Post on local community Facebook pages	During the consultation stage, SSE will ask if information and consultation dates can be shared on local community Facebook pages to raise awareness.	<p>A Facebook post advertising the Proposed Development and consultation was posted on local community groups, providing information on the ways in which people could access information and engage.</p> <p>Evidence of this social media advertisement can be found at Appendix 12M.</p>
Acknowledging feedback and	Pertinent comments are responded to	Live chat will not be used; however, we intend to use the project email to facilitate	The live chat feature was not used but a project email address was created and

Activity or Component	Method(s) available	Indicative Timing and Approach for statutory consultation (from SoCC)	Actual approach undertaken during statutory consultation
responding to information requests where necessary and feasible to do so.	where possible and relevant to do so, via the method the sender requests, i.e., letter or e-mail.	answering queries outside the consultation events. The Applicant will endeavour to reply where it is clear that a response is required and feasible, taking into account the level of responses received.	specific queries received via email were responded to.
	Providing a telephone number for local communities to request information from the project team.	The freephone telephone number (voicemail based) will be available to receive queries/information requests, in line with the latest regulations. The number is 01202 043652.	A freephone telephone number was set-up and available for the duration of the early engagement and statutory consultation. No calls were received.

13. Statutory Consultation: Section 48 ‘Duty to Publicise’

13.1.1. Section 48 ‘Duty to publicise’ of the 2008 Act requires applicants to publicise a proposed application for a DCO in the ‘prescribed manner’. This is set out in Regulation 4 of the APFP ‘Publicising a proposed application’ and Regulation 4(2) states that the applicant must publish a notice of the proposed application:

- a) for at least two successive weeks in one or more local newspapers circulating in the vicinity in which the proposed development would be situated;
- b) once in a national newspaper;
- c) once in the London Gazette, and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and
- d) where the proposed application relates to offshore development –
 - i. once in Lloyd’s List; and
 - ii. once in an appropriate fishing trade journal.

13.1.2. Regulation 4(3) goes on to state what the notice must include, which includes statements that the applicant intends to make an application for development, whether that application is EIA development, a summary of the main proposals, details of where and when the documents can be inspected free of charge, and how to respond to publicity and by which date.

13.1.3. Pursuant to Regulation 4(2) of the APFP, the Section 48 Notice for the Proposed Development was published by the Applicant in the Scunthorpe Telegraph on 9 and 16 January 2025, The Times (a national newspaper) on 9 January 2025 and in the London Gazette and Lloyd’s List on 9 January 2025 and Fishing News on 8 January 2025.

13.1.4. The Section 48 Notice stated that comments on the Proposed Development must be received by 20 February 2025.

13.1.5. A copy of the Section 48 Notice is provided at **Appendix 13A** and details of the newspapers that it was published in, and the relevant dates, are set out in **Table 13.1**.

Table 13.1: Newspapers used for Section 48 Notice

Newspaper	Date advert was published
The Times	9 January 2025
London Gazette	9 January 2025

Newspaper	Date advert was published
Lloyds List	9 January 2025
Fishing News	8 January 2025
Scunthorpe Telegraph	9 January 2025 and 16 January 2025
Doncaster Free Press	9 January 2025 and 16 January 2025
Goole/ Selby/ Epworth Times (three separate publications sold as one package)	9 January 2025 and 16 January 2025

13.1.6. Copies of the Section 48 Notice as published in the newspapers are provided at **Appendix 13B**.

13.1.7. Regulation 13 of the 2017 EIA Regulations places a requirement on applicants, where an application is for EIA development, to, at the same time as publishing the Section 48 Notice, send a copy of that notice to the relevant consultation bodies and any person notified to them by PINS in accordance with Regulation 11(1)(c). During the Section 42 Consultation, the Applicant maintained a list of ordinary Section 42 consultees and those who were also relevant consultation bodies or notified by PINS in accordance with EIA Regulation 11(1)(c). All consultees sent a Section 42 letter were also sent a Section 48 Notice enclosed with the letter (see **10.3**).

13.1.8. Compliance with Regulation 13 of the 2017 EIA Regulations is detailed in **Section 17**.

13.1.9. In addition, the SoCC (Section 47) Notices, along with site location plans, were erected at six locations around the Site boundary in January 2025 and monitored weekly. The SoCC Notice and site location plan along with a map of the locations at which they were displayed (described on the map as 'General') are available at **Appendix 12I**.

13.1.10. The Applicant therefore complied with its duties under Section 48.

14. Targeted Consultation

- 14.1.1. This section sets out the consultation carried out by the Applicant during two rounds of targeted consultation following the initial statutory consultation between 9 January 2025 and 20 February 2025. In accordance with Section 42 ‘Duty to Consult’ of the 2008 Act, both targeted consultations lasted for a period of six weeks (therefore exceeding the statutory minimum of 28 days), with the first targeted consultation taking place from 17 April 2025 to 29 May 2025, and the second targeted consultation taking place from 9 May 2025 to 20 June 2025.
- 14.1.2. Following the initial statutory consultation, a number of changes to the proposed application boundary were identified and made by the Applicant.
- 14.1.3. These changes affected the extent of the land required for the Proposed Development. The identified changes were not significant and did not fundamentally alter the nature of the Proposed Development previously consulted on, or impact the assessment set out in the PEI Report.
- 14.1.4. As a result of these changes, the Applicant consulted those prescribed consultees with an interest in the land added into the Site boundary. The targeted consultations were separate due to further changes being identified after the first targeted consultation period had started (as described in **14.3.1**). The Applicant approached both targeted consultations proportionally to the changes made to Site boundary.
- 14.1.5. Site notices for the targeted consultations were erected around the Site boundary, and monitored weekly. **Appendix 14A** contains photos of the notices in position.

14.2. First Targeted Consultation (17 April 2025 to 29 May 2025)

- 14.2.1. The first targeted consultation took place as a result of a number of changes made to the proposed boundary for the Site. This was necessitated by an engineering and construction review of the Proposed Development, as well as further technical assessment and review of comments received during the statutory consultation.
- 14.2.2. These changes included:
- addition of an area around the proposed gatehouse on the A18 to allow for connections to local utilities;
 - addition of an alternative corridor to connect an electrical cable from the Site to the National Grid substation, as more information on the potential connection point within the substation has been identified in consultation with National Grid;

- addition of an area to enable access to an additional anchor point to the south of the Waterborne Transport Offloading Area at Railway Wharf; and
- an increase in the width of the land included within the Site around Mabey Bridge in order to accommodate developing design of the replacement bridge.

14.2.3. Additionally, some reductions were made to the extent of the land required, including a reduction of the width of the corridor allocated for the emergency egress road to the north of the Site to optimise land requirements and several adjustments to the proposed Order Limits to better align to land ownership boundaries.

14.2.4. The first targeted consultation ran for six weeks, launching on 17 April 2025 and concluding on 29 May 2025. Additional time (to the statutory minimum of 28 days) was built into the consultation period to account for the Bank Holidays and Easter School Holidays, to allow consultees sufficient time to respond.

14.2.5. The aim of the first targeted consultation was to consult with specific parties, namely relevant land ownership interests, local authorities and specific Section 42 consultees, who could be impacted by the additional land included in the Site boundary. This included:

- Associated Waterway Services Limited;
- British Telecommunications Plc;
- Canal and River Trust;
- Environment Agency;
- KCOM Group Limited;
- Keadby Generation Limited;
- National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc;
- NLC;
- Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) Plc;
- Openreach Limited;
- PD Ports Properties Limited;
- Severn Trent Water Limited;
- SSE plc;
- Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Water Level Management Board;
- The Crown Estate;
- Yorkshire Water Services Limited; and
- Landowners.

- 14.2.6. The Applicant considered that it would not be proportionate to re-consult the full range of Section 42 consultees or the public regarding the small changes made to the Site boundary, which did not alter the findings of the PEI Report.
- 14.2.7. A total of 16 Section 42 consultees and two landowners were contacted. All these parties were sent a letter (via Royal Mail Tracked Delivery to arrive on 17 April 2025) outlining the changes to the Site boundary, why each consultee was being re-consulted, and how they could submit feedback. A copy of this letter is included in **Appendix 14B**. The original letter notifying consultees of the first consultation period was also enclosed, and provided details of how to access the previous consultation documents including the PEI Report and NTS, as well as directing recipients to the project website and feedback form. The letters clearly stated that the deadline for the receipt of response was 29 May 2025, therefore providing consultees within excess of the statutory required 28 days to respond.
- 14.2.8. The letters advised a variety of ways in which consultees could respond to the first targeted consultation, which were as follows.
- Online feedback form: via the project website (www.keadbynextgen.com).
 - E-mail: keadbydevelopments@aecom.com.
 - Post: Freepost KNG POWER STATION CONSULTATION.
 - Telephone: Freephone 01202 043652.
- 14.2.9. The project website was updated to include a link to the targeted consultation feedback form in the document library section.
- 14.2.10. Of those included in the list of consultees for the targeted consultation, one new landowner was identified, who had not been directly written to as part of the statutory consultation, though would have been within the original consultation mailing zone. This new consultee was sent a bespoke letter via Royal Mail Tracked Delivery to arrive on 17 April 2025, as well as a copy of the Section 48 Notice. A copy of this letter and the associated attachments, including a plan of the changes made to the Order Limits, is also included in **Appendix 14B**.
- 14.2.11. Section 46 of the 2008 Act places a duty on the Applicant to notify the SoS of the Section 42 consultation that it is to carry out. In accordance with Section 46, PINS was notified of the start of the first targeted Section 42 consultation by the Applicant by letter on 16 April 2025. A copy of this letter is included in **Appendix 14C**.

14.3. Second Targeted Consultation (9 May 2025 to 20 June 2025)

- 14.3.1. As a result of ongoing engineering review and further technical assessments being undertaken while the first targeted consultation was taking place, a number of further localised changes to the Site boundary to those being consulted on in

the first targeted consultation were identified. The changes comprised minor additions to the Site boundary.

14.3.2. It was identified that a further targeted consultation should be undertaken in order to consult with prescribed consultees with an interest in the small additional land requirements. This second targeted consultation was carried out from 9 May 2025 to 20 June 2025. The minor additions to the Site boundary referred to in **14.3.1** did not give rise to any potential changes in environmental effects, and were limited to:

- addition of and further optimisation of an area of land north of and parallel to the A18 to allow for connections to local utilities;
- addition of an area to the south of the proposed Natural Gas AGI to allow for optimised connection to the National Gas pipeline; and
- extension of the proposed Site boundary further into the Stainforth and Keadby Canal to allow for construction and deconstruction of a temporary cofferdam.

14.3.3. The Applicant followed a similar approach to the first targeted consultation, and delivered a second targeted consultation proportionate to the changes made to the Site boundary. The second targeted consultation ran for six weeks, from 9 May 2025 to 20 June 2025.

14.3.4. The Section 42 consultees who were consulted for the second targeted consultation were:

- British Telecommunications PLC;
- Canal and River Trust;
- Environment Agency;
- National Gas Transmission Plc;
- National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc;
- Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) Plc;
- Openreach Limited;
- Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Water Level Management Board;
- SSE Generation Limited; and
- W. H. Strawson Notts Limited.

14.3.5. In total, nine Section 42 consultees and one landowner were contacted during the second targeted consultation.

14.3.6. All those included in the second targeted consultation were sent a letter via Royal Mail Tracked Delivery to arrive on 9 May 2025. A copy of this letter is included in **Appendix 14D**. As with the first targeted consultation, the letter

notifying consultees of the original consultation period was also enclosed and provided details of how to access the previous consultation documents, including the PEI Report and NTS, as well as directing recipients to the project website where they would be able to fill out an online feedback form.

- 14.3.7. One new consultee was identified who had not been directly written to as part of the statutory consultation or the first targeted consultation, although they were included within the original consultation mailing zone. A copy of this letter is also included in **Appendix 14D**. This new consultee was sent a bespoke letter including the Section 48 Notice, instead of a copy of the original Section 42 letter.
- 14.3.8. All consultees received a plan showing the changes made to the Site boundary, and how these changes affected the land in which they held an interest. This plan is also included in **Appendix 14D**.
- 14.3.9. The letter gave an overview of the changes being made to the Site boundary, and why each consultee was being re-consulted/ consulted. It also clearly outlined the ways in which consultees could give their feedback to the second targeted consultation (these were the same as those outlined in **14.2.8**), as well as stating that the deadline for providing feedback was 20 June 2025. The online feedback form used was the same for both the first and second targeted consultations, and was able to be accessed via the project website (as clearly signposted in the letter).
- 14.3.10. While the letters were sent via Royal Mail Tracked Delivery service to arrive on 9 May 2025, due to Royal Mail delivery timings not all consultees received the letter at the same time, with some not receiving it until 10 May 2025. These consultees were:
- National Gas Transmission Plc;
 - SSE Generation Limited;
 - National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc;
 - Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) Plc; and
 - Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Water Level Management Board.
- 14.3.11. These consultees still had 41 days to respond to the second targeted consultation, which is in excess of the minimum requirement of 28 days.
- 14.3.12. It was considered that, due to the minimal nature of the amendments which were the subject of the consultation, full consultation with the public for the second targeted consultation was not proportionate.
- 14.3.13. The Applicant submitted the Section 46 notification for the second targeted consultation to the SoS on 28 May 2025 after the consultation had commenced.

