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# 1 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
		06 February 2026	06 March 2026	
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	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The Proposed Development is for an above 100MW (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating station and associated development comprising Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), substations, grid connection and other infrastructure integral to the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning phases. As such, it meets the definition of an NSIP as</p>		

	<p>consent order (DCO) under the PA2008, or equivalent words? Does the application specify the development to which it relates, meaning which category or categories in s14 to 30 does the proposed development fall)?</p> <p>If the development does not fall within the categories in s14 to 30, has a direction been given by the Secretary of State under s35 of the PA2008 for the development to be treated as development for which development consent is required?</p>	<p>defined in s14(1)(a) of the PA2008 ('the construction or extension of a generating station').</p> <p>In accordance with s.15(2) of the PA2008 (as amended by The Infrastructure Planning (Onshore Wind and Solar Generation) Order 2025), the Proposed Development is a generating station for the purposes of s14(1)(a) because it is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) in England;</li> <li>(aa) it generates electricity from wind or directly from sunlight;</li> <li>(b) it is not an offshore generating station; and</li> <li>(c) its capacity is more than 100 megawatts.</li> </ul> <p>In accordance with s31 of the PA2008, the application is for a Development Consent Order (DCO).</p>
3	<p><b>Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)</b></p>	
<p><b>Section 55(3)(e): The Applicant in relation to the application made has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure)</b></p>		
4	<p>In accordance with regulation 8 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA regulations), did the applicant (prior to carrying out consultation in accordance with s42) either (a) request the Planning Inspectorate adopt a screening opinion in respect of the development to which the application relates, or (b) notify the Planning Inspectorate in writing</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>(b) The intention to request a Scoping Opinion was discussed with PINS at the LVS Inception Meeting on 25 September 2024.</p> <p>A request for Scoping Opinion was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in accordance with Regulation 10(1) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) on 8 November 2024. In accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations, the Applicant notified the Planning Inspectorate of its intention to</p>

	that it proposed to provide an environmental statement in respect of that development?	<p>provide an Environmental Statement in paragraphs 1.1.1.7 and 1.5.1.4 of the EIA Scoping Report issued to PINS on 8 November 2024. This was prior to carrying out statutory consultation in accordance with s42 PA2008 which commenced on 26 June 2025.</p> <p>The Scoping Report is provided at Environmental Statement Volume 3 – EIA Scoping Report (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.01.01</b>).</p> <p>The Scoping Opinion was received from the Planning Inspectorate on 19 December 2024 and is provided in the Environmental Statement Volume 3 – EIA Scoping Opinion (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.01.02</b>).</p>
5	<p>Have any adequacy of consultation representations (AoCR) been received from ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’ and ‘D’ local authorities; and if so, do they confirm that the Applicant has complied with the duties under s42, s47 and s48?</p> <p>Section 55(4) of the PA2008 provides that the Planning Inspectorate must have regard to the consultation report, and any AoCRs received.</p>	<p><b>N/A</b> – the adequacy of consultation representations will be requested by the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>The Consultation Report (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01</b>) explains how, at a project wide level, the Applicant has had regard to the consultation responses.</p> <p>The Early Adequacy of Consultation Milestone document can be found in the Consultation Report Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.01</b>).</p>
<b>Section 42: Duty to consult</b>		
Did the Applicant consult the applicable persons set out in s42 of the PA2008 about the proposed application?		
6	<p>Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed?</p> <p>The persons prescribed are the statutory consultees set out in Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The Applicant consulted the applicable persons prescribed by s42(1)(a) on 26 June 2025 (statutory consultation) and 16 October 2025 (targeted consultation). The s42(1)(a) parties are listed in Appendix 7: Section 42</p>

	Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the APFP Regulations).	<p>Consultation Materials (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07</b>) of the Consultation Report (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.01</b>).</p> <p>The s42 list was produced using Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations. PINS did not identify any Regulation 11(1)(c) parties.</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><b>N/A</b></p> <p>The MMO is not a relevant consultee in respect of the Proposed Development.</p>
8	<p>Section 42(1)(b) each local authority within s43?</p> <p>Definition of 'local authority' in s43(3) of the PA2008: The 'B' authority where the application land is in the authority's area; the 'A' authority where any part of the boundary of A's area is also a part of the boundary of B's area; the 'C' authority (upper tier) where the application land is in that authority's area; the 'D' authority (upper tier) where such an authority shares a boundary with a 'C' authority.</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The Applicant has consulted the relevant local authorities. Please refer to the Consultation Report Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.01</b>) and Consultation Report Appendix 2: Consultation Approach for Local Authorities (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.02</b>).</p> <p>The Applicant consulted each relevant local authority as defined within Section 43 of the PA 2008 as per the list below.</p> <p>'B' Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Yorkshire Council</li> </ul> <p>'A' Authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City of York Council*</li> <li>• Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Middlesbrough Council</li> <li>• Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council</li> <li>• Darlington Borough Council</li> <li>• Westmorland and Furness Council</li> <li>• East Riding of Yorkshire Council</li> <li>• City of Doncaster Council</li> <li>• Wakefield Metropolitan District Council</li> <li>• Leeds City Council</li> <li>• City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council</li> <li>• Lancaster City Council</li> <li>• Ribble Valley Borough Council</li> <li>• Pendle Borough Council</li> <li>• North York Moors National Park Authority</li> <li>• Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority</li> </ul> <p>‘D’ Authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Durham County Council</li> <li>• Lancashire County Council</li> </ul> <p>By the time of the statutory consultation, City of York Council was no longer a ‘B’ authority, due to confirmation that the refined Order Limits of the Proposed Development do not enter the council’s area. This was confirmed subsequent to the Phase Two statutory consultation (26 June 2025 to 7 August 2025).</p> <p>Local authorities identified by the Applicant under Section 43 of the PA 2008 are listed in Table 9.1: Relevant local authorities under Section 43 of the Planning Act 2008, of the Consultation Report (<b>EN0110012/LVS/APP/05.01</b>) along with the dates during which they were consulted.</p>
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		A sample of the letter sent to s42(1)(b) relevant authorities is provided at Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials ( <b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07</b> ).
9	Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?	<b>N/A</b> The Proposed Development is not located within or in an adjacent authority to the Greater London Authority, therefore, Greater London Authority is not a relevant consultee in respect of the Proposed Development.
10	Section 42(1)(d) each person in one or more of s44 categories?  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.	<b>Yes</b>  The persons defined under s44 (Category 1, 2 and 3) were notified of the commencement of the Section 42 consultation in writing on or before 26 June 2025. A professional land referencing firm was employed to identify all the relevant land interests in Categories 1, 2 and 3. Details of the methodology used are provided in Section 9.5 of the Consultation Report ( <b>EN0110012/LVS/APP/05.01</b> ).  The persons consulted under s42(1)(d) (and therefore s.44 which is the categories for the purposes of s.42(1)(d)) are listed in Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [ <b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07</b> ].  A sample of the letter sent under s42(1)(d) to each person in one or more s44 categories is provided at Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials ( <b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07</b> ).
<b>Section 45: Timetable for s42 consultation</b>		

