



Planning Inspectorate
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Section 55

Acceptance of Applications Checklist

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

Light Valley Solar 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
		10 February 2026	10 March 2026	9 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 consent order (DCO) under the	<p>Yes</p> <p>The proposed development set out in schedule 1 of the Draft DCO (Doc 03.01) includes development falling within the categories in s14 of the PA2008. The development is for the construction of an onshore generating station exceeding 100 megawatts (MW) in England and satisfies section 15 of the PA2008, including subsection 1, and subsection 2.</p>		

	<p>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>This is consistent with the summary provided in section 4 of the Application Form (Doc 01.02) which states that the application is for an NSIP.</p>
3	<p>Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)</p>	<p>The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the Draft DCO (Doc 03.01) includes development for which development consent is required.</p>
<p>Section 55(3)(e): The applicant in relation to the application made has complied with chapter 2 of part 5 (pre-application procedure)</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 that it proposed to provide an environmental statement in respect of that development?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>On 8 November 2024 the applicant notified the Planning Inspectorate in accordance with regulation 8(1)(b) of the EIA regulations of its intention to provide an environmental statement in respect of the proposed development. The notification was received before the start of statutory consultation on 26 June 2025.</p> <p>A copy of the notification letter is provided at ES Volume 3 - Appendix 1.1 EIA Scoping Report (Doc 06.03.01.01).</p>

<p>5</p>	<p>Have any Adequacy of Consultation Representations been received from ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’ and ‘D’ local authorities; and if so, do they confirm that the applicant has complied with the duties under s42, s47 and s48?</p> <p>Section 55(4) of the PA2008 provides that the Planning Inspectorate must have regard to the Consultation Report, and any Adequacy of Consultation Representations received.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>There are 19 host and neighbouring authorities, of which 6 responded to the Planning Inspectorate’s invitation to make an AoCR dated 12 February 2026.</p> <p>All 6 responding authorities confirmed in their AoCR that either the applicant had complied with its duties under s42, s47 and s48 of the PA2008 and/ or that their authority had no comments/ objections to make. These local authorities were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Yorkshire Council (B authority) • Lancashire County Council (D authority) • Bradford Metropolitan District Council (A authority) • Wakefield Metropolitan District Council (A authority) • City of Doncaster Council (A authority) • Leeds City Council (A authority) <p>All AoCRs received have been carefully considered and are available to view on the Find a National Infrastructure Project website: https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110012</p> <p>Additionally, the Planning Inspectorate received a submission from a member of the public in relation to the adequacy of the applicant’s consultation. This correspondence has been published here: EN0110012-000252-Nick & Louise Billingham.pdf</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate has considered this correspondence in relation to concerns bearing directly on the adequacy of consultation. The Planning</p>
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		<p>Inspectorate is satisfied that the applicant has complied with its statutory obligations. To the extent that other matters have been raised in the correspondence, the Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that these matters do not bear on the acceptance decision and therefore do not affect the conclusion that the applicant has complied with its statutory obligations. Parties can include such other matters as part of their Relevant Representations during the pre-examination stage and provide further comment on the application by way of making Written Representations at the appropriate time during the examination.</p>
<p>Section 42: Duty to consult</p>		
<p>Did the applicant consult the applicable persons set out in s42 of the PA2008 about the proposed application?</p>		
6	<p>Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed? The persons prescribed are the statutory consultees set out in schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the APFP regulations).</p>	<p>Yes The applicant has provided a list of persons consulted under s42(1)(a) on 25 June 2025 at appendix 7 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01). A sample of the letter sent to s42(1)(a) consultees is provided at appendix 7 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01).</p>
7	<p>Section 42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation(MMO)? 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>N/A</p>

