



Section 55

Acceptance of Applications Checklist

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Section 55(2) Acceptance of Applications				
1	Within 28 days (starting day after receipt) the Planning Inspectorate must decide whether or not to accept the application for Examination.	Date received	28-day due date	Date of decision
Section 55(3) – the Planning Inspectorate may only accept an application if it concludes that:		Planning Inspectorate comments		
Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c): It is an application for an order granting development consent				
2	In accordance with sections(s) 14 to 30 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008), is the development a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) (or does it form part of an NSIP); and does the application state on the face of it that, in accordance with s31 of the PA2008, it is an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under the PA2008, or equivalent words? Does the	<p>Yes.</p> <p><i>The Application Cover Letter (Application Document Ref: 1.2) states:</i></p> <p><i>“We are pleased to enclose an application submitted on behalf of Keadby Next Generation Limited (the ‘Applicant’) (Company number 15866301) for a Development Consent Order (‘DCO’), that has been submitted to the Secretary of State (the ‘SoS’) for the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ), under Section 37 of ‘The Planning Act 2008’ (the 2008 Act) in respect of the Keadby Next Generation Power Station.”</i></p>		

	<p>application specify the development to which it relates (i.e. which category or categories in s14 to 30 does the Proposed Development fall)?</p> <p>If the development does not fall within the categories in s14 to 30, has a direction been given by the Secretary of State under s35 of the PA2008 for the development to be treated as development for which development consent is required?</p>	<p>and</p> <p><i>“The Applicant is seeking development consent for the construction, operation and maintenance of a combined cycle gas turbine (‘CCGT’) generating station with a capacity of up to 910MW electrical output with connections for cooling water, electricity, hydrogen, natural gas, and construction laydown areas and other associated development (the ‘Proposed Development’)..</i></p> <p><i>A DCO is required for the Proposed Development as it falls within the definition and thresholds for a ‘Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project’ (a ‘NSIP’) under Sections 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and (2) of the 2008 Act, as it is an onshore generating station in England that would have a generating capacity greater than 50MW. As such, a DCO application is required to authorise the Proposed Development in accordance with Section 31 of the 2008 Act. The DCO, if made by the SoS for DESNZ would be known as the ‘Keadby Next Generation Power Station Order’ (the Order). The NSIP and associated development are formally described in Schedule 1 of the draft DCO (Application Document Ref: 3.1) and the Planning Statement (Application Document Ref: 5.5)”</i></p>
3	Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)	
Section 55(3)(e): The Applicant in relation to the application made has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure)		
4	<p>In accordance with Regulation 8 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations), did the Applicant (prior to carrying out consultation in accordance with s42) either (a) request the Planning Inspectorate adopt a Screening Opinion in</p>	<p>Yes. On 30 April 2024, the Applicant notified the Secretary of State (SoS) under Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations) that it proposes to provide an Environmental Statement (ES) in respect of the Proposed Development and by virtue of Regulation 6(2)(a), the Proposed Development is ‘EIA development’.</p>

	respect of the development to which the application relates, or (b) notify the Planning Inspectorate in writing that it proposed to provide an Environmental Statement in respect of that development?	<p>The Applicant also formally requested a Scoping Opinion from the Planning Inspectorate under Regulation 10 of the EIA Regulations, accompanied by the necessary information to inform the request, the Scoping Report.</p> <p>The Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report is provided in Environmental Statement ('ES') Appendix 1A (Application Document Ref: 6.3.1). The Planning Inspectorate's Scoping Opinion, dated 10 June 2024, is also provided in ES Appendix 1B (Application Document Ref: 6.3.2). The Scoping Opinion acknowledges the Applicant's notice at paragraph 1.0.1. Notice of the Applicant's proposal to provide an Environmental Statement was given prior to carrying out consultation in accordance with s42 of the PA 2008.</p>
5	<p>Have any Adequacy of Consultation Representations been received from 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' local authorities; and if so, do they confirm that the Applicant has complied with the duties under s42, s47 and s48?</p> <p>Section 55(4) of the PA2008 provides that the Planning Inspectorate must have regard to the Consultation Report, and any Adequacy of Consultation Representations received.</p>	<p>The Applicant provided the draft Adequacy of Consultation Milestone ('AoCM') to the host local authority, North Lincolnshire Council ('NLC') on 1 July 2025. NLC confirmed on 11 July 2025 that the Applicant has carried out its pre-application consultation in accordance with its Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC') and met the requirements of S47(7) of the Planning Act 2008.</p> <p>It is envisaged that the Planning Inspectorate will request upon submission of the Application that relevant local authorities provide an adequacy of consultation statement pursuant to s55(4)(b) of the PA 2008 and PINS Advice 'Advice for Local Authorities'. The Applicant is not aware of any issues that the local authorities have had with the adequacy of consultation.</p>
Section 42: Duty to consult		
Did the Applicant consult the applicable persons set out in s42 of the PA2008 about the proposed application?		
6	Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed?	Yes.