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><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The Applicant wrote formally to all consultees identified under section 42 of the PA 2008 to notify them of the consultation. Each of the letters issued to the section 42 consultees clearly stated a deadline for the receipt of consultation responses. Each round of consultation ran for a minimum of 28 days starting the day after receipt of consultation materials. The following dates and durations were set by the Applicant when notifying s42 consultees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 2, Statutory Consultation - 26 June to 7 August 2025 (42 days).</li> <li>• Targeted Consultation - 16 October to 20 November 2025 (35 days).</li> </ul> <p>Any individuals identified following ongoing diligent inquiry in and around the consultations were given at least the statutory minimum timeframe to provide comments.</p> <p>Samples of the relevant s42 notifications, including deadline for receipt of consultation responses are provided in the Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07</b>).</p>
<p><b>Section 46: Duty to notify the Planning Inspectorate of proposed application</b></p>		
12	<p>Did the Applicant supply information to notify the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application; and if so, was the information supplied to the Planning Inspectorate on or before the date it was sent to the s42 consultees? Was this done on or before commencing consultation under s42?</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Prior to commencing section 42 consultation, the Applicant notified the Secretary of State of its intention to submit an application for development consent under section 46 of the PA 2008. On 24 June 2025, the Applicant emailed PINS with a letter attached providing formal notice of the application for a Development Consent Order pursuant to Section 46 of the PA2008. A copy of the Section 46 covering letter is included in the Consultation Report</p>

		<p>Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07</b>).</p> <p>This date was prior to commencing consultation under s42 on (26 June 2025). PINS acknowledged receipt of the notification on 24 June 2025. A copy of this acknowledgement is included in Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07</b>).</p>
<p><b>Section 47: Duty to consult local community</b></p>		
13	<p>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>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>A statement of community consultation (SoCC) was published on 12 June 2025 in accordance with s47(1) of the PA 2008. The SoCC set out how the Applicant intended to consult people living in the vicinity of the Proposed Development. A copy of the final published SoCC is provided in Consultation Report Appendix 4: Statement of Community Consultation Materials (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.04</b>).</p>
14	<p>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>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>In accordance with section 47(2) of the PA 2008, the Applicant sent the draft SoCC to North Yorkshire Council (B authority) and City of York Council on 3 April 2025 with a deadline of 9 May 2025 for responses on the contents of the draft SoCC. This reflects a time period of 36 days for feedback to be received, exceeding the minimum 28-day requirement.</p> <p>Copies of the draft SoCC and a letter sent to North Yorkshire Council and City of York Council regarding how feedback on the draft SoCC was considered by the Applicant are provided in the Consultation Report</p>

		<p>Appendix 4: Statement of Community Consultation Materials (<b>EN0110012/APP/05.01.04</b>).</p> <p>Note: City of York Council was identified as a ‘B’ authority at the time the draft SoCC was shared. It was changed to an ‘A’ authority subsequent to the Phase Two statutory consultation (26 June 2025 to 7 August 2025). This change was made following refinements to the draft Order Limits that resulted in no land within City of York Council’s administrative area being located within proposed Limits of the application.</p>
15	<p>Has the applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?</p>	<p><b>Yes</b> – comments were received by North Yorkshire Council on 13 May 2025. (For the avoidance of doubt, no comments were received by City of York Council).</p> <p>The Applicant had regard to all relevant responses on the draft SoCC. The Applicant shared a response table with North Yorkshire Council to explain how their comments had been considered. The table is provided at Table 6.1 of the Consultation Report (<b>EN0110012/APP/05.01</b>).</p> <p>The final SoCC was published on 12 June 2025. This SoCC and the feedback provided can be found in the Consultation Report at Appendix 4: Statement of Community Consultation Materials (<b>EN0110012/APP/05.01.04</b>).</p>
16	<p>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>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The SoCC (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.04</b>) was published on <a href="http://www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk/documents">www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk/documents</a> on 12 June 2025. This website is owned and maintained by the Applicant.</p> <p>Copies of the SoCC were made available to view and collect from three Community Access Points (CAP) sites listed in the document and</p>