The Applicant's letter (sent via email) of 28 May stated that the changes to the Proposed Development did not significantly or fundamentally alter the nature of the project previously consulted upon for previous Section 42 consultations or impact the assessments in the PEI Report. The letter also confirmed the period that consultees were given to respond and the parties who had been consulted. PINS acknowledged receipt of the Section 46 notification by email on 2 June 2025. A copy of the Section 46 letter sent to PINS is included in **Appendix 14E**.

14.4. Responses to the Targeted Consultations

- 14.4.1. A total of one consultee responded to the first targeted consultation. This response from the Canal and River Trust confirming that their previous comments in response to the Statutory Consultation remained applicable and that they have no objection to the changes to the Proposed Development boundary. The responses received to the first targeted consultation are provided **Appendix 14F**.
- 14.4.2. A total of three consultees responded to the second targeted consultation. One response was from NLC, discussing the flood modelling and impacts of the Proposed Development on local flood risk. One response was from the Environment Agency and discussed potential impacts of the changes to the Site boundary on local flood defences, Environment Agency owned land, and local fisheries. The final response was from National Gas Transmission, which raised that the changes to the Site boundary are in proximity to a National Gas feeder main pipeline, and the considerations associated with this, including the requirement for protective provisions. The responses received to the second targeted consultation are provided in **Appendix 14G**.
- 14.4.3. A summary of the issues raised by consultees and the regard made to them by the Applicant is provided in **Table 15.1d** and **Table 15.1e** in **Section 15** (and is therefore not repeated here).

14.5. Compliance with Section 42

- 14.5.1. In light of the above, the Applicant considers that both targeted consultations undertaken complied with the requirements of the 2008 Act.

15. Section 49 ‘Duty to take account of Response to Consultation and Publicity’

- 15.1.1. Section 49 ‘Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity’ requires applicants to have regard to any ‘relevant responses’ received to the statutory consultation and publicity carried out in accordance with Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act. A relevant response is one received by the Applicant before the deadlines set in relation to the statutory consultation and publicity. As such, there is no statutory duty for the Applicant to take account of responses received after the relevant deadlines.
- 15.1.2. Despite the fact that the 2008 Act does not require applicants to take account of responses received after the deadlines set for consultation, the Applicant has taken account of the responses received after the close of each of the consultation periods, and has given them equal weight to those received before the deadline.
- 15.1.3. The Applicant received one online feedback form and one hard copy feedback form by post, as well as four emails from members of the public sharing feedback on the Proposed Development. For analysis purposes, these responses were included with the responses to Question 4 of the feedback form.
- 15.1.4. The approach taken by the Applicant to responses received to the statutory Section 47 consultation with the local community has been to review comments made and identify theme/ topic headings, before providing a summary of the issues raised in respect to each theme/ topic. These have been checked to ensure that they accurately capture the issues raised. A response is provided to those issues and any changes made to the Proposed Development/ Application are identified, along with the relevant Application Document Reference Number (where relevant) in the feedback tables in this chapter. The theme/ topic headings and summary of comments, including responses from the Applicant, are set out in **Table 15.1a (analysis of responses to feedback form questions)** and **Table 15.1b (analysis of free-text question responses)**.
- 15.1.5. The Applicant received 29 responses from the Section 42 consultees and has summarised the issues raised by each consultee, as opposed to grouping them under theme/ topic headings. A summary of the issues raised by each of the consultees, including responses from the Applicant, is set out in **Table 15.1c**. Three late responses were received, from the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust on 28 February 2025, National Grid on 7 March 2025 and Network Rail on 12 March 2025. A full list of the responses received from Section 42 and non-prescribed Consultees, including their contents, can be found in **Appendix 10B**.
- 15.1.6. The Applicant continued with this approach for the Section 42 targeted consultations. A summary of the issues raised by each of the consultees,

including responses from the Applicant, is set out in **Table 15.1d** and **Table 15.1e**.

15.1.7. No artificial intelligence was used at any stage of the feedback review, analysis, or summary process.

Table 15.1a: Statutory consultation responses (local community) – answers to feedback form questions

No.	Summary of Responses	Regard to Consultation Responses	Change(s) Made to the Proposed Development
1	<p>The feedback form began with an ‘About you’ section, with a preliminary multiple-choice question which asked respondents <i>“To help us understand your interest in the area and our proposals, please let us know who you are responding as”</i>. Both of the two respondents stated they were a ‘Local resident’ in response to this question, with one respondent describing that they were ‘Retired’ when prompted to provide more detail.</p> <p>This section also asked respondents to provide the first part of their postcode. Both respondents answered ‘DN17’ to this question.</p>	N/A	N/A
2	<p>Question 1 was a multiple-choice question which asked respondents <i>“Do you support the proposals for the Keadby Next Generation project?”</i>. Both of the two respondents answered this question, with one stating ‘Yes’ and one stating ‘Not sure’.</p>	N/A	N/A
3	<p>Question 2 was a multiple-choice question which asked respondents <i>“Which of the potential benefits of the project would mean the most to you? Please tick from the list below”</i>. Both the</p>	The Proposed Development will contribute to the decarbonisation of the electricity grid and support the UK’s energy security. The	None identified.

No.	Summary of Responses	Regard to Consultation Responses	Change(s) Made to the Proposed Development
	<p>respondents answered this question, with the number of selections for each benefit set out below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Employment – 1 – Skills – 1 – Educational resources for children – 1 – Decarbonisation – 2 – Energy security – 2 – Innovation – 1 – World technology leadership – 1 – Other – 0 	<p>Applicant already has a track-record of delivering in the community around the Site and is committed to working with the local community throughout the design, construction and operation of the project.</p> <p>During construction, it's estimated that around 663 net full-time jobs will be created from the Site and supply chain, benefiting the local area (ES Chapter 16: Socio-economics (Application Document Ref. 6.2.16)).</p> <p>Additionally, the Applicant is looking to continue to deliver skills and education programmes and events for the local community.</p>	
4	Question 3 asked respondents <i>“Are you concerned that the Keadby Next Generation project may have some impacts? If so,</i>	Impacts on landscape and visual amenity, ecology and biodiversity	None identified.

No.	Summary of Responses	Regard to Consultation Responses	Change(s) Made to the Proposed Development
	<p><i>please tick those from the list below which you are concerned about specifically</i>". Both the respondents answered this question, with the number of selections for each option set out below. One respondent selected a number of concerns, whilst the other respondent stated that they were 'Not concerned'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Construction effects – 0 – Landscape and visual impacts – 1 – Ecology and biodiversity – 1 – Pollution – 1 – Impact on the community – 0 – Engagement process – 0 – Not concerned – 1 – Other – 0 	<p>and air, water and land quality are described and assessed in the ES (Chapters 8: Air Quality, 11: Biodiversity, Ecology and Nature Conservation, 12: Water Environment and Flood Risk, 13: Geology, Hydrogeology and Land Contamination, and 14: Landscape and Visual Amenity (Application Document Refs. 6.2).</p>	
5	<p>Question 4 was a free-text question that asked respondents to <i>"Please use this space to share your views or any further thoughts on the proposals presented in the engagement materials, including how we could maximise opportunities or mitigate any impacts during construction, operation and decommissioning?"</i>. Both respondents answered this question.</p>	<p>Full detail of the regard had to the responses raised in Question 4 is provided in Table 15.1b.</p>	<p>None identified.</p>

No.	Summary of Responses	Regard to Consultation Responses	Change(s) Made to the Proposed Development
	<p>Four email responses also provided feedback to the proposals. These responses have been coded and analysed in the same manner as the two responses to Question 4 from the feedback form.</p> <p>Comments within the responses fell into the following themes. Please note some responses had multiple themes and comments within them. These themes, and any specific suggestions that were made by the respondents, are described in more detail in Table 15.1b, alongside the Applicant's response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Net zero and policy context – 2 – Community benefit – 2 – Consultation materials – 1 – Supportive of proposals – 1 – Critical of proposals – 1 – Landscape and visual – 1 – Noise – 1 – Biodiversity Net Gain ('BNG') and wildlife – 1 – Safety – 1 – Traffic – 1 		

No.	Summary of Responses	Regard to Consultation Responses	Change(s) Made to the Proposed Development
6	<p>Question 5 was a multiple-choice question that asked respondents to state to what extent they agreed to a range of statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>I have a good understanding of the Keadby Next Generation project and its role in supporting UK energy security and decarbonisation.</i> 2) <i>I have a better understanding of the planning and approval process for the project.</i> 3) <i>The consultation materials were clear and easy to understand.</i> 4) <i>SSE and Equinor are willing to listen to my opinions.</i> 5) <i>The consultation was inclusive and accessible.</i> <p>In response to these five prompts, both respondents selected 'Agree' for all statements.</p>	N/A	N/A
7	<p>Question 6 was a multiple-choice question that asked respondents <i>"How did you first hear about the proposals?"</i>. Both respondents answered this question, with their selections set out below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – SSE / project website – 0 – Social media – 0 	N/A	N/A

No.	Summary of Responses	Regard to Consultation Responses	Change(s) Made to the Proposed Development
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Local newspapers – 0 – Booklet mailing – 1 – Poster – 0 – Word of mouth – 1 – Other – 0 		

Table 15.1b: Statutory consultation responses (local community) – themes in answers to free-text questions

No.	Topic / theme and number of comments	Summary of Comments	Regard to Consultation Response	Change(s) Made to the Proposed Development
1	Net zero and policy context (2)	<p>Query over how appeals to other NSIP power station projects associated with the East Coast Cluster would affect the Proposed Development in terms of its ability to secure development consent.</p> <p>Doubt that net zero will be achieved by 2050 and claim that the Proposed Development won't help to address global warming as the UK's contribution to carbon emissions is low in relation to global emissions.</p>	<p>The Applicant is closely monitoring the development of the East Coast Cluster and any implications for the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The Proposed Development is in line with government policy as outlined in the Net Zero Strategy (HM Government, 2021) which sets out policies and proposals for decarbonising all sectors of the UK economy to meet a net zero target by 2050, to support a reduction in global emissions. The Strategy states that one of the key roles for the hydrogen sector in the UK is to support energy supply.</p> <p>The UK Hydrogen Strategy (Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), 2021) sets an ambition for a thriving hydrogen economy by 2030. As a potential</p>	None identified.

No.	Topic / theme and number of comments	Summary of Comments	Regard to Consultation Response	Change(s) Made to the Proposed Development
			key offtaker for hydrogen, power generation is likely to play a strategic role in the hydrogen economy. Page 52 in the UK Hydrogen Strategy states: "Hydrogen is likely to play an important enabling role in a fully decarbonised power sector, through the system flexibility that electrolytic production and hydrogen storage can provide and the potential for flexible power generation using hydrogen as a fuel."	
2	Community benefit (2)	<p>Suggestion for Crowle and Keadby to use hydrogen as a community energy source for domestic heating.</p> <p>The local community should benefit from the proposals, such as through the provision of a grant.</p>	<p>The Applicant has undertaken a Combined Heat and Power ('CHP') Readiness Assessment which accompanies the Application. The Proposed Development will not produce hydrogen, and therefore suggestions to supply the local area are not applicable.</p> <p>The Applicant is committed to supporting the communities close to the Site and</p>	<p>None identified.</p> <p>The CHP Readiness Assessment has been developed since statutory consultation, to</p>

No.	Topic / theme and number of comments	Summary of Comments	Regard to Consultation Response	Change(s) Made to the Proposed Development
			making a positive contribution to people's lives, including through SSE's existing Community Investment Package.	accompany the Application.
3	Consultation materials (1)	Consultation Document is clear, informative and of a high quality.	N/A	N/A
4	Critical of proposals (1)	<p>Wind farms near the Keadby Power Station site, and Keadby 1 power station, don't appear to be in operation – asks why a third power station is required.</p> <p>Constructing a hydrogen power station doesn't make economic sense due to the relative cost of hydrogen to natural gas. The conversion of existing gas pipelines to accommodate hydrogen would be too expensive. The use of hydrogen won't help to reduce carbon emissions and will increase energy costs.</p>	<p>SSE confirms that Keadby 1 and 2 Power Stations and Keadby Wind Farm are all in operation.</p> <p>Government policy recognises that flexible, dispatchable power such as that provided by natural gas and hydrogen fired power stations (i.e. power that can be generated on demand at short notice) is essential to ensuring security of electricity supply for the UK alongside renewable sources such as wind and solar (e.g. at times of peak demand when there is insufficient wind and sunlight).</p>	None identified.