8	<p>Section 42(1)(b) each local authority within s43?</p> <p>Definition of 'local authority' in s43(3) of the PA2008: The 'B' authority where the application land is in the authority's area; the 'A' authority where any part of the boundary of A's area is also a part of the boundary of B's area; the 'C' authority (upper tier) where the application land is in that authority's area; the 'D' authority (upper tier) where such an authority shares a boundary with a 'C' authority.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Table 7.3 of the Consultation Report Appendix 7 (Doc 05.01) lists the relevant local authorities that were identified and consulted under s43 and s42(1)(b) on 25 June 2025.</p> <p>The host 'B' authority was consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Yorkshire Council <p>The host 'C' authority was consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A <p>The boundary 'A' authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of York Council • Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council • Middlesbrough Council • Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council • Darlington Borough Council • Westmorland and Furness Council • East Riding of Yorkshire Council • City of Doncaster Council • Wakefield Metropolitan District Council • Leeds City Council • City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council • Lancaster City Council • Ribble Valley Borough Council
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pendle Borough Council • North Yorks Moors National Park • Yorkshire Dales National Park <p>The boundary 'D' authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durham County Council • Lancashire County Council <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42(1)(a) consultees is provided at appendix 7 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01).</p>
9	Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?	N/A
10	<p>Section 42(1)(d) each person in one or more of s44 categories?</p> <p>Category 1: owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of land</p> <p>Category 2: person interested in the land or has power to sell and convey the land or to release the land</p> <p>Category 3: persons who would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Paragraph 9.5 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01) states that all persons identified under s42(1)(d) were consulted on 25 June 2025.</p> <p>Paragraphs 9.5 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01) summarise how the applicant made diligent inquiry to seek to identify and consult persons with an interest in lands affected by the Draft DCO (Doc 03.01). The full methodology undertaken by the applicant is provided in Paragraph 9.5 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01).</p> <p>The persons consulted under s42(1)(d) are listed at appendix 7 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01).</p> <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42(1)(a) consultees is provided at appendix 7 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01).</p>
Section 45: Timetable for s42 consultation		

11	Did the applicant notify s42 consultees of the deadline for receipt of consultation responses; and if so was the deadline notified by the applicant 28 days or more starting with the day after receipt of the consultation documents?	<p>Yes</p> <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42 consultees is provided at appendix 7 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01).</p> <p>The sample letter dated 25 June 2025 confirmed that consultation commenced on 26 June 2025 and closed on 7 August 2025, providing more than the required minimum time for receipt of responses.</p>
Section 46: Duty to notify The Planning Inspectorate of proposed application		
12	Did the applicant supply information to notify The Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application; and if so, was the information supplied to The Planning Inspectorate on or before the date it was sent to the s42 consultees? Was this done on or before commencing consultation under s42?	<p>Yes</p> <p>The applicant gave notice under s46 on 24 June 2025, which was before the beginning of s42 consultation.</p> <p>A copy of the s46 notification letter is provided at appendix 7 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01) and a copy of s46 notification acknowledgement letter from the Planning Inspectorate is provided at appendix 7 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01).</p>
Section 47: Duty to consult local community		
13	Did the applicant prepare a statement of community consultation (SoCC) on how it intended to consult people living in the vicinity of the land?	<p>Yes</p> <p>A copy of the applicant's final SoCC is provided at appendix 4 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01).</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	<p>Yes</p> <p>The applicant sent the draft SoCC to North Yorkshire Council ('B Authority') and City of York Council ('B' authority (No longer B authority)) on 3 April</p>