	<p>The persons prescribed are the statutory consultees set out in Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the APFP Regulations).</p>	<p>The approach to identifying and consulting persons under s42(1)(a) is described in Chapters 9 and 10 in respect of the Statutory Consultation and Chapter 14 in respect of the First and Second Targeted Consultation of the Consultation Report (Application Document Ref: 5.1.1).</p> <p>Letters were issued by Royal Mail First Class Post on 8th January 2025 for the Statutory Consultation and were also emailed (where email addresses were available) on the same date.</p> <p>Letters were issued by Royal Mail Tracked Delivery to arrive on 17 April 2025 for the First Targeted Consultation and via Royal Mail Tracked Delivery to arrive on 9 May 2025 for the Second Targeted Consultation.</p> <p>The Applicant has provided a list of persons consulted under s42(1)(a) for the Statutory Consultation, First Targeted Consultation and Second Targeted Consultation in Appendix 9A and Section 14.2 and 14.3 respectively of the Consultation Report (Application Document Ref: 5.1.1).</p> <p>An example of the Section 48 Notice is included at Appendix 13A of the Consultation Report (Application Document Ref: 5.1.1).</p>
7	<p>Section 42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation(MMO)?</p> <p>The MMO must be consulted in any case where the Proposed Development would affect, or would be likely to affect, any of the areas specified in s42(2) of the PA2008.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>A letter was sent to the Marine Management Organisation ('MMO') by Royal Mail First Class Post on 8th January 2025 for the Statutory Consultation. The letter included a secure fileshare link to the consultation documents and materials and the Section 48 notice.</p> <p>Chapters 9 and 10 of the Consultation Report (Application Document Ref. 5.1.1) describe how the Applicant has carried out consultation with the Section 42(1)(aa) persons.</p>
8	<p>Section 42(1)(b) each local authority within s43?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Each local authority within Section 43 was consulted by letter sent by Royal Mail First Class post and email on 8th January 2025 for the statutory consultation. The</p>

	<p>Definition of 'local authority' in s43(3) of the PA2008: The 'B' authority where the application land is in the authority's area; the 'A' authority where any part of the boundary of A's area is also a part of the boundary of B's area; the 'C' authority (upper tier) where the application land is in that authority's area; the 'D' authority (upper tier) where such an authority shares a boundary with a 'C' authority.</p>	<p>letter included a fileshare link to the consultation documents and the combined Section notice.</p> <p>The local authorities consulted were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NLC • East Riding of Yorkshire Council • Lincolnshire County Council • Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council • Nottinghamshire County Council • North East Lincolnshire Council • Bassetlaw District Council • West Lindsey District Council <p>NLC was issued a letter by Royal Mail Tracked Delivery to arrive on 17 April 2025 for the First Targeted Consultation and via Royal Mail Tracked Delivery to arrive on 9 May 2025 for the Second Targeted Consultation.</p> <p>Chapters 9 and 10 of the Consultation Report (Application Document Ref. 5.1.1) describe how the Applicant has carried out consultation with the Section 42(1)(b) authorities.</p>
9	<p>Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?</p>	<p>Not applicable – the Proposed Development does not fall within Greater London, therefore the Greater London Authority is not a relevant consultee in respect of the Proposed Development.</p>
10	<p>Section 42(1)(d) each person in one or more of s44 categories?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Letters were issued by Royal Mail First Class post on 8th January 2025 for the Statutory Consultation and were also emailed (where email addresses were</p>

