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Glossary

Term	Definition
Biomass	Biomass will be used as feedstock for SAF production and the CHP plant. In scientific terms, biomass refers to any organic matter derived from living or recently living organisms including plants, animals and their waste products. More specific definitions of biomass are given in the SAF Mandate (in relation to SAF production) and in the Industrial Emissions Directive and National Planning Statement planning policy (in relation to combustion/generating plant). The SAF Mandate definition of biomass includes some types of waste wood (i.e. unusable wood from sustainably managed forest plantations, sawmill residues and waste and residues from agriculture) but not 'Grade C waste wood' which is classed as a waste. The Industrial Emissions Directive definition of biomass includes waste wood as a type of biomass (that can be used as a feedstock for energy generation such as in the CHP plant) but excludes certain types of waste wood which applies to 'Grade C waste wood' which is classed as waste. Use of Class C waste wood in the CHP plant means that planning policy in relation to Energy from Waste also then applies. For clarity, the DCO application documents use the term 'biomass' to exclude Grade C waste wood. The feedstock for the CHP plant (which may include Grade C waste wood) is referred to within application documents as 'biomass and waste wood'.
Carbon Capture and Storage	The capture and subsequent geological storage of carbon dioxide that would otherwise be emitted into the atmosphere.
Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Plant	A thermal electricity generating plant that provides both electricity and heat/steam.
Development Consent Order (DCO)	A Statutory Instrument (SI) made by the SoS pursuant to the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) to authorise a development which requires development consent under the PA 2008. A draft DCO (Application Document Ref. 3.1) is submitted as part of the Application.
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)	A process required and governed by the EIA Regulations that systematically evaluates the potential environmental effects of a proposed project or development before it begins. It helps identify and mitigate negative impacts and enhance positive outcomes, ensuring that decision-makers consider environmental consequences when deciding whether to proceed with a project.
Environmental Statement (ES)	A statement prepared in accordance with the EIA Regulations that includes the information that is

Term	Definition
	reasonably required to assess the likely effects of a development and which the applicant can, having regard in particular to current knowledge and methods of assessment, reasonably be required to compile. The statement must include at least the information required in the EIA Regulations and should be prepared based on the latest Scoping Opinion adopted by the SoS (where relevant).
Feedstock	Raw materials used to supply or fuel a process or machine.
Fischer-Tropsch	The process that will be utilised by the Proposed Development (as part of the Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) production process) that converts syngas into liquid hydrocarbons using metal catalysts.
Gasification	A term used in this Application to describe a continuous process whereby pretreated biomass feedstock is partially oxidised at high temperature in the presence of oxygen, producing crude syngas (containing H ₂ , CO, CO ₂ and other contaminants). Crude syngas is then scrubbed and cleaned before conversion to SAF.
Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)	Information which is compiled by an applicant and is reasonably required for the consultation bodies to develop an informed view of the potentially significant effects of a proposed NSIP (and of any Associated Development). The PEIR is published to inform statutory consultation (as was required prior to government reforms in July 2026) at the pre-application stage of a DCO application.
Renewable naphtha	A liquid hydrocarbon fraction derived from biomass sources.
Scoping	In an EIA context this term refers to an exercise undertaken pursuant to the EIA Regulations, to determine the topics to be addressed within the ES (see also EIA Scoping Report and EIA Scoping Opinion). Scoping exercises are also carried out for other specific technical assessments such as the Transport Assessment.
Sustainable aviation fuel (SAF)	SAF is a renewable fuel which may either itself or on blending with other substances be used to power aircraft that has similar properties to conventional jet fuel but with a lower carbon footprint. There are a range of ways of manufacturing SAF. First generation SAF is produced from oils and fats such as used cooking oil. Second generation SAF production (such as at the Proposed Development) uses non-food biomass and waste.
Synthesis Gas (syngas)	A gaseous mixture of predominantly carbon monoxide (CO) and hydrogen (H ₂) that can be produced from a wide range of carbonaceous feedstocks via gasification. It can be used as a fuel gas as well as to produce a wide range of chemicals i.e. it is to be used within the FT

Term	Definition
	process at the Proposed Development to produce hydrocarbons that are worked up to SAF and naphtha.
The Applicant has created a Project Glossary (Application Document Ref 6.1.24) which is submitted with the Application.	

Acronyms

Acronyms	Description
AoCM	Adequacy of Consultation Milestone
DCO	Development Consent Order
dDCO	Draft Development Consent Order
DESNZ	Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
EA	Environment Agency
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
HSE	Health and Safety Executive
MP	Member of Parliament
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
NTS	Non-Technical Summary
PCZ	Primary Consultation Zone
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
PIL	Persons with Interest in Land
PINS	Planning Inspectorate
SoCC	Statement of Community Consultation
SoS	Secretary of State

Executive Summary

- 1.1.1 This Consultation Report ('the Report') relates to the proposed Lighthouse Green Fuels Project on a site at Seal Sands Road, Seal Sands, in the borough of Stockton-on-Tees ('the Proposed Development') being promoted by LGF Projects Limited ('the Applicant'). The Development Consent Order (DCO) undertaker for the Proposed Development is LGF Projects Limited, a company wholly owned by the Alfanar Group.
- 1.1.2 LGF Projects Limited is seeking development consent for the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of the Proposed Development, namely a SAF plant and related infrastructure. The Proposed Development is within the administrative boundary of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (STBC), with some connection corridors extending into the administrative area of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC).
- 1.1.3 During the production of this Report, the PIA 2025" reforms brought into force by the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 (Commencement No. 4 and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026, removed statutory pre-application consultation duties under the Planning Act 2008 ('the Act'). As such, a Consultation Report is no longer a requirement of the DCO Application. The Applicant has decided to submit a Consultation Report summarising the approach to engagement and consultation and outlining how it has met the remaining statutory requirements under Section 46 and 48 of the Act.
- 1.1.4 This Report explains how the Applicant has complied with the consultation requirements set out in the Act [Ref 1] at the time of undertaking the statutory consultation, The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 ('APFP Regulations') [Ref 2], The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ('EIA Regulations') [Ref 3] and The Infrastructure Planning (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2024 [Ref 4].
- 1.1.5 The Report also sets out the consultation process, the feedback received and how the Applicant has considered this feedback.
- 1.1.6 The Proposed Development is a revised iteration of an earlier project, also called Lighthouse Green Fuels, which was consulted on in 2024. The previous application has been formally withdrawn and is no longer being progressed.
- 1.1.7 The Proposed Development has been informed by consultation and engagement between the Applicant and the local community, the host authorities, Persons with an Interest in the Land ('PILs') and Prescribed Consultees.

- 1.1.8 The Applicant has conducted pre-application consultation in preparing a DCO application. This included engagement with stakeholders to introduce the Proposed Development and explain changes from the previous project and a period of statutory consultation in order to meet the requirements set by the Act.
- 1.1.9 A six-week consultation took place between Tuesday 2 December 2025 and Tuesday 13 January 2026. The consultation set out the detailed elements of the Lighthouse Green Fuels Project, along with a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which presented the preliminary findings of the environmental impact assessment of the Proposed Development. During the consultation, newsletters were issued to 3,242 addresses, four in-person and three online events took place, and briefings were offered to key stakeholders. The consultation generated 59 responses, which have been analysed and considered as part of the preparation for the DCO application.
- 1.1.10 A targeted consultation took place between Monday 13 April 2026 and Wednesday 13 May 2026 on a number of changes to the Proposed Development ahead of the Application submission.

2 Introduction

2.1 Purpose of this report

- 2.1.1 This Consultation Report (**Application Document Ref 5.1.1**) has been prepared by Cavendish Consulting on behalf of LGF Projects Limited (the Applicant), to support an application (the Application) seeking development consent for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the Lighthouse Green Fuels project (the Proposed Development) on land within the administrative boundaries of STBC and RCBC.
- 2.1.2 The Order limits for the Proposed Development are made up of the Main Site and Wider Site, together 'the Site'. A more detailed description of the Site is set out at section 2.4.
- 2.1.3 The Application has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), and the decision whether to grant a DCO will be made by the Secretary of State (SoS) for Energy Security and Net Zero pursuant to the Planning Act 2008 (the Act).
- 2.1.4 The Proposed Development comprises a commercial-scale second generation Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) production facility and associated infrastructure.

2.2 The Applicant

- 2.2.1 The Applicant is wholly owned by Alfanar Energy Limited (Alfanar). Alfanar is part of a global project development, manufacturing, and engineering group headquartered in Saudi Arabia. Alfanar has developed significant in-house feedstock-to-SAF expertise. This experience will be utilised to construct and operate the Proposed Development.

2.3 Overview of the Proposed Development

- 2.3.1 The Proposed Development is anticipated to be the UK's first commercial-scale second generation SAF production facility.
- 2.3.2 The Proposed Development includes the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of a commercial-scale facility that will produce approximately 180 million litres of advanced SAF and approximately 30 million litres of renewable naphtha each year.
- 2.3.3 The Proposed Development includes the following elements (the location of each Work No. is shown on the **Works Plans (Application Document Ref 2.4)**).

Table 2-1 Works Description Summaries

Work Number:	
Work No. 1	SAF production facility comprising: • 1A - feedstock pre-treatment facility including flue gas treatment and stack • 1B - SAF processing facility including thermal oxidiser, flue gas treatment, and stack • 1C - up to two flare structures
Work No. 2	Combined heat and power (CHP) generating station comprising: • 2A - boilers and steam turbine generators • 2B - flue gas treatment and stack
Work No. 3	Feedstock and intermediate and final product handling and storage
Work No. 4	Cooling infrastructure for SAF production facility and CHP plant
Work No. 5	Bridge and culvert crossings of existing infrastructure
Work No. 6	Marine infrastructure comprising: • 6A - construction of permanent quay • 6B - permanent quay • 6C - capital and maintenance dredging
Work No. 7	Electrical connection works comprising: • 7A - underground and overground cable connections to the existing North Bank Supply Point • 7B - electrical connection works
Work No. 8	Modified or new natural gas connection and above ground infrastructure (AGI)
Work No. 9	Supply of industrial gases: Only one of Work No. 9A or Work No. 9B would be developed; • 9A - industrial gases connection works comprising installation of new and repurposing of oxygen and nitrogen pipeline connections, and connection to existing low pressure nitrogen supply • 9B - air separation unit (ASU) facility and connections to Work No. 1
Work No. 10	Modification or removal and replacement of industrial wastewater pipeline connection works
Works No. 11	• Export connection works: 11A - pipeline(s) for the export of SAF and renewable naphtha • 11B or 11C - a pipeline for the export of carbon dioxide (CO₂) connecting to AGI by others (being either AGI C1 or C2 of the Northern Endurance Partnership (NEP) transport and storage pipeline) Only one of Work No. 11B or Work No. 11C would be developed
Works No. 12	Surface water attenuation, and drainage and discharge works
Works No. 13	Laydown areas comprising: • 13A - temporary construction compounds and laydown areas • 13B - permanent laydown and storage

Work No. 14	Access works and private street improvements
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- 2.3.4 In addition, a range of associated development, both specified and unspecified, is proposed in relation to the above.
- 2.3.5 The new quay on the River Tees (**Work No. 6**) will allow delivery of modular plant and construction materials by ship during construction and biomass and waste wood feedstock during operation, reducing reliance on road transport. Feedstock will be stored (**Work No. 3**) then pre-treated at the Main Site and processed into SAF through gasification and gas-to-liquids processes (**Work No.1**).
- 2.3.6 To support operations, the Proposed Development will include a biomass and waste wood-fired CHP plant (**Work No. 2**) with an electrical output capacity of up to 200 megawatts electrical (MWe), providing a low-carbon energy supply for the SAF process. Cooling infrastructure (**Work No. 4**) will be required for the SAF process and the CHP plant. Connections will provide electricity for start-up and to maintain ancillary site supplies (**Work No. 7**), natural gas for start-up and as auxiliary fuel for some processes during operation (**Work No. 8**), and oxygen and nitrogen which will either be delivered to the Site via pipelines or produced by a new ASU in the Main Site (**Work No. 9A or 9B** respectively). Waste materials, including off-specification materials will be exported from the Main Site by road. Finished products (SAF, and a secondary product of the process, renewable naphtha) will be transferred via pipeline(s) (**Work No. 11A**) to local marine loading facilities for marine export or export by road. CO₂ from the acid gas removal unit in Work No. 1B will be exported via pipeline (**Work No. 11B or Work No. 11C**) subject to a suitable agreement to connect to one of two proximate AGIs in the NEP project.
- 2.3.7 The Proposed Development will also include replacement and new wastewater pipeline connection works (**Work No. 10**), surface water drainage systems (**Work No. 12**) and access and street improvements (**Work No. 14**). Space within the Wider Site is identified for temporary construction and laydown and space within the Main Site identified for permanent laydown and storage areas (**Work No. 13**).
- 2.3.8 The preliminary layout of the Proposed Development is shown on **Indicative General Arrangement Plan (Application Document Ref 2.5.1)** and **Indicative General Arrangement Isometric (Application Document Ref 2.5.2)**.

2.4 The Site

- 2.4.1 The Site location and boundary (which is also known as the 'Order limits') are shown on **Site Location Plan (Application Document Ref 2.1)**. The

Site is located in Teesside on land to the north and south of the River Tees with connection corridors crossing the Tees.

- 2.4.2 The Main Site is located in the industrial area of Seal Sands approximately 5km east of Billingham town centre and 4km north-east of Middlesbrough town centre, on the north bank of the River Tees in the borough of Stockton-on-Tees). The majority of the Main Site lies south of Seal Sands Road and largely comprises previously developed land formerly used as a chemical plant from the early 1970s. It was last operated by INEOS Nitriles.
- 2.4.3 The Main Site comprises the main SAF facility development area of the Site, lying to the south and north sides of Seal Sands Road and bounded by the proposed quay in the River Tees, with the River Tees to the east.
- 2.4.4 The eastern boundary of the Main Site is formed by the River Tees, where existing jetties will be demolished and a new quay developed.
- 2.4.5 The Wider Site comprises the connection corridors, including land required for road access, pipelines (including under the River Tees), dredging near to the Main Site, and utility connections and construction laydown in both North Tees and (in the borough of Redcar and Cleveland) South Tees.

2.5 The DCO Process

- 2.5.1 Part 3 of the Act defines which projects constitute a nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP). Once classed as an NSIP, development consent (in the form of a DCO) is required under Part 4 of the Act.
- 2.5.2 In legislative terms the Proposed Development comprises both a SAF production facility and a CHP generating station together with development associated with the SAF production facility and the CHP generating station.
- 2.5.3 The construction and operation of the main SAF production facility does not automatically fall within the definition of an NSIP. Therefore, on 12 August 2025, the Applicant formally requested a direction by the SoS for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to section 35(1) of the Act, that the following elements be treated as one for which development consent is required. The Section 35 direction request was made in respect of: a main gasification facility to process sustainably sourced biomass; feedstock pre-treatment, syngas clean-up apparatus; Fischer-Tropsch process units; refining units; feedstock, intermediates and finished product storage; quayside with ship loading/ offloading infrastructure; supporting infrastructure and utility connections (hereafter called the 'Specified Elements').
- 2.5.4 The SoS for Energy Security and Net Zero issued a direction under Section 35 of the Act on 08 September 2025 to confirm that the Specified Elements

of the Proposed Development, together with any matters/ development associated with them, should be treated as development for which development consent under the Act is required.

- 2.5.5 The CHP plant (**Work No. 2**) surpasses the 50 Megawatt (MW) threshold for generating stations defined in Section 15 of the Act and is therefore a NSIP in its own right.
- 2.5.6 An application for development consent for the Proposed Development has been submitted to PINS acting on behalf of the SoS. Subject to the Application being accepted, PINS will then examine it and make a recommendation to the SoS who will then decide whether to grant a DCO.
- 2.5.7 The application for development consent for the Proposed Development supersedes a previous application that was being progressed by Lighthouse Green Fuels Limited centred on a site off Huntsman Drive in Seal Sands, TS2 1TT (PINS ref. EN010150). Statutory consultation on that application took place between 16 May 2024 and 20 June 2024. As shown on the PINS website [Ref 5], that application is discontinued.

2.6 The Purpose and Structure of this Document

- 2.6.1 The pre-application consultation for the Proposed Development, and the preparation of this Report, was developed to have regard to legislative requirements in the Act. The PIA 2025 [Ref 6] reforms brought into force by the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 (Commencement No. 4 and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026 [Ref 7] on 24 July 2026, removing statutory pre-application consultation duties under the Planning Act 2008. As such, a Consultation Report is no longer a requirement of the DCO Application.
- 2.6.2 The Applicant has decided to submit a Consultation Report summarising the approach to engagement and consultation and how it met the requirements at the time of undertaking the consultation, alongside those requirements still in force.
- 2.6.3 This Report provides detail of the consultation activities carried out by the Applicant and demonstrates that the relevant statutory requirements have been complied with, including:
 - The Planning Act 2008 [Ref 8];
 - The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ('EIA Regulations') [Ref 9];
 - The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 ('the APFP Regulations') [Ref 10]; and

- The Infrastructure Planning (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2024 ('Miscellaneous Provisions Regulations') [Ref 11].

2.6.4 The table below summarises the changes to statutory requirements.

Table 2-2 Legislative requirements for statutory consultation

Planning Act Requirement	Details	Status following the PIA 2025
section 37 (3)(c) of Act	Prepare a Consultation Report demonstrating compliance with sections 42, 47, and 48 of the Act and include details of any relevant responses, and the account taken of any relevant responses.	Requirement removed.
section 42 of Act	Consult with prescribed parties (including environmental bodies, statutory undertakers etc.), local authorities hosting and bordering the proposed scheme and Category 1, 2 and 3 parties identified under section 44 of the Act (interests in the land affected by the proposed scheme, and those who may have a relevant claim for compensation).	Requirement removed.
section 46 of Act	Notify the Secretary of State and supply them with the information supplied to section 42 consultees on or before commencing consultation under section 42 of the Act.	Requirement amended. An applicant is required to notify the Secretary of State (in practice the Planning Inspectorate, acting on behalf of the Secretary of State), host local authorities (the local authority or authorities in whose area a proposed DCO application lies) and, where relevant, the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) of a proposed DCO application.
section 47 of Act	Consult with the local authorities on the contents of the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and have regard to any responses when preparing the SoCC. Make the SoCC available for inspection in accordance with the publicity requirements in the APFP Regulations.	Requirement removed.
section 48 of Act	Publish the proposed application as prescribed in the APFP Regulations.	Requirement amended. The relevant regulations are no longer required to make provision for the publicity to include a deadline for receipt by the

Planning Act Requirement	Details	Status following the PIA 2025
		applicant of responses to the publicity.
section 49 of Act	Take account of responses to the consultation and publicity about the proposed scheme.	Requirement removed.
section 50 of Act	Prepare a Consultation Report demonstrating how the Applicant has complied with guidance throughout the pre-application process.	Requirement amended. Applicants must have regard to pre-application guidance. The Applicant has submitted a separate document: Applicant's completed section 51 advice (Application Document Ref. 1.6)

- 2.6.5 PINS published new guidance on the pre-application process in July 2026. This Report has been produced in line with the Planning Act 2008: Guidance on preparing an application: Part 1 - Pre-application steps [Ref 12].
- 2.6.6 Copies of consultation documents, notices and materials produced to support the consultation are included in a series of Appendices to this Report.
- 2.6.7 This Report is set out in chronological order in so far as it is possible, detailing the pre-application engagement and consultation activities that the Applicant has carried out in relation to the Proposed Development.
- 2.6.8 This Report is organised into Chapters; a short summary of what can be found in each is provided below:
- a) **Chapter 1 Executive Summary** –
 - b) **Chapter 2 Introduction** - provides an introduction to the Report and the Proposed Development.
 - c) **Chapter 3 Pre-consultation engagement** – provides details of the public launch of the Proposed Development and early engagement with parties.
 - d) **Chapter 4 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) consultation** – provides an overview of the consultation and engagement activities undertaken with regard to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process.
 - e) **Chapter 5 Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)** – provides details of the development of the SOCC in advance of the consultation.