		<p>accompanying notice. Details of the CAPs can be found in Table 8.1 of the Consultation Report (<b>EN0110012/APP/05.01</b>).</p> <p>The publication of the SoCC was also communicated to key stakeholders, and any party that registered to be kept informed of project updates, by email.</p> <p>A Section 47 Notice was published in two newspapers circulating in the vicinity of the land, the Selby Times and the York Press, on 12 June 2025. A copy of the Section 47 Notice is provided at Consultation Report Appendix 6, Phase Two Consultation Materials (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.06</b>).</p>
17	In accordance with Regulation 12 of the EIA regulations, does the SoCC set out whether the development is EIA development; and does it set out how the applicant intends to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental Information?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The SoCC (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.04</b>) confirmed that the Proposed Development is EIA Development and that the Applicant would undertake an EIA in respect of the Proposed Development, and sets out what is involved in the EIA process including how the Applicant intends to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information.</p>
18	Has the applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The Applicant has carried out consultation in accordance with the published SoCC. A Statement of Compliance is provided in Section 6.7 and Table 6.2 of the Consultation Report (<b>EN0110012/APP/05.01</b>) confirming the same.</p>
<b>Section 48: Duty to publicise the proposed application</b>		
19	Did the applicant publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner set out in Regulation 4(2) of the (as amended) APFP Regulations 2009?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The Applicant had publicised the proposed application in the prescribed manner set out in Regulation 4(2). The Section 48 Notice is included in Appendix 8: Section 48 Consultation Materials (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.08</b>) of the Consultation Report</p>

		(EN0110012/APP/05.01). Details are set out in the Consultation Report Chapter 10: Notification and Publication under Section 48 of the PA 2008 (EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01).
		<b>Newspaper(s)</b>
		<b>Date</b>
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;	Selby Times and York Press  19 June 2025 and 26 June 2025
b)	once in a national newspaper;	The Guardian  19 June 2025
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	The London Gazette  19 June 2025
d)	where the proposed application relates to offshore development – (i) once in Lloyds List; and (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal?	<b>N/A</b>  The Proposed Development does not relate to offshore development.
20	Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in Regulation 4(3) of the (as amended) APFP Regulations 2009?	<b>Yes</b>  The Applicant included the required information within the Section 48 Notice, which is included in Appendix 8: Section 48 Consultation Materials

		(EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.08) of the Consultation Report (EN0110012/APP/05.01).			
Information		Paragraph	Information		Paragraph
a)	the name and address of the applicant.	Yes, see paragraph 1 (beginning “Notice is hereby given”)	b)	a statement that the applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Secretary of State	Yes, see paragraph 1 (beginning “Notice is hereby given”)
c)	a statement as to whether the application is EIA development	Yes, see paragraph 5 (beginning “Light Valley Solar is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development”)	d)	a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the proposed development	Yes, see paragraphs 2 (beginning “Light Valley Solar will cover a combined area”), 3 (beginning “Light Valley Solar is located entirely within the administrative boundaries of North Yorkshire Council”), and 4 (beginning “The proposed DCO will”)
e)	a statement that the documents, plans and maps were available on a website maintained by or on behalf of the Applicant. The statement must include:	Yes, see paragraph 7 (beginning “A copy of the PEIR”)	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection	Yes, see paragraph 8 (beginning “Hard copies of the SoCC and PEIR”)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the nature and location of the Proposed Development</li> <li>the address of the website</li> <li>the place on the website</li> <li>a telephone number which can be used to contact the applicant for enquiries in relation to the documents, plans and maps.</li> </ul>				
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	Yes, see paragraph 15 (beginning “A hard copy of the PEIR can be printed at a cost of £750”)	h)	details of how to respond to the publicity	Yes, see paragraph 16 (beginning “Feedback can be provided through”)
i)	a deadline for receipt of those responses by the applicant, being not less than 28 days following the date when the notice is last published	Yes, see paragraph 18 (beginning “Any response or representation in respect of the proposed DCO”)			
21	Are there any observations in respect of the s48 notice provided above?				