	<p>Category 1: owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of land; Category 2: person interested in the land or has power to sell and convey the land or to release the land; Category 3: persons who would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim.</p>	<p>available) on the same date. The letters included a secure fileshare link to the Section 48 notice.</p> <p>A small number of letters were returned. Where this happened they were re-issued.</p> <p>Where the Applicant was unable to establish the owner of land or an interest in it, unknown landowner notices were erected on or close to the land in question and these were checked and maintained during the consultation period.</p> <p>Affected S44 persons were issued a letter by Royal Mail Tracked Delivery to arrive on 17 April 2025 for the First Targeted Consultation and via Royal Mail Tracked Delivery to arrive on 9 May 2025 for the Second Targeted Consultation.</p> <p>Chapters 9, 10 and 14 of the Consultation Report (Application Document Ref. 5.1.1) describe how the Applicant has carried out consultation with the Section 44 persons.</p>
Section 45: Timetable for s42 consultation		
11	<p>Did the Applicant notify s42 consultees of the deadline for receipt of consultation responses; and if so was the deadline notified by the Applicant 28 days or more starting with the day after receipt of the consultation documents?</p>	<p>Yes:</p> <p>Each of the letters issued pursuant to Section 42 clearly stated a deadline for the receipt of responses.</p> <p>The letters issued for the Statutory Consultation provided a deadline for comments of 11.59pm on 20 February 2025, therefore allowing in excess of 28 days to provide comments.</p> <p>The letters issued for the First Targeted Consultation provided a deadline for comments of 11.59pm on 29 May 2025, therefore allowing in excess of 28 days to provide comments.</p> <p>The letter issued for the Second Targeted Consultation provided a deadline for comments of no later than 11.59pm on 20th June 2025, again, in excess of 28 days.</p>

Section 46: Duty to notify the Planning Inspectorate of proposed application		
12	Did the Applicant supply information to notify the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application; and if so, was the information supplied to the Planning Inspectorate on or before the date it was sent to the s42 consultees? Was this done on or before commencing consultation under s42?	<p>In accordance with Section 46, PINS was notified of the start of the Statutory Consultation by the Applicant by letter (sent by e-mail only) on 8th January 2025.</p> <p>PINS acknowledged receipt of the Section 46 notification by email only on 10 January 2025. A copy of the Section 46 notification is provided at Appendix 10A] of the Consultation Report Appendices: Part 1 (Application Document Ref: 5.1.32. In light of the above, it is considered that the Applicant has complied with Section 46 of the 2008 Act.</p> <p>The Applicant also re-notified PINS in accordance with Section 46 about the First Targeted Consultation on 16 April 2025 (by email only). PINS acknowledged receipt of this Section 46 notification by email only on 17 April 2025. A copy of the Section 46 notification is provided at Appendix 14B of the Consultation Report Appendices: Part 2 (Application Document Ref: 5.1.3).</p> <p>The Applicant also re-notified PINS in accordance with Section 46 about the Second Targeted Consultation on 28 May 2025 (by email only). PINS acknowledged receipt of this Section 46 notification by email only on 2 June 2025. A copy of the Section 46 notification is provided at Appendix 14D of the Consultation Report Appendices: Part 2 (Application Document Ref: 5.1.3).</p>
Section 47: Duty to consult local community		
13	Did the Applicant prepare a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) on how it intended to consult people living in the vicinity of the land?	<p>Yes the Applicant prepared a SoCC. The Applicant's approach to preparation of the SoCC is described in the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Document and Chapter 8 of the Consultation Report (Application Document Ref: 5.1.1). A copy of the final SoCC is provided in Appendix 8E of the Consultation Report Appendices: Part 1 (Application Document Ref: 5.1.2).</p>