- f) **Chapter 6 ‘Statutory’ consultation** – reports on the activities undertaken in respect of the statutory consultation in accordance with the SoCC and the requirements of sections 42, 46, 47 and 48 of the Act in place at the time of the consultation.
- g) **Chapter 7 Summary of responses to consultation** – provides a summary of feedback received in response to the consultation and explains how the Applicant has considered this feedback.
- h) **Chapter 8 Targeted consultation** – provides an overview of targeted consultation undertaken and responses received.
- i) **Chapter 9 Approach to engagement between statutory consultation and application submission** – provides a summary of the engagement undertaken between consultation and the submission of the development consent application.
- j) **Chapter 10 Conclusion** – sets out the conclusions of this Report, and how the Applicant has undertaken a compliant, comprehensive and proportionate approach to pre-application consultation and engagement.
- k) **Appendices** – provides supporting evidence.

2.7 Summary of consultation activities

2.7.1 Table 2-3 provides a summary of the consultation activities carried out and where further details of those activities can be found in this Report.

Table 2-3 Summary of consultation activities carried out

Consultation activity	Date	Chapter of Report
Pre-consultation engagement	September to December 2025	Chapter 3
SoCC development and consultation	Tuesday 7 October – Wednesday 5 November 2025	Chapter 5
Statutory consultation	Tuesday 2 December 2025 – Tuesday 13 January 2026	Chapter 6
Targeted consultation	Monday 13 April – Wednesday 13 May 2026	Chapter 8
Engagement between statutory consultation and application submission	Tuesday 13 January 2026 – September 2026	Chapter 9

2.8 Covering letter and completed section 55 checklist

- 2.8.1 An Application Cover Letter (**Application Document Reference 1.2**) and section 55 Checklist have been included within the DCO application for the Proposed Development. The checklist outlines compliance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2017, APFP Regulations and the Act.

2.9 Data protection

- 2.9.1 In accordance with PINS Guidance 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on the Consultation Report', the Applicant is aware that the Report will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website. As such, the Applicant has avoided the inclusion of personal data relating to individuals.
- 2.9.2 The Applicant must ensure that it complies with the Data Protection Act 2018, which came into force on Friday 25 May 2018 following the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation in 2016.
- 2.9.3 This means that information such as individuals' names and addresses in this Report have been replaced by a number for each consultee.
- 2.9.4 Personal details in this Report have been handled responsibly and where necessary redacted to ensure that the Applicant complies with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 in the production and publication of this Report.
- 2.9.5 Details of the Proposed Development's Privacy Policy can be found here: <https://www.lighthousegreenfuels.co.uk/policies/privacy>.

3 Pre-consultation engagement

3.1 Overview

- 3.1.1 Chapter 3 provides an overview of the previous consultation on an earlier iteration of the project, where relevant to the Proposed Development, along with an overview of engagement undertaken prior to the public launch of the statutory consultation on revised proposals for Lighthouse Green Fuels.

3.2 Aims, objectives, and values

- 3.2.1 The Applicant is committed to engaging and consulting with communities and stakeholders, giving people the opportunity to provide feedback and insight ahead of submission of the Application.
- 3.2.2 The Applicant's approach to consultation and engagement about the Proposed Development was to carry out statutory consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Act and in line with 'Guidance on the pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects' (2024) [Ref 13]. This guidance was withdrawn on 24 July 2026. Whilst the changes from the PIA 2025 have removed the statutory requirement for pre-application consultation, the Applicant's approach has been in line with the spirit of the updated guidance (Planning Act 2008: Guidance on preparing an application: Part 1 - Pre-application steps [Ref 14]), which states that:
- "4.1 Applicants are encouraged to engage and/or consult, with the objectives of:*
- *identifying key issues specific to each proposed development early in the process*
 - *improving the design of projects*
 - *informing the preparation of proposed DCO applications*
 - *reducing delays and uncertainty*
 - *ultimately, minimising, where possible, the number of issues that need to be considered during examination."*
- 3.2.3 The Applicant has carried out meaningful pre-application consultation and engagement with the local community in the vicinity of the Proposed

Development, as well as landowners, businesses, parish councils, elected representatives, and wider stakeholders, where appropriate.

3.3 Previous engagement and consultation

- 3.3.1 As explained in the introduction, a statutory consultation was conducted for the previously proposed SAF facility on land off Huntsman Drive (PINS reference: EN010150) in May/June 2024.
- 3.3.2 To develop the previous SoCC (May 2024), there was engagement with officers at the host local authorities, STBC and RCBC, to discuss the project's approach to consultation. This enabled officers to provide feedback on the approach.
- 3.3.3 A key aim of the consultation was to clearly differentiate the Proposed Development from the earlier, withdrawn project to ensure clarity for stakeholders and the communities given the retained Lighthouse Green Fuels name. As such, the Applicant undertook engagement and communications to explain the project changes and the indicative Order Limits for the project to key stakeholders. This included:
- a) contacting key elected representatives;
 - b) updating the project website;
 - c) proactive engagement with prescribed parties;
 - d) a mailing to land interests within the previous development limits to advise they were not affected by the new scheme; and
 - e) a rebranding exercise to distinguish from the previous project.
- 3.3.4 The Applicant also included a clear explanation regarding the evolution of the Proposed Development in relevant consultation material, including key changes, to help avoid confusion.
- 3.3.5 The Applicant also contacted stakeholders consulted in 2024 to provide information about the new application. Section 6.10 includes more information on the rationale used to create the primary consultation zone (PCZ), ensuring that all those properties previously written to received information about the new application.
- 3.3.6 While the feedback received during the 2024 consultation has informed the evolution of the Proposed Development, it is important to note that due to key changes the consultation related to what is considered a new project under planning legislation. Individual responses from the 2024 consultation

have not been considered in this application submission, or reported in this Report.

3.4 Engagement prior to consultation

Engagement with statutory bodies and local authorities

- 3.4.1 Ahead of the consultation, the Applicant held introductory meetings with both host authorities. A meeting with the principal planning officer at STBC, was held on 13 August 2025. A meeting with the Head of Planning and Development at RCBC, was held on 15 August 2025.
- 3.4.2 These local authority meetings represented an opportunity to introduce the Proposed Development to lead officers and outline the emerging approach to consultation proposed to be in the SoCC.
- 3.4.3 Following these meetings, key local stakeholders were contacted via letter and email on 27 October 2025 to introduce the Proposed Development and inform them of the EIA Scoping Report and upcoming consultation, with an invitation to be briefed on the Proposed Development. A copy of the letter can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix A1 Annex A1-2 Introductory project letter sent to councillors and parish councils (Application Document Ref. 5.1.2)**. A list of statutory bodies and local authorities that were contacted can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix A1 Annex A1-3 List of stakeholders contacted (Application Document Ref. 5.1.2)**
- 3.4.4 As part of the technical design and environmental assessment work, the Applicant has engaged with a number of statutory parties since September 2025, including Natural England, The Environment Agency (EA), The Marine Management Organisation (MMO), National Highways and both host authorities. Chapter 3 includes more information about engagement with these bodies.

Engagement with MPs, elected councillors and parish councils

- 3.4.5 The host MP, Chris McDonald, was contacted on 26 September 2025, updating him on the Proposed Development. **Consultation Report Appendix A1 Annex A1-1 Introductory project letter to MP (Application Document ref. 5.1.2)** contains a copy of the letter sent to the host MP.
- 3.4.6 A further letter offering a briefing ahead of the launch of the statutory consultation was issued to senior councillors at STBC and RCBC, as well as the elected ward members for the proposed site, on 11 November 2025. A copy of this letter can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix A1**

Annex A1-4 Letter sent to councillors offering a briefing ahead of statutory consultation launch (Application Document Ref. 5.1.2).

3.4.7 The parish and town councils encompassing the site location and its adjacent areas were duly notified about the consultation proceedings and were issued a project update letter, including an offer of a briefing on 27 October 2025. A copy of the letter can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix A1 Annex A1-2 Introductory project letter sent to councillors and parish councils (Application Document Ref. 5.1.2)**. The letter was issued to the following organisations:

- a) Billingham Town Council;
- b) Grindon and Thorpe Thewles Parish Council;
- c) Wolviston Parish Council;
- d) Wynyard Parish Council;
- e) Greatham Parish Council;
- f) Newton Bewley Parish Meeting;
- g) Saltburn, Marske & New Marske Parish Council;
- h) Guisborough Town Council; and
- i) Nunthorpe Parish Council.

3.4.8 A full list of meetings held can be found in the following table:

Table 3-1 Meetings held before and during statutory consultation

Stakeholder	Date
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council: Principal Planning Officer	Wednesday 13 August 2025
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council: Head of Planning and Development	Friday 15 August 2025
The office of Chris McDonald, MP for Stockton North and Minister for Industry, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero	Monday 22 September 2025
Lord Ben Houchen, Tees Valley Mayor	Monday 10 November 2025
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council: Head of Planning and Development	Thursday 27 November 2025

Stakeholder	Date
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council: Principal Planning Officer	Friday 28 November 2025
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council: Alec Brown, Leader of the Council, and Brian Archer, Chief Executive	Friday 12 December 2025
Billingham Town Council: Cllr Helen Atkinson (Chairman) and Cllr John McDermottroe	Wednesday 7 January 2026
Cowpen Bewley Residents' Association	Wednesday 1 April 2026

Engagement with PINS

- 3.4.9 An introductory meeting with the PINS took place on 15 September 2025 and subsequent meetings were held on 9 December 2025, 5 March 2026 and 29 July 2026. Under section 51 of the Act, PINS makes available a copy of the advice provided in meetings with the Applicant. This can be found on the Lighthouse Green Fuels Project page on the PINS website:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110025>

- 3.4.10 Details of how section 51 advice has been addressed through the pre-application process is included in **Applicant's completed section 51 advice log (Application Document Ref. 1.6)**

Engagement with landowners

- 3.4.11 With the change in location of the Proposed Development, the Applicant has led engagement with landowners regarding land that could host the Proposed Development. Regular meetings have taken place with these landowners.
- 3.4.12 Following this, the Applicant has engaged with landowners through the referencing process to identify all parties potentially impacted by other aspects of the Proposed Development.
- 3.4.13 Following the identification of land interests, the Applicant maintained close communication with landowners. The Applicant engaged with land interests

to try and reach voluntary agreements, discuss any matters of concern, provide project updates and arrange project meetings.

- 3.4.14 Engagement was carried out through Land Interest Questionnaires (LIQs), site visits, erection and monitoring of site notices, land interest follow-ups via phone or email, consultation invitations and confirmation schedules.
- 3.4.15 Throughout the consultation process, the Applicant ensured landowners were informed of any ongoing environmental assessments and surveys. More information about the Applicant's engagement with landowners can be found in the **Pre-application Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker (Application Document Ref. 4.4)**.

Early online presence

- 3.4.16 The project website www.lighthousegreenfuels.co.uk for the proposed SAF facility on Teesside promoted by the Applicant has been live since the previous iteration of the project and has been updated to reflect changes to the site location and proposed development details.
- 3.4.17 A press release introducing the Proposed Development and outlining the changes made to the previous proposal was published on the project website on 10 November 2025. A copy of the press release can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix A1 Annex A1-5 Project introduction press release (Application Document Ref. 5.1.2)**. To coincide with the issuing of the press release, the project website was updated to reflect the new Lighthouse Green Fuels branding, and details of the new project.
- 3.4.18 A new logo and visual identity were also launched on 10 November 2025 to distinguish the new project.
- 3.4.19 Upon launch of the consultation on 2 December 2025, the website was updated, to host information on the Proposed Development, consultation materials and a digital feedback form. Screenshots of the project website during statutory consultation can be viewed in **Consultation Report Appendix F11 Annex F11-3 Screenshots of website during statutory consultation (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**.

4 Consultation under Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations

4.1 Overview

- 4.1.1 Chapter 4 outlines how the Applicant has delivered engagement in accordance with the EIA Regulations.
- 4.1.2 Regulation 14 of the EIA Regulations states that an application for an order granting development consent for EIA development must be accompanied by an Environmental Statement (ES).
- 4.1.3 The Proposed Development falls under paragraph 3(a) of Schedule 2 of the EIA Regulations and therefore constitutes EIA development.
- 4.1.4 This Chapter provides a general overview of the pre-application engagement carried out by the Applicant relating to the EIA process. Full details of consultation and engagement activities of relevance to the EIA are provided in the **Environmental Statement (Application Document Ref. 6.1)**.

4.2 EIA Scoping

- 4.2.1 Regulation 8(1) of the EIA Regulations requires the Applicant to either “(a) *ask the Secretary of State to adopt a screening opinion in respect of the development to which the application relates; or (b) notify the Secretary of State in writing that the person proposes to provide an environmental statement in respect of that development.*”
- 4.2.2 Regulation 10(1) of the EIA Regulations allows an Applicant to ask PINS, on behalf of the Secretary of State, to state its written opinion (the Scoping Opinion) as to the scope and level of detail of the information to be provided in the ES. The scoping request typically comprises a Scoping Report provided by the Applicant and setting out the information required under Regulation 10(3) of the EIA Regulations.
- 4.2.3 The Applicant submitted a Scoping Report to PINS on 1 October 2025, supporting their request for a Scoping Opinion under Regulation 10 of the EIA Regulations. Under Regulation 8 of the EIA Regulations, a cover letter was also submitted as a notification, to accompany the Scoping Report, which highlighted that the Applicant proposes to provide an Environmental Statement with an application for an order granting development consent.
- 4.2.4 An EIA Scoping Opinion was issued by PINS on 11 November 2025. A copy of the Scoping Report Cover Letter can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix B2 Scoping Report Cover Letter from Planning Inspectorate Tuesday 11 November 2025 (Application Document Ref. 5.1.2)**.

- 4.2.5 In accordance with Regulation 11(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations, PINS provided the Applicant with a list of consultation bodies notified under Regulation 11(1)(a), who were subsequently included in future consultation activities by the Applicant. A copy of the Regulation 11 list provided by PINS is shown in **Consultation Report Appendix B1 Copy of Regulation 11 list (Application Document Ref. 5.1.2)**.
- 4.2.6 The Regulation 11(1)(b) list was subsequently used to inform the list of prescribed consultees to be consulted under section 42(a) of the Act during statutory consultation. Further detail is provided in **Chapter 5** of the Report.
- 4.3 Development of Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)**
- 4.3.1 The adoption of the Scoping Opinion informed the next stage in the EIA process, namely the preparation of a PEIR.
- 4.3.2 The PIA 2025's amendments to the EIA Regulations, means there is no longer a requirement for the applicant to publish Preliminary Environmental Information prior to the finalisation of the ES. These changes came into effect after the consultation therefore the Applicant followed the previous version of the EIA Regulations and produced a PEIR.
- 4.3.3 The PEIR outlined the assessments of the potential impacts of the Proposed Development carried out to date. It was included as one of the consultation documents created for consultation. The PEIR allowed the local community and those with an interest in the Proposed Development to understand the likely environmental effects of the Proposed Development and in turn, informed their response to the consultation, carried out between **Tuesday 2 December 2025 and Tuesday 13 January 2026**.
- 4.3.4 In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations, on 2 December 2025 a copy of the notice published under section 48 of the Act for the statutory consultation was sent to EIA consultation bodies, including those bodies listed by PINS in the Scoping Opinion under Regulation 11 of the EIA Regulations. A copy of the letter sent to consultees is included in **Consultation Report Appendix D2 Annex 2-1 Letter sent to consultees under S42(1)(a) and (b) Monday 1 December 2025 (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4)**.
- 4.3.5 A copy of the notice published under section 48 sent to the relevant consultation bodies is available in **Consultation Report Appendix C5 Annex C5-2 Section 48 Notice (Application Document Ref. 5.2.3)**.

4.4 Demonstrating regard to advice

- 4.4.1 Consultation and engagement during the EIA process is critical to the development of a comprehensive and proportionate ES. The views of statutory and non-statutory consultees are important to ensure that from the outset, the EIA focuses on specific issues where significant environmental effects are likely, and where further investigation is required.
- 4.4.2 Issues raised at statutory consultation by EIA consultation bodies, and other consultees are outlined in Chapter 7.
- 4.4.3 In line with the Pre-application Guidance, the Applicant has undertaken proactive and ongoing engagement with EIA consultation bodies and a variety of representative local groups to further gather views to help develop the design of the Proposed Development.
- 4.4.4 Each technical chapter of the **ES (Application Document Reference 6.1)** provides more information on consultation undertaken with statutory bodies and how this engagement has informed the assessment and development process.
- 4.4.5 Table 4-1 demonstrates how the ES complies with the requirements for engagement and consultation in accordance with the EIA Regulations and identifies any changes from the PIA 2025.