No.	Topic / theme and number of comments	Summary of Comments	Regard to Consultation Response	Change(s) Made to the Proposed Development
			<p>Government policy also specifically recognises the important role of hydrogen to power in decarbonising the electricity grid.</p> <p>The Proposed Development responds to this Government policy and supports the development of the hydrogen economy.</p> <p>As set out in ES Volume I Chapter 18: Climate Change (Application Document Ref. 6.2.18), using hydrogen to fuel the Proposed Development will reduce Scope 1 greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>The development of the hydrogen supply network is outside the scope of the Proposed Development, but the Applicant has been engaging with Project Union, which proposes to repurpose existing gas transmission pipelines and build new</p>	

No.	Topic / theme and number of comments	Summary of Comments	Regard to Consultation Response	Change(s) Made to the Proposed Development
			pipelines to enable a low-cost route to net zero.	
5	Supportive of proposals (1)	Respondent fully agrees with proposals and rationale for the project.	N/A	N/A
6	Landscape and visual (1)	The Keadby Power Station site is described as an “eyesore” with a lack of existing landscaping, as it is visible from the Keadby Lock towpath to the railway crossing. Efforts should be made at all stages of construction (prior, during and post-commissioning) to reduce visual impact.	The design of the Proposed Development has sought to reduce visual impact, but the Applicant acknowledges that due to the size and scale of the Proposed Development significant adverse effects on some nearby visual receptors are unavoidable. The NPS for Natural Gas Electricity Generating Infrastructure (DESNZ, 2023), which is also relevant to hydrogen CCGT, acknowledges at paragraph 2.4.26 that these types of development “ <i>will have an impact on the surrounding landscape and visual amenity</i> ”. The Applicant has prepared an Outline Lighting Strategy (Application Document	The comments have informed the development of the landscaping proposals presented in the Outline LBMEP Report (Application Document Ref. 5.10) .

No.	Topic / theme and number of comments	Summary of Comments	Regard to Consultation Response	Change(s) Made to the Proposed Development
			<p>Ref. 5.11) and an Outline Landscape and Biodiversity Management and Enhancement Plan ('LBMEP') Report (Application Document Ref. 5.10) to set out how impacts from lighting will be controlled and where landscaping and habitat creation is proposed within the Site. The Applicant has considered opportunities for planting to screen views from the canal towpath and proposes some woodland planting in the vicinity of the canal water abstraction infrastructure, however there are limited opportunities for planting along the north side of the canal because the land is not in the control of the Applicant.</p> <p>Separate to the Proposed Development, SSE has been engaging with members of the community, the local authority and landowners to agree locations for tree</p>	

No.	Topic / theme and number of comments	Summary of Comments	Regard to Consultation Response	Change(s) Made to the Proposed Development
			planting to screen the wider Keadby Power Station site from viewpoints along the A18.	
7	Noise (1)	Efforts should be made at all stages of the project (prior to construction, during construction and post-commissioning) to reduce noise impact.	Assessment of construction and operational noise impacts is presented in the ES Volume I Chapter 9: Noise and Vibration (Application Document Ref. 6.2.9) , including proposed mitigation measures to avoid significant effects on sensitive receptors in the vicinity of the Site. Construction noise will be managed in accordance with the measures set out in the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan ('CEMP') (Application Document Ref. 7.4) and operational noise will be controlled by an operational noise limit – both are secured by Requirements of the Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1) .	None identified. The Outline CEMP has been developed since statutory consultation, to accompany the Application.

No.	Topic / theme and number of comments	Summary of Comments	Regard to Consultation Response	Change(s) Made to the Proposed Development
			No significant adverse noise effects are predicted.	
8	BNG and wildlife (1)	Efforts should be made at all stages of the project (prior to construction, during construction and post-commissioning) to improve habitats within and around the Site.	The Outline LBMEP Report (Application Document Ref. 5.10) sets out the Applicant's proposals for biodiversity enhancements within the Site. BNG is secured by a Requirement in the Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1) .	The comments have informed the development of the landscaping proposals presented in the Outline LBMEP Report (Application Document Ref. 5.10) .
9	Safety (1)	Concern over the risk of hydrogen leaking during transportation and storage. Query	Although hydrogen transport and storage are not part of the Proposed Development,	None identified.

No.	Topic / theme and number of comments	Summary of Comments	Regard to Consultation Response	Change(s) Made to the Proposed Development
		about what measures are being taken to minimise this risk.	stringent safety protocols will be implemented to ensure the safe handling and operation of hydrogen once it is present on site. In line with SSE's commitment to safety across all its facilities, the site will incorporate purpose-built, hydrogen-compatible infrastructure which includes specialised connections specifically designed for hydrogen service, with a deliberate reduction in detachable connections to minimise leak risks. The facility will be equipped with advanced safety valves, pressure relief devices, and continuous monitoring systems to detect and respond to any anomalies. Comprehensive safety assessments are currently underway to inform the final design, ensuring compliance with industry best practices and regulatory standards.	

No.	Topic / theme and number of comments	Summary of Comments	Regard to Consultation Response	Change(s) Made to the Proposed Development
10	Traffic (1)	Query about what measures will be put in place to ensure that traffic will not be able to access the Site via Chapel Lane due to it being a small lane and in poor condition. Respondent describes how the condition of the lane worsened during the construction of Keadby 2, with some construction traffic using it as a short cut/ bypass instead of accessing the Site via the A18. Stresses the importance of Chapel Lane for people using the canal towpath and accessing rail infrastructure.	<p>The main access for the Proposed Development during construction, operation (including maintenance) and eventual decommissioning will be via the existing access from the A18, avoiding Keadby village and Chapel Lane. Construction traffic will be managed in accordance with the Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan ('CTMP') (Application Document Ref. 7.5) and the Outline Construction Worker Travel Plan ('CWTP') (Application Document Ref. 7.6), and this is secured by Requirements of the Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1). Directions to the Site will use precise locations for the A18 access (e.g. What3Words) instead of post codes.</p> <p>SSE is aware of historic concerns relating to the sporadic use of Chapel Lane by contractors in the past and has put</p>	The comments have informed the development of the Outline CTMP and Outline CWTP.

No.	Topic / theme and number of comments	Summary of Comments	Regard to Consultation Response	Change(s) Made to the Proposed Development
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additional control measures in place to avoid construction staff and deliveries using Chapel Lane.

Table 15.1c: Statutory consultation responses – Section 42 and non-prescribed Consultees

No.	Consultee	Date	Summary of Comments	Regard to Consultation Response	Change(s) made to the Proposed Development
1	Anglian Water Services Limited	10/01/2025	Initial response from Anglian Water noting that the application is outside of Anglian Water's boundary, therefore they do not have any comments.	N/A	N/A
2	Shire Group of Internal Drainage Boards	13/01/2025	Notes that the application is outside of Goole Fields District Drainage Board, Scunthorpe and Gainsborough Water Management Board, and Axholme Internal Drainage Board's boundaries. The Boards do not have any comments.	N/A	N/A
3	Arqvia Limited	14/01/2025	Confirms that Arqvia has no existing infrastructure that would be impacted by the proposals.	N/A	N/A

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4	GTC	15/01/2025	Confirms that GTC has no assets within the order limits, therefore has no objections.	N/A	N/A
5	Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Water Level Management Board	16/01/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that the Site is within the Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Water Level Management Board district, and that there are Board-maintained watercourses in proximity to the Site. The Board's consent is required for any works, whether temporary or permanent, in, over or under, any Board-maintained watercourse or culvert. The Board will require cable crossings to be provided by means of Horizontal Directional 	The Schedule of Other Consents and Licences (Application Document Ref. 5.4) acknowledges the requirement for IDB consent for any works in, under or over IDB-maintained watercourses. IDB-maintained watercourses are shown on ES Volume III Figure 12.5 (Application Document Ref. 6.4.26) . Works in, under or over IDB-maintained watercourses are anticipated to comprise construction of the Emergency Access bridge over Drain 1 (Glew Drain), construction and operation of a surface water discharge into Drain 1, works to	None identified. The necessary IBD consents will be obtained prior to construction.

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			<p>Drilling (HDD) (or other trenchless methods) at a depth no less than two metres plus the cable safety distance below the hard bed level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board's prior written consent is required for any obstruction to the flow, or erection or alteration of any culvert, whether temporary or permanent, within the channel of a riparian watercourse. • Refers to the Board's Planning and Byelaw Policy, available on its website. • The Board's consent is required for any works that increase the flow or volume of water to any watercourse or culvert within the Board's 	<p>improve an existing access track (for use as an Emergency Access) which crosses Drain C and Drain D, and potential 400kV cable laying in the vicinity of Drain B.</p> <p>The Drainage Strategy in ES Volume II Appendix 12A: Flood Risk Assessment (Application Document Ref. 6.3.16) sets out the proposed approach to surface water drainage including attenuation to ensure an acceptable (greenfield) runoff rate.</p>	

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			<p>district, other than directly to a main river (in which case consent must be sought from the Environment Agency).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board's consent is required irrespective of permission gained under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. • Notes that consent will only be granted where proposals are not detrimental to the flow or stability of the watercourse or culvert, or the Board's machinery access to the watercourse or culvert. • Notes that it is not anticipated that the disapplication of powers will be required in the case of 		

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			<p>the application, and therefore the Board's consent will be required where appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that surface run-off rates to receiving watercourses must not be increased as a result of the development. 		
6	Forestry Commission England	22/01/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can provide no opinion supporting or objecting to the application. Confirms that from a desk-based assessment on available data, the Proposed Development will not impact woodland. If changes are made to the Proposed Development that may impact woodlands, the Forestry Commission asks 	<p>The Proposed Development will not impact woodland but will impact some trees within the Site. The Arboricultural Assessment, which is included in the Outline LBMEP Report (Application Document Ref. 5.10) provides information on the trees within the Site and measures to mitigate and/ or compensate for impacts on trees.</p>	None identified.

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			<p>that they are given the opportunity to comment on these changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that what is most important to the Forestry Commission in this case is that there is no loss or detrimental impact as a result of the Proposed Development on ancient woodland. In terms of non-ancient woodland and trees, notes that the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 131) states that existing trees should be retained wherever possible. 		
7	Ministry of Defence (MOD)	22/01/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirms that the development falls within Low Flying Area 11 (LFA 11) within which military aircraft 	The Proposed Development includes a stack with a height of 85m above ground level. The Draft DCO (Application	The comments have informed the drafting of the

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			<p>may conduct low-level flight training. There is potential for the Proposed Development to introduce a physical obstruction to this area. To address this impact, the MOD would require that conditions are added to any consent issued requiring that the development is fitted with aviation safety lighting, and that sufficient data is submitted to ensure that structures can be accurately charted to allow deconfliction. Suggested condition wording is provided for this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that, as a minimum, the MOD requires that any tall structures over 50m are 	<p>Document Ref. 3.1) includes a Requirement regarding aviation safety lighting and charting. This proposed draft wording was shared with the MOD on 28 May 2025 via email for comment. On 11 June 2025, the MOD responded confirming that it is happy with the proposed wording.</p>	<p>DCO Requirements.</p>

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			<p>fitted with 25cd/IR COMBI aviation safety lighting which produces Infra-Red (IR) lighting. Any traffic should be coming from an approximately southerly direction, so this should be taken into consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that any changes to the Proposed Development that may result in variation of the parameters detailed (location, dimensions, form, and finishing materials) may significantly alter how the development relates to MOD safeguarding requirements. Any amendments should be consulted on with the MOD. 		

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8	Humberside Fire and Rescue Service	23/01/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes requirement that adequate access for firefighting is provided to all buildings or extensions to buildings. For high-reach appliances, the route and hard standing should be constructed to provide a minimum carrying capacity of 26 tonnes. Adequate provision of water supplies for fire-fighting appropriate to the proposed risk should be considered. Notes that if public supplies are inadequate, it may be necessary to augment them by the provision of on-site facilities. With regards to fire hydrants, notes that for industrial unit and high-risk 	<p>Access to the Site for emergency vehicles will be available via the main access road from the A18 to the south of the Main Site as well as an emergency access to the north of the Main Site.</p> <p>The Proposed Development includes fire water storage tanks within the Main Site which will be supplied by water from the canal water abstraction.</p>	None identified.

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			areas, hydrants should be located at 90m intervals.		
9	West Lindsey District Council	24/01/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirms no comments. 	N/A	N/A
10	Severn Trent Water	03/02/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirms that there are Severn Trent assets (water discharge corridor) within the Site. Any proposed building must keep 5m clear of pressurised sewers, and 15m from any pumping station. No building will be allowed over public sewers or water mains. Notes that Severn Trent Water's records are a guide only, and a site investigation should be carried out to confirm the position, depth 	<p>In relation to the assets close to the existing water discharge pipeline and existing power station road access, no works are proposed except for some grassland enhancement alongside the access road verges (as set out in the Outline LBMEP Report (Application Document Ref. 5.10)).</p> <p>In addition, to the best of the Applicant's knowledge, there are no sewers or mains within the areas where building works will be carried out.</p>	None identified.