14	Were 'B' and (where relevant) 'C' authorities consulted about the content of the SoCC; and if so, was the deadline for receipt of responses 28 days beginning with the day after the day that 'B' and, where applicable, 'C' authorities received the consultation documents?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The draft SoCC was submitted via email to NLC on 11 September 2024. The email requested that NLC provided comments on the draft SoCC by 5pm on Thursday 10 October 2024 (i.e. 28 days after the day following the day it was received by NLC)</p> <p>The Applicant's statutory consultation on the draft SoCC is described in the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Document and Chapter 8 of the Consultation Report (Application Document Ref. 5.1.1).</p>
15	Has the Applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	<p>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 8D of the Consultation Report Appendices (Application Document Ref. 5.1.2).</p>
16	Has the SoCC been made available for inspection on a website maintained by or on behalf of the Applicant; and has a notice been published in a newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the land which states where and when the SoCC can be inspected?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>A printed notice publicising the SoCC was placed in the local publications on the dates of publication shown in Table 8.1 of the Consultation Report (Application Document Ref: 5.1.1). Copies of the notices as it appeared in those publications can be found at Appendix 8H of the Consultation Report Appendices: Part 1 (Application Document Ref: 5.1.2).</p> <p>Paper copies of the SoCC were placed in the local public information points shown in Table 8.2 of the Consultation Report (Application Document Ref: 5.1.1) from 9 January 2025 to 20 February 2025. Photographic evidence of the SoCC in the public information points can be found at Appendix 8F of the Consultation Report Appendices: Part 1 (Application Document Ref: 5.1.2).</p> <p>A digital copy of the SoCC was published on the Project Website on 9 January 2025 here https://keadbynextgen.com/library.</p>
17	In accordance with Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations, does the SoCC set out whether the development is EIA development; and	<p>The SoCC included confirmation that "The Proposed Development is considered an 'EIA development' under Schedule 2 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017" (Paragraph 3.9) and that "A PEIR</p>

	does it set out how the Applicant intends to publicise and consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information?	<p>(Preliminary Environmental Information Report) will be prepared and made available as part of the statutory consultation” (Paragraph 3.10). A copy of the published SoCC can be viewed at Appendix 8E of the of the Consultation Report Appendices: Part 1 (Application Document Ref: 5.1.2).</p> <p>Section 5 of the SoCC describes the variety of consultation methods the Applicant proposes to use including how the PEIR would be publicised and consulted on.</p>						
18	Has the Applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC?	The SoCC Compliance Checklist at Table 12.1 of the Consultation Report (Application Document Ref: 5.1.1) demonstrates how the Applicant undertook statutory consultation in accordance with the SoCC.						
Section 48: Duty to publicise the proposed application								
19	Did the Applicant publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner set out in Regulation 4(2) of the (as amended) APFP Regulations 2009?	Yes. The Applicant publicised the proposed application in accordance with the requirements of Section 48 of the PA 2008 and Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations as outlined below. Details of the Section 48 consultation are described in Chapter 13 of the Consultation Report (Application Document Ref: 5.1.1).						
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		<i>All published on 9 January 2025 and 16 January 2025</i>						

b)	once in a national newspaper;	The Times	9 January 2025
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	<i>London Gazette</i>	9 January 2025
d)	where the proposed application relates to offshore development – (i) once in Lloyds List; and (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal?	<i>Lloyds List</i> <i>Fishing News</i>	<i>8 January 2025</i> <i>9 January 2025</i>
20	Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in Regulation 4(3) of the (as amended) APFP Regulations 2009?	The Section 48 notice published in respect of the Statutory Consultation a copy of which can be found in Appendix 13A of the Consultation Report Appendices: Part 2 (Application Document Ref: 5.1.3) contained the required information as set out in the following sections.	