Table 4-1 Summary of compliance with Environmental Impact Assessment (Infrastructure Planning) Regulations 2017

Regulation within the EIA Regulations 2017	Requirement or provision of regulation	How the Applicant has complied
Regulation 8	Notify the SoS that an ES will be submitted with the DCO application	Under Regulation 8 of the EIA Regulations, a cover letter was submitted to PINS as a notification, to accompany the Scoping Report (see next paragraph), which highlighted that the Applicant proposes to provide an Environmental Statement with an application for an order granting development consent. A copy of the letter is included in Consultation Report Appendix B2 Scoping Report Cover Letter from Planning Inspectorate Tuesday 11 November 2025 (Application Document Ref. 5.1.2) . The Applicant submitted a Scoping Report, to PINS on 1 October 2025, supporting their request for a Scoping Opinion under Regulation 10 of the EIA Regulations.
Regulation 10	Applicant may request a Scoping Opinion from the SoS on the information that should be included within the ES	
Regulation 11	PINS to notify the consultation bodies that the	The list of consultation bodies attached to PINS Scoping Opinion referenced above

Regulation within the EIA Regulations 2017	Requirement or provision of regulation	How the Applicant has complied
	Applicant intends to provide an ES for the Proposed Development	was used to inform the prescribed consultees consulted under section 42(1)(a) during the consultation. A copy of the Regulation 11 list can be found in Consultation Report Appendix B1 Copy of Regulation 11 list (Application Document Ref. 5.1.2).
Regulation 12	Omitted by virtue of PIA 2025. Previously required the consultation statement prepared under section 47 must set out whether the Proposed Development is EIA development and how the applicant intends to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information.	The joint section 47 and section 48 notice included the text <i>"The Proposed Development is also an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development, as defined by the 2017 EIA Regulations. An Environmental Statement will therefore be submitted as part of the proposed application, which will contain information about the environmental effects of the Proposed Development."</i> The notice also included details on how the PEIR could be viewed and how comments could be made as part of the consultation. A copy of the notice can be found in Consultation Report Appendix C5 Annex C5-1 Section 47 and Section 48 Notice (Application Document Ref. 5.1.3)
Regulation 13	The Applicant must publish the notice and send a copy of the section 48 notice to Regulation 11 consultation bodies.	On 1 December 2025, a copy of the section 48 Notice for the statutory consultation was posted by tracked First Class to all prescribed consultees required by section 42(a) of the Act, including Regulation 11 bodies. A copy of the cover letter can be found in Consultation Report Appendix D2 Annex D2-1 Letter sent to consultees under S42(1)(a) and (b) Monday 1 December 2025 (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4) and a copy of the notice can be found in Consultation Report Appendix C5 Annex C5-2 Section 48 Notice (Application Document Ref. 5.1.3).
Regulation 14	An application for an order granting development consent for EIA must be accompanied by an ES, which complies with the requirements at Regulation 12(2) and (3).	An ES, which accords with the requirements at Regulation 12(2) and (3), has been prepared and submitted as part of the DCO application.

5 Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

5.1 Overview

5.1.1 Chapter 5 includes details of how the SoCC was prepared, consulted on and published prior to commencing consultation for the Proposed Development. As mentioned previously in this Report, the requirement for a SoCC under section 47 of the Act has been removed by the PIA 2025. This chapter though outlines the previous requirements followed by the Applicant prior to the changes coming into force.

5.1.2 Section 47 of the Act stated:

“(1) The applicant must prepare a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land.

(2) Before preparing the statement, the applicant must consult each local authority that is within section 43(1) about what is to be in the statement.

(3) The deadline for the receipt by the applicant of a local authority's response to consultation under subsection (2) is the end of the period of 28 days that begins with the day after the day on which the local authority receives the consultation documents.

(4) In subsection (3) “the consultation documents” means the documents supplied to the local authority by the applicant for the purpose of consulting the local authority under subsection (2).

(5) In preparing the statement, the applicant must have regard to any response to consultation under subsection (2) that is received by the applicant before the deadline imposed by subsection (3).

(6) Once the applicant has prepared the statement, the applicant must — (za) make the statement available for inspection by the public in a way that is reasonably convenient for people living in the vicinity of the land; (a) publish in a newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the land a notice stating where and when the statement can be inspected, and (b) publish the statement in such manner as may be prescribed.

(7) The applicant must carry out consultation in accordance with the proposals set out in the statement.”

5.2 Development of the draft SoCC

5.2.1 As explained in the introduction, a statutory consultation was conducted on a proposed SAF facility on land off Huntsman Drive (PINS reference: EN010150) in May/June 2024.

- 5.2.2 To develop the previous SoCC (May 2024), there was engagement with officers at STBC and RCBC to discuss the project's approach to consultation. This enabled officers to provide feedback on the approach.
- 5.2.3 The Applicant developed the SoCC for this Proposed Development in line with the previous document and refined based on lessons learned from the delivery of the consultation in Spring 2024.

5.3 Consultation on the draft SoCC

- 5.3.1 As outlined earlier meetings were held with STBC on 13 August 2025 and RCBC on 15 August 2025, including an outline to the consultation approach.
- 5.3.2 An early draft SoCC was sent to STBC and RCBC, as the relevant host local authorities under section 43(1) of the Act on 7 October 2025. Copies of the emails sent to the host authorities can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix C1 Annex C1-1 Email sharing early draft SoCC with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (Application Document Ref. 5.1.3)** and **Annex C1-2 Email sharing early draft SoCC with Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (Application Document Ref. 5.1.3)**. The early draft SoCC can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix C1 Annex C1-3 Copy of the draft SoCC provided to local authorities for consultation (Application Document Ref. 5.1.3)**. Comments on the early draft SoCC were requested by 5 November 2025.
- 5.3.3 A response from RCBC was received on 20 October 2025. The Council confirmed that it had no comments on the draft SoCC. A copy of the email received from the Council can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix C2 Annex C2-1 Email with comments on draft SoCC from Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (Application Document Ref. 5.1.3)**.
- 5.3.4 A response from STBC was received on 28 October 2025. The Council confirmed that it had no comments on the draft SoCC. A copy of the email received from the Council can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix C2 Annex C2-2 Email with comments on draft SoCC from Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (Application Document Ref. 5.1.3)**.
- 5.3.5 In the meetings with officers at RCBC on 27 November 2025 and STBC on 28 November 2025, the Applicant asked if the councils had any comments on the SoCC. STBC asked if Cowpen Bewley Residents' association were going to be consulted, which the Applicant confirmed, and RCBC did not have any comments.

5.4 Regard had to Local Authority responses to the draft SoCC

- 5.4.1 No comments were received from the host authorities on the draft SoCC.

5.5 Publicity under section 47 of the Act

- 5.5.1 The Applicant published a combined section 47 notice, which included information relevant to, and was publicised in accordance with, the requirements of both section 47(6) and section 48 of the Act.
- 5.5.2 In compliance with the publicity requirements of section 47(6) of the Act, the SoCC was made available for viewing for the duration of the statutory consultation, as detailed below.
- 5.5.3 In compliance with section 47(6)(a) of the Act, an advert publicising the locations where the SoCC could be viewed was placed in a local newspaper, the Teesside Gazette, on 2 December 2025.
- 5.5.4 A copy of the notice, as placed in the newspaper listed above, can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix C5 Annex C5-4 Section 47 and Section 48 Notice – Teesside Gazette (Application Document Ref. 5.1.3)**.
- 5.5.5 An electronic version of the SoCC was published on the project website on 2 December 2025. A screenshot of the SoCC being available to download can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix C6 Website screenshot showing SoCC can be downloaded (Application Document Ref. 5.1.3)**.
- 5.5.6 In compliance with section 47(6)(a) of the Act, paper versions of the SoCC were available at all in-person consultation events during the statutory consultation.
- 5.5.7 Chapter 5 of the Report details the statutory consultation. Table 6-7 outlines how the consultation was undertaken in compliance with the published SoCC, as per the requirements of section 47(7) of the Act.

6 'Statutory' Consultation

6.1 Overview

- 6.1.1 Whilst statutory consultation is no longer a pre-application requirement following the enactment of the PIA 2025, the consultation described in this chapter was undertaken prior to those changes taking effect. This chapter therefore summarises the consultation activities undertaken by the Applicant and explains how these activities complied with the legislative requirements applicable at the time, the EIA Regulations, and the commitments contained within the published SoCC. Evidence supporting the consultation process is provided in the relevant appendices and referenced throughout this chapter.

6.2 Summary of activity

- 6.2.1 The Applicant held a 6-week consultation between Tuesday 2 December 2025 and Tuesday 13 January 2026. This deadline for comments was extended in circumstances where consultees were notified following the consultation commencement date (see section 7.1 for details).
- 6.2.2 The Act required the Applicant to:
- notify the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application on or before beginning statutory consultation (section 46);*
 - prepare a statement in consultation with the relevant local authority or authorities, which describes how the Applicant proposes to consult the local community (section 47(1) and (2));*
 - carry out consultation in accordance with the SoCC (section 47(7));*
 - make the SoCC available for inspection by the public in a way that is reasonably convenient for people living in the vicinity of the land where the development is proposed, publishing the statement and a newspaper notice stating where and when the statement can be inspected (section 47(6));*
 - identify and consult statutory consultees, local authorities and all persons with land interests (sections 42, 43 and 44);*
 - set a deadline for consultation responses not less than 28 days from the day after receipt of the consultation (section 45);*
 - publicise the proposed application in accordance with the APFP Regulations (section 48); and*
 - have regard to relevant responses to publicity and consultation (section 49).*

- 6.2.3 The Applicant sought feedback on all aspects of the Proposed Development, including:
- a) views on using sustainable aviation fuels to reduce carbon emissions and decarbonise the aviation industry;
 - b) level of support for the Proposed Development;
 - c) views on the indicative project site layout and components within it;
 - d) comments on proposed road, river, and rail access routes;
 - e) comments on proposed environmental mitigation, including suggestions for landscape and visual, biodiversity, marine, flood risk, traffic, air quality, and noise mitigations;
 - f) demographic information to support equality and diversity monitoring; and
 - g) evaluation of the consultation process and materials.
- 6.2.4 The Applicant welcomed all views and has had regard to all comments and feedback when developing the design.
- 6.2.5 Under section 47 of the Act, the Applicant had a duty to consult the local community. The SoCC detailed the approach to consultation as outlined in Chapter 5. In addition to the local community, the Applicant consulted with prescribed bodies and local authorities under section 42(1)(a) and (b) of the Act. People with interest in land (PILs), under sections 42(1)(d) and 44 were also consulted.
- 6.2.6 As part of the update meeting with PINS on 9 December 2025, an overview of the consultation activities was provided by the Applicant. Section 51 advice was provided suggesting an additional in-person consultation event, to be held in January 2026, because the other planned events were close to the Christmas period, which may limit stakeholder availability and engagement. This advice was received on 12 December 2025, after the start of the statutory consultation. The Applicant agreed to follow this advice and organised for an additional public consultation event which was held on 8 January 2026. Further details about the additional event are outlined in section 6.15.
- 6.2.7 Table 6-1 summarises the activities which took place as part of the statutory consultation.

Table 6-1 Summary of statutory consultation activities

Activity	Date
Section 46 notice issued to PINS	Friday 28 November 2025
Consultation materials made available at information points	Monday 1 December 2025
Consultation newsletter posted to over 3,242 properties in the local community	Tuesday 2 December 2025
Launch of the statutory consultation	Tuesday 2 December 2025
Publication of the SoCC, the PEIR, consultation brochure, feedback form and supporting materials on project website	Tuesday 2 December 2025
Writing to affected landowners and prescribed consultees	Tuesday 2 December 2025
Press release announcing the consultation issued to local media	Tuesday 2 December 2025
Social media advertising about the consultation began	Tuesday 2 December 2025
Updating the project website with consultation details and all consultation documents	Tuesday 2 December 2025
Section 48 notice placed in Lloyd's List in line with statutory requirements	Tuesday 2 December 2025
Combined section 47/48 notice placed in a local newspaper the Teesside Gazette, in line with statutory requirements	Tuesday 2 December 2025
Section 48 notice placed in the London Gazette in line with statutory requirements	Tuesday 2 December 2025
Section 48 notice placed in Fishing News in line with statutory requirements	Thursday 4 December 2025
Webinar	Monday 8 December 2025
Section 48 notice placed in a national newspaper, The Guardian, in line with statutory requirements	Monday 8 December 2025
Section 48 notice placed in a local newspaper, the Teesside Gazette, in line with statutory requirements	Tuesday 9 December 2025
In-person public consultation event (High Clarence Primary Academy, Port Clarence Road, Middlesbrough, TS2 1SY)	Saturday 13 December 2025
Webinar	Monday 15 December 2025
In-person public consultation event (Billingham Forum, The Causeway, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 2LJ)	Wednesday 17 December 2025
In-person public consultation event (Billingham Rugby Club, Greenwood Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 4BA)	Thursday 18 December 2025
Webinar	Wednesday 7 January 2026

Additional Event: In-person consultation event (Billingham Rugby Club, Greenwood Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 4BA)	Thursday 8 January 2026
End of the statutory consultation	Tuesday 13 January 2026

* Some consultees were identified after Tuesday 2 December and were consulted at a later date. These are explained in section 6.8 of the Report.

6.3 Consulting with Prescribed Consultees under Section 42

- 6.3.1 Section 42(1) of the Act specified those parties the Applicant must consult with on the proposed application. This includes:
- a) section 42 (1) (a) - such persons as may be prescribed (covered in section 6.4);
 - b) (aa) - the Marine Management Organisation;
 - c) section 42 (1) (b) - each local authority that is within section 43 (covered in section 6.5);
 - d) section 42 (1) (c) – the Greater London Authority if the land is in Greater London (covered in section 6.6); and
 - e) section 42 (1) (d) each person who is within one or more of the categories set out in section 44 Act (covered in section 6.7).
- 6.3.2 The following sections outline how consultees have been identified. A full list of consultees identified in accordance with section 42 can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix D1 List of consultees under S42 (a-c) (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4).**

6.4 Consulting with Prescribed Consultees under section 42(1)(a) and section 42(1) (aa)

- 6.4.1 Section 42(1)(a) of the Act required applicants to consult with all applicable ‘prescribed’ bodies. Persons prescribed under section 42(1)(a) are listed in column 1 of Schedule 1 to the APFP Regulations, which was updated further to the Infrastructure Planning (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2024 (which came into force on Tuesday 30 April 2024). The Applicant consulted all relevant consultees prescribed by the APFP Regulations.
- 6.4.2 Section 42(1) (aa) required consultation with MMO where the Proposed Development would affect areas specified in section 42(2). As this Proposed Development will interact with local waterways, the estuarine River Tees, (falling within section 42(2)(a) – waters in England up to the

seaward limits of the territorial sea), the MMO was consulted in respect of this Proposed Development.

6.4.3 On Monday 1 December 2025, a consultation notification letter was sent by first-class mail, and via email on Tuesday 2 December 2025, to the section 42(1) (aa) and section 41(1)(a) consultees, along with a copy of the section 48 notice, the consultation brochure, the paper feedback form and Freepost envelope, and the newsletter. The consultation notification letter can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix D2 Annex D2-1 Letter sent to consultees under S42(1)(a) and (b) Monday 1 December 2025 (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4)**, and the newsletter can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix F1 Community newsletter (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**.

6.4.4 A full list of the bodies consulted under section 42(1)(a) and the dates they were notified can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix D1 List of consultees under S42(a-c) (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4)**.

6.5 Consulting with Prescribed Consultees under sections 42(1)(b) and 43

6.5.1 Section 42(1)(b) required that each local authority within section 43 must be consulted. These are:

- a) a local authority is within this section if the land is in the authority's area;
- b) a local authority ("A") is within this section if: (a) the land is in the area of another local authority ("B"), (aa) B is a unitary council or a lower-tier district council, and (b) any part of the boundary of A's area is also a part of the boundary of B's area; and
- c) if the land is in the area of an upper-tier county council ("C"), a local authority ("D") is within this section if: (a) D is not a lower-tier district council, and (b) any part of the boundary of D's area is also part of the boundary of C's area.

6.5.2 STBC and RCBC are the host authorities for the Proposed Development.

6.5.3 Section 42(1)(b) local authorities are listed in Table 6-2.

Table 6-2 section 42(1)(b) local authorities

Local authority category	Local authority
"A" s43 Consultees (a local authority as defined in s43(3) that shares a boundary with a "B" (host) authority)	Middlesbrough Council, Darlington Borough Council, North Yorkshire Council, Durham County Council and Hartlepool Borough Council, North York Moors National Park
"B" s43 Consultees (a lower-tier district council or a Unitary Council who is a host authority for	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council

the development and any associated development)	
“C” s43 Consultees (an upper-tier county council who is a host authority)	n/a
“D” s43 Consultees (a local authority (“D”) is within this section if: (a) D is not a lower-tier district council, and (b) any part of the boundary of D’s area is also part of the boundary of C’s area)	n/a

6.5.4 A consultation notification letter was sent by first-class mail on Monday 1 December 2025, and via email on Tuesday 2 December 2025, to the section 42(1)(b) consultees, along with a copy of the section 48 notice, the consultation brochure, the feedback form and Freepost envelope and the newsletter. The consultation notification letter can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix D2 Annex D2-1 Letter sent to consultees under S42(1)(a) and (b) Monday 1 December 2025 (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4)**, and the newsletter can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix F1 Community newsletter (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**.

6.6 [Consulting with Prescribed Consultees under section 42\(1\)\(c\)](#)

6.6.1 Section 42(1)(c) required consultation with the Greater London Authority (GLA) if the land is in Greater London. The Proposed Development is not within Greater London and therefore the GLA was not consulted.

6.7 [Consulting people with interests in land under sections 42\(1\)\(d\) and 44](#)

6.7.1 Section 42(1)(d) and section 44 of the Act set out how an applicant must consult with people with interest in land (PILs) in respect of the Proposed Development, i.e. those who own, occupy, have an interest in, or who may be able to make certain claims for compensation in respect of land affected by a Proposed Development.

6.7.2 Under section 44, PILs are split into three categories:

- a) category 1: Where the applicant, after making diligent inquiry, knows that the person is an owner, lessee, tenant (whatever the tenancy period) or occupier of the land;
- b) category 2: Where the applicant, after making diligent inquiry, knows that the person is interested in the land, or has power to sell and convey the land, or to release the land; and
- c) category 3: Where the applicant thinks that, after making diligent enquiry, if the order sought by the proposed application were to be

made and fully implemented, the person would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim:

- i. as a result of the implementing of the order;
- ii. as a result of the order having been implemented; or
- iii. as a result of use of the land once the order has been implemented.

- 6.7.3 Category 3 persons are those with potential claims under the above legislation should the proposed scheme be carried out. They mainly relate to those whose land may be injuriously affected (i.e. its value would be diminished) as a result of interference with a right or interest as a result of the proposed scheme, although the land in question is not acquired outright.
- 6.7.4 The Applicant carried out diligent inquiry using the following methods to identify and consult with those with an interest in the land affected by the Proposed Development.
- 6.7.5 Desktop referencing was undertaken through extraction of Land Registry data, requests for land interest information from landowners and other desktop activities to identify open spaces and rights of way.
- 6.7.6 Land interest questionnaires (LIQs) were posted in October 2025 to all parties to confirm their interest and request further information. LIQs were also sent to any subsequently identified new interests. The LIQs included a request for information about a recipient's own interests, associated third party interests and the spatial extent of the property. Included with the questionnaires were individual plans showing the Applicant's understanding of the extent of land ownership boundaries.
- 6.7.7 Site referencing was undertaken through site visits to understand the occupation details for properties (ownership, leases, tenants or occupiers) in addition to confirming details which had been gathered through desktop methods.
- 6.7.8 Where land ownership information could not be ascertained through desktop or site referencing methods, the land referencing team erected notices on site requesting information. The notice showed the land boundary in question and provided details of how to contact the land referencing team with any relevant information. These notices were checked weekly for six weeks.
- 6.7.9 Through diligent inquiry, the Applicant considers that there are no persons at this stage who may be entitled to make a relevant claim as a Category 3

interest under section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965, Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 or section 152(3) of the Planning Act in relation to the following matters: noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, light emissions, discharge of solid or liquid substances. The relevant factors considered by the Applicant that could have significance to proposals of this nature were noise and vibration. **Environmental Statement Chapter 9: Noise and Vibration (ES Volume 1, Application Document Ref. 6.1.9)** sets out the scope of the noise and vibration assessments made. These assessments concluded there is a low likelihood of significant adverse noise and vibration impacts resulting from the operational phase of the Proposed Development based on the distances to residential and amenity receptors.