	The notice accords with Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008.	
22	Has a copy of the s48 notice been sent to the EIA consultation bodies and to any person notified to the applicant in accordance with regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>A copy of the s48 notice was sent to EIA consultation bodies as part of the s42 consultation. Details are set out in the Consultation Report Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.01</b>). A sample of the s42 consultation letter is provided in Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07</b>).</p> <p>The Applicant did not receive notification of additional consultees under Regulation 11(1)(c) of the EIA Regulations.</p>
<b>s49: Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity</b>		
23	Has the applicant had regard to any relevant responses to the s42, s47 and s48 consultation?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The Applicant has reviewed and had regard to all relevant responses made pursuant to s42, s47 and s48 in accordance with s49.</p> <p>A summary of relevant responses received to the Section 42 consultation is provided in Consultation Report Chapter 13: Section 42 Responses Received, Issues Raised and Changes Made (<b>EN0110012/APP/05.01</b>) and supported by Appendix 12: Section 42 Applicant Response Table (<b>EN0110012/APP/05.01.12</b>).</p> <p>A summary of relevant responses received to the Section 47 consultation is provided in the Consultation Report Chapter 12: Section 47 Responses Received, Issues Raised, and Changes Made (<b>EN0110012/APP/05.01</b>) and supported by Appendix 11: Section 47 Applicant Response Table (<b>EN0110012/APP/05.01.11</b>).</p>

		<p>No responses received by the Applicant indicated that they were submitted specifically in relation to the Section 48 notice. Any feedback to the Section 48 notice will have therefore been considered as feedback to consultation under Section 42 or Section 47.</p> <p>Further details of how the Applicant complied with Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the PA 2008 can be found in the Consultation Report at Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.01</b>).</p>
<p><b>S50(3) Regard to guidance about pre-application procedure</b></p>		
<p>24</p>	<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><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The Consultation Report at Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.01</b>) sets out how the Applicant has complied with the relevant guidance issued under s50, namely the <i>Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant infrastructure Projects</i>.</p> <p>In addition, in preparing the Application, the Applicant has also had regard to the following guidance published in April 2024 which relates to the preparation of an application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Planning Act 2008: Content of a Development Consent Order required for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects</i>, particularly when preparing the draft Development Consent Order (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/03.01</b>);</li> <li>• <i>Planning Act 2008: Guidance related to procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land</i>, particularly when carrying out pre-application consultation and in preparing the Statement of Reasons (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.01</b>) and Book of Reference (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.03</b>); and</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Introduction to National Infrastructure Planning Guidance</i>, which gives a clear understanding of the framework of the relationship between National Infrastructure Planning Guidance and the Planning Inspectorate’s Advice.</li> </ul> <p>Although not pre-application guidance, for completeness, the Applicant has also had regard to relevant updated Planning Inspectorate advice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-application Prospectus</i>, published 16 May 2024; and</li> <li>• <i>Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on the Preparation and Submission of Application Documents</i>, published 8 August 2024.</li> </ul>
25	<b>Summary: Section 55(3)(e)</b>	
<p><b>s55(3)(f) and s55(5A): The application (including accompaniments) achieves a satisfactory standard having regard to the extent to which it complies with section 37(3) (form and contents of application) and with any standards set under section 37(5) and follows any applicable guidance under section 37(4)</b></p>		
26	<p>Is it made in the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2 of the APFP Regulations, and does it include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a brief statement which explains why it falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate; and</li> <li>• a brief statement that clearly identifies the location of the application site, or the route if it is a linear scheme?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The Application is made in the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2 of the APFP Regulations.</p> <p>Section 4 of the Application Form (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/01.02</b>) explains why the development falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>Section 5 of the Application Form (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/01.02</b>) provides a brief, non-technical description of the application site including the cable corridor route.</p>