Information		Paragraph	Information		Paragraph
a)	the name and address of the Applicant.	1	b)	a statement that the Applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Secretary of State	1
c)	a statement as to whether the application is EIA development	8	d)	a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the Proposed Development	2,3,4 and 5
e)	a statement that the documents, plans and maps were available on a website	9 and 10	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection	9

	maintained by or on behalf of the Applicant. The statement must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature and location of the Proposed Development • The address of the website • The place on the website • A telephone number which can be used to contact the Applicant for enquiries in relation to the documents, plans and maps. 				
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	10	h)	details of how to respond to the publicity	12
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	14			
21	Are there any observations in respect of the s48 notice provided above?				
22	Has a copy of the s48 notice been sent to the EIA consultation bodies and to any person notified to the Applicant in accordance with Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations?	The Applicant sent a copy of the Section 48 notice to all the consultation bodies (as defined). Copies of the Section 48 Notice sent to all consultation bodies (as defined) can be found at Appendix13A of the Consultation Report Appendices: Part 2 (Application Document Ref: 5.1.3).			

s49: Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity		
23	Has the Applicant had regard to any relevant responses to the s42, s47 and s48 consultation?	<p>Yes. The applicant has had regard to any relevant responses received to the Statutory Consultation, the First Targeted Consultation and the Second Targeted Consultation.</p> <p>How the Applicant has had regard to the consultation responses is set out at Chapter 15 Consultation Report (Application Document Ref. 5.1.1).</p>
S50(3) Regard to guidance about pre-application procedure		
24	<p>To what extent has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects'?</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate must have regard to the extent to which the Applicant has had regard to guidance issued under s50.</p>	<p>Chapters 1 and 2 of the Consultation Report (Application Document Ref: 5.1.1) demonstrates how the Applicant has had regard to the current guidance.</p>
25	Summary: Section 55(3)(e)	
s55(3)(f) and s55(5A): The application (including accompaniments) achieves a satisfactory standard having regard to the extent to which it complies with section 37(3) (form and contents of application) and with any standards set under section 37(5) and follows any applicable guidance under section 37(4)		
26	Is it made in the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2 of the APFP Regulations, and does it include:	<p>Yes. The Application is made in the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2 of the APFP Regulations. A statement that explains why the application falls within the remit of the Secretary of State is provided in Section 4 of the Application Form (Application Document Ref: 1.1) and the Cover Letter (Application Document Ref: 1.2), amongst other locations within the documentation. Section 6 of the</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• a brief statement which explains why it falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate; and• a brief statement that clearly identifies the location of the application site, or the route if it is a linear scheme?	Application Form provides a brief statement that describes the location of the Proposed Development. The location of the Proposed Development is also shown on the Location Plan (Application Document Ref: 2.1).																
27	Is it accompanied by a Consultation Report?	Yes. A Consultation Report (Application Document Ref: 5.1.1) and Appendices to the Consultation Report (Application Document Refs: 5.1.2 to 5.1.3) are provided with the Application.																
28	In accordance with Regulation 5(4) of the APFP Regulations, where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets, has a key plan been provided showing the relationship between the different sheets?	Key plans have been provided for the following plans containing three or more sheets: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land Plans (Application Document Ref:2.2)• Works Plans (Application Document Ref:2.3)• Access and Rights of Way Plans (Application Document Ref:2.4)• Crown Land Plan (Application Document Ref:2.5)• Indicative Landscape and Biodiversity Plan (Application Document Ref:2.18)																
29	Is it accompanied by the documents and information set out in APFP Regulation 5(2)?	Yes. The documents and information required by APFP Regulation 5(2) are set out as listed below. The Application Guide (Application Document Ref: 1.3) states the documentation submitted with the respective Document References and APFP Regulation references.																
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	Regulations and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	<p>form part of the Application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary (Application Document Ref: 6.1) • Environmental Statement Main Reports (Application Document Refs: 6.2.0 to 6.2.22) • Environmental Statement Appendices (Application Document Refs: 6.3 ES Vol. 2, 6.3.0 to 6.3.28) • Environmental Statement Figures (Application Document Refs: 6.4 ES 		and success email (Application Document Ref: 3.3).
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c)		Vol. 3, 6.4.0 to 6.4.57) The Environmental Statement is based on the Environmental Statement Appendix 1A Scoping Report (Application Document Ref: 6.3.1); and Environmental Statement Appendix 1B Scoping Opinion (Application Document Ref: 6.3.2)	d)		
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
	An Explanatory Memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of provisions in the draft DCO	An Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Development Consent Order (Application Document Ref: 3.2) has been submitted with the DCO Application which explains the intended purpose and effect of the provisions of the draft Development		Where applicable, a Book of Reference	Yes. The Application includes a Book of Reference (Application Document Ref: 4.3). This meets DCLG's Planning Act 2008: guidance related to procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land.