- 6.7.10 A total of 119 PILs under Categories 1 and 2 were identified and sent a letter on Monday 1 December 2025 notifying them of the start of consultation and the deadline for responses. The letter was issued alongside a copy of the section 47/48 notice, a site plan, consultation brochure, consultation newsletter, feedback form and a Freepost envelope.
- 6.7.11 Site notices were also put up around the site on Tuesday 2 December 2025 and were checked weekly throughout the consultation period to help identify any additional land interests. The notices were taken down on 15 January 2026.
- 6.7.12 A total of 28 previously impacted PILs were issued a letter on 22 December 2025 confirming that they were no longer affected by the latest design of the project. The letter explained that their land now lies outside the updated Proposed Order Limits and that the Applicant does not currently expect to require any land rights over their land. These PILs had formed part of an earlier iteration of Lighthouse Green Fuels and were consulted as part of that previous design phase.
- 6.7.13 More information on the process for identifying land interests can be found in the **Statement of Reasons (Application Document Ref. 4.1)** and the list of land interests is included in the **Book of Reference (Application Document Ref. 4.3)**.

6.8 **Managing return to senders**

- 6.8.1 In cases where a prescribed/non-prescribed consultee pack was returned to sender, it was either reissued to an alternative address or verified to ensure the email version had reached the intended recipient. This process was

also carried out for email bounce backs to ensure that all prescribed and non-prescribed consultees had been informed through at least one channel.

- 6.8.2 A total of three S42(1)(d) return to senders were received. Two of these consultees were given an extended statutory consultation deadline of Monday 16 February 2026. One additional S42(1)(d) consultee was identified after the start of statutory consultation. A consultee pack was issued to this consultee on 16 December 2025.

6.9 Notifying the Secretary of State under section 46

- 6.9.1 Section 46 of the Act required an applicant to notify the SoS of the proposed application for development consent. This must be done on, or before, the commencement of the statutory consultation under section 42, and the SoS must be supplied with the same information as is proposed to be used for the section 42 consultation.
- 6.9.2 On 28 November 2025, the Applicant notified PINS under section 46 of the Act of the statutory consultation by email. A copy of the email can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix D5 Annex D5-2 Email from Planning Inspectorate acknowledging the Section 46 letter (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4)**. The letter and email included details of the publication of the section 48 notices. It also signposted to the project website: www.lighthousegreenfuels.co.uk/consultation, where copies of all documents published as part of the statutory consultation could be accessed.
- 6.9.3 PINS provided formal acknowledgement of the notification made under section 46 on 8 December 2025.
- 6.9.4 The PIA 2025 has amended Section 46 to also include notification to host local authorities and MMO if applicable.
- 6.9.5 Section 6 of "The PIA 2025" (Commencement No. 4 and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026 states "*Where an applicant has notified the Secretary of State of a proposed application under section 46 (1) of the Planning Act 2008 before the date on which sections 5, 6 and 7 of the 2025 Act come into force, section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 is to be read as if paragraph (3)(ca) is omitted*" meaning it was not required for the Applicant to reissue the Section 46 to the local authorities and MMO.

6.10 Consulting the local community under section 47

- 6.10.1 As outlined in Chapter 5, the Applicant produced a SoCC setting out how it would consult the local community and made the statement available for

inspection on the website and at the information point, and published in a local newspaper notice where and when the SoCC could be inspected.

- 6.10.2 The SoCC identified commitments made by the Applicant in relation to carrying out the community consultation. Section 6.18 of the Report outlines how the consultation was conducted in accordance with commitments made in the SoCC.
- 6.10.3 On Monday 1 December 2025, residents, businesses and organisations located in the vicinity of the Proposed Development were sent via post a consultation newsletter, which notified them of the consultation and invited them to provide their feedback. The consultation newsletter was sent to addresses within the identified PCZ (which was notified to the local authorities as part of the SoCC consultation).
- 6.10.4 A map of the PCZ is provided in Figure 6-1. The dotted outer red line is the 2024 consultation zone, while the solid red line marks approximately 1.5km from the site boundary. These two boundaries combined form the PCZ. The inner dotted line represents the boundary of the Proposed Development.

Figure 6-1 Primary Consultation Zone (PCZ)



- 6.10.5 The PCZ was developed to be proportionate to the size and potential impact of the project. The PCZ was identified by extending a distance of 1.5km from the proposed site boundary. In addition, the Applicant expanded this 1.5km buffer zone to include all properties included in the primary consultation zone during the 2024 consultation to ensure they were

informed of the new application and the key changes within it. These addresses were treated as part of the PCZ.

- 6.10.6 Within the SoCC, the Applicant committed to consulting the following groups:
- a) parish councils representing parishes within the immediate vicinity of the Proposed Development;
 - b) Local Authority Councillors representing wards within and bordering the consultation zone;
 - c) seldom heard groups within the consultation zone, who have been drawn to the Applicant's attention by Local Authorities and Parish Councils. These groups represent people who are unlikely to respond to traditional consultation techniques and may need additional support to access materials; and
 - d) local interest groups, such as residents' associations, community groups, and groups with particular specialisms, such as local heritage or wildlife.
- 6.10.7 All of the above were contacted. A letter, consultation newsletter, consultation brochure, the paper feedback form and Freepost envelope were sent via post on Monday 1 December 2025 and via emails on Tuesday 2 December 2025 to all of the stakeholders listed in **Consultation Report Appendix D1 List of consultees under S42 (a-c) (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4)** and **Consultation Report Appendix E1 Annex E1-1 List of non-prescribed consultees consulted during statutory consultation (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**. A copy of the letter sent to non-prescribed consultees can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix E1 Annex E1-2 Statutory consultation letter to non-prescribed consultees (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**. Those contacted by email were sent a link to digital versions of the consultation materials on the project website. A copy of the email sent to non-prescribed consultees can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix E1 Annex E1-3 Statutory consultation launch email to non-prescribed consultees (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**.

6.11 [Duty to publicise under section 48](#)

- 6.11.1 Section 48 of the Act requires the Applicant to publicise its proposed application for development consent in the Prescribed Manner. This is defined in Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations. The Applicant issued a combined section 47 and section 48 notice. A copy of this notice can be

found in **Consultation Report Appendix C5 Annex C5-1 Section 47 and Section 48 Notice (Application Document Ref. 5.1.3).**

- 6.11.2 As per the requirements of Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations, a notice pursuant to section 48 of the Act was published:
- (a) for at least two successive weeks in one or more local newspapers circulating in the vicinity in which the proposed development would be situated;
 - (b) once in a national newspaper;
 - (c) once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and
 - (d) where the proposed application relates to offshore development—
 - (i) once in Lloyd's List; and
 - (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal.
- 6.11.3 The Proposed Development does not affect land in Scotland and therefore was not published in the Edinburgh Gazette.

Table 6-3 Detail of newspapers the section 47 and 48 notices were published in

Newspaper	Date(s)
Section 47 and 48 combined notice	
Local Newspaper	
Teesside Gazette	2 December 2025
Section 48 notice	
National Newspaper	
The Guardian	8 December 2025
The London Gazette	2 December 2025
Lloyd's List	2 December 2025
Fishing News (online only)	4 December 2025
Local Newspaper	
Teesside Gazette	9 December 2025

- 6.11.4 Copies of the combined section 47/48 notice and the individual section 48 notice were made available on the project website, at: <https://www.lighthousegreenfuels.co.uk/consultation> from the start of statutory consultation on Tuesday 2 December 2025.
- 6.11.5 Additionally, in accordance with Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations, copies of the section 48 notice were issued to the consultees identified under Regulation 3 of the APFP Regulations. This list of consultees under s42(a-c) that received this can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix D1 List of consultees under S42 (a-c) (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4)**.

6.12 Consultation documents

- 6.12.1 A suite of documents was developed to support the statutory consultation. These documents aimed to provide comprehensive information to all those with an interest in the Proposed Development. The following documents can be found in the Appendices:
- a) Consultation Report Appendix F1 Community newsletter
 - b) Consultation Report Appendix F2 Consultation brochure
 - c) Consultation Report Appendix F3 Consultation feedback form
 - d) Consultation Report Appendix F4 Freepost envelope
 - e) Consultation Report Appendix F5 Non-Technical Summary of PEIR
 - f) Consultation Report Appendix F6 Consultation poster and locations
 - g) Consultation Report Appendix F7 Consultation banners
 - h) Consultation Report Appendix F15 Proposed Order Limits; and
 - i) Consultation Report Appendix F16 Overview of Proposed Order Limits.
- 6.12.2 All the consultation documents were available at the consultation events. All documents were made available to view and download on the project website from the start of consultation (with the exception of the consultation in-person event banners which were added on 5 December 2025). The Applicant has kept the documents on the project website since the end of consultation.
- 6.12.3 The Applicant received two separate requests for hard copies of these consultation documents (these requests were granted) and received no

requests for any of the consultation documents to be made available in alternative formats.

6.12.4 A summary of these documents and their content is provided below.

Consultation brochure

6.12.5 The consultation brochure was a 28-page booklet designed to serve as the primary consultation document. It provided detailed information for those interested in the Proposed Development, helping interested parties to make informed responses to the consultation. This brochure was available to view and takeaway at the consultation events, the information point and online. It was sent directly to section 42 consultees, relevant elected representatives, community organisations and seldom heard groups. It was also available to request as a hard copy for free via the Applicant's community contact channels, including email and phone.

6.12.6 A copy of the consultation brochure is provided in **Consultation Report Appendix F2 Consultation brochure (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**.

Consultation newsletter

6.12.7 The newsletter was a four-page leaflet providing a brief overview of the Proposed Development and the statutory consultation process.

6.12.8 The newsletter included:

- a) a summary of the proposed Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) production plant, its objectives, location, and benefits;
- b) illustrative masterplan;
- c) information on the consultation process and how to participate.
- d) a schedule of upcoming in-person events and webinars;
- e) contact details and instructions for submitting feedback via post, email, or online form; and
- f) details on how to request materials in alternative formats and register for updates.

- 6.12.9 The newsletter aimed to inform local stakeholders and encourage community involvement in the consultation process.
- 6.12.10 A copy of the consultation newsletter can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix F1 Community newsletter (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**.

[Feedback form and Freepost envelope](#)

- 6.12.11 A feedback form was developed in order to capture community and stakeholder feedback on the Proposed Development. The form was available online and at consultation events, and featured 10 questions alongside signposting to the relevant pages within the consultation report where necessary. The questions were a mixture of quantitative (closed) and qualitative (open).
- 6.12.12 The online feedback form was available to complete on the project website, alongside a downloadable version that could be printed. Hard copies of the feedback form and Freepost envelopes were also available at the consultation events, information point, and available to request for free via the Applicant's community contact channels, including email and phone.
- 6.12.13 The paper and online versions of the feedback form covered broadly similar questions. There was some minor variation between the versions in terms of the order of the questions and the sub questions asked due to an error in setting up the online form.
- 6.12.14 A copy of the paper feedback form is available in **Consultation Report Appendix F3 Consultation feedback form (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**. Screenshots of the digital version of the feedback form are available in **Consultation Report Appendix F11 Annex F11-2 Screenshots of digital version of the feedback form (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**.
- 6.12.15 A copy of the Freepost envelope is available in **Consultation Report Appendix F4 Freepost envelope (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**.

[PEIR and Non-Technical Summary \(NTS\)](#)

- 6.12.16 The PEIR was developed to provide detailed preliminary environmental information regarding the Proposed Development. This comprehensive document included an analysis of potential benefits, effects, and impacts of the development. Additionally, where possible, the PEIR outlined proposed mitigation measures to address any identified adverse effects.
- 6.12.17 The PEIR was available on the website from 2 December 2025. A copy of the PEIR appendices was available to view at in-person consultation events. A hard copy could be requested for a charge of £0.35 per page to

cover printing and postage costs. No requests for a hard copy of the document were received.

- 6.12.18 A non-technical summary (NTS) of the PEIR was developed to provide an accessible version of the detailed information contained within the PEIR. The NTS aimed to present the key environmental aspects of the Proposed Development in a clear and concise manner, making it easier for the general public to understand the scope of the Proposed Development, potential impacts, and benefits.
- 6.12.19 The NTS was available to view and take away from the information point, as well as at the in-person consultation events during the statutory consultation. It was also available digitally, to download, or view on the project website. Hard copies were available to request for free via the Applicant's community contact channels, including email and phone. One request was made for a hard copy of the NTS, which was granted.
- 6.12.20 A copy of the NTS can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix F5 Non-Technical Summary of PEIR (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**.

Consultation banners

- 6.12.21 In total, three consultation banners were created to display information about the proposals and provide an overview of the key components of the Proposed Development at the in-person events.
- 6.12.22 The consultation banners were designed to assist in the understanding of the Proposed Development at the in-person consultation events and supported discussions with the Applicant during public information events and other meetings.
- 6.12.23 The consultation banners were added to the project website on 5 December.
- 6.12.24 A copy of the consultation banners can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix F7 Consultation banners (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**.

Maps and plans

- 6.12.25 Technical maps and plans were provided on the project website as part of the PEIR, and at the in-person consultation events. Key maps were also included within the consultation brochure. These included Illustrative

masterplan maps, which depicted the overall layout of the Proposed Development.

Poster

- 6.12.26 A poster was designed to advertise the statutory consultation, the in-person consultation events and webinars. The poster was produced in A3 and A4 sizing and distributed to all host Parish Councils, as well as identified local venues.
- 6.12.27 A copy of the poster is available to view in **Consultation Report Appendix F6 Annex F6-1 Consultation poster (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)** and a list of the locations the poster was sent to is provided in **Consultation Report Appendix F6 Annex F6-2 List of Consultation poster locations (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**.

6.13 Information points

- 6.13.1 An information point was identified, providing public access to view the consultation documents. The information point was Billingham Library. The opening times are presented in Table 6-4.
- 6.13.2 The information point includes copies of the consultation brochure, consultation newsletter, NTS, feedback forms and Freepost envelopes. All of which could be taken away. USBs containing the consultation materials were also available at the information point to take away.

Table 6-4 Opening times of the information point location during consultation

Location	Address	Opening times
Billingham Library	Kingsway, Billingham, TS23 2LN	Mon-Tue 8:30am-7pm, Wed-Fri 8:30am-5pm, Sat 9:30am-4pm, Sun closed

- 6.13.3 Photos of the information point can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix F9 Photos of Billingham Library information point (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**.

6.14 Feedback channels

- 6.14.1 There were several channels available for feedback to be provided on the Proposed Development. These channels included:
- Post: Participants could return a feedback form, or provide an open text response, by mail using the Freepost address: FREEPOST LIGHTHOUSE GREEN FUELS.

- b) Online: An online feedback form was available on the project website, www.lighthousegreenfuels.co.uk/consultation, allowing participants to submit their comments electronically.
 - c) In-person: Participants could complete a hard copy of the feedback form provided at one of the in-person consultation events, or bring one they had completed at home, and hand it to a member of staff at the event or insert it into the dedicated feedback box provided at the events.
 - d) Email: Interested parties could provide feedback by sending an email to info@lgf.co.uk.
- 6.14.2 The Applicant encouraged all respondents to feedback via the above channels. The Applicant would also accept formal feedback responses over the phone in exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis where someone may not otherwise be able to respond to the consultation. No feedback was received over the phone during the statutory consultation.

6.15 Consultation events

- 6.15.1 A hybrid approach was adopted to consultation events including a mix of in-person, and online events.

In-person consultation events

- 6.15.2 The Applicant hosted four in-person public consultation events during the consultation period.
- 6.15.3 Three in-person consultation events were initially planned. As part of PINS section 51 advice, it was suggested an additional in-person consultation event was held in January 2026. This advice was received on 12 December 2025, after the start of the statutory consultation. The Applicant agreed to this advice and organised for an additional public consultation event which was held on 8 January 2026.

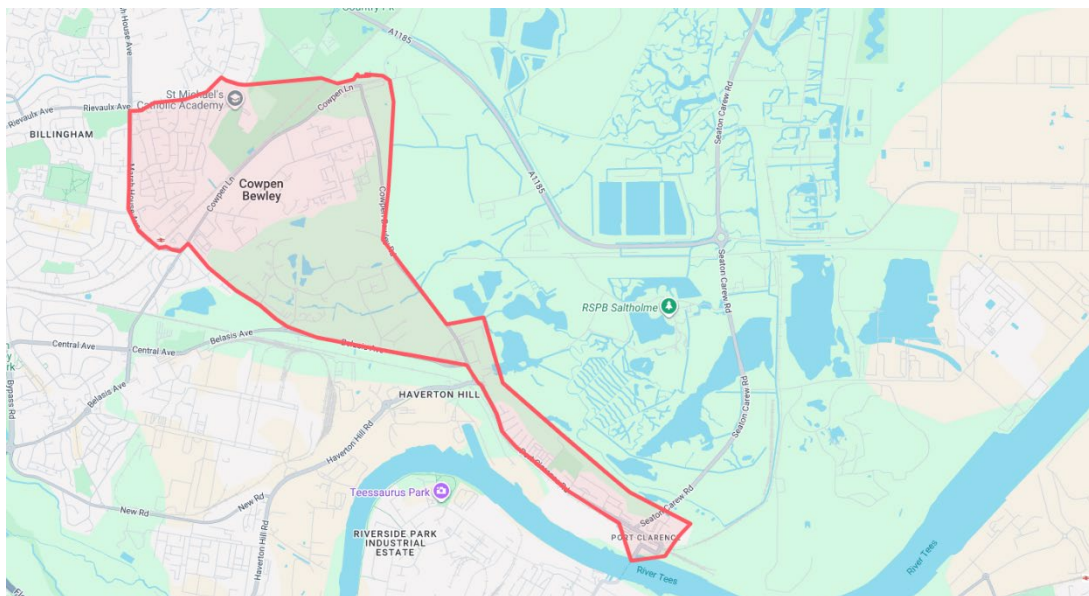
Table 6-5 Details of in-person consultation events

Date	Time	Location
Saturday 13 December 2025	10:00 – 15:00	High Clarence Primary Academy, Port Clarence Road, Middlesbrough, TS2 1SY
Wednesday 17 December 2025	13:00-19:00	Billingham Forum, The Causeway, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 2LJ

Thursday 18 December 2025	13:00-19:00	Billingham Rugby Club, Greenwood Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 4BA
Thursday 8 January 2026	13:00-19:00	Billingham Rugby Club, Greenwood Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 4BA

- 6.15.4 To advertise the additional event, the Applicant issued via post an update letter to 2,031 residential and business addresses in the vicinity of the proposals. The area was those closest to the venue including Cowpen Bewley. The update letter provided details on the additional event, the final webinar event, and contact and feedback channels. A copy of the update letter is available in **Consultation Report Appendix F14 Annex F14-4 Annex F14-1 Statutory consultation update letter sent to S47 consultees (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**. A map of the consultation zone for the consultation update is provided in Figure 6-2.