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			<p>and size of sewers. Refers to guidance for required protective strips relating to sewers where no building will be allowed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similarly, a site investigation should be carried out to confirm the position, depth and size of water mains. A Risk Assessment Method Statement is required. Refers to guidance for required protective strips relating to water mains where no building will be allowed. • Asks that if the Proposed Development is found to be within proximity to Severn Trent Water assets they are consulted with. 	<p>Severn Trent Water were informed of the above via email on 28 May 2025. Severn Trent Water responded on 9 June 2025 confirming receipt of this information.</p>	

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11	Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board	06/02/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirms no comments or objections to the proposals. The Site is wholly contained with the Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Water Level Management Board area, who have submitted comments (see comments dated 16/01/2025 above). 	N/A	N/A
12	Humberside Police	10/02/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirms no concerns relating to the proposals. Offers the following recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any installation of fencing is to a security standard. Where appropriate, security fencing systems are visually permeable and use 	As set out in ES Volume I Chapter 4: The Proposed Development (Application Document Ref. 6.2.4) paragraphs 4.3.50-4.3.51 <i>“Security systems are provided in respect of the Main Site. This includes paladin (or similar) fencing, intruder alarms and may include turnstiles (or similar) for</i>	None identified.

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			<p>dark coloured coatings on metal fencing systems, as this reduces light reflection and facilitates the observation of activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides proposed minimum requirements for stands to secure cycles, cycle storage facilities, external parking stores for motorcycles, mopeds and equivalent, as well as requirements for their anchor points. 	<p><i>the Main Site to manage people access.</i></p> <p><i>Closed circuit television (CCTV) and other security measures are anticipated to be required for security purposes at the Site."</i></p> <p>The Proposed Development also includes vehicle and motorcycle parking and secure cycle storage facilities.</p> <p>Details of security measures will be agreed in accordance with a Requirement of the Draft DCO (Application Document Re. 3.1).</p>	

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13	Anglian Water Services Limited	12/02/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglian Water issued a second response to confirm they have no further comments at this stage. Asks to remain notified of the project moving forward. 	N/A	N/A
14	National Highways	13/02/2025	<p><i>With regards to the proposals</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommends that the Applicant clarifies whether potential development design changes could affect the trip generation of the Proposed Development. The Applicant should set out a range of reasonable operational scenarios and test these relative to the Department of Transport (DfT)'s Circular 01/2022. In relation to the potential for the Proposed Development 	<p>The Applicant has engaged with National Highways to share further information on the transport assessment, in relation to both construction and operation phases.</p> <p>A CHP Readiness Assessment (Application Document Ref. 5.8) has been prepared to accompany the Application. This concludes there are no currently identified CHP opportunities, so supply of waste heat is not specifically assessed in the Transport Statement ('TS').</p>	The comments have informed the development of the TS, Outline CTMP and Outline CWTP.

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			<p>to supply waste heat for local district heating, recommends that the Applicant clarify how the supply of waste heat will be addressed in the Transport Statement (TS), particularly in respect of the construction impacts.</p> <p><i>With regards construction and operation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests that the Applicant clarify the proportion of administrative staff versus operational staff to be working on the Proposed Development within the TS, including details of number of potential temporary/contractor employees that might be required. 	<p>However, the construction works assessed allow for the Proposed Development to be CHP-ready (ES Volume II Appendix 10A (Application Document Ref. 6.3.8)).</p> <p>The exact number of operational staff that would be in administrative roles is not known at this stage. The likely administrative staff trips have been considered as part of the trip generation for the operational Proposed Development (i.e. they are included in the total of 50 full-</p>	

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			<p><i>With regards to car parking</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asks that the number of parking spaces be provided in the TS. 	<p>time staff) and the profile of staff trips is set out in the TS.</p> <p>The Proposed Development will provide staff and contractor parking close to the Main Site. This is anticipated to comprise 68 car parking spaces including accessible spaces and EV charging point, plus 10 visitor parking spaces and an additional overflow parking area (e.g. for use during outages).</p>	
			<p><i>With regards to construction programme and management</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advises that, if an initial enabling works phase will result in staff traffic reassignment, further details are provided. Recommends that the TS should consider all reasonable scenarios relating to uncertainties in 	<p>Details of how construction staff traffic has been assigned to the road network has been shared with National Highways and are reported in the TS.</p> <p>The transport assessment assumes the latest potential construction start date as a worst</p>	

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			the market and hydrogen potential, including potential phasing of the development and opening at dates further into the future.	case for the transport assessment.	
			<p><i>With regards to decommissioning</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommends that there is a Requirement of the DCO in place to secure the provision of a Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (DEMP) and a Decommissioning Traffic Management Plan (DTMP). Provides some recommended wording to ensure that any effects from the decommissioning phase are to be reviewed and agreed upon by National 	<p>The Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1) includes a Requirement for a DEMP and a DTMP. The DTMP is to be submitted to NLC after consultation with National Highways.</p>	

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			<p>Highways immediately prior to decommissioning.</p> <p><i>With regards to legislation and planning policy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that the Applicant must reference the updated (December 2024) National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Notes that Circular 01/2022 must be considered when preparing the TS. Also notes that National Highways expects the Applicant to enable a reduction in the need to travel by private car and prioritise sustainable transport opportunities. Requests that the Applicant submits a Travel Plan (TP) to demonstrate how the 	<p>ES Volume I Chapter 10: Traffic and Transport (Application Document Ref. 6.2.10) and ES Volume II Appendix 10A: Transport Statement (Application Document Ref. 6.3.8) set out the relevant legislation, policy, standards and guidance used to inform the transport assessment, including NPPF (2024) and Circular 01/2022. The TS includes a Transport Vision for the Proposed Development as required by Circular 01/2022.</p> <p>The Outline CTMP (Application Document Ref. 7.5) includes measures to reduce travel by</p>	

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			<p>vision for the development can be achieved once it has been agreed. Notes that the Applicant should put forward clear targets to manage down the traffic impact of development and maximise the accessibility of and within sites by mode other than private vehicle. Recommends that the TP presents suitable multi-modal (person) trip rates alongside any travel planning targets.</p> <p><i>With regards to the extent of the study area</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refers to relevant guidance for preparing the TS. • In National Highways' view, 2007 DfT guidance 	private car and targets to reduce the number of vehicles travelling to and from the Site during construction.	

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			<p>(referencing a '30-vehicle threshold for discussions') does not justify junction capacity assessments not being undertaken. Requests that the impact the Proposed Development will have on the operation of the Strategic Road Network (SRN), including the M181/A18 roundabout and the M180 Junctions 2 and 3, is considered.</p> <p><i>With regards to collision data</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that the SRN areas of interest to National Highways are the M180 Junctions 2 and 3 and the M181/A18 roundabout. Requests that the Applicant provide Personal Injury 	<p>Impacts on the Strategic Road Network (SRN) (M181/A18 roundabout and M180 Junctions 2 and 3) have been shared with National Highways and are reported in the TS.</p>	

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			<p>Accident ('PIA') information for M180 Junction 3 and the M181/A18 roundabout within the TS.</p> <p><i>With regards to the baseline for construction and operation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends that the Applicant derives a new TEMPro factor to be used in any CTMP and TS traffic impact assessments. An alternative method to verify traffic growth forecasts by comparison with actual count data for the relevant road section is also requested to be used. • Asks for confirmation that the committed development included in the Cumulative Effects Assessment has 	<p>The TS includes PIA information for M180 Junction 3 and M181/A18 roundabout.</p> <p>The TS describes the TEMPro growth factors that have been used to determine future baseline traffic flows in the study area.</p> <p>The comment regarding verification of data was noted but no data is available to enable a comparison to the 2024 data that has been collected for the Proposed Development transport assessment.</p>	

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			<p>been confirmed with the relevant Planning Authority. Notes that any confirmed developments will need to be considered within the CTMP and TS traffic impact assessments.</p> <p><i>With regards to likely impacts</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asks that the following vehicular trips are considered within the CTMP and their potential impact on the SRN during the construction period: waste removal and management, and the delivery of the modular components of the plant. Reiterates that further details of the car park provision and trip generation 	<p>NLC Planning team have been consulted on the list of other developments used in the cumulative impact assessment as part of the EIA (including the transport assessment).</p> <p>The construction traffic profile used to inform the Outline CTMP includes waste removal and management and delivery of modular components of plant.</p>	

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			<p>for both the construction and operational phases of the Proposed Development must be included, particularly during peak hours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests a detailed methodology for HGV/ construction workers trip assignments be presented for review. • Notes that the SRN must be included in any traffic assessments, including peak hours and trip data in order for National Highways to determine the need for junction capacity assessments. • Recommends a breakdown of the traffic generation for the entire construction 	<p>Information on parking and trip generation during peak hours for construction and operation phases of development, including assumptions regarding HGV and construction worker trip assignments, and also traffic generation across the construction period, has been shared with National Highways and is reported in the TS.</p>	

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			<p>period, rather than just for the peak period, is included in the CTMP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests that mitigation measures to minimise traffic impacts during the construction phase are extended to the SRN. <p><i>With regards to abnormal loads</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlights that advance warning may be required by the policy, Highways authorities and bridge/structure owners if an abnormal load is required. 	<p>The mitigation measures set out in the Outline CTMP will reduce construction traffic impacts on both the SRN and local roads, by reducing the number of vehicles travelling to and from the Site.</p> <p>Abnormal loads are anticipated to use the Waterborne Transport Offloading Facility on the River Trent and associated haul road in the eastern part of the Site, as used during construction of Keadby 2 Power Station. Alternative routes are also</p>	

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			<p><i>With regards to the operational phase</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests that an hourly breakdown of the vehicular trips that will place during outages is included in the TS. Notes that short-term management measures might need to be implemented during outage periods. • Notes that if the TS suggests that there is no impact on the SRN during peak hours, a condition may be required to ensure changeover periods remain outside these peaks. 	<p>available via Ealand Road or (for smaller abnormal roads) the main site access from the A18. The Contractor(s) will engage with the relevant authorities prior to transporting abnormal loads to the Site.</p> <p>The details of traffic that will be generated by outages is not available at this stage; however, the traffic will be considerably less than that assessed for the construction phase (approximately 200 additional staff compared to a peak of 1,050 staff for construction).</p>	

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			<i>With regards to decommissioning</i>		
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests that the DTMP includes an hourly breakdown of the traffic to be generated during the decommissioning phase, and appropriate traffic assignment/ distribution data for the SRN. 	The Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1) includes a Requirement for a DEMP and a DTMP. The DTMP is to be submitted to NLC after consultation with National Highways.	
15	Trinity House	14/02/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that any works below the high-water mark within the River Trent must be risk assessed in consultation with ABP Humber. No other comments at this stage. 	<p>No works are proposed within the River Trent.</p> <p>ABP Humber has been consulted to inform the preparation of the Navigation Risk Assessment (ES Volume II Appendix 12C (Application Document Ref. 6.3.18)).</p>	None identified.