e)		Consent Order (Application Document Ref: 3.1).	f)		
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
	A copy of any Flood Risk Assessment	Yes. The Application includes a Flood Risk Assessment at Environmental Statement Appendix 12A Flood risk assessment (Application Document Ref: 6.3.16)		A statement whether the proposal engages one or more of the matters set out in section 79(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (statutory nuisances) and if so how the Applicant proposes to mitigate or limit them	<i>Yes. A Statutory Nuisance Statement (Application Document Ref: 5.3) has been provided</i>
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
h)	A Statement of Reasons and a Funding Statement (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition)	Yes. The Application includes a Statement of Reasons (Application Document Ref: 4.1). In addition, a Funding Statement is also provided (Application Document Ref: 4.2).	i)	A Land Plan identifying:- (i) the land required for, or affected by, the Proposed Development; (ii) where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to	Yes. The Application includes the Land Plans (Application Document Ref: 2.2) showing the land required/affected by the Proposed Development. These are in accordance with Regulation 5(2)(i) of the APFP Regulations. Plots and descriptions listed within the Book of Reference (Application Document Ref. 4.3) are

j)			k)	<p>exercise powers of Compulsory Acquisition or any rights to use land;</p> <p>(iii) any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights; and</p> <p>(iv) any special category land and replacement land</p>	consistent with the plots shown on the Land Plans.
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	<p>A Works Plan showing, in relation to existing features:-</p> <p>(i) the proposed location or (for a linear scheme) the proposed route and alignment of the development and works; and</p>	<p>The Application includes the Works Plan (Application Document Ref: 2.3)</p> <p>The Works Plans accord with APFP Regulation 5(2)(j) and show the proposed location of the development and the limits within which the works are proposed to be carried out.</p>		<p>Where applicable, a plan identifying any new or altered means of access, stopping up of streets or roads or any diversions, extinguishments or creation of rights of way or public rights of navigation</p>	<p>Yes. The Application includes Access and Rights of Way Plans (Application Document Ref. 2.4). These plans are in accordance with Regulation 5(2)(k) of the APFP Regulations.</p>

l)	(ii) the limits within which the development and works may be carried out and any limits of deviation provided for in the draft DCO		m)		
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
	Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:- (i) any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation eg sites of geological or landscape importance; (ii) habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features; and	Yes. the Application includes: •Indicative Landscape and Biodiversity Plan (Application Document Ref:2.18) •Plans of statutory and non-statutory sites or features (nature conservation) (Application Document Ref 2.19) •Environmental Statement Chapter 11 Biodiversity, Ecology and Nature Conservation (Application		Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of the historic environment, (eg scheduled monuments, World Heritage sites, listed buildings, archaeological sites and registered battlefields) together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features or structures likely to be caused by the Proposed Development	Yes. The Application includes: • <i>Environmental Statement Chapter 15 Cultural Heritage (Application Document Ref 6.2.15)</i> • <i>Environmental Statement Appendix 15A Heritage - Desk based Assessment (Application Document Ref 6.3.24)</i> • <i>Environmental Statement Figure 15.1 Locations of Designated Heritage Assets (Application Document Ref 6.4.53)</i> • <i>Environmental Statement Figure 15.2 Locations of Non-Designated Heritage Assets (Application Document Ref 6.4.53)</i>