	after the day that 'B' and, where applicable, 'C' authorities received the consultation documents?	2025 and set a deadline of 9 May 2025 for responses; providing more than the required minimum time for responses to be received.
15	Has the applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Table 6.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01) provides a summary of the consultation responses from North Yorkshire Council in respect of the draft SoCC and demonstrates how the applicant had regard to their content.</p> <p>Examples of changes from the draft SoCC to the final SoCC include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dates of consultation were added to the final SoCC. • The applicant noted this comment. The full schedule of events was set out in Section 8 of the SoCC. The date range of the events was also added to this paragraph in the final SoCC. • The applicant noted this comment. The closing date was added to the final SoCC. <p>The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the applicant had regard to the responses received when preparing the SoCC.</p>
16	Has the SoCC been made available for inspection on a website maintained by or on behalf of the applicant; and has a notice been published in a newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the land which states where and when the SoCC can be inspected?	<p>Yes</p> <p>The final SoCC was made available at the following locations, which is reasonably convenient having regard to the location of the proposed development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • document library on the applicant's project website • Selby Library • Barlby Library and Community Hub • Sherburn & Villages Community Library

		<p>A notice stating when and where the final SoCC could be inspected was published in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • York Press and 12 June 2025 • Selby Times and 12 June 2025 <p>The published SoCC notice, provided at appendix 4 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01) states where and when the final SoCC was available to inspect.</p> <p>Clippings of the published advertisements are provided at appendix 4 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01).</p>
17	In accordance with regulation 12 of the EIA regulations, does the SoCC set out whether the development is EIA development; and does it set out how the applicant intends to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Paragraph 10 of the final SoCC at appendix 4 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01) sets out that the development is EIA development and sets out how the applicant intended to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information.</p>
18	Has the applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Paragraph 6.7 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01) sets out how the community consultation was carried out in line with the final SoCC.</p> <p>Table 6.2 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01) sets out how the applicant has complied with the commitments set out in the final SoCC.</p> <p>Table 6.2 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01) provide evidence that the commitments within the final SoCC have been carried out.</p>
<p>Section 48: Duty to publicise the proposed application</p>		

19	Did the applicant publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner set out in regulation 4(2) of the (as amended) APFP regulations?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Paragraph 10 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01) states: “This section details how the Applicant has complied with Section 48 of the 2008 Act”</p> <p>Table 10.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01) displays the newspapers and dates of s48 publicity as set out below.</p> <p>A copy of the s48 notice is provided at appendix 8 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01).</p> <p>Clippings of the published notices set out below are provided at appendix 8 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01):</p>
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		Newspaper(s)	Date
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;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selby Times • York Press 	19 June and 26 June 2025 19 June and 26 June 2025
b)	once in a national newspaper;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Guardian 	19 June 2025
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The London Gazette 	19 June 2025
d)	where the proposed application relates to offshore development –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	N/A

	(i) once in Lloyds List; and (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal?		
20	Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in regulation 4(3) of the (as amended) APFP regulations?	Yes The published s48 notice, supplied at appendix 8 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01) , contains the required information as set out below:	
	Information	Paragraph	Information
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
c)	a statement as to whether the application is EIA development	5	d)
			a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the proposed development
e)	a statement that the documents, plans and maps were available on a website maintained by or on behalf of the applicant. The statement must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the nature and location of the proposed development the address of the website the place on the website a telephone number which can be used to contact the applicant 	7	f)
			the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection
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	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	8	h)	details of how to respond to the publicity
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	18		
21	Are there any observations in respect of the s48 notice provided above?			
	No			
22	Has a copy of the s48 notice been sent to the EIA consultation bodies and to any person notified to the applicant in accordance with regulation 13 of the EIA regulations?	Yes A copy of the s48 notice was sent to the EIA consultation bodies as part of the s42 consultation, as confirmed in paragraph 10.2.3 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01) . A sample of the s42 consultation letter provided at appendix 7 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01) confirms a copy of the s48 notice was enclosed.		
s49: Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity				

