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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	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Scheme as set out in Schedule 1 of the Draft Development Consent Order (draft DCO) [EN0110014/APP/3.1] includes development that is defined as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under Sections 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and (2) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008), as an onshore generating station in England with a capacity exceeding 100</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>megawatts (MW). This is set out in the Application Form [EN0110014/APP/1.1] in Section 4.</p> <p>The Application Covering Letter [EN0110014/APP/1.2] states that this application is for a development consent order under the Planning Act 2008.</p> <p>A non-technical description of the Scheme is included in ES Volume 4 Non-Technical Summary [EN0110014/APP/6.4]. A more detailed technical description of the Scheme is included in ES Volume 1, Chapter 4 – The Scheme [EN0110014/APP/6.1.4].</p>
3	<p>Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)</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>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 2017) on 15 January 2025. The Scoping Opinion was received from the Planning Inspectorate on 25 February 2025 and is provided at ES Volume 3, Appendix 2.2: East Pye EIA Scoping Opinion [EN0110014/APP/6.3.2.2].</p> <p>The Applicant provided notification pursuant to Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that the Scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment development, as defined by the EIA Regulations and an Environmental Statement will be submitted as part of the DCO Application. The</p>

		notification was given to the Planning Inspectorate before statutory consultation commenced on Wednesday 17 June 2025 pursuant to Section 42 of the PA 2008.
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>The Applicant consulted with South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council on the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Report, who confirmed that the statutory consultation was delivered in accordance with the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). The responses to the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone can be viewed in the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Report that was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 13 January 2026 and is available on the East Pye Solar webpage.</p>
Section 42: Duty to consult		
Did the Applicant consult the applicable persons set out in s42 of the PA2008 about the proposed application?		
6	<p>Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed?</p> <p>The persons prescribed are the statutory consultees set out in Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the APFP Regulations).</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicant has provided a list of persons consulted under s42(1)(a) between 18 June and 6 August 2025 in Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.8].</p> <p>A sample letter sent to s42(1)(a) consultees is provided in Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.8].</p> <p>The Applicant undertook further targeted consultation between 22 October and 26 November 2025 on a series of specific changes which resulted in small increases to the Order Limits following Statutory Consultation, as set</p>

		out in Chapter 11: Targeted Consultation of the Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1] .
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, however the Scheme does not affect any of the areas specified in s42(2). The MMO did not provide feedback to the statutory consultation.</p>
8	<p>Section 42(1)(b) each local authority within s43?</p> <p>Definition of 'local authority' in s43(3) of the PA2008: The 'B' authority where the application land is in the authority's area; the 'A' authority where any part of the boundary of A's area is also a part of the boundary of B's area; the 'C' authority (upper tier) where the application land is in that authority's area; the 'D' authority (upper tier) where such an authority shares a boundary with a 'C' authority.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Table 9-1 in the Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1] lists the relevant local authorities that were identified and consulted under s43 and s42(1)(b) on 18 June and 6 August 2025.</p> <p>'B' authorities consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Norfolk Council • Norfolk County Council <p>'A' authorities consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breckland District Council • Broadland District Council • Broads Authority • Cambridgeshire County Council • East Suffolk Council • Great Yarmouth Borough Council • Lincolnshire County Council