<p>(iii) water bodies in a river basin management plan, together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features, habitats or bodies likely to be caused by the Proposed Development</p>	<p>Document Ref: 6.2.11)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Environmental Statement Chapter 12 Water Environment and Flood Risk (Application Document Ref: 6.2.12) •Environmental Statement Chapter 13 Geology, Hydrogeology and Land Contamination (Application Document Ref: 6.2.13) •Environmental Statement Chapter 14 Landscape and Visual Amenity (Application Document Ref: 6.2.14) •Environmental Statement Figure 11.1 Statutory Nature Conservation Designations (Applic 			
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		<p>ation Document Ref: 6.2.14)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Environmental Statement Appendix 11A Biodiversity - Legislation and Planning Policy (Application Document Ref: 6.3.9) •Environmental Statement Appendix 11B Biodiversity - EclA Methods (Application Document Ref: 6.3.10) •Environmental Statement Appendix 11C Biodiversity - PEA (Application Document Ref: 6.3.11) •Environmental Statement Appendix 11D Biodiversity - Badger Report (Application Document Ref: 6.3.12) 			
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Environmental Statement Appendix 11E Biodiversity - Riparian mammal (Application Document Ref: 6.3.13) •Environmental Statement Appendix 11F Biodiversity - Aquatic ecology (Application Document Ref: 6.3.14) •Environmental Statement Appendix 11G Biodiversity - Breeding birds (Application Document Ref: 6.3.15) •Environmental Statement Appendix 14A Landscape - LVIA methodology (Application Document Ref: Application Document Ref:6.3.22) 			
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Environmental Statement Appendix 14B Landscape - Landscape character (Application Document Ref: 6.3.23) •Environmental Statement Figure 8.2 Operational Study Area - Ecological Receptors (Application Document Ref: 6.4.8) •Environmental Statement Figure 8.3 Construction Study Area (Application Document Ref: 6.4.9) •Environmental Statement Figure 11.1 Statutory Nature Conservation Designations (Application 		
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		<p>Document Ref: 6.4.20)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Environmental Statement Figure 11.2 Non-statutory Nature Conservation Designations (Application Document Ref: 6.4.21) •Environmental Statement Figure 12.1 Surface Waterbodies and their Attributes (Application Document Ref: 6.4.22) •Environmental Statement Figure 12.2 Groundwater Waterbodies and their Attributes (Application Document Ref: 6.4.23) •Environmental Statement Figure 12.4 Ecologically Designated Sites 			
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		<p>Relevant to the Water Environment (Application Document Ref: 6.4.25)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Environmental Statement Figure 12.5 Internal Drainage Board Assets (Application Document Ref: 6.4.26) •Environmental Statement Figure 13.1 Identified Historical and Current Areas of Potential Contamination (Application Document Ref: 6.4.27) •Environmental Statement Figure 14.1 Landscape Character Areas and Types (Application Document Ref: 6.4.28) 			
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	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land	<p>Yes. the Application includes:</p> <p>Crown Land Plans (Application Document Ref: 2.5)</p>		<p>Any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the development consent proposal showing details of design, external appearance, and the preferred layout of buildings, structures, drainage, surface water management, means of vehicular and pedestrian</p>	<p>Yes. The Application includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Site Location Plan (Application Document Ref: 2.1) •Indicative Proposed Power Station Layout, Elevations and Sections Plans (Application Application Document Ref: 2.6) •Indicative Electrical Connection Plans (Application Document Ref: 2.7) •Indicative Water Supply and Effluent Discharge Connection Plans (Application Document Ref: 2.8)

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	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Are they of a satisfactory standard?	
	Any of the documents prescribed by Regulation 6 of the APFP Regulations:	<i>The Electricity Grid Connection Statement (Application</i>		Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	Yes. The Application includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Application Cover Letter (Application Document Ref: 1.2)