23	<p>Has the applicant had regard to any relevant responses to the s42, s47 and s48 consultation?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Table 12.2 of the Consultation Report (Doc 05.01) sets out how the applicant had regard to the consultation responses received; including whether or not responses led to changes to the application.</p> <p>The actions informed by the consultation responses appear to be reflected in the final form of the application as submitted. Where a particular response has not led to a change in the application, it is sufficiently clear that regard was had to it.</p>
<p>S50(3) Regard to guidance about pre-application procedure</p>		
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>Paragraph 1.5.1 of the Consultation Report Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance (Doc 05.01.01) states that the applicant has had regard to all relevant statutory guidance.</p> <p>The applicant submitted an adequacy of consultation milestone statement on 13 November 2025. The applicant has demonstrated that it has had regard to the advice issued by The Planning Inspectorate in relation to the statement in table 1.4 of the Consultation Report Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance (Doc 05.01.01) and the Application Cover Letter (Doc 01.01).</p> <p>Additionally, the Consultation Report Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance (Doc 05.01.01) sets out how the applicant has had regard to advice provided by the Planning Inspectorate under s51, such as relevant published Advice pages. However, it is not clear as to whether the applicant has had regard to all the advice issued by the Inspectorate, such as the need to include a section on the applicant’s view of the main issues for resolution in the Programme Document (though it is noted that a main issues section appeared later in the January 2026 version). The applicant also did not submit an Issues Tracker and a Land and Rights Tracker during the pre-</p>

		<p>application stage, which form part of the primary service features of the Planning Inspectorate’s 2024 Pre-application Prospectus (though the Planning Inspectorate was given sight of an emerging Issues Tracker with example topics at the Project Update Meeting on 17 November 2025).</p> <p>However, having reviewed the application, the Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the applicant has identified and had regard to the relevant statutory guidance.</p>
25	Summary: Section 55(3)(e)	<p>The applicant has complied with chapter 2 of part 5 (pre-application procedure) of the PA2008.</p> <p>In respect of the minor consultation discrepancies identified, s51 advice has been provided to the applicant and is available to view on the Find a National Infrastructure Project website: https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110012/s51advice</p>
<p>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)</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"> • a brief statement which explains why it falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate; and • a brief statement that clearly identifies the location of the application site, or the route if it is a linear scheme? 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Section 4 of the Application Form (Doc 01.02) explains why the development falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>Section 5 of the Application Form (Doc 01.02) provides a brief non-technical description of the site and section 6 provides the location of the proposed development.</p> <p>A Location Plan (Doc 02.01) has been provided.</p>

27	Is it accompanied by a consultation report?	Yes The application is accompanied by a Consultation Report (Doc 05.01) and Consultation Report Appendices (Doc 05.01) .			
28	In accordance with regulation 5(4) of the APFP regulations, where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets, has a key plan been provided showing the relationship between the different sheets?	Yes			
29	Is it accompanied by the documents and information set out in APFP regulation 5(2)?	The documents and information required by APFP regulation 5(2) are set out in the documents and locations within the application as listed below:			
Information		Document	Information		Document
a)	Where applicable, an environmental statement required under the EIA regulations and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	Environmental Statement (ES) Volume 1 – Chapters 1 to 18 (Doc 06.01.01 to 06.01.18) ES Volumes 2 – Figures (Doc 06.02.01.01 to 06.02.17.01) ES Volume 3 – Appendices	b)	a draft development consent order (DCO)	Draft Development Consent Order (Doc 03.01)

		(06.03.01.01 to 06.03.17.01)			
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in box 30)
c)	An explanatory memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of provisions in the draft DCO	Explanatory Memorandum (Doc 03.02)	d)	Where applicable, a book of reference	Book of Reference (Doc 04.03)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in box 30)		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in box 30)
e)	A copy of any flood risk assessment	ES Volume 3 Appendix 15.1 - Flood Risk Assessment (Doc 06.03.15.01)	f)	A statement whether the proposal engages one or more of the matters set out in section 79(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (statutory nuisances) and if so, how the applicant proposes to mitigate or limit them	Statutory Nuisance Statement (Doc 05.08)