Figure 6-2 Statutory consultation update mailing zone



- 6.15.5 The public consultation events were arranged as drop-in sessions that local residents were invited to attend and speak with members of the project team.
- 6.15.6 Members of the project team were in attendance at all the events and available to speak with residents and stakeholders. The consultation events were held at suitable, publicly accessible venues near to the Proposed Development. Across the four events, there were a total of 51 attendees.

Photos of the events can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix F8 Photos of consultation event (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**.

- 6.15.7 The Applicant also published a half-page advert in the Teesside Gazette on Tuesday 6 January. The advert included information on the additional in-person event, and the final webinar event. A copy of the newspaper advert is available in **Consultation Report Appendix F14 Annex F14-2 Statutory consultation additional event advert (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**. Alongside additional social media, see **Consultation Report Appendix F14 Annex F14-4 Social media posts for additional event (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**.

Online consultation events

- 6.15.8 In addition to the in-person consultation events, three webinars were held during the statutory consultation for any member of the public to join. One webinar was conducted at the start of the consultation, one was held two weeks into the consultation, and the final webinar was held a week before the end of consultation. These online events offered an alternative option for those who were unable to attend the in-person events. The sessions were scheduled in the evening to accommodate various schedules. Individuals were able to register for the webinars via the project website.
- 6.15.9 During the webinars, the Applicant delivered a presentation that featured the same information that was available on the consultation banners at the in-person events. Following the presentation, the Applicant invited attendees to ask any questions they had about the Proposed Development, which the Applicant responded to.
- 6.15.10 A copy of the slides presented during the webinar can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix F12 Webinar presentation (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**.
- 6.15.11 A recording of each webinar was made available on the project website for those who were unable to attend the live sessions. This ensured that all interested parties had the opportunity to access the information and provide their feedback on the Proposed Development. Recordings of the webinars are available to view on the project website:
<https://www.lighthousegreenfuels.co.uk/consultation>.
- 6.15.12 In total, 23 people attended the live sessions of the webinars.

6.16 Advertising and publicity of the consultation

- 6.16.1 On Tuesday 2 December 2025, the four-page consultation newsletter was distributed to all 3,242 properties and businesses within the PCZ. The newsletter was also included in the consultation packs sent to statutory

consultees, and to wider consultees via post and email, including relevant elected representatives, community organisations and seldom heard groups. The list of section 42 (a-c) consultees can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix D1 List of consultees under S42 (a-c) (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4).**

- 6.16.2 In accordance with the SoCC, a press release was sent at the start of consultation to publicise the launch of the consultation. The press release was sent to identified local and regional media outlets at the start of the consultation on Tuesday 2 December 2025. A copy of the consultation launch press release can be found on the project website and in **Consultation Report Appendix F13 Annex F13-1 Statutory consultation launch press release (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5).** The list of media outlets the press release was issued to can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix F13 Annex F13-2 List of media outlets the press release was distributed to (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5).**
- 6.16.3 Statutory notices to publicise the SoCC and consultation, in accordance with section 48 and section 47 of the Act, were published as a joint notice in the Teesside Gazette on 2 December 2025. The section 48 was published in The London Gazette and Lloyd's List on 2 December 2025, Fishing News on 4 December 2025, The Guardian on 8 December 2025, and the Teesside Gazette on 9 December 2025.
- 6.16.4 Posters, including details of the consultation and how to access information about the Proposed Development, were sent to all host parish councils and identified local venues to help raise awareness of the consultation. These were sent on Monday 1 December. A copy of the poster can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix F6 Annex F6-1 Consultation poster (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)** and a list of locations this was issued to can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix F6 Annex F6-2 List of Consultation poster locations (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5).**
- 6.16.5 The Applicant also used the project LinkedIn page and Facebook advertising to promote the consultation. During the statutory consultation period, paid-for social media advertising was used to publicise the consultation programme and proposals. Table 6-6 shows the impact of Facebook advertisement during the consultation.
- 6.16.6 Examples of social media posts posted during the statutory consultation can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix F10 Example of social**

media posts during statutory consultation (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5).

Table 6-6 Facebook engagement metrics during statutory consultation

Metric	Quantity
Number of paid advertisements	10
Total users reached by posts	269,358
Total link clicks on posts	3,506

6.17 Engagement with seldom heard groups

- 6.17.1 The Applicant is committed to ensuring that the consultation was accessible and inclusive for all stakeholders, including seldom heard groups and individuals who may be less likely to participate in or respond to traditional consultation methods.
- 6.17.2 These groups and individuals may find it harder to be involved in the consultation, and/or need additional support to access materials and include:
- a) geographically isolated communities;
 - b) young people;
 - c) older people; and
 - d) disabled people and those with learning disabilities.
- 6.17.3 The Applicant took deliberate and varied steps to engage with seldom heard groups throughout the consultation process, demonstrating a commitment to inclusivity.
- 6.17.4 For older people, the approach included directly mailing the consultation newsletter to all addresses within the PCZ and providing details of how to access and request paper copies of the consultation documents. Options were provided to engage with the Applicant and the consultation through conventional communications channels, including by Freepost and the information phoneline. Important information was provided in both digital and non-digital formats and alternative formats such as large print (upon request) were offered. Consultation events were held at three accessible locations within the PCZ, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.
- 6.17.5 For disabled people and those with learning disabilities, similar accessibility measures were taken, providing important information in both digital and non-digital formats and publicising the opportunity to request materials in

alternative formats, such as large print and braille. Options were provided to engage with the Applicant and consultation through conventional communications channels, including by Freepost, email and the information phonenumber. Ahead of consultation events, the Applicant ensured that all event spaces had disabled access and facilities, and the layout of the consultation room provided space for those with wheelchairs to be mobile.

- 6.17.6 Geographically isolated communities within the PCZ received the consultation newsletter by mail. This included details of how to access hard copies of the consultation documents, details of the online consultation webinars, and how to contact the Applicant via the community contact channels, which included a phonenumber, email and Freepost address for additional support.
- 6.17.7 Webinars were held for interested parties to join and learn about the Proposed Development, from a location suitable for them. Details and office hours of the project phonenumber were publicised in the consultation newsletter and on the project website, encouraging those with further questions to speak with the Applicant, regardless of location.
- 6.17.8 For young people, online engagement methods were utilised, including social media advertising, to encourage younger people to learn about the Proposed Development and engage with the consultation.
- 6.17.9 The Applicant identified seldom heard groups in the local community and notified them of the start of consultation and the deadline for responses. A list of the seldom heard groups can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix E1 Annex E1-1 List of non-prescribed consultees consulted during statutory consultation (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**. A letter was issued on Monday 1 December 2025 ahead of the consultation launch, and an email was issued on the day the consultation launched on Tuesday 2 December 2025. Both the letter and email included a copy of, or links to, the consultation brochure, consultation newsletter, feedback form and Freepost envelope. A copy of the letter can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix E1 Annex E1-2 Statutory consultation letter to non-prescribed consultees (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)** and a copy of the email in **Consultation Report Appendix E1 Annex E1-3 Statutory consultation launch email to non-prescribed consultees (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5)**.

6.18 Adherence with the SoCC

6.18.1 Table 6-7 outlines how the consultation was undertaken in accordance with the commitments outlined in the SoCC.

Table 6-7 Adherence with the SoCC

SoCC Reference	Commitment made	Evidence of compliance
5.2.4 to 5.2.5	The Applicant has been conscious that there is a risk of confusion for stakeholders and the communities due to the changes to the site and design of the project, which retains the Lighthouse Green Fuels project name. As such, the Applicant is in the process of undertaking a round of engagement and communications to explain the project changes and the indicative Order Limits for the project to key stakeholders. This includes: - contacting key elected representatives; - updating the project website; - new branding to visually differentiate the projects; - proactive engagement with prescribed parties, who must be formally consulted in due course under the relevant consultation regulations: and - press release(s). The Applicant will also include a clear explanation regarding the evolution of the project in relevant consultation material, including key changes, to help avoid confusion.	Ahead of the statutory consultation, the Applicant held introductory meetings with both host authorities. A meeting with the principal planning officer at Stockton Borough Council, was held on 13 August 2025. A meeting with the Head of Planning and Development at Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council, was held on 15 August 2025. As part of the technical design and environmental assessment work, the Applicant has engaged with a number of statutory parties since September 2025, including Natural England, EA, MMO, National Highways and both host authorities. The ES (Application Document Reference 6.1) provides more information about engagement with these bodies. Emails were issued to all stakeholders on 27 October 2025, containing a letter regarding the Proposed Development. The letter provided an update on the project, including key developments since the previous consultation. A list of stakeholders contacted is available in Consultation Report Appendix A1 Annex A1-3 List of stakeholders contacted (Application Document Ref. 5.1.2) and a copy of the introductory letter can be found in Consultation Report Appendix A1 Annex A1-2 Introductory project letter sent to councillors and parish councils (Application Document Ref. 5.1.2). An update on the Proposed Development was published on the project website on 10 November 2025. This coincided with the introduction of refreshed branding, including

		logo, which was used online, including a new website, and in printed consultation materials. A press release publishing the statutory consultation and sharing the key changes to the project was issued to the following media outlets on 2 December 2025. A copy of the project introduction press release can be found in Consultation Report Appendix A1 Annex A1-5 Project introduction press release (Application Document Ref. 5.1.2). An explanation regarding the evolution of the project was included in the consultation newsletter and consultation brochure. An explanation was also included in the combined section 47 and 48 statutory notice, and the separate section 48 statutory notice.
5.2.6	We are endeavouring to contact all stakeholders consulted in 2024 to provide information about the new application	Emails were issued to all stakeholders consulted in 2024 on 27 October 2025, containing a letter regarding the Proposed Development. The letter provided an update on the project, including key developments since the previous consultation. With regard to responses made to the 2024 consultation, although the Applicant has taken account of general themes raised previously, where relevant, individual responses from the previous consultation are not considered in this application submission, or reported in this Report.
6.1.1 to 6.1.3	The statutory consultation will run from Tuesday 2 December 2025 until 23:59 Tuesday 13 January 2026. We are proposing that a consultation launched in December would run for a minimum of six weeks to take into account public holidays, rather than the statutory 28 days. There is a possibility that consultation commences later than December 2025. In this case, the consultation would run for a minimum of 28 days.	The statutory consultation launched on Tuesday 2 December and closed on Tuesday 13 January 2026.

6.1.4	The Applicant will inform the host authorities of the specific consultation dates (and dates of face-to-face events and webinars) as soon as practicable and publicise these dates as appropriate.	Dates for statutory consultation were introduced to the host authorities (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council and Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council) at meetings held on 27 and 28 November respectively. Emails were issued on 1 December 2025 containing a copy of the final SoCC and outlining the dates and times of face-to-face events and webinars. The consultation dates were also included in the final SoCC which was issued on 1 December 2025.
6.2.2	The purpose of this consultation is to present the new project location and facility design. The Applicant will share information regarding the need for the project and its siting and will be seeking feedback on: a) measures proposed to reduce the impacts associated with the project, as detailed in the PEIR; and any other feedback and local issues or sensitivities.	Pages 7 to 11 of the consultation brochure contained information on the need for the project and its siting. Pages 17 to 21 of the Consultation Brochure included information on measures to reduce impacts associated with the project. Further information on the impacts associated with the project was provided in section 1.7 of the Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR. Question 7 of the feedback questionnaire sought feedback on the measures proposed to reduce the impacts associated with the project, and on other local issues or sensitivities.
6.3.1	Anyone who is interested in this project is welcome to take part. The Applicant welcomes all views and will have regard to feedback in preparing its DCO application.	The statutory public consultation opened on Tuesday 2 December 2025. Anyone interested in the project was welcome to take part and provide feedback. Contact channels (email, telephone and freepost address) were made available prior to, during and following the statutory consultation to enable people to get in touch with the team and engage with the proposals.
6.3.3, 6.3.4 and 6.3.5 and 6.3.6	In consultation with host local authorities, the Applicant developed a primary consultation zone (PCZ), comprising a total of 3,242 addresses. The PCZ has been developed to be proportionate to the size and potential impact of the project. All residential and	The consultation included all properties included within the primary consultation zone during the 2024 consultation. A newsletter providing information on the project and the statutory consultation was issued by post to all residential and business addresses in the consultation zone on 1

	business properties within 1.5km of any site boundary are included in the PCZ. In addition, we have expanded the 1.5km buffer zone to include all properties included within the PCZ during the 2024 consultation to ensure they are informed of the new application and the key changes within it. These will be treated as part of the PCZ. All homes and business premises within the PCZ will directly receive a newsletter in the post at the start of the statutory consultation period.	December 2025. The newsletter also included an explanation on the evolution of the project and the key changes.
6.3.7 and 6.3.8	The Applicant recognises that people who live and work beyond the PCZ may have an interest in the project and may wish to participate in the statutory consultation. Therefore, we will promote involvement in the consultation with a secondary consultation zone (SCZ) that encompasses communities beyond the defined PCZ. The Applicant is committed to making sure the SCZ audiences can participate in the consultation. We will, therefore, raise awareness using a number of methods, such as notices, press releases in the local media, and engagement with parish councils and elected members.	Statutory notices were placed in the Teesside Gazette on Tuesday 2 December 2024 (combined section 47 and 48) and Tuesday 9 December 2024 (section 48), The London Gazette (section 48) on Tuesday 2 December 2025, Lloyd's List (section 48) on Tuesday 2 December, Fishing News (section 48) on Thursday 4 December 2025, and The Guardian (section 48) on Monday 8 December 2025. A press release publishing the statutory consultation was issued to the following media outlets on 2 December 2025: Teesside Live/The Gazette; Northern Echo; BBC North East & Cumbria; ITV Tyne Tees; and Tees Business An email was issued to the host parish council, Billingham Town Council, on 11 November 2025 offering a briefing to members to provide more information in advance of the launch of statutory consultation. The host and neighbouring parish councils were contacted via post and/or email on 2 December 2025 on either a prescribed or

		non-prescribed basis during the statutory consultation. A full list of S42(a), (b) and (c) consultees can be found in Consultation Report Appendix D1 List of consultees under S42 (a-c) (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4) .
6.3.9	As well as the residents, businesses and community organisations within the PCZ, the Applicant will also consult various groups and individuals as outlined below: Host (local authorities the project is within) and neighbouring local authorities; landowners with interest in the project; town and parish councils; community groups; environmental groups; schools and colleges; seldom heard groups; statutory consultees; and elected members of parliament and local government representatives A list of seldom heard groups, and non-statutory stakeholder groups are included in Appendix B.	Letters (1 December 2025) and/or emails (2 December 2025) containing a copy of the consultation brochure, consultation newsletter, section 48 notice and feedback questionnaire, or links to downloadable versions, were issued to all of the stakeholders listed in Consultation Report Appendix D1 List of consultees under S42 (a-c) (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4) in order to consult them on either a prescribed or non-prescribed basis during the statutory consultation.
Table 1 (Chapter 6, section 6.4 – Statutory consultation documents)	Consultation Newsletter A consultation newsletter will be prepared to provide a high-level overview of the project, the consultation events, and how people can get involved. The letter will indicate where the relevant project information can be found and will publicise the consultation events, including locations, dates, and times. The newsletter will be sent to all addresses in the PCZ. Paper copies of the consultation information booklet will be mailed to	A consultation newsletter that includes the content stipulated in Table 1 was issued by post and/or email to all residential and business addresses in the consultation zone on 1 December 2025. A copy of the consultation newsletter was issued by post (1 December 2025) to all stakeholders listed in Consultation Report Appendix D1 List of consultees under S42 (a-c) (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4) in order to consult them on either a prescribed or non-prescribed basis during the statutory consultation. Emails containing a link to the project website where stakeholders could download a digital

	stakeholders. It will also be available at our consultation events, the public information point, website and on request by post.	version of the consultation newsletter were also issued on 2 December 2025 to all stakeholders where email addresses were available. Paper copies of the consultation newsletter were available to view or take away at face-to-face consultation events, the public information point (Billingham Library), and on request by post. A digital version of the consultation newsletter was also available to view on the project website from 2 December 2025 and after the statutory consultation.
Table 1 (Chapter 6, section 6.4 – Statutory consultation documents)	Consultation Information Booklet A consultation information booklet will be published at the start of the consultation. It will provide the following information: - a summary of the proposals; - details of how people can take part in the consultation; - information on the potential benefits and impacts of the project; - proposed mitigation of any potential impacts; and - how stakeholder feedback will be considered and used to influence and shape the proposals. Paper copies of the consultation information booklet will be mailed to stakeholders where address data is available. Alternatively, these will be emailed to stakeholders. It will also be available at our consultation events, the public information point, website and on request by post.	A copy of the consultation information booklet that includes the content stipulated in Table 1 was issued by post (1 December 2025) to all stakeholders listed in Consultation Report Appendix D1 List of consultees under S42 (a-c) (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4) in order to consult them on either a prescribed or non-prescribed basis during the statutory consultation. Emails containing a link to the project website where stakeholders could download a digital version of the consultation information booklet were also issued on 2 December 2025 to all stakeholders listed the Applicant had contact details for in Consultation Report Appendix D1 List of consultees under S42 (a-c) (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4). Paper copies of the consultation information booklet were available to view or take away at face-to-face consultation events, the public information point (Billingham Library), and on request by post. A digital version of the consultation information booklet was also available to view on the project website from 2 December 2025 and after the statutory consultation.
Table 1 (Chapter 6, section 6.4)	Feedback Questionnaire	A feedback questionnaire was prepared to allow people to provide feedback on the proposals. Copies of the feedback

– Statutory consultation documents)	A feedback questionnaire will be prepared to allow people to provide feedback on the proposals. Paper copies of the feedback questionnaire will be prepared to allow people to provide feedback on the proposals. Paper copies of the feedback questionnaire will be mailed where address data is available. Alternatively, these will be emailed to stakeholders. Paper copies of the feedback questionnaire will be available at consultation events, the public information point, website and via the post on request. The feedback questionnaire can be completed online via the project website: www.lighthousegreenfuels.co.uk. It can also be returned by email (info@lgf.co.uk) or by post (by writing 'FREEPOST LIGHTHOUSE GREEN FUELS') on a blank envelope (no stamp required)	questionnaire were issued by post (1 December 2025) to all stakeholders listed in Consultation Report Appendix D1 List of consultees under S42 (a-c) (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4) in order to consult them on either a prescribed or non-prescribed basis during the statutory consultation. Emails containing a link to the project website where stakeholders could access a digital version of the feedback questionnaire were also issued on 2 December 2025 to all stakeholders the Applicant had emails for listed in Consultation Report Appendix D1 List of consultees under S42 (a-c) (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4). Paper copies of the feedback questionnaire were available at face-to-face consultation events, the public information point (Billingham Library), and on request by post. A digital version of the feedback questionnaire was also available to complete on the project website during the statutory consultation, from 2 December 2025 until 23:59 13 January 2026. Feedback could be provided online, via email, or by post.
Table 1 (Chapter 6, section 6.4 – Statutory consultation documents)	Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and Non-Technical Summary (NTS) The PEIR will contain a description of the project, and a preliminary assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of the project based on the initial information available at the time of assessment. It will also set out how the Applicant proposes to mitigate these effects of the project. The PEIR will be available on the project website. A Non-Technical Summary ("NTS") of the PEIR will also be made available at consultation events, the public information point, website and via the post on request.	The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) that includes the content stipulated in Table 1 was published on 2 December 2025 as part of the statutory consultation. The full PEIR was published on the project website and was available to view during and following the statutory consultation. A Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the PEIR was published on the project website, and paper copies of the NTS were made available to view or take away free of charge from face-to-face consultation events, the public information point (Billingham Library) and via the post on request.