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16	Historic England	17/02/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that issues raised by Historic England in their statutory EIA Scoping response to PINS have been largely addressed within the PEI Report. Notes that Historic England will provide further advice as required, and/ or in support of the NLC Archaeological Officer. 	The Application has engaged with NLC Archaeological Officer in relation to the Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Application Document Ref. 7.7) but has not required additional advice from Historic England.	None identified.
17	UK Health and Security Agency	17/02/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that response should be considered in conjunction to their earlier response to the Request for Scoping Opinion (dated 21/05/2024). Confirms the UK Health Security Agency is satisfied with the approach taken to EIA and the conclusions drawn. 	The UK Health Security Agency's comments at EIA Scoping stage have informed the scope and approach to the EIA, in particular ES Volume I Chapter 17: Population and Human Health (Application Document Ref. 6.2.17) .	None identified.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that the current application does not consider any risks or impacts that might arise as a result of electric and magnetic fields associated with the connection of the proposed power station to the National Grid. The UK Health Security Agency would prefer to see such assessments included within this application. 	<p>Electromagnetic fields ('EMF') effects have been considered in ES Volume I Chapter 17 (Application Document Ref. 6.2.17) in response to the UK Health Security Agency's comments, concluding that there will be no significant EMF effects due to the impact avoidance measures that will be implemented in the design of the electrical connection.</p>	
18	Canal and River Trust	18/02/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The red line boundary of the project extends up to and includes part of the Stainforth and Keadby Canal. The Trust manages Keadby Lock, which has the 	<p>The Applicant is aware of the need to manage impacts from the construction of the Proposed Development on the canal and Keadby Lock. The Applicant has engaged with the Canal and River Trust in relation to the temporary</p>	<p>The comments have informed the development of the TS, Outline CTMP, Outline CWTP,</p>

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			potential to be impacted by moorings in this location.	cofferdam that will be required to construct the canal water abstraction infrastructure and has prepared a Navigation Risk Assessment (ES Volume II Appendix 12C (Application Document Ref. 6.3.18)) which considers impacts on navigation and identifies appropriate mitigation measures.	and Navigation Risk Assessment.
			<p><i>With regards to noise and vibration (PEI Report Chapter 9)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlights that any vibrations could result in damage to the wash walls, unless effectively controlled. Requests additional information to fully confirm the vibrations from the cofferdam installation will not 	<p>Risk to the canal and lock are investigated and the significance of the effect shown in paragraphs 9.6.16. – 9.6.23 of ES Volume I Chapter 9: Noise and Vibration (Application Document Ref. 6.2.9).</p> <p>Noise and vibration monitoring is included in the Outline CEMP</p>	

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			<p>result in damage to the canal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends a vibration monitoring plan is used to ensure the vibrations will not cause damage during construction and outlines certain guidance that the Trust request is followed in measuring vibrations. <p><i>With regards to traffic and transport (PEI Report Chapter 10)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request that the implications of the use of Railway Wharf to deliver Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AILs) to the Site on the operation of Keadby Lock are considered within the ES. 	<p>(Application Document Ref. 7.4). The monitoring plan will be developed further as part of the final CEMP.</p> <p>The Outline CTMP (Application Document Ref. 7.5) commits the Applicant to working with the Canal and River Trust to minimise impacts on the operation of Keadby Lock during delivery of AILs to Railway Wharf. Navigation risks and mitigation during construction of the Proposed Development, including</p>	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that it was agreed previously in the Keadby 2 project that Notices to Mariners through the Trust can be used to provide mariners with forewarning of closures. Requests inclusion of a Requirement within the DCO, as established with Keadby CCS Power Station, for the provision of a Wharf Management Plan in order to address the risk of unscheduled closures of Keadby Lock by preventing arrivals of vessels outside of scheduled times agreed by the Trust (unless in exceptional circumstances, in which case would recommend a plan detailing 	<p>Notices to Mariners for users of the Stainforth and Keadby Canal (as previously agreed for Keadby 2 Power Station construction), are also set out in the Navigation Risk Assessment.</p> <p>The requirement for a Wharf Management Plan is included in the CTMP Requirement in the Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1).</p>	

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			<p>the procedures to follow in such instances). Provides recommended wording for such a Requirement.</p> <p><i>Within regards to the temporary cofferdam installation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that the provision of a 20m-wide navigable space to the south is sufficient. Recommends that the impact of this temporary restriction in width is included in the Traffic and Transport chapter of the Environmental Report. 	<p>The Applicant notes the Canal and River Trust's comments and confirms that the Site boundary allows for the provision of at least a 20m-wide navigable space to the south of the temporary cofferdam.</p> <p>The impact of the temporary restriction in width has been addressed in ES Volume II Appendix 10A: Transport Statement (Application Document Ref. 6.3.8), paragraph 10A.5.9.</p>	

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			<p><i>With regards to biodiversity and nature conservation (PEI Report Chapter 11)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Trust express no concerns relating to the range of surveys undertaken to inform the ES. Asks that more clarity is provided on whether broad leaved woodland will be impacted during construction. Notes that floating pennywort is present within the Stainforth and Keadby Canal, and there is a risk that these species could 	<p>The Applicant notes the Canal and River Trust's positive comment in relation to ecological surveys.</p> <p>Impacts on trees and proposals for habitat creation (including woodland planting) are detailed in the Arboricultural Assessment which forms part of the Outline LBMEP Report (Application Document Ref. 5.10).</p> <p>ES Volume I Chapter 11: Biodiversity, Ecology and Nature</p>	

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			<p>spread in the future and impact abstraction.</p> <p>Recommends that mitigation to manage this species in the long-term is considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests that clean dry and biosecurity controls are included in the mitigation practices during construction and operation to ensure they are fully effective. 	<p>Conservation (Application Document Ref. 6.2.11) has included reference to the presence of floating pennywort in the canal and includes mitigation for control of Invasive Non-Native Species ('INNS').</p>	
			<p><i>With regards to water environment (PEI Report Chapter 12)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlights the importance of the issues of flood risk from the Stainforth and Keadby Canal and the impacts of the temporary cofferdam on water flows being fully 	<p>The Applicant has engaged with the Canal and River Trust following receipt of these comments as set out in the Flood</p>	

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			<p>considered as the scheme is developed further.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests that it may be useful for the Trust to have sight of any initial reviews which may impact the final design, to provide greater certainty on the proposals. • Confirms that the previous abstraction license was varied, as described in the PEI Report. <p><i>With regards to geology, hydrology and land contamination (PEI Report Chapter 13)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes no significant issues with the conclusions made. • Notes that a ground investigation would be undertaken before 	<p>Risk Assessment (ES Volume II Appendix 12A (Application Document Ref. 6.3.16)). It has been agreed that flood inundation from the canal is not expected to pose any significant risk to the Site and the temporary cofferdam and permanent canal water abstraction infrastructure is unlikely to have any significant impact on flood risk from the canal as the extent of intrusion into the canal is small.</p> <p>The requirement for further ground investigation to be</p>	

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			<p>construction is started on-site, and that this may be subject to further engagement with the Trust.</p> <p><i>With regards to landscape and visual impact</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests that waterway users are included as sensitive receptors in the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) and impacts from the towpath looking north to the abstraction equipment should be assessed. • Notes concern over Viewpoint 2, namely that this viewpoint is on the opposite side of Keadby Rail Drawbridge compared to the location of the abstraction 	<p>undertaken prior to construction is set out in ES Volume I Chapter 13: Geology, Hydrogeology and Land Contamination (Application Document Ref. 6.2.13) and this is secured by a Requirement in the Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1).</p> <p>In response to the Canal and River Trust's comments on landscape and visual impact, an additional viewpoint (Viewpoint 14 (Stainforth and Keadby Canal Towpath)) has been included in the assessment presented in ES Volume I Chapter 14: Landscape and Visual Amenity (Application Document Ref. 6.2.14) to represent short range views from the towpath opposite the</p>	

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			<p>equipment, which is likely to be the element of the scheme with the most significant impact on the canal. Requests that the LVIA addresses impacts from the canal towpath directly opposite the abstraction location.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests that any impacts from the abstraction installation and resultant loss of vegetation should be considered and assessed further. <p><i>With regards to cultural heritage (PEI Report Chapter 15)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes no significant issues with the conclusions made. Notes that to facilitate abstraction alterations to the 	<p>proposed canal water abstraction infrastructure. This viewpoint would also represent short range views from this location for waterway users. Long range views are also considered in the assessment of Viewpoint 6 (Trunk Road, Keadby).</p>	

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			Lock may be required, which would require scheduled monument consent.	The Applicant is aware that the Canal and River Trust requires Scheduled Monument consent to facilitate the proposed alterations to the Lock gate, and this is considered in ES Volume I, Chapter 15: Cultural Heritage (Application Document Ref. 6.2.15) .	
19	Environment Agency	19/02/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asks that any requests to disapply permits or consents should be sent to the Environment Agency in writing for a minimum of six months' consideration. Asks to ensure that in the DCO a minimum of 21 days is stipulated as response time for the discharge of requirements, and a 	<p>The Draft DCO does not seek to disapply Environment Agency permits or consents, and these are included in the Schedule of Other Consents and Licences (Application Document Ref. 5.4).</p> <p>The Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1) allows eight weeks response time for discharge of Requirements by NLC. For any Requirements that</p>	<p>Outline Water Management Plan prepared to accompany the Outline CEMP.</p> <p>The comments have also informed the development of the Schedule of Other Consents and Licences, Flood Risk</p>

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			<p>minimum of 61 days for protective provisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that Environment Agency guidance relating to cooling water best practice for power stations has been recently reviewed (June 2024). Lists several comments in response to the consultation materials: 	<p>need input from the Environment Agency, the Applicant anticipates this timeframe would allow 21 days for the Environment Agency to respond to NLC.</p> <p>No protective provisions are proposed for the Environment Agency</p> <p>The Applicant notes the guidance relating to cooling water best practice.</p>	<p>Assessment and Water Framework Directive Assessment.</p>
			<p><i>With regards to groundwater and contaminated land</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The risks associated with the strategy of leaving the below ground development in-situ following 	<p>The Proposed Development would be subject to decommissioning under the conditions of the Environmental Permit including conditions relating to chemical/ polluting</p>	

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			<p>decommissioning have not been appropriately assessed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Conceptual Site Model is based on a different development. • There is inconsistency and missing documents regarding ground investigation. 	<p>material handling, storage and use and emergency procedures in line with BAT. A Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (DEMP) is secured by Requirement on the Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1) and will be prepared and agreed to identify required measures to prevent pollution during this phase of the Proposed Development, as part of the Environmental Permitting and site surrender process at the appropriate time and is separate to the DCO application.</p> <p>The Applicant has engaged with the Environment Agency to clarify confusion that arose from the inclusion of the Keadby 3 CCS Power Station Phase I Desk Based Assessment Report as an</p>	

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				annex to the Phase I Desk Based Assessment that had been undertaken specifically for the Proposed Development, and explain that typographical errors in the Keadby 3 CCS report cannot be corrected retrospectively.	
			<p><i>With regards to flood risk and modelling</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The flood risk assessment does not provide sufficient detail, and mitigation may not be appropriate as risks are not understood. Full details of the proposed replacement of Mabey Bridge have not been submitted. 	<p>The Flood Risk Assessment (ES Volume II, Appendix 12A (Application Document Ref. 6.3.18)) has been updated in consultation with the Environment Agency to include the additional information required. Mitigation for residual risk includes the approval and implementation of a flood emergency response plan in accordance with the flood risk</p>	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full details of culverting, infilling and access bridges of non-main river watercourses should be detailed in the Flood Risk Assessment. There is a risk of increased flood risk if land raising remains in place. 	<p>mitigation Requirement in the Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1).</p> <p>Preliminary design information is available for Mabey Bridge replacement. The Applicant proposes a clear span structure which will have no impact on flood risk.</p> <p>The Flood Risk Assessment also considers the impacts of proposed culverting, infilling and bridges over non-main watercourses, and updated flood modelling has been undertaken to assess the off-site flood risk impacts due to land raising for the Proposed Development.</p> <p>Consideration of water supply options and measures to reduce water consumption during the</p>	

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				construction phase are set out in an Outline Water Management Plan as part of the Outline CEMP (Application Document Ref. 7.4) .	
			<p><i>With regards to water resources</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water supply has not been considered for the construction phase, and there is a lack of consideration of limits during prolonged periods of dried weather. 	The Applicant is aware of the restrictions in the abstraction licence related to periods of prolonged dry weather and drought and the associated risk to the operation of the Proposed Development.	
			<p><i>With regards to marine, fisheries and biodiversity</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impacts to fish species have not been sufficiently assessed. 	ES Volume I Chapter 11: Biodiversity, Ecology and Nature Conservation (Application Document Ref. 6.2.11) considers	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The cumulative effects of thermal plumes need to be considered. The impacts to fish species, including European Eel, are not considered sufficiently. Measures need to be put in place to eradicate invasive, non-native species. 	<p>the impacts of the Proposed Development on fish species in the River Trent and Stainforth and Keadby Canal.</p> <p>There will be no increase in the temperature of water currently discharged into the River Trent from Keadby Power Station as a result of the Proposed Development, so the cumulative impact is no change.</p> <p>The Applicant understands from consultation with the Environment Agency that in order to achieve Best Available Eel Protection, the canal water abstraction infrastructure will require a 2mm mesh screen and an intake velocity < 0.1m/s to protect glass eel and elver. This should negate the need for a fish recovery and</p>	

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				return system, however as the Keadby 2 Power Station canal water abstraction includes a fish recovery and return system, the EIA has assessed the potential need for a fish recovery and return system as a worst case.	
20	Maritime and Coastguard Agency	19/02/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirms that the proposed Site falls within the jurisdiction of Associated British Ports (ABP) Humber (River Trent) and Sheffield and South Yorkshire Navigation – The Canal and River Trust (for the Stainforth and Keadby Canal). Recommends that the Applicant continues to engage with Sheffield and South Yorkshire Navigation 	<p>ABP Humber has been consulted to inform the preparation of the Navigation Risk Assessment (ES Volume II Appendix 12C (Application Document Ref. 6.3.18))).</p> <p>The Canal and River Trust has also been consulted in relation to the potential impacts of the construction phase on users of the Stainforth and Keadby Canal and Keadby Lock (which are assessed in the Navigation Risk</p>	None identified.