		<p>A Location Plan (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.01</b>) has been provided in the ES Figures as Figure 1.1.</p>
27	<p>Is it accompanied by a consultation report?</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The Consultation Report (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01</b>) includes the following appendices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.01</b>)</li> <li>• Appendix 2: Phase One Consultation Materials (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.02</b>)</li> <li>• Appendix 3: Post-Phase One Communication Materials (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.03</b>)</li> <li>• Appendix 4: Statement of Community Consultation Materials (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.04</b>)</li> <li>• Appendix 5: Design Workshop Materials (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.05</b>)</li> <li>• Appendix 6: Phase Two Consultation Materials (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.06</b>)</li> <li>• Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07</b>)</li> <li>• Appendix 8: Section 48 Consultation Materials (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.08</b>)</li> <li>• Appendix 9: Targeted Consultation Materials (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.09</b>)</li> <li>• Appendix 10: Post Phase Two Communication Materials (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.10</b>)</li> <li>• Appendix 11: Section 47 Applicant Response Table (<b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.11</b>)</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appendix 12: Section 42 Applicant Response Table (EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.12)</li> </ul>					
28	In accordance with regulation 5(4) of the APFP Regulations, where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets, has a key plan been provided showing the relationship between the different sheets?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>Key plans have been provided for all plans containing three or more sheets. These are provided for all relevant plans (EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.01 to EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12)</p>					
29	Is it accompanied by the documents and information set out in APFP Regulation 5(2)?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The documents and information required by APFP Regulation 5(2) are set out in the documents and locations within the application as listed below.:</p> <p>The Application Guide (EN0110012/APP/LVS/01.03) and the Electronic Application Index (EN0110012/APP/LVS/01.05) list the documents submitted and the accompanying APFP Regulation references.</p>					
<b>Information</b>		<b>Document</b>		<b>Information</b>		<b>Document</b>	
a)	Where applicable, the environmental statement required under the EIA regulations and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	An Environmental Statement together with supporting figures and appendices has been submitted with the application:  Environmental Statement Volume 1 – Topic Chapters (EN0110012/APP/LV	b)	The draft Development Consent Order (DCO)	Draft Development Consent Order (EN0110012/APP/LVS/03.01)		

		<p><b>S/06.01.01 to 06.01.18.00)</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement Volume 2 – Figures <b>(EN0110012/APP/LV S/06.02.01.01 to 06.02.17.01)</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement Volume 3 – Appendices <b>(EN0110012/APP/LV S/06.03.01.01 to 06.03.17.01)</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary <b>(EN0110012/APP/LV S/06.04.01)</b></p> <p>The Environmental Statement is based on the EIA Scoping Report <b>(EN0110012/APP/LV S/06.03.01.01)</b> and</p>			
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		Scoping Opinion ( <b>EN0110012/APP/LV S/06.03.01.02</b> ). Each chapter of the ES includes a summary of relevant scoping comments and how these have been addressed.			
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
c)	An explanatory memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of provisions in the draft DCO	An Explanatory Memorandum ( <b>EN0110012/APP/LV S/03.02</b> ) has been submitted, which explains the purpose and effect of the Draft Development Consent Order ( <b>EN0110012/APP/LV S/03.01</b> ).	d)	Where applicable, a book of reference	Book of Reference ( <b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.03</b> )
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	

e)	A copy of any flood risk assessment	<p>A Flood Risk Assessment and outline Drainage Strategy are provided with the Application:</p> <p>Environmental Statement Volume 3 – Flood Risk Assessment <b>(EN0110012/APP/LV S/06.02.15.01)</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement Volume 3 – Outline Drainage Strategy <b>(EN0110012/APP/LV S/ 06.03.15.04)</b></p>	f)	<p>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</p>	<p>Statutory Nuisance Statement <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.08)</b></p>
	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)	<p>Statement of Reasons <b>(EN0110012/APP/LV S/04.01)</b></p>	i)	<p>A land plan identifying:-</p> <p>(i) the land required for, or affected by, the proposed development;</p>	<p>Land, Crown Land and Special Category Land Plans <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.02)</b> showing the land required / affected by the Proposed Development. These are in</p>