Table 1 (Chapter 6, section 6.4 – Statutory consultation documents)	Technical documentation, including maps and plans for the project Maps and plans showing the extent of the project will be made available online and in hard copy at consultation events, and on the project website during the consultation period.	Maps and plans showing the Proposed Order Limits for the project were published on the consultation webpage on 2 December 2025. Printed versions of the Proposed Order Limits were available to view at the face-to-face public consultation events.
Table 1 (Chapter 6, section 6.4 – Statutory consultation documents)	Consultation banners A series of pull-up banners with information relating to the project that will be used at the public information events. The consultation banners are primarily intended for use at the public information events and will also be made available on the project website.	Consultation banners with information relating to the project were available to view at face-to-face consultation events. A digital copy of the consultation banners was made available on the project website on 5 December 2025.
Table 1 (Chapter 6, section 6.4 – Statutory consultation documents)	Project website An online site hosting all our project information, including downloadable versions of all the above documents.	A dedicated consultation webpage went live at 00:01 on 2 December 2025 and was available during and following statutory consultation. The website hosted project and consultation information, and downloadable versions of consultation documents. The website also contained a sign-up link for the online webinar events. Screenshots of the project website during statutory consultation can be viewed in Consultation Report Appendix F11 Annex F11-3 Screenshots of website during statutory consultation (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5).
Table 1 (Chapter 6, section 6.4 – Statutory consultation documents)	SoCC This SoCC document will be made available online as part of the consultation and as paper copies upon request. Paper copies of the SoCC will be available at our consultation events and public information point for reference.	The SoCC was made available on the project website from 2 December 2025 and after statutory consultation. Paper copies of the SoCC were available to view and to take away at face-to-face consultation events and at the public information point (Billingham Library). Paper copies were also available by post upon request.
6.4.3	The Applicant will consider requests for copies of consultation materials in alternative formats on a case-by-case basis, taking into account individual circumstances.	The Applicant had procedures in place to facilitate requests for copies of consultation materials in alternative formats. Two requests for printed copies of the materials were received during the consultation. Materials were sent out as requested.

6.4.4	All statutory consultation documents will be available online, on the project website, and in hard copy at no extra charge (except the main body of the PEIR, a hard copy of which can be requested for a charge of £0.35 per page to cover printing and posting costs). A USB containing all project documentation can be requested free of charge through the community contact channels.	All statutory consultation documents were made available online from the launch of consultation on Tuesday 2 December 2025. Paper copies of all materials (except the main body of the PEIR) were available via post on request at no extra charge. A hard copy of the PEIR could be requested via post for a charge of £0.35 per page. A USB containing all project documentation could be requested free of charge through the community contact channels. One request for a USB containing the materials was made during the consultation, which was granted. USBs were also provided to several attendees at the consultation events.
Table 2 (Chapter 6, section 6.5 – Engagement methods)	Emails, letters and newsletters All residential and business properties within the PCZ will receive notification of the start of statutory consultation through a mailed consultation newsletter. Where address data is available, stakeholders will receive a consultation pack consisting of a mailed consultation information brochure and feedback form. Where address data is not available, an email will be sent with links to the consultation materials The letter/email will inform them of the statutory consultation, upcoming events, how to request further information, and how to provide feedback – online, post and phone. The list of stakeholders is included in Appendix B.	A newsletter that included the content stipulated in Table 2 was issued by post to all residential and business addresses in the consultation zone on 1 December 2025. Letters (1 December 2025) and/or emails (2 December 2025) were issued to all of the stakeholders listed in Consultation Report Appendix D1 List of consultees under S42 (a-c) (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4) in order to consult them on either a prescribed or non-prescribed basis during the statutory consultation.
Table 2 (Chapter 6, section 6.5 – Engagement methods)	Press release A press release publicising the upcoming consultation and how the community can get involved will be issued ahead of the consultation. The press release will be sent to local and regional media outlets.	A press release publicising the statutory consultation was issued to the following media outlets on 2 December 2025: Teesside Live/The Gazette Northern Echo

		BBC North East & Cumbria ITV Tyne Tees; and Tees Business. The press release was covered in Tees Business, The Northern Echo, and Teesside Live. Screenshots of coverage of the press release can be found in Consultation Report Appendix F13 Annex F13-3 Media coverage (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5).
Table 2 (Chapter 6, section 6.5 – Engagement methods)	Project website The project website will be updated on the launch of the statutory consultation. This update would include details of consultation events, consultation materials, and information on how to feed back on the project proposals. The consultation newsletter will direct people to the project website to access more information and find out how to raise queries with the project team, and how to provide feedback on the proposals via an online feedback questionnaire or to send in a paper copy via the Freepost address.	The project website was updated on 2 December 2025 with a press release announcing the launch of the statutory consultation. The dedicated consultation page of the project website outlined the dates of the consultation and included details of consultation events. The consultation page also included links to view and download digital versions of the consultation materials. The dedicated consultation page of the project website contained information on how to provide feedback on proposals, and contained a link to the online feedback form. The consultation newsletter included a link to the project website and information on the contact channels people could use to raise queries with the project team. The consultation newsletter also included information on how to provide feedback on the proposals via an online feedback questionnaire, an email or via a paper copy sent to the Freepost address. Screenshots of the project website during statutory consultation can be viewed in Consultation Report Appendix F11 Annex F11-3 Screenshots of website during statutory consultation (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5).
Table 2 (Chapter 6, section 6.5 –	Statutory notices and adverts Statutory notices to publicise the consultation and the SoCC will be	Statutory notices were placed in the Teesside Gazette on Tuesday 2 December 2024 (combined section 47 and 48) and Tuesday 9 December 2024 (section 48),

Engagement methods)	published, in accordance with section 47 and section 48 of the Act, as follows: publicising the consultation – once in the London Gazette, Lloyd's List, a national newspaper and an appropriate fishing trade journal, and twice (across two successive weeks) in local circulating newspapers and publicising the SoCC – once in local circulating newspapers	The London Gazette (section 48) on Tuesday 2 December 2025, Lloyd's List (section 48) on Tuesday 2 December, Fishing News (section 48) on Thursday 4 December 2025, and The Guardian (section 48) on Monday 8 December 2025. A copy of the section 48 notice is available in Consultation Report Appendix C5 Annex C5-2 Section 48 Notice (Application Document Ref. 5.1.3). A copy of the combined section 47 and 48 notice is available in Consultation Report Appendix C5 Annex C5-1 Section 47 and Section 48 Notice (Application Document Ref. 5.1.3). Proof of placement for the notices is available in Consultation Report Appendix C5 Section 47 and Section 48 Notice (Application Document Ref. 5.1.3).
Table 2 (Chapter 6, section 6.5 – Engagement methods)	Social media The Applicant will promote the consultation on Facebook through paid posts targeted to the local area, as well as LinkedIn, although consultation feedback will not be accepted directly through social media channels.	The statutory consultation was advertised using social media to further promote the consultation beyond the PCZ and within younger hard-to-reach demographics. Screenshots of the social media posts shared during the statutory consultation can be found in Consultation Report Appendix F10 Example of social media posts during statutory consultation (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5). The first social media advertisement went live on 2 December 2025 to coincide with the launch of the statutory consultation.
Table 2 (Chapter 6, section 6.5 – Engagement methods)	Public information point Hard copies of the consultation newsletter, consultation information booklet, NTS of the PEIR and the feedback questionnaire will be available to take away from Billingham Library, Kingsway, Billingham, TS23 2LN (opening hours Mon-Tue 8:30am-7pm, Wed-Fri 8:30am-5pm, Sat 9:30am-4pm, Sun closed).	Paper copies of the consultation materials listed in Table 2 (consultation newsletter, consultation information booklet, NTS of the PEIR and the feedback questionnaire) were delivered to Billingham Library on 1 December 2025 and were available to view or take away from the library during the consultation. USBs containing consultation materials were also available at the library to take away. A copy of the SoCC and statutory notices were available to view but not take away at

	A copy of the SoCC and statutory notices will also be available to inspect at this location. We will check the stock of the consultation documentation at the information point throughout the consultation period. A USB containing all project documentation can be requested free of charge through the community contact channels.	the library. Photos of the information point can be found in Consultation Report Appendix F9 Photos of Billingham Library information point (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5). A USB containing all project documentation could be requested free of charge through the community contact channels. One request for a USB containing the consultation materials was received.
Table 2 (Chapter 6, section 6.5 – Engagement methods)	Site notices Notices will be placed in publicly accessible locations within the Order Limits to notify of the consultation, subject to access and permission from landowners, and also on any registered land.	Statutory notices to publicise the consultation in accordance with section 47 and section 48 of the Act were published as a joint notice in the Teesside Gazette on 2 December 2025. The section 48 notice was published in The London Gazette and Lloyd's List on 2 December 2025, Fishing News on 4 December 2025, The Guardian on 8 December 2025, and the Teesside Gazette on 9 December 2025. A copy of the notices can be found in Consultation Report Appendix C5 Section 47 and Section 48 Notice (Application Document Ref. 5.1.3). Site notices were placed on site on 2 December 2025. An image of the site notice is available in Consultation Report Appendix D4 Annex D4-1 Image of site notices for unknown landownership (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4).
Table 2 (Chapter 6, section 6.5 – Engagement methods)	Face-to-face consultation events The Applicant will deliver three face-to-face consultation events during the statutory consultation. This will enable local people to meet with the project team face-to-face and view the consultation materials. We plan to hold the events at the times, dates and locations below: Saturday 13 December 2025, 10:00-15:00 (High Clarence Primary School, Port Clarence Road, Middlesbrough, TS2 1SY);	The Applicant hosted four in-person public consultation events during the consultation period. The public consultation events were arranged as drop-in sessions that local residents were invited to attend and speak with members of the project team. Members of the project team were in attendance at all the events and available to speak with residents and stakeholders. The consultation events were held at suitable, publicly accessible venues near to the Proposed Development. As part of the PINS section 51 advice, it was suggested an additional in-person consultation event, in addition to the three

	Wednesday 17 December 2025, 13:00-19:00 (Billingham Forum, The Causeway, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 2LJ); and Thursday 18 December 2025, 13:00-19:00 (Billingham Rugby Club, Greenwood Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 4BA).	events originally planned, to be held in January 2026. This advice was received on 12 December 2025, after the start of the statutory consultation. The Applicant agreed to this advice and organised for an additional public consultation event which was held on 8 January 2026, at the Billingham Rugby Club. The final list of events, dates and locations is below: Saturday 13 December 2025, 10:00-15:00 (High Clarence Primary School, Port Clarence Road, Middlesbrough, TS2 1SY); Wednesday 17 December 2025, 13:00-19:00 (Billingham Forum, The Causeway, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 2LJ); Thursday 18 December 2025, 13:00-19:00 (Billingham Rugby Club, Greenwood Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 4BA); and Thursday 8 January 2026, 13:00-19:00 (Billingham Rugby Club, Greenwood Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 4BA).
Table 2 (Chapter 6, section 6.5 – Engagement methods)	Digital events We plan to hold three webinar events during the statutory consultation, scheduled to last for approximately 90 minutes. We will ask people to pre-register to attend the webinars, due to take place on: Monday 8 December 2025, 18:00-19:30; Monday 15 December 2025, 18:00-19:30; and Wednesday 7 January 2026, 18:00-19:30. The webinars will involve the project team running through a presentation to explain the project proposals, the consultation materials, and how to provide feedback. This would be followed by a general question and	Three webinars were held during the statutory consultation for any member of the public to join. One webinar was conducted at the start of the consultation, one was held two weeks into the consultation, and the final webinar was held a week before the end of consultation. The online events offered an alternative option for those who were unable to attend the in-person events. The sessions were scheduled in the evening to accommodate various schedules. Individuals were able to register for the webinars via the project website. During the webinars, the Applicant delivered a presentation that featured the same information that was available on the consultation banners at the in-person events. Following the presentation, the Applicant invited attendees to ask any questions they had about the Proposed

	answer session where attendees can raise questions. Feedback would be directed towards the feedback questionnaire on the project website.	Development, which the Applicant responded to. Those in attendance were directed towards the feedback questionnaire on the project website. A recording of each webinar was made available on the project website for those who were unable to attend the live sessions. This ensured that all interested parties had the opportunity to access the information and provide their feedback on the Proposed Development. The details of the webinar events that took place are below: Monday 8 December 2025, 18:00-19:30; Monday 15 December 2025, 18:00-19:30; and Wednesday 7 January 2026, 18:00-19:30.
6.6.1	The Applicant will offer briefings and/or meetings with the following stakeholders in the run-up to, or during the consultation: Local MPs, where all or part of their constituencies lie within the consultation zone; elected representatives of relevant wards; host parish councils; key prescribed consultees, such as Natural England; and persons with an Interest in Land (PILs) under sections 42(1)(d) of the Act. The Applicant will consider meetings with other organisations and individuals upon request.	Requests for briefings were offered to the local MP, elected representative and host parish councils. Meetings took place with: The office of Chris McDonald, MP for Stockton North and Minister for Industry, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero on Monday 22 September 2025; Lord Ben Houchen, Tees Valley Mayor, on Monday 10 November 2025; Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council: Alec Brown, Leader of the Council, and Brian Archer, Chief Executive on Friday 12 December 2025; Billingham Town Council: Cllr Helen Atkinson (Chairman) and Cllr John McDermottroe on Wednesday 7 January 2026; and Cowpen Bewley Residents' Association on Wednesday 1 April 2026. Additionally, meetings have been held with RCBC and STBC officers and those with interest in lands throughout the pre-

		application stage. Various meetings have taken place with prescribed parties and the outputs are included in the ES (Application Document Reference 6.1) and there has been enhanced engagement with the regulators via the Lead Environmental Regulator (LER) initiative.
6.6.3	All relevant local and parish councils, key elected members for the principal councils, and MPs will be contacted at the launch of the consultation and will be kept informed about the project. They will also be encouraged to share information about the consultation with members of their constituencies or local communities.	Letters (1 December 2025) and/or emails (2 December 2025) were issued to the stakeholders listed in section 6.6.3 in order to consult them on either a prescribed or non-prescribed basis at the launch of the statutory consultation. A full list of stakeholders' contacts can be viewed in Consultation Report Appendix D1 List of consultees under S42 (a-c) (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4).
6.7.1 and 6.7.2	The Applicant wants to ensure all engagement and consultation is inclusive. Seldom heard groups are defined as groups whose views and needs may well be overlooked by decision-makers due to being harder to reach by most traditional and conventional methods of consultation for any reason. To ensure that these groups are encouraged to get involved in the consultation, the materials will be prepared to be accessible and clear. The Applicant will continue to liaise with local organisations representing seldom heard groups to ensure accessibility to the consultation and that materials can be made available in the appropriate formats.	Letters (1 December 2025) and/or emails (2 December 2025) were issued to all stakeholders identified as seldom heard or 'hard to reach' in order to consult them on a non-prescribed basis during the statutory consultation. A full list of stakeholders identified as seldom heard groups can be viewed in Consultation Report Appendix E1 Annex E1-1 List of non-prescribed consultees consulted during statutory consultation (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5). The Applicant had procedures in place to facilitate requests for copies of consultation materials in alternative formats. Two requests for printed copies of the consultation materials were received during the consultation.
Table 3 (Chapter 6, section 6.7 – Seldom heard groups)	Engagement approach – the elderly Directly mailing the consultation newsletter to all stakeholders within the PCZ and providing details of how to access paper copies of other project	A newsletter that included the content stipulated in Table 3 was issued by post to all residential and business addresses in the consultation zone on 1 December 2025. Contact channels (email, telephone and freepost address) were made available prior

engagement approach)	documents and to provide feedback by post. Options to engage through conventional communications channels including the Freepost address and telephone line. Providing important information in both digital and non-digital formats, and providing alternate formats (upon request). Engagement with community groups serving the elderly demographic group. Providing paper copies of materials at an information point location along with contact details for the project team, who will be able to provide further assistance and send information to those who are unable to access the material online. In-person consultation events in accessible venues, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.	to, during and following the statutory consultation. All statutory consultation documents were made available online from the launch of consultation on Tuesday 2 December 2025. Paper copies of all materials (except the main body of the PEIR) were available via post on request at no extra charge. A hard copy of the PEIR could be requested via post for a charge of £0.35 per page. A USB containing all project documentation could be requested free of charge through the community contact channels. Letters (1 December 2025) and/or emails (2 December 2025) were issued to all stakeholders identified as seldom heard or 'hard to reach' in order to consult them on a non-prescribed basis during the statutory consultation. A full list of stakeholders identified as seldom heard groups can be viewed in Consultation Report Appendix E1 Annex E1-1 List of non-prescribed consultees consulted during statutory consultation (Application Document Ref. 5.1.5). Paper copies of the consultation materials, excluding the PEIR, were delivered to Billingham Library on 1 December 2025 and were available to view or take away from the library during the consultation. The Applicant held four in-person public consultation events in accessible venues, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses. Full details of the events held during the consultation are below: Saturday 13 December 2025, 10:00-15:00 (High Clarence Primary School, Port Clarence Road, Middlesbrough, TS2 1SY); Wednesday 17 December 2025, 13:00-19:00 (Billingham Forum, The Causeway, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 2LJ);
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		Thursday 18 December 2025, 13:00-19:00 (Billingham Rugby Club, Greenwood Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 4BA); and Thursday 8 January 2026, 13:00-19:00 (Billingham Rugby Club, Greenwood Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 4BA).
Table 3 (Chapter 6, section 6.7 – Seldom heard groups engagement approach)	Engagement approach – people with visual impairments providing important information in both digital and non-digital formats, and providing alternate formats (upon request); option to send project website text and/or materials included on the website in easy read format (upon request); providing telephone callbacks for stakeholders with further questions or those who would like to discuss the project further with the project team. In-person consultation events with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.	All statutory consultation documents were made available online from the launch of consultation on Tuesday 2 December 2025. Paper copies of all materials (except the main body of the PEIR) were available via post on request at no extra charge. A hard copy of the PEIR could be requested via post for a charge of £0.35 per page. A USB containing all project documentation could be requested free of charge through the community contact channels. The Applicant had procedures in place to facilitate requests for copies of consultation materials in alternative formats, including in easy read format. Members of the public could contact the project team via the project phone line prior to, during, and after the statutory consultation. The Applicant held four in-person public consultation events in accessible venues, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses. Full details of the events held during the consultation are below: Saturday 13 December 2025, 10:00-15:00 (High Clarence Primary School, Port Clarence Road, Middlesbrough, TS2 1SY); Wednesday 17 December 2025, 13:00-19:00 (Billingham Forum, The Causeway, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 2LJ); Thursday 18 December 2025, 13:00-19:00 (Billingham Rugby Club, Greenwood Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 4BA); and