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			<p>to ensure all marine users are made aware of any proposed works within the canal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that for any works in the ABP Humber's jurisdiction, the Applicant should consult and work with the Statutory Harbour Authority (SHA) to develop a robust Safety Management System (SMS) for the project in accordance with the Port Marine Safety Code (PMS). Further local stakeholder engagement may be required. Recommends that these assessments are updated, particularly in terms of the most recent vessel traffic data available for both the 	<p>Assessment) – see row 18 of Table 15.1c.</p> <p>The Outline CTMP (Application Document Ref. 7.5) commits the Applicant to working with the Canal and River Trust to minimise impacts on the operation of Keadby Lock during delivery of AILs to Railway Wharf. Navigation risks and mitigation during construction of the Proposed Development, including Notices to Mariners for users of the Stainforth and Keadby Canal (as previously agreed for Keadby 2 Power Station construction), are also set out in the Navigation Risk Assessment.</p>	

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			<p>Stainforth and Keadby Canal and the River Trent where the project crosses into their jurisdictions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asks to understand if there are any works proposed by the project below the Mean High-Water Springs, which would necessitate the requirement of a Deemed Marine Licence. 	<p>The Applicant has confirmed to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency that there are no works proposed below Mean High Water Springs, so the Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1) does not include a Deemed Marine Licence.</p>	
21	National Gas Transmission PLC	19/02/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Gas Transmission (NGT) has one feeder main located within or in proximity to the Order limits: Feeder main – FM07 – Eastoft to Keadby PS, Cathodic Protection Groundbeds/TR, and ancillary apparatus. 	<p>The Applicant acknowledges the presence of the feeder main, which is within the Order Limits because the Proposed Development requires a natural gas connection to the National Gas network.</p>	None identified.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refers to NGT's guidance for working in proximity to its assets. Refers to the cathodic protection system protecting NGT's assets, and notes that it is essential that buried steel pipework associated with the transmission and distribution of natural gas is designed, installed, commissioned and maintained to withstand the potentially harmful effects of corrosion and that the corrosion control systems employed are monitored to ensure continued effectiveness. Appropriate control measures must be put in place where required. 	The Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1) includes protective provisions for National Gas Transmission.	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refers to guidance relating to installations that have the potential to interfere with the NGT cathodic protection system. Notes that where the Applicant intends to acquire land, extinguish rights, or interfere with any of NGT's apparatus, NGT will require appropriate protection and further discussion on the impact to its apparatus and rights, including adequate protective provisions to be included within the DCO. Notes that adequate access to NGT pipelines must be maintained at all times during construction and post construction to ensure the 		

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			safe operation of NGT's network.		
22	North Lincolnshire Council (NLC)	19/02/2025	<p><i>With regards to highways</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is unclear whether the Travel Plan submitted as part of the DCO will cover both construction and operational phases. Notes that as part of the Devolution process for North Lincolnshire, a new Local Transport Plan will be produced, to replace the old one. Notes that a review timetable of the Local Plan following the Draft withdrawal in October 2024 is yet to be released and 	<p>The Outline CTMP (Application Document Ref. 7.5) submitted with the Application covers the construction phase only. The overall number of workers expected for the operational phase is very low (around 50) and therefore an operational travel plan is not considered to be required.</p> <p>ES Volume I Chapter 10: Traffic and Transport (Application Document Ref. 6.2.10) has been updated to refer to the new Local Transport Plan that will be produced and to delete</p>	The comments have informed the scope of the transport assessment.

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			refers to the current adopted Development Plan.	references to draft policy that has been withdrawn.	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asks why the A18 between Frodingham Grange Roundabout (A1077) and Keadby Bridge are not included as a link, as Frodingham Grange Roundabout would be the only permitted access/ egress point for construction vehicles. Notes that traffic data from 2022 from outside of 53 Doncaster Road is available if required. Asks that the Personal Injury Accident data is updated with 2023/24 data. 	<p>The A18 between Frodingham Grange Roundabout (A1077) and Keadby Bridge (King George V Bridge) has been included in the transport assessment in response to NLC's comment, using traffic data that has been supplied by NLC.</p> <p>Personal Injury Accident data has been updated for 2023 (at the time of writing no data for 2024 was available).</p>	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asks that a monthly profile of staff numbers and HGV movements for the full construction period is provided. 	A monthly profile of staff numbers and HGV movements for the construction period has been shared with NLC and is included in the Transport Assessment (ES Volume II, Appendix 10A (Application Document Ref. 6.3.8))).	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that National Highways have recommended a Requirement for a DTMP. 	The Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1) includes a Requirement for a DEMP and a DTMP.	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that the proposals of HGV access/ egress to the Site from the west, with no traffic access to the Site via the B1392, are acceptable. Notes that the Council would support a temporary speed reduction via a Temporary 	The Applicant notes NLC's support for the proposed main access route and temporary speed restrictions on the A18 during construction. The Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1) includes provisions for TTROs; TTROs for temporary	

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			<p>Traffic Regulation Order along the A18, supported by appropriate signage (which the Applicant would be responsible for removing once the TTRO ends). Notes that the Local Highway Authority would not be supportive of a permanent reduction in speed in this location.</p>	<p>speed restrictions will be arranged by the Contractor. The Applicant does not propose a permanent speed restriction.</p>	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that traffic management will be required on the B1392 for AILs, which will need to be agreed with the Council's Network Management Team. Asks that the number of loads travelling via Bonnyhale Road is 	<p>The requirement for traffic management for movement of AILs across the B1392 is noted by the Applicant.</p> <p>The number of AILs that need to access the Site via Bonnyhale Road is expected to be similar to the number of AILs using that</p>	

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			<p>restricted, as per previous applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that the use of Chapel Lane as emergency vehicle access only is acceptable. Notes that it is unclear whether localised widening on the A18 at the site access to provide a ghost island, as included in the Keadby CCS Power Station DCO, is still proposed. If not, the Council asks to see rationale for this decision included in the Transport Statement. 	<p>route for Keadby 2 Power Station construction.</p> <p>The Applicant notes NLC's acceptance of the use of Chapel Lane for potential emergency access only and has confirmed to NLC that there are no plans to provide a ghost island at the A18 site entrance, as NLC indicated this was not needed or wanted for Keadby 3 CCS Power Station (the alternative to the Proposed Development).</p>	
			<p><i>With regards to archaeology</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that Chapter 15 of the PEI Report refers to Appendix 15A Cultural 	<p>The Applicant contacted NLC promptly to rectify the website issue with accessing PEI Report</p>	

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			<p>Heritage Desk Based Assessment, which was not available on the project website, therefore no further comments can be made at this stage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes consultation is ongoing with the Applicant's archaeological consultant to agree an appropriate mitigation strategy once further construction details are known. Confirms that the archaeological mitigation strategy will be based on the previously agreed mitigation strategy for the Keadby CCS DCO. 	<p>Appendix 15A and has been engaging with NLC's Archaeological Advisor regarding the archaeological mitigation strategy for the Proposed Development (based on the mitigation previously agreed for the Keadby 3 CCS Power Station project).</p>	
<i>With regards to contaminated land</i>					

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes agreement with the recommendations within the PEI Report (Chapter 13, 13.6.3) and will await submission of the ground investigation to provide further comments. 	Comments supporting the recommendations of the contaminated land assessment are noted by the Applicant.	
			<p><i>With regards to noise</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request that if there is a need for construction works to take place during noise sensitive hours, that these are notified and agreed with the local planning authority in writing prior to commencement. Recommends working hours in line with other local authorities in the area, in 	<p>The Applicant has engaged with NLC to discuss construction working hours and agreed to retain the hours proposed in the PEI Report, which are consistent with Keadby 3 CCS Power Station DCO.</p> <p>The Applicant has also engaged with NLC regarding the operational noise limit, explaining that based on the Applicant's discussions with potential OEMs</p>	

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			<p>order to protect residential amenity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that a noise rating level of +5dB above background is not considered to be acceptable. The Council would expect to see background levels to be met, where possible, to avoid impact on residential receptors and background creep. <p><i>With regards to air quality</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asks that the following statement is supported by evidence of vehicle movements and a comparison made to the appropriate IAQM/ EPUK Guidance: <i>"No detailed assessment of operational</i> 	<p>(equipment suppliers) it may not be technically feasible to achieve 0dB change. It has therefore been agreed with NLC that the +3dB operational noise limit agreed for the Keadby 3 CCS Power Station DCO will be retained for the Proposed Development.</p> <p>In response to NLC's comment, vehicle movements for operational traffic are provided in the air quality operational assessment in ES Volume I Chapter 8: Air Quality (Application Document Ref. 6.2.8) and compared to the screening criteria to justify</p>	

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			<p><i>traffic emissions has been made, as the numbers of additional vehicles associated with the operational phase of the Proposed Development are below the DMRB and IAQM screening criteria for requiring such an assessment”.</i></p> <p><i>With regards to conservation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that the proposals do not given detail of elevations, scales etc. of what the Keadby Next Generation Power Station would look like as opposed to Keadby CCS. 	<p>scoping out operational traffic air quality assessment.</p> <p>The Applicant clarified to NLC that the scale and elevations of the Proposed Development are smaller than Keadby 3 CCS Power Station as there is no carbon capture plant required.</p> <p>ES Volume III (Application Document Ref. 6.4) includes photomontages showing how the</p>	

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				Proposed Development will look from representative viewpoints.	
			<p><i>With regards to landscape and visual impact</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refers to relevant guidance for considering landscape and visual impacts. 	<p>The landscape and visual impact assessment presented in ES Volume I Chapter 14 (Application Document Ref. 6.2.14) refers to the relevant guidance highlighted by NLC (Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment 3rd edition).</p>	
			<p><i>With regards to habitats</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Site lies immediately adjacent to the Humber Estuary Special Area for Conservation (SAC) and Ramsar Site. Refers to the 	<p>The Applicant confirmed to NLC that a Habitats Regulations Assessment ('HRA') Report has been prepared to inform sHRA and an updated version of the draft published for statutory</p>	

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			<p>information required to be included within the Habitats Regulations Assessment and subsequent ES, and notes that this could include the “impact avoidance measures” described in the PEI Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirms agreement with the following species being scoped out of the EcIA: great crested newts, otters, bats (roosting), white-clawed crayfish and Schedule 1 bird species. • Notes that while the PEA and UK Habs surveys were conducted in March 2024, outside of the optimal survey period, due to previous developments on the wider Keadby Power Station site, 	<p>consultation was shared with the Planning Inspectorate and Natural England.</p> <p>The Applicant notes NLC’s positive comments regarding the scope and robustness of ecological surveys.</p> <p>An Outline LBMEP Report (Application Document Ref. 5.10) has been prepared to accompany the Application, and the Applicant has committed to undertaking updated ecological</p>	

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			<p>these habitats have been frequently surveyed over the last 5 years, and therefore there are unlikely to be any significant changes since the previous survey in 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that survey data indicates a protected species license may be required for water vole. 	<p>surveys prior to construction and developing a Water Vole Impact Avoidance Strategy, secured by Requirements in the Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1).</p>	
23	Associated British Ports ('ABP')	20/02/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that use of Railway Wharf for the transport of abnormal loads must align with the parameters set out and used in the Keadby 2 project. Notes concerns over a permanent structure on the River Trent as it is not possible to see what this would look like, as well as 	<p>The Applicant has engaged with ABP regarding the use of Railway Wharf and the preparation of the Navigation Risk Assessment (ES Volume II, Appendix 12C (Application Document Ref. 6.3.18)).</p> <p>The Applicant has confirmed to ABP that there are no proposed new permanent structures, temporary cofferdam or any other</p>	None identified.