		Funding Statement <b>(EN0110012/APP/LV S/04.02)</b>		(ii) where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of compulsory acquisition or any rights to use land;  (iii) any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights; and  (iv) any special category land and replacement land	accordance with Regulation 5(2)(i) and (n) of the APFP Regulations.  Plots and descriptions listed within the Book of Reference <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.03)</b> are consistent with the plots shown on the Land and Crown Land Plans.
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
j)	A works plan showing, in relation to existing features:-  (i) the proposed location or (for a linear scheme) the proposed route and	Works Plans <b>(EN0110012/APP/LV S/02.03)</b> have been submitted with the Application which accord with APFP Regulation 5(2)(j) and	k)	Where applicable, a plan identifying any new or altered means of access, stopping up of streets or roads or any diversions, extinguishments or	Works Plans <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.03)</b>  Public Rights of Way Plans <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.04)</b>  Street Plans

	<p>alignment of the development and works; and</p> <p>(ii) the limits within which the development and works may be carried out and any limits of deviation provided for in the draft DCO</p>	<p>show (i) the proposed location of the Solar Development Sites and Cable Corridor route, and alignment of the development and works; and (ii) the limits within which the development and each package works are proposed to be carried out.</p>		<p>creation of rights of way or public rights of navigation</p>	<p><b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.06)</b></p>
	<p>Is this of a satisfactory standard?</p>			<p>Is this of a satisfactory standard?</p>	

l)	<p>Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:-</p> <p>(i) any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation, for example sites of geological or landscape importance;</p> <p>(ii) habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features; and</p> <p>(iii) water bodies in a river basin management plan, together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features, habitats or bodies likely to be caused by the proposed development</p>	<p>(i) Environmental Statement - Volume 2 - Environmental Designations (Figure 10.2) <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.10.02.01-05)</b></p> <p>Published Landscape Areas (Figure 10.3.1) <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.10.03.01)</b></p> <p>Published Landscape Character Areas (Figure 10.3.2) <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.10.03.02)</b></p> <p>Statutory and Non-Statutory Natural Environment Sites and Features Plan</p>	m)	<p>Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of the historic environment, (for example scheduled monuments, world heritage sites, listed buildings, archaeological sites and registered battlefields) together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features or structures likely to be caused by the proposed development</p>	<p>Statutory and Non-Statutory Historic Environment Features Plans <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.09)</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement - Volume 2 - Designated Heritage Assets <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.08.01)</b></p> <p>Statutory and Non Statutory Historic Environment Features Plans <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.09)</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement – Volume 1 - Cultural heritage <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.08.00)</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement - Volume 2 - Designated Heritage Assets <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.08.01)</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement - Volume 2 - Heritage Assets and Non-Designated Heritage Assets</p>
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		<p><b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.08)</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement – Volume 2 – Statutory Designated Sites – International Designations 20 km</p> <p><b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.06.01)</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement – Volume 2 – Statutory Designated Sites – National Designations 2 km</p> <p><b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.06.02)</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement – Volume 2 – SSSI Impact Risk Zones 2 km</p>			<p><b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.08.02)</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement - Volume 2 - Unrecorded Archaeology</p> <p><b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.08.03)</b></p>
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		<p><b>(EN0110012/APP /LVS/06.02.06.03)</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement – Volume 2 – Non-Statutory Designated Sites 2 km – Technical Assessment</p> <p><b>(EN0110012/APP /LVS/06.02.06.04)</b></p> <p>Note that there are no sites of geological importance within the relevant study areas.</p> <p>(ii) Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment / Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment</p> <p><b>(EN0110012/APP /LVS/05.11)</b></p> <p>Tree Preservation Order and</p>			
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		<p>Hedgerow Plans <b>(EN0110012/APP /LVS/02.10)</b></p> <p>Environmental statement - Volume 3 - Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Tree Protection Plan <b>(EN0110012/APP /LVS/06.03.16.02)</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement – Volume 2 – Priority Habitats 2 km <b>(EN0110012/APP /LVS/06.02.06.05)</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement Volume 3 – Habitats Report <b>(EN0110012/APP /LVS/06.03.06.01)</b></p>			
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	<p>(iii) Waterbodies in a River Basin Management Plans <b>(EN0110012/APP /LVS/02.11)</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement – Volume 3 – Flood Risk Assessment <b>(EN0110012/APP /LVS/06.03.15.01 a)</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement – Volume 3 – Outline Drainage Strategy <b>(EN0110012/APP /LVS/06.03.15.01 b)</b></p> <p>Water Framework Directive Assessment <b>(EN0110012/APP /LVS/06.03.15.02)</b></p>			
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	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
n)	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land	Land, Crown Land and Special Category Land Plans <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.07)</b>	o)	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 access, any car parking and landscaping	Outline Environmental Masterplan <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12)</b> Crossings Schedule <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.01.01)</b>
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Are they of a satisfactory standard?	
p)	Any of the documents prescribed by regulation 6 of the APFP regulations:	Grid Connection Statement <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.10)</b>	q)	Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	Cover Letter <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/01.01)</b> Guide to Application <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/01.03)</b>