		Thursday 8 January 2026, 13:00-19:00 (Billingham Rugby Club, Greenwood Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 4BA).
Table 3 (Chapter 6, section 6.7 – Seldom heard groups engagement approach)	Engagement approach – people with hearing impairments Directly mailing the consultation letter to all stakeholders within the PCZ and providing details of how to access paper copies of other project documents and provide feedback by post. Online engagement through the project website and webinars to negate the need for travel. Providing important information in both digital and non-digital formats and providing alternate formats (upon request). Providing British Sign Language signing at the webinar (upon request).	A newsletter that included the content stipulated in Table 3 was issued by post to all residential and business addresses in the consultation zone on 1 December 2025. All statutory consultation documents were made available online from the launch of consultation on Tuesday 2 December 2025. Paper copies of all materials (except the main body of the PEIR) were available via post on request at no extra charge. A hard copy of the PEIR could be requested via post for a charge of £0.35 per page. A USB containing all project documentation could be requested free of charge through the community contact channels. The Applicant also had procedures in place to facilitate requests for copies of consultation materials in alternative formats. All project information was available on the dedicated project website, and consultation materials were available to view or download on the project website. The Applicant held three online webinars, which people could pre-register to attend. The webinars took place on: Monday 8 December 2025, 18:00-19:30; Monday 15 December 2025, 18:00-19:30; and Wednesday 7 January 2026, 18:00-19:30. The webinars involved the project team running through a presentation to explain the project proposals, the consultation materials, and how to provide feedback. This was followed by a general question and answer session where attendees could raise questions. Feedback was directed towards the feedback questionnaire on the project website.

Table 3 (Chapter 6, section 6.7 – Seldom heard groups engagement approach)	Engagement approach – people with limited mobility Directly mailing the consultation newsletter to all stakeholders within the PCZ and providing details of how to access paper copies of other project documents and provide feedback by post. Accessible in-person consultation event venue(s). The consultation being fully accessible online, with all materials and events having digital versions (i.e. digital consultation booklet and webinars) to negate the need for travel. Providing important information in both digital and non-digital formats and providing alternate formats (upon request). Advertising the availability of telephone callbacks via the phone line, for stakeholders with further questions or who would like to discuss the project further with the project team.	A newsletter that included the content stipulated in Table 3 was issued by post to all residential and business addresses in the consultation zone on 1 December 2025. All statutory consultation documents were made available online from the launch of consultation on Tuesday 2 December 2025. Paper copies of all materials (except the main body of the PEIR) were available via post on request at no extra charge. A hard copy of the PEIR could be requested via post for a charge of £0.35 per page. A USB containing all project documentation could be requested free of charge through the community contact channels. The Applicant also had procedures in place to facilitate requests for copies of consultation materials in alternative formats. The Applicant held four in-person public consultation events in accessible venues, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses. Full details of the events held during the consultation are below: Saturday 13 December 2025, 10:00-15:00 (High Clarence Primary School, Port Clarence Road, Middlesbrough, TS2 1SY); Wednesday 17 December 2025, 13:00-19:00 (Billingham Forum, The Causeway, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 2LJ); Thursday 18 December 2025, 13:00-19:00 (Billingham Rugby Club, Greenwood Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 4BA); and Thursday 8 January 2026, 13:00-19:00 (Billingham Rugby Club, Greenwood Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 4BA). The consultation was fully accessible through the dedicated consultation webpage. All consultation materials were available to view and download on the project website.
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Table 3 (Chapter 6, section 6.7 – Seldom heard groups engagement approach)	Engagement approach – Geographically isolated individuals or communities Directly mailing the consultation newsletter to all stakeholders within the PCZ and providing details of how to access paper copies of other project documents and provide feedback by post. Advertising the availability of telephone callbacks via the phone line, for stakeholders with further questions or who would like to discuss the project further with the project team.	A newsletter that included the content stipulated in Table 3 was issued by post to all residential and business addresses in the consultation zone on 1 December 2025. Members of the public could contact the project team via the project phone line prior to, during, and after the statutory consultation. All statutory consultation documents were made available online from the launch of consultation on Tuesday 2 December 2025. Paper copies of all materials (except the main body of the PEIR) were available via post on request at no extra charge. A hard copy of the PEIR could be requested via post for a charge of £0.35 per page. A USB containing all project documentation could be requested free of charge through the community contact channels.
7.1.1	Feedback to the consultation should be submitted in writing or online to the	The Applicant accepted all consultation responses submitted by 23:59 on Tuesday

	project by 23:59 on Tuesday 13 January 2026.	13 January 2026. No responses were received after 13 January 2026.
7.1.2	Consultation responses can be made in the following ways: Online – by completing the online feedback questionnaire, which can be accessed via the project website: www.lighthousegreenfuels.co.uk At an in-person consultation event – stakeholders attending a consultation event will be able to complete a paper copy of a feedback questionnaire at the event, or take a copy and Freepost envelope away to complete following the event and respond to the consultation by post. Attendees will also be able to request a feedback questionnaire to be sent in the post, including a return Freepost envelope. Physical copies of the feedback questionnaire can be returned to the project team via Freepost (using FREEPOST LIGHTHOUSE GREEN FUELS). At an information point – details for requesting hard copies of feedback questionnaires can also be found at the local information point, outlined in Table 2. Via a request at the project contact channel – requests for paper copies of the feedback questionnaire can be made via the following channels: Telephone: 0800 157 7346 Email: info@lgf.co.uk Post: FREEPOST LIGHTHOUSE GREEN FUELS (please note that no stamp is required).	Respondents were able to submit feedback to the consultation via the feedback channels listed in 7.1.2. Paper copies of the feedback questionnaire and Freepost envelope were available via post upon request. Paper copies of the feedback form and Freepost envelope were also available to take away from Billingham Library during the consultation.
7.2.1	As explained at paragraph 2.1.7, the government is proposing fundamental changes to the current obligations for pre-application consultation for DCO proposals. The Applicant may decide to	The PIA 2025 came into force regarding the removal of statutory consultation in July 2026.

	change its approach depending on how matters develop between now and submission of the Application. It will discuss any proposed changes with the two host planning authorities and publicise any such changes as appropriate at that time.	The consultation was delivered in line with the Act at the time.
7.2.2 and 7.2.3	For the time being, the Applicant intends to comply with the current legal requirements and will have regard to all comments received during the statutory consultation as per the requirements of the Act. All feedback is important to us and will help to influence the project. The feedback received during statutory consultation will be reviewed and analysed to understand key themes and issues of importance from stakeholders.	The Applicant has reviewed and carefully considered all feedback received during the consultation. While PIA 2025 removed the statutory requirement for a consultation report as part of the pre-application process, the Applicant has prepared this report to provide transparency on the consultation undertaken. Chapter 7 summarises the responses received and explains how they have been considered in the development of the Proposed Development.
7.2.4	A Consultation Report will be produced as part of our application for development consent. This document will set out how the feedback from the consultation has shaped and influenced the final proposals. All responses submitted during the statutory consultation will be considered and reported within the Consultation Report and included within the document with all personal details redacted. We will take reasonable care to comply with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation and PINS Privacy Policy.	While PIA 2025 removed the statutory requirement for a consultation report as part of the pre-application process, the Applicant has prepared this report to provide transparency on the consultation undertaken. Any personal details submitted as part of the consultation have been redacted in the Consultation Report.
8.1.1	If, following the statutory consultation, the Applicant considers it is necessary to undertake further targeted consultation, this would be undertaken, so far as relevant and proportionate to the scale of any changes made, in accordance with the principles and methods outlined in this SoCC and as set out by PINS.	Following feedback received during statutory consultation, together with further design development and technical assessment, the Applicant identified a small number of required changes to the Proposed Development, some of which require increases to the proposed Order limits. The changes were not considered to raise issues of substantial public interest and, as such, community consultation was not deemed necessary. The Applicant

		therefore carried out further consultation that is targeted in nature. This consultation exercise comprised both statutory and non-statutory consultation components. A targeted non statutory consultation for prescribed consultees and a targeted Section 42 consultation for affected and potentially affected landowners. The consultation ran from Monday 13 April to Wednesday 13 May 2026.
9.1.1	The Applicant will work closely with other organisations (such as the host local authorities) that are developing proposals in the area to ensure that the scope and context of the project is clear in relation to the other consultations. This could include: having headline information about the other consultations at our events or on the project website; seeking to avoid holding events or running advertisements and issuing press releases at the same time as other consultations, where practical; and ensuring that any responses submitted to our statutory consultation that are intended for another consultation are passed on to the relevant community relations or consultation team.	The Applicant was not aware of any other schemes going through consultation at the same time as the statutory consultation for the Proposed Development.
10.1.3	Information and enquiry channels will be available throughout the consultation for members of the community and other stakeholders to get in touch with the project team, ask questions, request further information, or request printed copies of consultation materials and documents.	Contact channels (email, telephone and freepost address) were made available prior to, during and following the statutory consultation. Members of the public could get in touch with the project team, ask questions, request further information, or request printed copies of the consultation materials and documents.
Table 4 (Chapter 10, section	Online Available 24 hours a day	The project website was available to access 24 hours a day.

10.1 – Information channels)		
Table 4 (Chapter 10, section 10.1 – Information channels)	Email People can email 24 hours a day, with emails being monitored between 9:00 and 17:30 on weekdays. The Applicant will aim to issue a response within ten working days of receipt of an email.	The project email address was available to contact 24 hours a day. Emails were monitored between 9:00 and 17:30 on weekdays. The Applicant issued a response to the majority of queries within ten working days of receipt of an email.
Table 4 (Chapter 10, section 10.1 – Information channels)	Telephone The project phone line is staffed between 9:00 and 17:30 on weekdays. The Applicant will call back anyone who leaves a message on the answerphone facility outside of these hours.	The project phone line was staffed between 9:00 and 17:30 on weekdays. The Applicant returned messages left on the answerphone facility outside of these hours. We received phone calls from 28 members of the public, as well as a total of 80 emails.
Table 4 (Chapter 10, section 10.1 – Information channels)	Freepost Should enquiries received via post require a response, this will be issued within ten working days of receipt of a letter. Urgent enquiries should be directed to the project's email address.	No enquiries were received via post during the statutory consultation.

7 Summary of responses to statutory consultation

7.1 Overview

- 7.1.1 Section 49 of the Act sets out the duty upon applicants to take account of responses to the consultation and publicity. The PIA 2025 removed this requirement. This chapter provides an overview of the responses received during the consultation.
- 7.1.2 Statutory consultation was held between Tuesday 2 December 2025 and Tuesday 13 January 2026. An additional extension to the consultation was given to some consultees, until 16 February 2026, as outlined in Chapter 6. No responses were received after Tuesday 13 January 2026.
- 7.1.3 A total of 59 responses were received during the statutory consultation period. This comprised of 20 feedback forms (17 online feedback forms, three paper feedback forms), and 39 emails sent to the project inbox. Multiple email submissions from an individual consultee have been recorded and reported as a single response.

7.2 Analysis of responses

Number and format of responses

- 7.2.1 A total of 59 responses were received in response to the statutory consultation held between Tuesday 2 December 2025 and Tuesday 13 January 2026.
- 7.2.2 Of these, 30 were submitted from respondents under section 42(1)(a) and of the Act, 3 under section 42(1)(b), 12 under section 42(1)(d), and 14 under section 47. Table 7-1 shows the breakdown of responses received.
- 7.2.3 Respondents were able to provide feedback through multiple channels:
 - a) Consultation Feedback Form: Available for online submissions, or to complete hard copies either in-person at the events, or to return via post.
 - b) Written Responses: Accepted in the form of letters and emails.
 - c) Phone Responses: Feedback could be provided through the consultation phoneline.

Table 7-1 Breakdown of feedback received by consultee type

	S42a	S42b	S42d	S47	TOTAL
Email	27	3	7	2	39
Letter	0	0	0	0	0
Phone	0	0	0	0	0
Online Survey	1	0	4	12	17
Paper survey	2	0	1	0	3
TOTAL	30	3	12	14	59

- 7.2.4 Respondents that chose to provide feedback via the feedback form were not required to answer all questions, allowing respondents to provide feedback only on the topics that interested them.
- 7.2.5 The feedback form asked for comments on decarbonisation and the need for the Proposed Development, site configuration, proposed access routes, environmental impacts and mitigation (including the methodology and/or preliminary assessments in the PEIR), and the consultation. There was also an opportunity to provide contact details to establish their personal interest in the Proposed Development and consent to being kept informed.

7.3 Consultation analysis method

- 7.3.1 Following the close of the consultation, the Applicant reviewed all the responses received.
- 7.3.2 The closed (quantitative) questions are detailed in section 7.6, while comments received during the open (qualitative) questions or through free text responses by email or letter are detailed in section 7.7.
- 7.3.3 For free text responses, including those received via email and letter, the Applicant has tried to identify their interest in the Proposed Development, as a statutory party or land interest, using information provided such as organisation name or address.
- 7.3.4 The percentages on the graphs have been rounded up or down to provide the percentage to a whole number and as such, the totals are not always equal to 100%.
- 7.3.5 To analyse the responses received to the open questions and free text responses, a coding framework was used to capture and summarise these responses and identify themes and issues. This approach is in accordance

with PINS Guidance 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on the Consultation Report'.

- 7.3.6 A written response could receive multiple codes to highlight different issues covered. New classifications were added on an ad-hoc basis as feedback was received, allowing for further breakdown of themes.
- 7.3.7 To ensure quality of analysis, checks were made on the identification of issues by a senior member of the team.
- 7.3.8 The analysis of free text responses included the identification of 'Change Requests' (specific requests to change elements of the proposed design). These issues were triaged and considered as part of the design development process.

7.4 Feedback form discrepancy

- 7.4.1 There was a slight discrepancy in the online feedback form and feedback form, which was identified after the close of consultation. Table 7-2 shows the differences.

Table 7-2 Online and paper feedback form discrepancies

Section	Online form	Paper form
Your details	No difference	No difference
Question 1	No difference	No difference
Question 2	No difference	No difference
Question 3	No difference	No difference
Question 4	No difference	No difference
Question 5	No difference	No difference
Question 6	Do you have any comments on our proposed road, river and rail access routes to and from the main project site? Please specify any components you are commenting on:	Question 6: Do you have any comments on our proposed road, river and rail access routes to and from the main project site? Please specify any routes you are commenting on:
Question 7	Do you have any comments on our Lighthouse Green Fuels proposal and proposed environmental mitigation? Landscape and visual Biodiversity	Do you have any comments on our Lighthouse Green Fuels proposal and proposed environmental mitigation? Landscape and visual Marine Traffic and site access

	Marine Traffic and site access Noise Odour Flood risk Air quality Other	Noise Biodiversity Flood risk Air quality Other
Question 7	Please provide any further comments you would like to make on our proposals for Lighthouse Green Fuels	Not present on paper form
Question 8:	Please let us know how you heard about the consultation by ticking one or more of the following boxes: Received a community newsletter in the post Received an email from Lighthouse Green Fuels Potentially affected landowner or tenant/occupier Saw it advertised in a newspaper/news website Saw social media coverage Saw it on the project webpages Word of mouth Other (please specify)	Please let us know how you heard about the consultation by ticking one or more of the following boxes: Received a community newsletter in the post Received an email from Lighthouse Green Fuels Saw it advertised in a newspaper/news website Saw social media coverage Saw it on the project webpages Word of mouth Other (please specify)
Question 9	How informative did you find our consultation events and/or our consultation materials? Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose Don't know	How informative did you find our consultation events and/or our consultation materials? Very informative Quite informative Not informative No opinion Not applicable

Question 10	Do you have any further comments on the consultation?	Please provide any further comments you would like to make on our proposals for Lighthouse Green Fuels
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7.4.2 The most substantial differences were the additional subjects to question 7 and option to provide further comments. The Applicant feels that both versions of the survey provide enough opportunity to add further comments, and therefore these differences did not impact the substance of the responses.

7.4.3 In addition, a technical issue was identified with the export of responses from the consultation form. While the form itself functioned as intended for respondents, some data was not successfully captured in the export file used for analysis. This only impacted the response for question 2 “Please tell us your views on using sustainable aviation fuel to reduce carbon emissions and decarbonise the aviation industry?” The issue was investigated and raised with the website platform provider, but the missing data could not be recovered. Whilst this is unfortunate, the question was not specific to the Proposed Development, rather a gauge of wider support for the technology, as such the Applicant does not feel it has an impact on presentation and analysis of consultation feedback.

7.5 Responses received from statutory parties

7.5.1 Responses were received from 30 section 42(1)(a) consultees and 3 section 42(1)(b) consultees. A full list of the section 42(1)(a) and 42(1)(b) consultees who were consulted and those who responded can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix D1 List of consultees under S42 (a-c) (Application Document Ref. 5.1.4)**. Those who responded are also listed below.