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid Suffolk District Council • Norwich City Council • Suffolk County Council <p>A sample letter sent to s42(1)(b) consultees is provided in Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.8].</p>
9	Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?	<p>N/A</p> <p>The Greater London authority (GLA) was not consulted as the Proposed Development is not in the GLA area.</p>
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>Chapter 9: Statutory Consultation under Section 42 of the PA2008 of the Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1] states that all persons identified under s42(1)(d) were consulted from 18 June and 6 August 2025.</p> <p>Section 9.5: Identifying Section 44 Consultees of the Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1] summarises how the Applicant made diligent inquiry to seek, identify and consults persons with an interest in lands affected by the Draft Development Consent Order [EN0110014/APP/3.1]. The full methodology undertaken by the Applicant is provided in Section 8.6 of the Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1].</p> <p>A sample of the letter dated 11 January 2025 is provided in Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.8].</p> <p>The persons listed under s42(1)(d) are listed at Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.8].</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 dated 11 January 2025 is provided in Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.8].</p> <p>The sample letter confirmed that consultation commenced on Wednesday 18 June 2025 and closed on Wednesday 6 August 2025 (a period of 49 days), providing more than the required minimum time for receipt of responses. Any consultees that received a consultation letter outside of this consultation period also received 28 days or more 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 notified the Secretary of State, via the Planning Inspectorate, in writing under Section 46 of the PA2008 on 17 June 2025, that it was intending to commence consultation under Section 42 of the PA2008. Notification under Section 46 was provided before the consultation under Section 42 of the PA2008 commenced on 18 June 2025.</p> <p>The Applicant included the following consultation documents with this notification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Section 46 covering letter, including a link to the consultation materials on the Applicant’s website and an offer to provide materials free-of-charge on USB request (included in Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.8]); • Examples of copies of the Section 42 and Section 44 covering letters;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the Section 48 notice (including the details of the information events and the locations where the consultation documents could be inspected free of charge); and • A site location plan showing the Scheme (included in Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.8]). <p>A copy of the S46 notification acknowledgement letter from the Planning Inspectorate is provided in A sample of the letter dated 11 January 2025 is provided in Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.8].</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>The Applicant prepared and published a SoCC that set out how the Applicant proposed to consult people living in the vicinity of the land. A copy of the final SoCC is provided at Consultation Report Appendix 5: Statement of Community Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.6].</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 Applicant formally consulted with South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council on the draft SoCC between 4 April and 6 May 2025. Before this period, the Applicant shared an early working draft of the SoCC on 4 March and requested initial comments on this early draft by 18 March. Norfolk County Council provided comments on the early draft. South Norfolk Council did not provide comments to the early working draft of the SoCC.</p>

15	Has the applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Chapter 7: Preparation for Statutory Section 47 Consultation of the Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1] provides a summary of the comments provided by South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council on the draft SoCC and demonstrates how the Applicant has had regard to their comments.</p> <p>Examples of changes from the draft SoCC to the final SoCC include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An extension to the period of statutory consultation from 6 weeks and 2 days to 7 weeks. • Providing Norfolk County Council with early sight of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) chapters and PEIR Non-Technical Summary (NTS) before the start of statutory consultation on 18 June 2025. • An updated map of the Scheme to show the extent of land under consultation during the statutory phase of consultation.
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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Stratton Library, The Street, Long Stratton, NR15 2XJ • Loddon Library, 31 Church Plain, Loddon, NR14 6EX • Bungay Community Centre, Wharton Street, Bungay, NR35 1EL • Poringland Library, Overtons way, Poringland, Norwich, NR14 7WB. <p>A notice stating when and where the final SoCC could be inspected was published in the Eastern Daily Press on 4 June 2025 and the Diss Express on 6 June 2025. The published SoCC notice, provided in Consultation Report Appendix 5: Statement of Community Consultation Materials</p>

		[EN0110014/APP/5.6] states where and when the final SoCC was available to inspect.
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?	Yes. Section 10 of the final SoCC in Consultation Report Appendix 5: Statement of Community Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.6] sets out the development is EIA development and sets out how the Applicant intended to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information.
18	Has the applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC?	Yes. Section 7.9: Adherence to the contents of the SoCC of the Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1] sets out how the community consultation was carried out in line with the final SoCC. Table 7-5: SoCC Commitments and Applicant Compliance of the Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1] sets out how the Applicant has complied with the commitments set out in the final SoCC. Consultation Report Appendix 5: Statement of Community Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.6] provides evidence that the commitments within the final SoCC have been carried out.
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 prepared and publicised the application in the prescribed manner set out in the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 by publishing a Section 48 Notice. The Section 48 Notice was published in the following publications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diss Express on 6 and 13 June 2025 (in compliance with Reg 4(2)(a));