	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
h)	A statement of reasons and a funding statement (where the application involves any compulsory acquisition)	Statement of Reasons (Doc 04.01) Funding Statement (Doc 04.02)	i)	A land plan identifying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the land required for, or affected by, the proposed development • where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of compulsory acquisition or any rights to use land • any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights; and • any special category land and replacement land 	Land, Crown Land and Special Category Land Plans (Doc 02.02)

	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
j)	<p>A works plan showing, in relation to existing features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the proposed location or (for a linear scheme) the proposed route and alignment of the development and works; and the limits within which the development and works may be carried out and any limits of deviation provided for in the draft DCO 	Works Plans (Doc 02.03)	k)	<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>Public Rights of Way Plans (Doc 02.04)</p> <p>Access to Works Plans (Doc 02.05)</p> <p>Street Plans (Doc 02.06)</p>
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
i)	Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:	ES Volume 1 Chapter 6 (Doc 06.01.06)	m)	Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying any statutory or non-	ES Chapter 8 (Doc 06.01.08) ES Volume 2 Figure 8.1 - Designated Heritage Assets (Doc 06.02.08.01)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation, for example sites of geological or landscape importance habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features; and water bodies in a river basin management plan; <p>together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features, habitats or bodies likely to be caused by the proposed development</p>	<p>ES Volume 1 Chapter 15 - Water Resources and Flood Risk (Doc 06.01.15)</p> <p>Statutory Designated Sites - National Designations 2 km ES Volume 2 - Figure 6.2 (Doc 06.02.06.02)</p> <p>ES Volume 2 Figure 6.1 - Statutory Designated Sites - International Designations 20 km (Doc 06.02.06.01)</p> <p>ES Volume 2 Figure 6.4 - Non-Statutory Designated Sites 2 km - Technical Assessment (Doc 06.02.06.04)</p> <p>ES Volume 2 Figure 6.5 - Priority Habitats 2 km (Doc 06.02.06.05)</p> <p>Statutory and Non Statutory Natural</p>	<p>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>ES Volume 2 Figure 8.2 - Heritage Assets and Non-Designated Heritage Assets (Doc 06.02.08.02)</p> <p>ES Volume 2 Figure 8.4 - Archaeological Mitigation Areas (Doc 06.02.08.04)</p> <p>Statutory and Non Statutory Historic Environment Features Plans (Doc 02.09)</p>
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n)		<p>ES Volume 2 Figure 15.1 - Surface Water Features (Doc 06.02.15.01)</p> <p>ES Volume 2 Figure 15.4 - Groundwater and Surface Water Designations (Doc 06.02.15.04)</p> <p>ES Volume 2 Figure 15.5 - WER Surface Water Bodies (Doc 06.02.15.05)</p> <p>ES Volume 2 Figure 15.6 - Groundwater Bodies (Doc 06.02.15.06)</p> <p>Waterbodies in a River Basin Management Plans (Doc 02.11)</p>	o)		
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying	Land, Crown Land and Special Category Land Plans (Doc 02.02)		Any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the development	N/A

p)	information identifying any Crown land		q)	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	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	N/A
	Any of the documents prescribed by regulation 6 of the APFP regulations	Grid Connection Statement (Doc 05.10)		Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	Cover Letter (Doc 01.01) Guide to Application (Doc 01.03) Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker (Doc 04.04) Statement of Need (Doc 05.03) Planning Statement (Doc 05.02) Design Approach Document (Doc 05.05) Design Parameters and Commitments (Doc 05.06)