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			<p>the option for a temporary cofferdam to be built in the River Trent. The cofferdam would have potential to cause disruption and be a navigational hazard to commercial vessels navigating on that part of the river. The structure may also have unforeseen effects on the riverbed. In the absence of detailed plan, it is not possible to fully assess the risk the cofferdam will have on commercial operations, and therefore ABP cannot agree with the proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends that any construction does not encroach any more into the river than existing infrastructure. 	<p>construction works in the River Trent (only the mooring of construction material delivery vessels at the existing Railway Wharf) and the Applicant has engaged with the Canal and River Trust regarding the temporary cofferdam in the Stainforth and Keadby Canal.</p>	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that ABP expect to be fully consulted at application stage. 		
24	Natural England ('NE')	20/02/2025	<p><i>With regards to air quality</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes reference to an HRA screening document in Chapter 8, Appendix 8A and 8B, however this document was not included in the document library or within the consultation materials. Several protected sites have a Process Contribution (PC) of less than 1% of the critical level yet have been discounted from further assessment without the consideration of in-combination impacts. NE would welcome clarification regarding these omissions. 	<p>The Applicant contacted Natural England to resolve the issue with the HRA Report not being accessible in the project website document library (only in the virtual consultation room).</p> <p>The existing contributions from Keadby 1 and Keadby 2 Power Stations are already accounted for in the air quality assessment and no other proposed developments have been identified in the cumulative impact assessment that have the potential for significant effects on the same receptors.</p>	None identified.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With regards to the methodological approach to screening for adverse effects, this is not aligned with NE's usual approach where anything over 1% PC, alone or in combination, should be screened into an Appropriate Assessment (AA). If the PC exceeds 1%, this indicates a Likely Significant Effect. Recommends that clear evidence is provided to support the statement that 'the most affected area within the Humber Estuary is unvegetated, meaning the most sensitive saltmarsh vegetation would not be impacted'. Notes that isopleths have been 	<p>The air quality modelling and assessment has been updated to reflect refined assumptions for the Proposed Development (e.g. revised stack diameter as described in ES Volume I Chapter 6: Consideration of Alternatives and Design Evolution (Application Document Ref. 6.2.6)). The HRA Report considers the updated air quality assessment findings, noting the Natural England guidance stating that a project resulting in an increase or no more than 1% of critical loads or levels can be regarded as insignificant.</p> <p>It has been concluded that stack emissions would make a negligible contribution to air</p>	

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			<p>provided for NO₂ and NO_x, but not for nitrogen deposition (Ndep).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes concern with treating Keadby 2 as part of the emissions baseline, as opposed to assessing Keadby 2 as an in-combination project, as this could downplay the need for mitigation by assuming its contribution is already accounted for, rather than assessing the potential for adverse effects from both projects together. Asks for written justification with regards to the baseline emissions methodology. 	<p>pollution and that there would be no Likely Significant Effects.</p> <p>Additional information has been provided on the relevant habitat locations within the Humber Estuary and isopleths of nitrogen deposition have been provided in ES Volume III Figure 8.10 (Application Document Ref. 6.4.17).</p> <p>The approach to the inclusion of Keadby 2 in the baseline has been discussed with NE and it was agreed that the approach is consist with the assessment carried out for the already consented Keadby 3 CCS Power Station project.</p>	

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			<i>With regards to water voles</i>		
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that updated surveys should be undertaken prior to the start of construction. Notes it is difficult to comment on the suitability of proposals without access to The Water Vole Impact Avoidance Strategy. Notes that prior thought should be given to the receptor area(s) as a result of 2024 surveys, which show Drain 1 to be at carrying capacity. The mitigation strategy should ensure that the wider water vole population is not fragmented by the development. 	<p>The Applicant has committed to undertaking pre-construction ecological surveys (including water vole) and this is secured by a Requirement in the Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1).</p> <p>The Water Vole Impact Avoidance Strategy will form part of the final CEMP, but the principles are set out in the Outline LBMEP Report (Application Document Ref. 5.10).</p> <p>The final strategy for water voles will depend on the findings of the pre-construction survey.</p>	

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			<i>With regards to otters</i>		
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Notes that updated surveys should be undertaken prior to the start of construction. If otters are found to be within the development footprint or surrounding areas, an appropriate avoidance-mitigation strategy should be drawn up.	The Applicant has committed to undertaking pre-construction ecological surveys (including otter) and this is secured by a Requirement in the Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1) .	
			<i>With regards to badgers</i>		
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Updated surveys should be undertaken prior to the start of construction.NE would like to see an indication of the distances of construction works from any Main Setts, with detail on the type of construction	The Applicant has committed to undertaking pre-construction ecological surveys (including badger) and this is secured by a Requirement in the Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1) . ES Volume II Appendix 11D: Confidential Badger Report	

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			proposed and its impacts to badgers before NE can comment on whether disturbance licence would be required.	(Application Document Ref. 6.3.12) provides information on the distances of construction works to badger setts, the nature of works and impacts to badgers. There are no setts that would need to be closed under licence, but the Applicant acknowledges that this will need to be reviewed following the pre-construction survey.	
25	Flixborough Parish Council	20/02/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes concern over the level of potential light and water pollution resulting from the Proposed Development. 	The ES presents a robust assessment of visual and water quality impacts from the Proposed Development in ES Volume I Chapters 14 and 12 respectively (Application Document Refs. 6.2.14 and 6.2.12) and an Outline Lighting Strategy (Application Document Ref. 5.11) is provided	None identified.

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				to set out how light pollution impacts will be mitigated by design.	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes concern over the risk that a robust supply chain for hydrogen cannot be secured, therefore dependence on gas will continue and contradict net zero commitments. 	<p>As part of SSE's responsibility to support the UK Government's net zero targets by 2050, we are focused on delivering a secure, low-carbon and flexible energy system. The Proposed Development forms a crucial part of this plan. The energy landscape is evolving rapidly and with it the need for newer, more efficient and more flexible generation capacity.</p> <p>The Proposed Development is being designed with the future in mind. The proposed plant will be highly efficient from the outset and capable of transitioning from</p>	

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				<p>natural gas to low-carbon hydrogen when it becomes viable, aligning with both the Government's hydrogen strategy and broader decarbonisation goals. While hydrogen production and infrastructure are still developing, our project is intended to be future-proof, ensuring we can adapt as technology and policy mature.</p> <p>Hydrogen infrastructure is an area in which the UK is investing heavily as part of its decarbonisation strategy. These technologies are critical stepping stones towards large-scale hydrogen production and a net zero power system. Moreover, without early investment in these projects and supporting infrastructure, we cannot expect</p>	

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				<p>innovation to accelerate. By signalling to suppliers that we are ready and available as a user of hydrogen we are hoping to further stimulate the hydrogen economy in the UK.</p>	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes concern over the publications used to advertise the consultation, resulting in “the correct audience not being made aware.” 	<p>We sent a mailout to 4,067 addresses in the local area. Whilst Flixborough was not in the mailing zone, we also put posters up in local venues and shared the notices in local newspapers (the Scunthorpe Telegraph, the Doncaster Free Press, and the Goole/Selby/Epworth Times), and had project documents available to inspect at several local venues (SSE Keadby Site Gatehouse, Scunthorpe Central Library, the NLC offices, and Crowle</p>	

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				Community Hub). The consultation methods, including publicity, were also all agreed with NLC prior to the consultation launching. The agreed methods were laid out in our SoCC, which was available on the project website.	
26	PD Ports	20/02/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land within the ownership of PD Ports Properties Limited and operated by PD Port Services Limited is proposed to be used for a construction access route. Notes concern over the impact of the proposed construction access route on PD Ports' interests, and at this stage does not have enough information to understand the potential impacts during 	The Applicant has engaged with PD Ports to ensure PD Ports understands the proposals and to discuss land rights. This follows on from previous engagement with PD Ports in relation to the Keadby 3 CCS Power Station project.	None identified.

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			<p>the construction and operational phases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests to meet with the Applicant to explain the impact of the Proposed Development on PD Ports' interests. 		
27	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	28/02/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the similarity in development footprint and ecological impacts to Keadby CCS Power Station. Notes concern over the lack of detail on mitigations to avoid or minimise impacts to a number of proximal Local Wildlife Sites. Asks to be registered as an interested party for both the Landscape and Biodiversity Management and Enhancement Plan and the 	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Impacts on Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) are assessed in ES Volume I Chapter 11: Biodiversity, Ecology and Nature Conservation (Application Document Ref. 6.2.11), including impacts associated with the construction of the canal water abstraction infrastructures in Stainforth and Keadby Canal Corridor LWS and replacement of Mabey Bridge which crosses Hatfield Waste Drain LWS. No</p>	None identified.

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			Water Vole Impact Avoidance Strategy, and requests early sight of these documents.	<p>significant effects have been identified.</p> <p>Landscaping and biodiversity mitigation and enhancement proposals are set out in the Outline LBMEP Report (Application Document Ref. 5.10). This includes measures to enhance habitat corridors associated with Stainforth and Keadby Canal Corridor LWS and Hatfield Waste Drain LWS, which are both located partly within the Site. The final LBMEP Report will be finalised and agreed with NLC in accordance with a Requirement of the Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1).</p> <p>The Water Vole Impact Avoidance Strategy will form part</p>	

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				<p>of the final CEMP, but the principles are set out in the Outline LBMEP Report (Application Document Ref. 5.10). The final CEMP will be finalised and agreed with NLC in accordance with a Requirement of the Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1).</p> <p>The final strategy for water voles will depend on the findings of the pre-construction survey.</p>	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objects to the increased use of fossil fuels in any new development, therefore notes concern over the unrestricted use of natural gas prior to the establishment of a local hydrogen supply chain. 	<p>The Applicant notes the Wildlife Trust's comments on use of fossil fuels. The Proposed Development is being progressed to help stimulate the hydrogen economy and is in accordance with Government policy relating to hydrogen to power.</p>	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests that consideration of upstream and downstream emission consequences based on the differing supply chain scenarios are included within the DCO. 	<p>The EIA considers all upstream and downstream related impacts. In particular the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions assessment considers a range of operating scenarios from 100% hydrogen fuelling to a theoretical worst case of 100% natural gas use throughout the operational life, and the GHG assessment also considers GHG impacts associated with the construction and operation of the hydrogen supply pipeline.</p>	
28	National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC (NGET)	07/03/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that if the Applicant wishes to acquire land, extinguish rights, or interfere with work within close proximity to any of NGET's apparatus or land, further 	<p>The Applicant has engaged with NGET in relation to land rights and in relation to the protective provisions included in the Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1).</p>	None identified.

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			<p>discussion on the impact of this will be required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that NGET will require an adequate form of protective provisions included within the Order. Refers to guidance and requirements for carrying out works in proximity to electricity infrastructure, including: statutory electrical safety clearances; requirements for encroaching on high voltage conductors; requirements for works potentially affecting pillars of support for towers; and requirements for access to and ground levels surrounding high voltage underground cables. 	<p>The Applicant notes the locations of NGET assets.</p> <p>No impacts on NGET's infrastructure have been identified and all works to connect to NGET's infrastructure will be undertaken in consultation with NGET. The Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1) gives the benefit of the Order to NGET for all works relating to Work No 4 (Electrical Connection).</p>	

No.	Consultee	Date	Summary of Comments	Regard to Consultation Response	Change(s) made to the Proposed Development
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests that the potential impact of the Proposed Development on NGET's existing and future assets, including any proposed diversions, is considered in subsequent reports, including the ES, and as part of any subsequent application. • Requests to be consulted at the earliest stages to ensure that the most protective provisions are included within the DCO application, to remove the requirement for objection. • Provides 'Third-party guidance for working near NGET equipment'. 		

No.	Consultee	Date	Summary of Comments	Regard to Consultation Response	Change(s) made to the Proposed Development
29	Network Rail (NR)	12/03/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that NR is a statutory undertaker, and any proposed development to be built either near the railway line or which could potentially affect NR's specific assets and/ or land interests, will need to be carefully considered. Confirms that the Proposed Development would involve interaction with an operational railway. Recommends that all potential areas of concern to NR are taken into account in the documentation for consideration at planning. Note that NR's Asset Protection Team in the eastern region must be consulted with directly. 	<p>The main access into the Site crosses the railway at the existing North Pilfrey Bridge. The Applicant will need to maintain the road surface during the life of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>Network Rail's Asset Protection Team will be consulted in advance of any works to the surface of the road over North Pilfrey Bridge. An enquiry was raised on the Network Rail Asset Protection portal on 7 August 2025.</p> <p>The Applicant has engaged with Network Rail in relation to the protective provisions included in the Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1).</p>	None identified.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests that a full investigation into the impact of the Proposed Development on all NR infrastructure in the vicinity is undertaken. Notes that a Basic Asset Protection Agreement or a Structures Agreement with NR may be required. Notes that NR have their own standard protective provisions for third-party development, and these must be included on the face of the DCO as a minimum. Offers two contacts to request a copy of the protective provisions. 	No impacts on Network Rail's infrastructure have been identified.	

Table 15.1d: Consultation responses to the first targeted consultation

No.	Consultee	Date	Summary of Comments	Regard to Consultation Response	Change(s) made to the Proposed Development
1	Canal and River Trust	23/04/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response from the Canal and Rivers trust confirming receipt of the targeted consultation documents. Confirms that the previous comments made in response to the Statutory Consultation (shared on 15 February 2025) remain applicable to the scheme. Notes change to the site boundary to reduce the extent of the project boundary in proximity to the Stainforth and Keadby Canal and confirms that the Canal and Rivers Trust have no significant issue with this. Notes the addition of land to the south of Keadby Lock and highlights that this relates to land sold by the Trust which may be subject to restrictive covenants of use. Advises the Applicant should ensure they have sight of any sale documents 	N/A	N/A

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			and negotiations with the landowner to ensure compliance with any covenant.		

Table 15.1e: Consultation responses to the second targeted consultation

No.	Consultee	Date	Summary of Comments	Regard to Consultation Response	Change(s) made to the Proposed Development
1	North Lincolnshire Council	28/05/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response from North Lincolnshire confirming receipt of targeted consultation. Comments from the LLFA Drainage Team. Notes that the flood data used in the PEI Report has since been superseded by newer Environment Agency data. Requests the FRA be updated to reflect new modelling in which defenced climate change scenarios for both 3.3% and 0.5% Annual Exceedance Probability defenced climate change scenarios are included. Notes requirement for robust mitigation. Notes from the North Lincolnshire Strategic Flood Risk Assessment that the critical infrastructure and manned buildings of the 	<p>An updated FRA has been completed (ES Volume II, Appendix 12A, Application Document Ref. 6.3.16) which includes the most recent modelling data provided by the Environment Agency.</p> <p>The Proposed Development is 'essential infrastructure'. As essential infrastructure,</p>	None identified.