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Daily Express on 11 and 18 June 2025 (in compliance with Reg 4(2)(a)); • The Guardian on 16 June 2025 (in compliance with Reg 4(2)(b)); and • The London Gazette on 18 June 2025 (in compliance with Reg 4(2)(c)). <p>The Section 48 Notice included a deadline of 6 August 2025 for receipt of responses to the publicity. The final notice was published on 18 June 2026, which clearly stated the consultation start and end dates, therefore exceeding the 28 days statutory minimum response time.</p> <p>Chapter 10: Notification and Publication under Section 48 of the PA2008 of the Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1] provides information about the Section 48 Notice.</p> <p>Table 10-1 of the Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1] provides details of the newspapers and dates of publication of the Section 48 notices as set out below.</p> <p>A copy of the Section 48 Notice is provided in Consultation Report Appendix 8: Section 48 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.9].</p> <p>Clippings of the published notices are provided at Consultation Report Appendix 8: Section 48 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.9].</p>			
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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"> • Diss Express on 6 and 13 June 2025; • Eastern Daily Express on 11 and 18 June 2025; <p>See box to the left.</p>			

b)	once in a national newspaper;	The Guardian.	16 June 2025.		
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	The London Gazette.	18 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?	N/A – the proposed application 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?	Yes, a copy of the notice is provided at Consultation Report Appendix 8: Section 48 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.9] .			
Information		Paragraph	Information	Paragraph	
a)	the name and address of the applicant.	Paragraph 1 of the Section 48 Notice	b)	a statement that the applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Secretary of State	Paragraph 1 of the Section 48 Notice
c)	a statement as to whether the application is EIA development	Paragraph 7 of the Section 48 Notice	d)	a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the proposed development	Paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of the Section 48 Notice
e)	a statement that the documents, plans and maps were available on a website	Paragraphs 3 and 16 of the	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection	Paragraphs 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 of

	<p>maintained by or on behalf of the Applicant. The statement must include:</p> <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. 	Section 48 Notice.			the Section 48 Notice.
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	Paragraphs 19 and 20 of the Section 48 Notice	h)	details of how to respond to the publicity	Paragraphs 23 and 24 of the Section 48 Notice
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	Paragraph 25 of the Section 48 Notice			
21	Are there any observations in respect of the s48 notice provided above?				
	N/A				
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>Yes.</p> <p>A copy of the Section 48 notice was sent to the EIA consultation bodies as part of the s42 consultation, as confirmed in Chapter 9 of the Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1].</p>			

		A sample of the letter dated 11 January 2025 is provided in Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.8] confirms that a copy of the Section 48 Notice was enclosed with the consultation material.
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?	Yes. Chapter 12 of the Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1] sets out how the Applicant has had regard to the consultation responses received including whether or not responses led to changes to the Application.
S50(3) Regard to guidance about pre-application procedure		
24	To what extent has the applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects'? The Planning Inspectorate must have regard to the extent to which the applicant has had regard to guidance issued under s50.	Section 3.2 of Chapter 3 of the Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1] states that the Applicant has taken into consideration all relevant statutory and other guidance, including statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process'. Chapter 3 of the Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1] sets out how the Applicant has complied with the relevant legislation and guidance. This is also presented in Consultation Report Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance [EN0110014/APP/5.2] .
25	Summary: Section 55(3)(e)	The Applicant has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure) of the PA2008.
s55(3)(f) and s55(5A): The application (including accompaniments) achieves a satisfactory standard having regard to the extent to which it complies with section 37(3) (form and contents of application) and with any standards set under section 37(5) and follows any applicable guidance under section 37(4)		

26	<p>Is it made in the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2 of the APFP Regulations, and does it include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a brief statement which explains why it falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate; and • a brief statement that clearly identifies the location of the application site, or the route if it is a linear scheme? 	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The DCO Application is made in the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2 of the APFP Regulations.</p> <p>The Application Covering Letter [EN0110014/APP/1.2] provides a brief statement as to why the Scheme falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate, as well as Section 4 of the Application Form [EN0110014/APP/1.1] and the Explanatory Memorandum [EN0110014/APP/3.2]. Section 5 of the Application Form [EN0110014/APP/1.1] provides a brief non-technical description of the Scheme and Section 6 provides the location of the Site.</p> <p>A Location Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.1] has been provided with the Application to show the location of the Scheme.</p>
27	Is it accompanied by a consultation report?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The DCO Application is accompanied by a Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1] and the associated appendices.</p>
28	In accordance with regulation 5(4) of the APFP Regulations, where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets, has a key plan been provided showing the relationship between the different sheets?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Several plans comprise of three or more sheets. These are as follows:</p> <p>Land Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.2]</p> <p>Works Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.3]</p> <p>Crown Land Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.4]</p> <p>Special Category Land Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.5]</p> <p>Streets Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.6]</p> <p>Access and Rights of Way Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.7]</p>