	<p><i>Document Ref:7.1) which describes who will be responsible for designing and building the connection to the electricity grid has been submitted in accordance with Regulation 6(1)(a)(i) of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the 'APFP Regs').</i></p> <p><i>The Hydrogen Connection Statement (Application Document Ref:7.2) describes who will be responsible for designing and building the proposed hydrogen connection and the Natural Gas Connection Statement</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Application Guide (Application Document Ref: 1.3) •Notices for Statutory Publicity (Application Document Ref: 1.4) •Pre-application Programme Document (Application Document Ref: 1.5) •Section 55 Checklist (Application Document Ref: 1.6) (This document) •Draft Development Consent Order Validation Report success email (Application Document Ref: 3.3) •Pre-application Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker (Application Document Ref: 4.4) •Consultation Report (Application Document Ref: 5.1.1) •Consultation Report Appendices: Part 1 (Application Document Ref: 5.1.2) •Consultation Report Appendices: Part 2 (Application Document Ref: 5.1.3) •Schedule of Other Consents and Licences (Application Document Ref:5.4) •Planning Statement (Application Document Ref:5.5) •Design and Access Statement (Application Document Ref:5.6) •Potential Main Issues for Examination (Application Document Ref:5.7)
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		<i>(Application Document Ref:7.3) describes who will be responsible for designing and building the proposed natural gas connection for the Proposed Development. Both documents have been submitted to comply with Regulation 6(1)(a)(ii) of the APFP Regs.</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Combined Heat and Power Assessment (Application Document Ref:5.8) •Carbon Capture Readiness Statement (Application Document Ref:5.9) •Outline Landscape and Biodiversity Management and Enhancement Plan Report (Application Document Ref:5.10) •Outline Lighting Strategy (Application Document Ref:5.11) •Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (Application Document Ref:7.5) •Outline Construction Workers Travel Plan (Application Document Ref:7.6) •Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Application Document Ref:7.7) •Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy (Application Document Ref:7.8)
	Are they of a satisfactory standard?			Are they of a satisfactory standard?	
30	Are there any observations in respect of the documents provided at Box 29 (a) to (q) above?				
31	In accordance with Regulation 5(2)(g) of the APFP Regulations, is the application		<i>Yes, the Application includes: Habitats Regulations Assessment Report (Application Document Ref:5.2)</i>		

	accompanied by a report identifying any European site(s) to which Regulation 48 of The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 applies; or any Ramsar site(s), which may be affected by the Proposed Development, together with sufficient information that will enable the Secretary of State to make an appropriate assessment of the implications for the site if required by Regulation 48(1)?	
32	In accordance with Regulation 5(2)(r) of the APFP Regulations, if requested by the Planning Inspectorate, have two paper copies of the application form and other supporting documents and plans been provided?	PINS has confirmed to the Applicant that two paper copies of the application form or other application documents and plans would not be necessary.
33	Has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance'?	Yes. The Application Cover Letter (Application Document Ref: 1.2) confirms that the Applicant has had regard to the statutory guidance on the preparation of the DCO Application.
34	Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)	
The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended)		
Pre-application fee		
35	<p>Were all pre-application fees paid before the application was made?</p> <p>Pre-application services for which a fee can be charged is defined in Regulation 2A(8) and includes services listed within Schedule</p>	Yes. All pre-application fees were paid before the application was made.

	1 of the Fees Regulations 2010. Fees for pre-application services apply to all proposed applications, from the inception meeting. These fees must be paid within 28 days of the invoice. If the applicant fails to pay the fee within 28 days, the Planning Inspectorate will not provide the applicant with any further pre-application services or take any further steps in relation to the proposed application.	
Fees to accompany an application		
36	<p>Was the fee paid at the same time that the application was made?</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate must charge the Applicant a fee in respect of the decision by the Planning Inspectorate under section 55 of the PA2008. If the Applicant fails to pay the fee, the Planning Inspectorate need not consider the application until payment is received. The fee must be paid at the same time that the application is made</p>	The required fee on submission of [REDACTED] was paid to PINS received by the PINS finance team on 15 August 2025.

Role	Electronic signature	Date
Case Manager		

Acceptance Inspector		
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