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			<p>development should be set above the critical flood level of 3.8 meters AOD with an additional 300 millimetres of freeboard. Any deviations should be justified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that the development is part of a wider green energy scheme including carbon capture and solar, which, in combination, is likely to have a significant impact on local hydrology including impacts on surrounding village. 	<p>mitigation proposals have been defined appropriate to the operational needs of the Proposed Development. It is proposed that land on the main development platforms is raised to 3.0mAOD with critical infrastructure further raised to at least 4.0mAOD.</p> <p>The Proposed Development is not related to any large-scale solar development in the local area and is an alternative to the previously consented Keadby 3 CCS Power Station project. An outline drainage strategy for the Proposed Development is being</p>	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LLFA would welcome discussions with the applicant on opportunities for collaboration and investment in local flood management and resilience programmes. Comments on the historic environment include that good progress has been made with the applicant's archaeological consultant on appropriate 	<p>prepared and will be included as part of the FRA to accompany the DCO Application. This includes consideration of SuDS and provides for on-site attenuation of surface water and discharge at an agreed rate.</p> <p>Improvements in wider drainage and flood defence infrastructure are not included in the development proposals and are therefore not a matter for consideration in the FRA.</p> <p>The Applicant notes NLC's positive comments on progress relating to the</p>	

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			<p>mitigation. Confirming no further recommendations for archaeology at this time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirms no comments from other technical consultees. 	historic environment assessment.	
2	Environment Agency	04/06/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation of receipt and review of targeted consultation documents. Comments raised are in addition to those shared at statutory consultation. Notes additional land which overlaps with existing flood defences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“to enable access to an alternative anchor point at the Waterborne Transport Offloading Area at Keadby Railway Wharf”</i> <i>“an increase in the width of the proposed Order Limit</i> 	<p>The areas that were added into the Order limits and the subject of the second targeted consultation will have no impact on existing flood defences.</p> <p>The area of land added into the Site boundary along the riverfront is only to enable the</p>	None identified.

No.	Consultee	Date	Summary of Comments	Regard to Consultation Response	Change(s) made to the Proposed Development
			<p><i>boundary around Mabey Bridge in order to accommodate developing design of the replacement bridge”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that development in these areas needs to avoid compromising the structural integrity of flood defences and not preclude future access for maintenance. Notes the addition of land which impacts Environment Agency owned land: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“addition of land within the Project Site to include an area to the south of the</i> 	<p>use of an existing access road and an existing mooring point for securing vessels. No physical works are proposed.</p> <p>The area of land around Mabey Bridge has been widened slightly – as the deck of the replacement bridge will be slightly wider. The flood defences will not be affected by the replacement of the bridge.</p> <p>Regarding the Environment Agency owned land, SSE have negotiated and substantially agreed with the Environment Agency a deed of easement for the gas pipe.</p>	

No.	Consultee	Date	Summary of Comments	Regard to Consultation Response	Change(s) made to the Proposed Development
			<p><i>proposed Natural Gas AGI to allow for an optimised connection to the National Gas pipeline”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that this land does not fall within existing lease and as such the applicant must contact the Environment Agency estates team regarding any works here. Notes addition of land which could impact fisheries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“extension of the proposed Order Limits further into the Stainforth and Keadby Canal to allow for construction and deconstruction of the temporary cofferdam.”</i> 	<p>Impacts on fish (including impacts associated with the construction of the canal water abstraction infrastructure in the canal) are assessed in ES Volume I Chapter 11: Biodiversity, Ecology and Nature Conservation (Application</p>	

No.	Consultee	Date	Summary of Comments	Regard to Consultation Response	Change(s) made to the Proposed Development
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcomes consultation on fish management plan. 	<p>Document Ref. 6.2.11). The additional area of the canal included within the Site is to allow a suitable working area around the temporary cofferdam and does not represent any change to the environmental impacts of this element of construction works.</p> <p>A fish management plan will form part of the final CEMP, which the Environment Agency will be consulted on in accordance with the draft DCO Requirement (Application Document Ref. 3.1).</p>	
3	National Gas Transmission	19/06/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments that the proposed changes to the order limits will impact more of a National Gas 	The Applicant acknowledges the presence of the feeder main, which is within the	None identified.

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			<p>feeder main pipe in proximity to or within the order limits. Comments that National Gas Transmission has easements for these pipelines which provides rights for ongoing access and prevents the erection of permanent/temporary buildings/structures, change to existing ground levels or storage of materials etc within the easement strip. Outlines the National Gas Transmission guidance for working in proximity to assets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that appropriate protective provisions need to be put in place and a Deed of Consent agreed for any works proposed within the easement strip. Key considerations are shared regarding work in proximity to 	<p>Order Limits because the Proposed Development requires a natural gas connection to the National Gas network.</p> <p>The Draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1) includes protective provisions for National Gas Transmission and gives the benefit of the Order to National Gas Transmission for all works relating to Work No 3A (Natural Gas Connection).</p>	

No.	Consultee	Date	Summary of Comments	Regard to Consultation Response	Change(s) made to the Proposed Development
			<p>National Gas Transmission infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that National Gas Transmission should be consulted as early as possible so that the most appropriate protective provisions are included within the DCO application. 		

16. Adequacy of Consultation Milestone

16.1.1. In 2024, the UK Government introduced new guidance relevant to the application for a DCO.

- MHCLG: Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects ('pre-application guidance').
- PINS: Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-application Prospectus (the 'Prospectus').

16.1.2. MHCLG's pre-application guidance and the Prospectus together set out the requirements for pre-application consultation for a DCO project, including an Adequacy of Consultation Milestone ('AoCM') document.

16.1.3. The Prospectus states the following in relation to the AoCM document:

"Engagement in a pre-submission Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM) intended to allow early consideration of the adequacy of consultation undertaken by the applicant and minimise risk at the acceptance stage. The AoCM should be programmed to occur early enough to enable applicants to consider how to undertake any additional engagement that may be needed, but sufficiently towards the end of the pre-application stage to assess the adequacy of the consultation that has been done. To inform the AoCM, the applicant will make a written submission to the Inspectorate which establishes the consultation undertaken to date, confirms the approaches set out in the Statement of Community Consultation, and summarises the consultation responses and the way in which they are shaping the application. Importantly, it should include the views and any relevant supporting material from local authorities if available."

16.1.4. The AoCM was prepared as an overview of the activities set out in this Consultation Report, which contains all the details of the Applicant's consultation process.

16.1.5. A draft AoCM document was initially shared with NLC on 1 July 2025. NLC confirmed on 11 July 2025 they are content that the AoCM document demonstrates that the Applicant has carried out statutory consultation in respect of the Keadby Next Generation Power Station Project in accordance with the adopted SoCC, which was previously agreed by NLC. NLC's response confirmed they consider that the consultation undertaken meets the requirements of Section 47(7) of the Planning Act 2008 and that the Applicant has met their statutory obligation in this regard.

16.1.6. The Applicant sent the AoCM document to PINS via email on 15 July 2025 to demonstrate how the Applicant's pre-application consultation activities had complied with the approach laid out in the SoCC, and satisfied the requirements

set out in the 2008 Act, the EIA Regulations 2017, the APFP Regulations, and relevant government guidance.

16.1.7. PINS provided comments on the AoCM on 21 July 2025 as part of its Section 51 advice. The regard the Applicant has had to this advice is discussed in **Section 18** (and **Appendix 18A**).

16.1.8. The AoCM can be viewed in **Appendix 16A**.

17. EIA Related Consultation

17.1.1. This section provides a brief summary of the EIA consultation that has taken place during the pre-application process. This is covered in more detail within the ES itself (**Application Document Refs. 6.1 to 6.4**).

17.2. EIA Regulations

17.2.1. The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 are the relevant EIA Regulations for a DCO application.

17.3. EIA Notification and Scoping – EIA Regulations 8(1) and 10(1)

17.3.1. At an early stage in the pre-application process the Applicant identified that the Proposed Development would be EIA development and that it would therefore be necessary to notify the Planning Inspectorate of its intention to provide an ES and also to obtain a ‘Scoping Opinion’ with regard to the scope and coverage of that ES. The letter to PINS can be found in **Appendix 17A**.

17.3.2. On 30 April 2024, the Applicant submitted an EIA Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate. The Scoping Report was accompanied by a letter providing formal notification under Regulation 8(1)b of the 2017 EIA Regulations of the Applicant’s intention to undertake an EIA for the Proposed Development and to produce an ES Documenting the findings of this. The Scoping Report also formally requested a Scoping Opinion pursuant to Regulation 10 of the 2017 EIA Regulations.

17.3.3. Following receipt of the EIA Scoping Report, the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the SoS) consulted the relevant consultation bodies in accordance with Regulation 10(6) of the 2017 EIA Regulations. A Scoping Opinion was issued by the Planning Inspectorate on 10 June 2024. This was accompanied by the responses received from the relevant consultation bodies. The Scoping Opinion confirmed that the SoS was broadly satisfied with the suggested approach and topics covered by the EIA but drew the Applicant’s attention to a number of general points as well as points made in respect of specific topic areas.

17.4. Approach to Preparation and Publication of Preliminary Environmental Information

17.4.1. Preliminary environmental information is defined in the 2017 EIA Regulations as *“information ... which (a) has been compiled by the applicant; and (b) is reasonably required for the consultation bodies to develop an informed view of the likely significant environmental effects of the development (and of any associated development)”*. The EIA Scoping Opinion provided by the Planning

Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS (and the comments received from the scoping consultees) was used to inform the Applicant's preparation of a PEI Report. The preparation of the PEI Report was also informed by further dialogue between the Applicant's environmental consultants and the host local authorities and key technical consultees.

17.4.2. The finalised PEI Report was issued for the statutory consultation by the Applicant and effectively represented a draft ES and NTS.

17.5. Regulation 13 Notification

17.5.1. As described in **Section 13**, in accordance with Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations ('Pre-application publicity under Section 48 ('Duty to publicise')), the relevant 'consultation bodies' were sent a copy of the Section 48 Notice during the statutory consultation.

17.5.2. Example copies of the letters and notices sent by the Applicant in accordance with Regulation 13 are provided at **Appendix 10A** and **Appendix 13A** respectively. Similarly, details of the EIA consultation bodies who were notified, as part of the 'Prescribed Consultees', are provided in **Appendix 9A** (see 9.2.5).

17.6. Preparation and Finalisation of the ES

17.6.1. Following the statutory consultation, the Applicant's environmental consultants continued to engage with the host local authorities and key technical consultees in respect of the preparation and finalisation of the ES to be submitted as part of the DCO application.

17.6.2. Each of the ES topic chapters in **ES Volume I (Chapter 8: Air Quality; 9: Noise and Vibration; 10: Traffic and Transport; 11: Biodiversity, Ecology and Nature Conservation; 12: Water Environment and Flood Risk; 13: Geology, Hydrogeology and Land Contamination; 14: Landscape and Visual Amenity; 15: Cultural Heritage; 16: Socio-economics; 17: Population and Human Health; 18: Climate Change; 19: Major Accidents and Disasters; 20: Waste and Materials; and 21: Cumulative and Combined Effects)** (**Application Document Refs. 6.2**) includes a table summarising the consultation that has taken place with consultees.

18. Section 51 advice

18.1.1. The Applicant sought advice from PINS during the pre-application stage. This included a request for feedback on draft versions of some application documents, which PINS provided on 16 July 2025. A summary of all the Section 51 advice the Applicant has received from PINS during the pre-application stage and how the Applicant has had regard to it is detailed in **Appendix 18A**.

19. Conclusions

- 19.1.1. The Applicant has complied with its requirements regarding consultation set out in the 2008 Act (as well as the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 ('the APFP Regulations') and Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ('the 2017 EIA Regulations').
- 19.1.2. The Applicant is committed to continued engagement with the local community, host local authorities, and key stakeholders following the submission of the Application, as well as throughout the construction and operation of the Proposed Development, should the DCO be made by the SoS.
- 19.1.3. This will necessarily be focused on the mitigation of impacts, as the main features of the Proposed Development which were established through the pre-application engagement and technical work (the 'front-loaded' process) have been largely fixed within the Application.
- 19.1.4. It is intended that the Applicant will continue to issue updates on the Proposed Development through the project website and press releases. Regular contact will be maintained with the host local authority and with other key stakeholders.
- 19.1.5. In addition to the above, there are statutory notification and publicity requirements pursuant to Section 56 of the 2008 Act that the Applicant will need to fulfil following acceptance of the Application for examination by the SoS. The Applicant is likely to adopt a similar approach to electronic and postal service as that carried out during statutory consultation. This will provide a further opportunity for interested parties to make comments, which will continue during the examination period.
- 19.1.6. The Applicant will take reasonable care to comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Planning Inspectorate's Privacy Policy.

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