		Statutory or Non-Statutory Sites or Features of Historic Environment Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.11] Hedgerow and Tree Protection Plan Order Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.12]			
29	Is it accompanied by the documents and information set out in APFP Regulation 5(2)?	Yes. The documents and information required by the APFP Regulation 5(2) are set out as listed below. The Guide to the Application [EN0110014/APP/1.3] lists the documents submitted and the accompanying APFP Regulation references.			
		Information		Document	
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.	b)	The draft development consent order(DCO)	The Application is accompanied by the Draft Development Consent Order [EN0110014/APP/3.1] .
		Environmental Statement Volume 1			

		<p>– Chapters [EN0110014/APP/6.1]</p> <p>Environmental Statement Volume 2 – Figures [EN0110014/APP/6.2]</p> <p>Environmental Statement Volume 3 – Appendices [EN0110014/APP/6.3]</p> <p>Environmental Statement Volume 4 – Non Technical Summary [EN0110014/APP/6.4]</p>			
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	NA		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	NA
c)	An explanatory memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of provisions in the draft DCO	An Explanatory Memorandum [EN0110014/APP/3.2] has been submitted with the Application which explains the purpose and effect of	d)	Where applicable, a book of reference	A Book of Reference [EN0110014/APP/4.3] is provided as part of the Application.

		the Draft Development Consent Order [EN0110014/APP/3.1]			
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	NA		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	NA
e)	A copy of any flood risk assessment	Yes. A Flood Risk Assessment is provided at Environmental Statement Volume 3 – Appendix 10.1 Flood Risk Assessment [EN0110014/APP/6.3.10.1]	f)	A statement whether the proposal engages one or more of the matters set out in section 79(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (statutory nuisances) and if so how the Applicant proposes to mitigate or limit them	Yes. A Statutory Nuisance Statement [EN0110014/APP/7.13] is provided as part of this Application in accordance with Regulation 5(2)(f) of the APFP Regulations.
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	NA		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	NA
h)	A statement of reasons and a funding statement (where the application involves any compulsory acquisition)	Yes. The DCO Application includes a Statement of Reasons [EN0110014/APP/4.1] and a Funding	i)	A land plan identifying:- (i) the land required for, or affected by, the proposed development;	Yes. The Application includes Land Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.2] showing the land required /

		Statement [EN0110014/APP/4.2]		(ii) where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of compulsory acquisition or any rights to use land;	affected by the Scheme in accordance with Regulation 5(2)(i) of the APFP Regulations.
				(iii) any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights; and	Plots and descriptions listed within the Book of Reference [EN0110014/APP/4.3] are consistent with the plots shown on the Land Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.2] .
				(iv) any special category land and replacement land	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	NA		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	NA
j)	A works plan showing, in relation to existing features:- (i) the proposed location or (for a linear scheme) the proposed route and alignment of the development and works; and	Yes. The Application includes Works Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.3] . The Works Plans accord with APFP Regulation 5(2)(j), and show the location of the development and the limits within which the works are	k)	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	Yes. The DCO Application includes a Streets Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.6] and an Access and Rights of Way Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.7] . These plans are in accordance with Regulations 5(2)(k) and

	(ii) the limits within which the development and works may be carried out and any limits of deviation provided for in the draft DCO	proposed to be carried out.			5(2)(o) of the APFP Regulations respectively.
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	NA		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	NA
l)	Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:- (i) any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation, for example sites of geological or landscape importance; (ii) habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features; and (iii) water bodies in a river basin management plan,	Yes. The DCO Application is accompanied by the following plans and drawings are which provided under Regulation 5(2)(l) of the APFP Regulations: Waterbodies River Basin Management Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.8] Non Statutory Sites or Features of Nature Conservation Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.9]	m)	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	Yes. Plans identifying any statutory and non-statutory sites of historic interest can be found in Statutory or Non-Statutory Sites or Features of Historic Environment Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.11]

n)	together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features, habitats or bodies likely to be caused by the proposed development	Statutory Sites or Features of Nature Conservation Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.10]	o)		
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	NA		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	NA
	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land	Yes. Plans identifying any crown land is provided as part of the Application Crown Land Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.4] prepared in accordance with Regulation 5(2)(n) of the APFP Regulations.		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	The Application is accompanied by the following plans and drawings provided under Regulation 5(2)(o) of the APFP Regulations: Location Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.1] Special Category Land Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.5] Hedgerow and Tree Protection Order Plan [EN0110014/APP/2.12]
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	NA		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	NA