				<p>Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.04)</b></p> <p>Statement of Need <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.03)</b></p> <p>Planning Statement <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02)</b></p> <p>Design Approach Document <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.05)</b></p> <p>Design Parameters and Commitments <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.06)</b></p> <p>Other Consents and Licences Statement <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.04)</b></p> <p>Biodiversity Net Gain Report <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.09)</b></p> <p>Environmental statement - Volume 3 - Water Environment Regulations (Water Framework Directive) Compliance Assessment <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.02)</b></p>
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				<p>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02)</b></p> <p>Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03)</b></p> <p>Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.04)</b></p> <p>Outline Soils Resource Management Plan <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.14)</b></p> <p>Outline Site Waste Management Plan <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.10)</b></p> <p>Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.09)</b></p> <p>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05)</b></p> <p>Outline Environmental Masterplan <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12)</b></p> <p>Outline Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan <b>(EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.13)</b></p>
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					<p>Outline Battery Safety Management Plan (EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.06)</p> <p>Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12)</p> <p>Equality Impact Assessment (EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02.04)</p> <p>Potential Main Issues for Examination (EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.07)</p>
	Are they of a satisfactory standard?			Are they of a satisfactory standard?	
30	Are there any observations in respect of the documents provided at Box 29 (a) to (q) above?				
	No				
31	<p>In accordance with Regulation 5(2)(g) of the APFP regulations, is the application accompanied by a report identifying any European site(s) to which regulation 48 of The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &amp;c.) Regulations 1994 applies; or any Ramsar site(s), which may be affected by the proposed development, together with sufficient information that will enable the Secretary of</p>		<p><b>Yes</b>, a shadow Habitat Regulations Assessment Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.11) has been provided.</p>		

	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?	<b>Not requested</b>
33	Has the applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance'?	<b>Yes</b> The Application Cover Letter ( <b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/01.01</b> ) and Application Form ( <b>EN0110012/APP/LVS/01.02</b> ) have had regard to the relevant guidance.
<b>34</b>	<b>Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)</b>	
<b>The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended)</b>		
<b>Pre-application fee</b>		
35	<p>Were all pre-application fees paid before the application was made?</p> <p>Pre-application services for which a fee can be charged is defined in regulation 2A(8) and includes services listed within schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010. Fees for pre-application services apply to all proposed applications, from the inception meeting. These fees must</p>	<b>Yes</b>

	<p>be paid within 28 days of the notice. If the applicant fails to pay the fee within 28 days, the Planning Inspectorate will not provide the applicant with any further pre-application services or take any further steps in relation to the proposed application.</p>	
<p><b>Fees to accompany an application</b></p>		
<p>36</p>	<p>Was the fee paid at the same time that the application was made?</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate must charge the applicant a fee in respect of the decision by the Planning Inspectorate under section 55 of the PA2008. If the applicant fails to pay the fee, the Planning Inspectorate need not consider the application until payment is received. The fee must be paid at the same time that the application is made</p>	<p>The application fee of £8,946 was paid in advance by Island Green Power Ltd. on 14 January 2026.</p>

## 2 Signatures

Role	Electronic signature	Date
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