					<p>Other Consents and Licences Statement (05.04)</p> <p>Biodiversity Net Gain Report (Doc 05.09)</p> <p>Environmental Statement – Volume 3 – Water Environment Regulations (Water Framework Directive) Compliance Assessment (Doc 06.03.15.02)</p> <p>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Doc 07.02)</p> <p>Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan (Doc 07.03)</p> <p>Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (Doc 07.04)</p> <p>Outline Soils Resource Management Plan (Doc 07.14)</p> <p>Outline Site Waste Management Plan (Doc 07.10)</p> <p>Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan (Doc 07.09)</p> <p>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (Doc 07.05)</p>
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				Outline Environmental Masterplan (Doc 02.12) Outline Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan (Doc 07.13) Outline Battery Safety Management Plan (Doc 07.06) Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (Doc 07.12) Equality Impact Assessment (Doc 05.02.04) Potential Main Issues for Examination (Doc 05.07)	
	Are they of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
30	Are there any observations in respect of the documents provided at box 29 (a) to (q) above?				
	Explanatory Memorandum (Doc 03.02) Typo within square bracket after “4 (Approach to EIA) []{EN11012/APP/LVS/06.01.04]				
	Draft DCO (Doc 03.01) Typo: ..construction, operation and 49 maintenance of the authorised development...				
	Book of Reference (Doc 06.01.10)				

Skipwith Road and Skipworth Road appear variously in entries and in Temporary Possession lists (e.g., 02 004, 02 007, 02 010). These appear to refer to Skipwith Road as shown in 02-002, whilst 02-003 refers to Skipworth Road.

The watercourse name alternates between Dike (e.g., 03 001, 03 002) and Dyke (e.g., 02 011)

Typo: Hillam Common Lane appears as “Hillman Common Lane”

Typo repeated throughout “Access Play”

Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment (Doc 05.11)

Section 1.2.4 of HRA Report refers to “Section 0” for legislative details.

Table 5-2 – Distance and direction from the proposed development site and the Thorne and Hatfield SPA is missing.

Section 51 advice has been issued to the applicant and is available to view on the Find a National Infrastructure Project website: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110012>

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In accordance with regulation 5(2)(g) of the APFP regulations, is the application accompanied by a report identifying any European site(s) to which regulation 48 of The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 applies; or any Ramsar site(s), which may be affected by the proposed development, together with sufficient information that will enable the Secretary of State to make an appropriate assessment of the implications for the site if required by regulation 48(1)?

Yes

A Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report has been provided (**Doc 5.11**).

The HRA Report identifies relevant European sites and the likely effects on those sites. It is considered that the information provided in the report is adequate for acceptance.

Note: The Examining Authority will be able to ask questions during the examination. This may result in additional information being required to inform the HRA Report and the competent authority. Depending upon the type and availability of information required it may not be possible to obtain this during the statutory timetable of the examination.

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?	No hard copies requested.
33	Has the applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance'?	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Application Cover Letter (Doc 01.01) explains how the applicant has had regard to statutory guidance on the application form.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the applicant has demonstrated regard to the guidance principles.</p>
34	Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)	<p>The Planning Inspectorate concludes that the application (including accompaniments) has been prepared to a standard that it considers satisfactory.</p> <p>In respect of the discrepancies identified in box 30 of this checklist, to help facilitate an efficient and effective examination of the application s51 advice has been provided to the applicant in conjunction with the decision to accept the application. That advice is published on the Find a National Infrastructure Project website, here: https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110012</p>
The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010		
Pre-application fee		

35	<p>Were all pre-application fees paid before the application was made?</p> <p>Pre-application services for which a fee can be charged is defined in regulation 2A(8) and includes services listed within schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010. Fees for pre-application services apply to all proposed applications, from the inception meeting. These fees must be paid within 28 days 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>The fees payments for providing the applicant with basic pre-application services were received on 30 April 2025 and 29 October 2025 before the application was made.</p>
<p>Fees to accompany an application</p>		
36	<p>Was the fee paid at the same time that the application was made?</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate must charge the applicant a fee in respect of the decision by the Planning Inspectorate under section 55 of the PA2008. If the applicant fails to pay the fee, The Planning Inspectorate need not consider the application until payment is received. The fee must be paid at the same time that the application is made</p>	<p>Payment of the fee was received on 21 January 2026 before the application was made.</p>

Role	Electronic signature	Date
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