p)	Any of the documents prescribed by regulation 6 of the APFP regulations:	A Grid Connection Statement [EN0110014/APP/7.12] accompanies the Application as required by Regulation 6 (1)(a)(i) of the APFP Regulations.	q)	Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	<p>The Application includes the following additional documents considered necessary to support the Application</p> <p>Application Covering Letter [EN0110014/APP/1.2]</p> <p>Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker [EN0110014/APP/4.4]</p> <p>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN0110014/APP/7.1]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN0110014/APP/7.2]</p> <p>Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan [EN0110014/APP/7.3]</p> <p>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110014/APP/7.4]</p>
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					<p>Outline Battery Safety Management Plan [EN0110014/APP/7.5]</p> <p>Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN0110014/APP/7.6]</p> <p>Outline Operational Traffic Management Plan [EN0110014/APP/7.7]</p> <p>Outline Public Rights of Way and Permissive Paths Management Plan [EN0110014/APP/7.8]</p> <p>Outline Soil Resource and Management Plan [EN0110014/APP/7.9]</p> <p>Outline Skills Supply Chain and Employment Plan [EN0110014/APP/7.10]</p> <p>Statement of Need [EN0110014/APP/7.11]</p> <p>Planning Statement [EN0110014/APP/7.14]</p> <p>Policy Compliance Document [EN0110014/APP/7.15]</p>
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					<p>Potential Main Issues for Examination [EN0110014/APP/7.16]</p> <p>Design Approach Document [EN0110014/APP/7.17]</p> <p>Design Principles, Parameters and Commitments [EN0110014/APP/7.18]</p> <p>Equality Impact Assessment [EN0110014/APP/7.19]</p> <p>Site Selection Assessment [EN0110014/APP/7.20]</p> <p>Outline Cable Route Construction Statement [EN0110014/APP/7.21]</p> <p>Consents and Agreements Position Statement [EN0110014/APP/7.22]</p> <p>Biodiversity Net Gain Report [EN0110014/APP/7.23]</p>
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				Biodiversity Net Gain Statutory Metric [EN0110014/APP/7.24] Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment – Screening Stage 1 [EN0110014/APP/7.25] Commitments Register [EN0110014/APP/7.26] High Level Investigative Report [EN0110014/APP/7.27] Potential Impact on Seething Aerodrome Forced Landing Options [EN0110014/APP/7.28]	
	Are they of a satisfactory standard?	NA		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	NA
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 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	Yes. A Shadow Habitats Regulation Assessment – Screening Stage 1 [EN0110014/APP/7.25] is provided as a stand-alone document. The Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment identifies relevant European sites and the likely effect on those sites. The Shadow Habitats			

	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)?	Regulations Assessment provides sufficient information for the Secretary of State to undertake an appropriate assessment to determine whether the Scheme would have an adverse effect on the integrity of any European site. The Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment concludes that there will be no likely adverse effects on the integrity of any European sites as a result of the Scheme.
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?	Available on request.
33	Has the applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance'?	Yes. The Applicant has had regard to the DCLG guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance' when preparing the DCO Application. The Applicant considers that the DCO Application has been prepared to the standards that the Secretary of State will consider satisfactory. A list of the guidance that has been followed is provided within the Application Cover Letter [EN0110014/APP/1.2] in the Application Formalities section.
34	Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)	
The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended)		
Pre-application fee		
3 5	Were all pre-application fees paid before the application was made?	All pre-application fees have been paid before the application was made.

	<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>	
Fees to accompany an application		
36	<p>Was the fee paid at the same time that the application was made?</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate must charge the applicant a fee in respect of the decision by the Planning Inspectorate under section 55 of the PA2008. If the applicant fails to pay the fee, the Planning Inspectorate need not consider the application until payment is received. The fee must be paid at the same time that the application is made</p>	<p>The Applicant confirms that a fee of £8,946.00 was paid by BACS transfer to the Planning Inspectorate on 23rd February 2026, prior to the DCO application being made.</p>

Role	Electronic signature	Date
Case Manager		
Acceptance Inspector		