- a) Anglian Water
- b) Canal and River Trust
- c) Civil Aviation Authority
- d) Cleveland Fire Brigade
- e) Coal Authority (The Mining Remediation Authority)
- f) Durham County Council
- g) Environment Agency
- h) Forestry Commission (Yorkshire & North East)
- i) Fulcrum Pipelines Limited

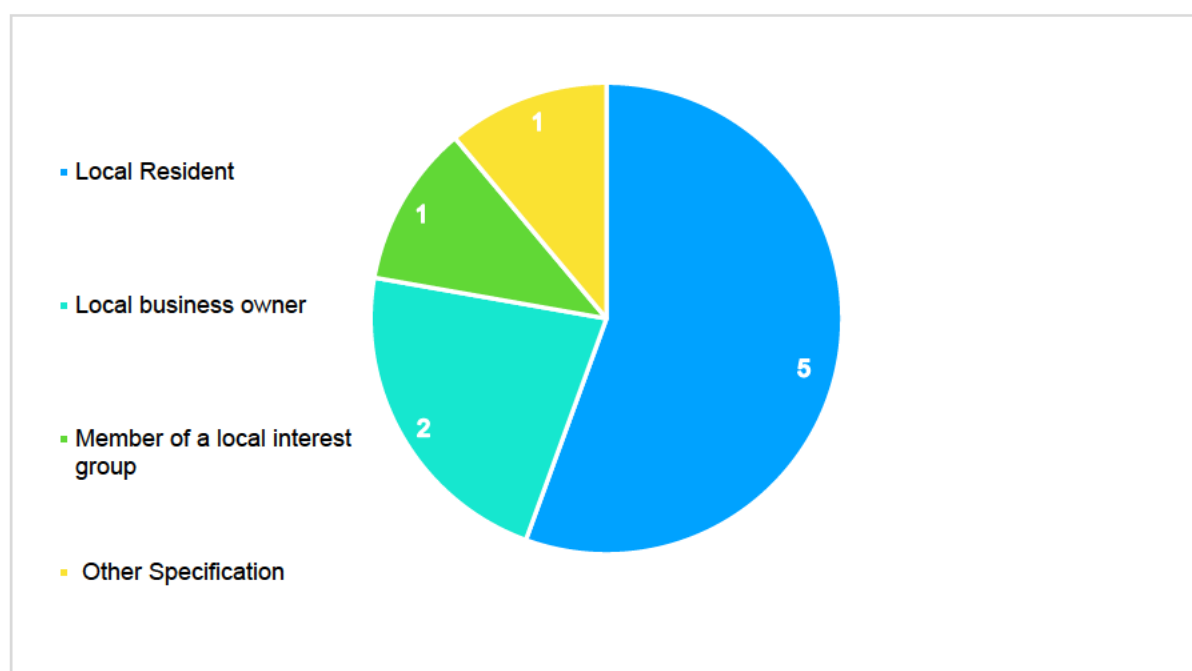
- j) Historic England
- k) Health & Safety Executive
- l) Indigo Networks
- m) Maritime & Coastguard Agency
- n) Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
- o) Ministry of Defence
- p) National Gas Transmission Ltd
- q) National Grid Electricity Transmission
- r) National Highways
- s) NATS En-Route Safeguarding
- t) Natural England
- u) Net Zero North Sea Storage Ltd
- v) Net Zero Teesside Power Ltd
- w) Northern Gas Networks
- x) Northern Power Grid (Northeast) Limited
- y) PD Ports (PD Teesport)
- z) Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
- aa) Royal Mail Group
- bb) Sembcorp Utilities (UK) Limited
- cc) Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
- dd) Tees Valley Combined Authority
- ee) Trinity House
- ff) UK Health Security Agency

7.5.2 Responses were received from 12 section 42(1)(d) consultees.

7.6 Responses to closed questions

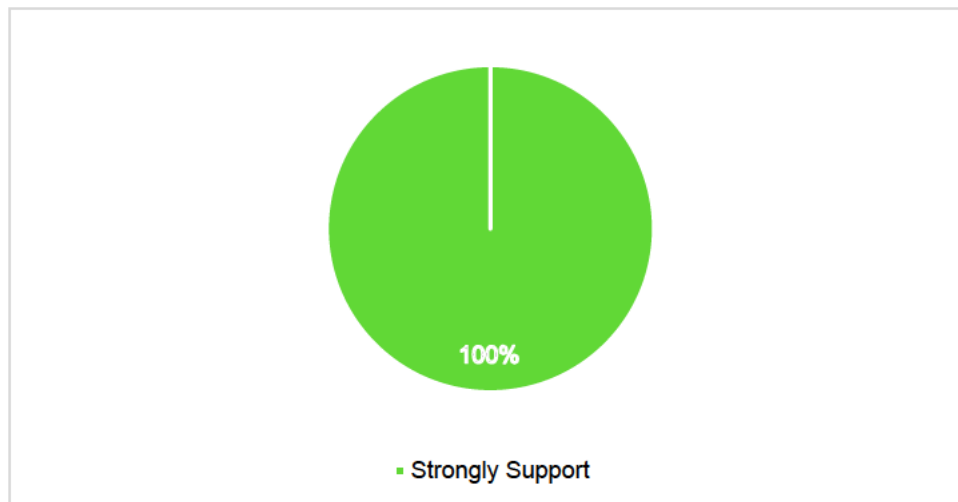
- 7.6.1 This section presents and discusses the feedback gathered from community respondents through closed questions on the feedback form.
- 7.6.2 Figure 7-1 shows how the community respondents that completed the feedback form would describe their interest in the Proposed Development. This data only shows responses received through the feedback form.

Figure 7-1 Question 1: How would you describe your interest in Lighthouse Green Fuels?



- 7.6.3 In total, 9 out of 11 respondents answered this question. Out of those who responded to this question, the majority were from local residents.
- 7.6.4 Question 2 sought to understand respondents' general views on using sustainable aviation fuel to reduce carbon emissions and decarbonise the aviation industry.
- 7.6.5 A technical issue was identified with the export of responses from the consultation form as explained previously in this report. As a result, responses to the question "Please tell us your views on using sustainable aviation fuel to reduce carbon emissions and decarbonise the aviation industry?" were not available in the export and therefore could not be included in the consultation analysis.
- 7.6.6 Question 3a asked respondents how supportive they were of the Proposed Development. The results are shown in Figure 7-2.

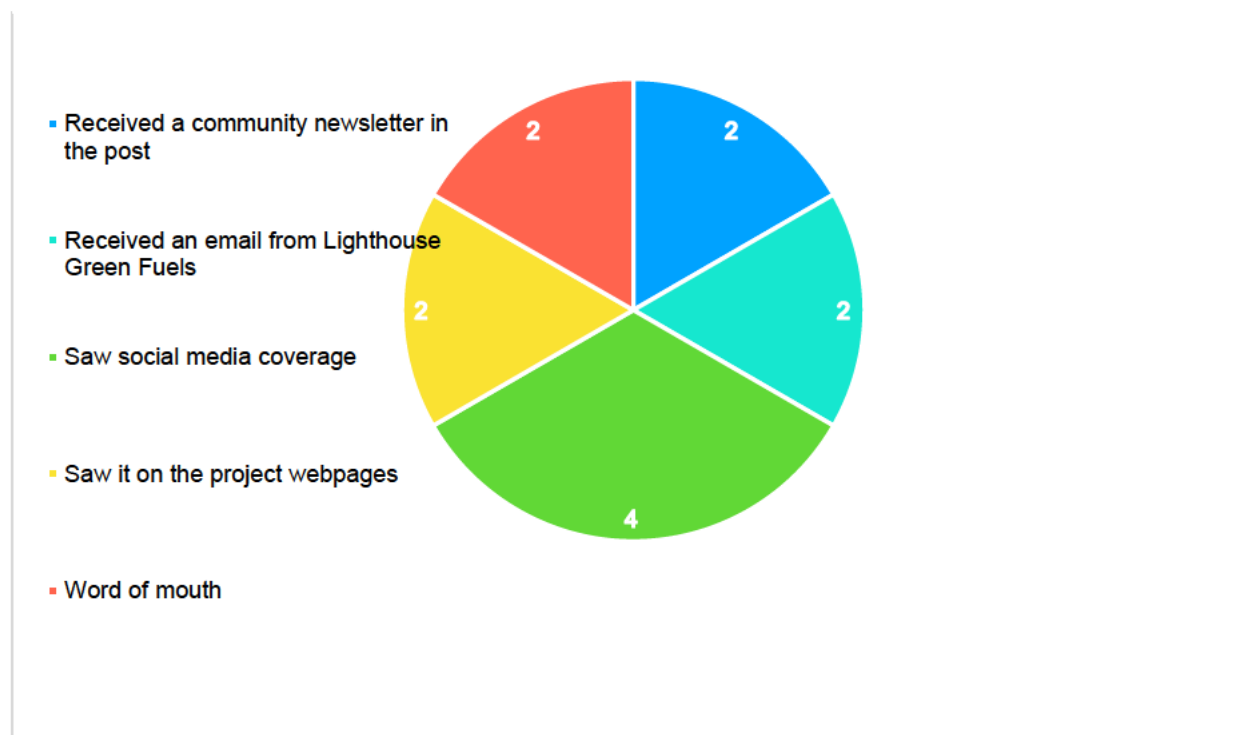
Figure 7-2 Question 3a: Based on the information presented as part of our statutory consultation, how supportive are you of our proposals for Lighthouse Green Fuels?



7.6.7 In total, 11 (100%) of community respondents stated that they ‘strongly support’ the Proposed Development.

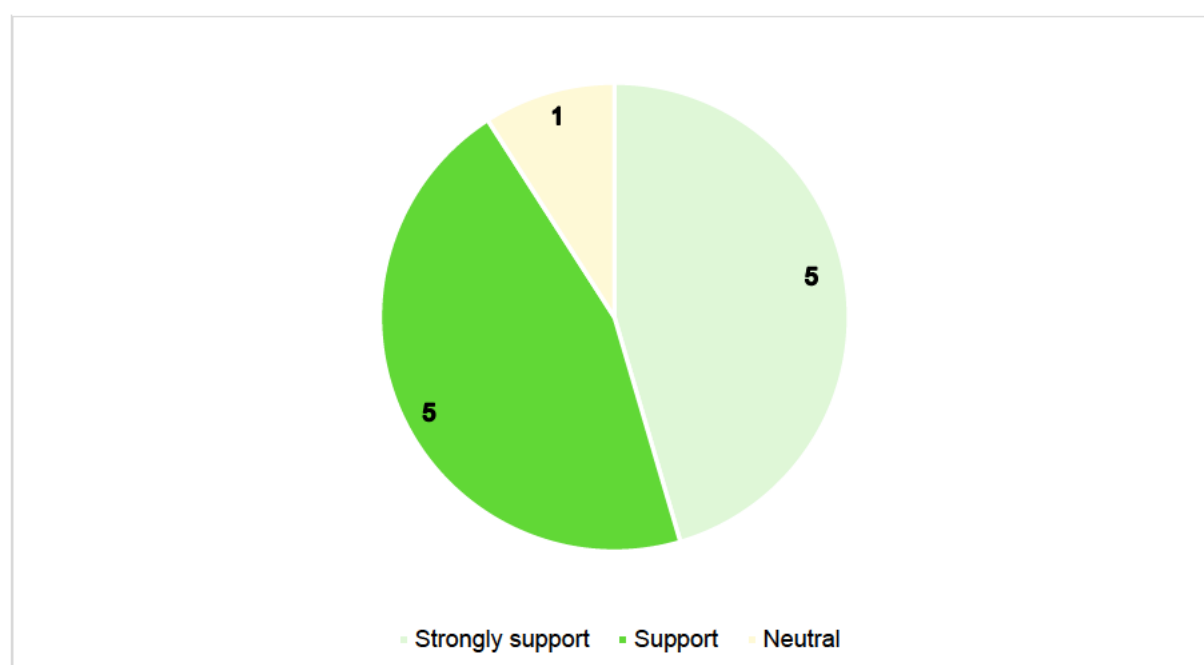
7.6.8 Question 8a asked how respondents found out about the consultation. The results are shown in Figure 7-3.

Figure 7-3 Question 8a: Please let us know how you heard about the consultation by ticking one or more of the boxes.



- 7.6.9 In total 11 (100%) of respondents answered this question. Respondents were able to tick more than one answer.
- 7.6.10 The most common way that respondents had found out about the consultation was via 'social media' with 4 out of 11 respondents selecting this option.
- 7.6.11 Results show that respondents found out about the consultation via a variety of different channels including our community newsletters, update emails, the project webpage, and word of mouth.
- 7.6.12 Question 8b asked how informative respondents found the consultation. The results are shown in Figure 7-4.

Figure 7-4 Question 8b: How informative did you find our consultation events and/or our consultation materials



- 7.6.13 Responses were provided in a 'strongly support' to 'strongly oppose' format, indicating the strength of feeling behind responses.
- 7.6.14 In total, 10 out of 11 respondents ticked that they either 'strongly support' or 'support' our approach to consultation.

7.7 Responses to open questions

- 7.7.1 As outlined in section 7.3 open questions were grouped and themed by the Applicant, based on common issues raised.
- 7.7.2 Table 7-3 provides a summary of the key themes raised in response to each question presented in the statutory consultation feedback questionnaire.

Table 7-3 Key issues raised in response to each question

Question		Theme
Question 3b: How supportive are you of our proposals for Lighthouse Green Fuels? Please let us know the reasons for your responses in this section and any other comments you have.		Support for use of locally produced biomass Support for use of sustainable biomass Suggestion to top bio-SAF stream with renewable hydrogen-based e-SAF Support for financial improvements Support for environmental improvements General support for the project
Question 4: Do you have any comments on the indicative project site layout and components within it? Please specify any components you are commenting on.		General support for proposed transport routes Statement that the local area is experienced in the use of proposed transport routes Statement that a significant portion of the river is included in the proposals Question about the coexistence of other river uses
Question 5: Do you have any comments on our proposed road, river and rail access routes to and from the main project site? Please specify any components you are commenting on.		Support for revival of old INEOS site/use of idle land Statement that Seal Sands Road is used by plenty of cyclists Statement that Seal Sands Road is busy at times Suggestion to create cycle path on redundant train tracks Concern regarding increased traffic
Question 6: Do you have any comments on our Lighthouse Green Fuels proposal and proposed environmental mitigation?	Landscape and visual	Concern regarding flare height
	Biodiversity	No issues raised
	Odour	No issues raised
	Marine	Concern regarding river traffic impact
	Flood risk	No issues raised
	Traffic and site access	Concern regarding increased traffic
	Air quality	No issues raised
	Noise	No issues raised
	Other	No issues raised

Question 7: Please provide any further comments you would like to make on our proposals for Lighthouse Green Fuels.	Support for creation of net CO2 fuels/reduced carbon Statement that the landscape is already industrial General support for the project Support for revival of old INEOS site/use of idle land
Question 8c: Do you have any further comments on the consultation?	Statement that the consultation was very informative

7.8 Consideration of responses (in accordance with S49 of Act)

- 7.8.1 Section 49(2) of the Act stated that an Applicant had to have regard to matters raised in the responses received as part of the statutory consultation. The PIA 2025 removes this requirement alongside the requirement for a consultation report.
- 7.8.2 The Applicant has considered all responses received and provided a series of appendices detailing a summary of responses and how the Applicant has responded to these points.
- 7.8.3 A summary of the responses received by section 42(1)(a) prescribed consultees and section 42 (b) local authorities and the Applicant's consideration of these matters is found in **Appendix G1 Consideration of comments from consultees under S42(1)(a) and (b) of the Act (Application Document Ref. 5.1.6)**.
- 7.8.4 A record of the responses received by section 42(1)(d) PILs and the Applicant's response to these matters is found in **Appendix G2 Consideration of comments from consultees under S42(1)(d) of the Act (Application Document Ref. 5.1.6)**.
- 7.8.5 A summary of the matters raised by section 47 general public respondents and the Applicant's response to these matters is found in **Appendix G3 Consideration of comments from consultees under S47 of the Act (Application Document Ref. 5.1.6)**.

8 Targeted consultation

8.1 Overview

8.1.1 Chapter 8 outlines the Applicant's approach to the targeted consultation on the Proposed Development. It sets out an overview of the approach to consultation undertaken between Monday 13 April 2026 and Wednesday 13 May 2026 and management of consultation responses.

8.1.2 The targeted consultation was undertaken in accordance with Section 8 Further Consultation of the SoCC, which outlines that any targeted or supplementary consultation will be undertaken, "so far as relevant and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in the SoCC". A copy of the SoCC can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix C4 Final SoCC (Application Document Ref. 5.1.3)**.

8.2 Approach to Targeted Consultation

8.2.1 Following feedback received during statutory consultation, together with further design development and technical assessment, the Applicant has identified a small number of required changes to the Proposed Development. These changes are outlined in Table 8-1.

Table 8-1 Changes to the Proposed Development consulted on at targeted consultation

Change Number	Change Title
Change 1	Connection to the Northern Endurance Partnership (NEP) CO₂ Gathering Network This change would introduce a potential new CO₂ export pipeline connection from the Main Site to consented NEP infrastructure, enabling permanent offshore storage of CO₂ and further reducing the carbon intensity of the sustainable aviation fuel and naphtha produced. One connection option would require additional land outside the draft Order limits presented at statutory consultation; an alternative option would be entirely within the existing draft Order limits.
Change 2	Additional electrical connection It is proposed to provide an additional off-site electrical connection from the existing North Bank switchyard to the Main Site. This would require a new underground cable route through previously developed land to the south of the Site and the inclusion of additional land within the draft Order limits to allow flexibility in routing.
Change 3	Process wastewater pipeline replacement Further design development has identified that an existing wastewater pipeline proposed for reuse is not suitable for long-term operation. It is therefore proposed to replace the existing pipeline, including works within the Sembcorp No. 2 Tunnel. This change is within the existing draft Order limits but requires updated assessment of construction effects.
Change 4	Minor additions to the draft Order Limits In addition to land required for Changes 1 and 2, small additions to the draft Order limits are required to facilitate access, construction and operation of pipelines and cables associated with the Proposed Development.

8.2.2 The Applicant considered the Guidance on the pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects [Ref 15] at the time which stated when considering the approach to targeted consultation. Paragraph 020 states:

“In understanding whether there has been a material and substantial change, applicants should take into account the following guiding factors:

The degree of change as compared to the proposals previously consulted upon as a whole;

The number of materially worse environmental effects as compared to what has been the subject of previous consultations; and

The level of public interest, and the likelihood that such interest would merit further consideration in the context of that change.”

- 8.2.3 Changes 1,2 and 4 listed above related to minor revisions to the draft Order Limits which resulted in a small increase in land required for the Proposed Development.
- 8.2.4 The original PEIR was reviewed to identify if any of the changes altered the scope and conclusions of that document and a PEIR Addendum was prepared. The PEIR Addendum concluded that, with appropriate mitigation, the proposed changes were not expected to give rise to any new significant adverse environmental effects, either individually or cumulatively.
- 8.2.5 The Applicant felt the changes were not considered to raise issues of substantial public interest and, as such, community consultation was not undertaken. Instead, the Applicant delivered a further consultation that was targeted in nature.
- 8.2.6 This consultation exercise comprised both statutory and non-statutory consultation components. There was a targeted non statutory consultation for prescribed consultees and a targeted Section 42 consultation for affected and potentially affected landowners. Both consultations ran from Monday 13 April to Wednesday 13 May 2026.
- 8.2.7 On 2 April, the Applicant contacted RCBC and STBC to share details of the planned targeted consultation. Copies of these emails are included in **Consultation Report Appendix H1 Email to Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council regarding targeted consultation (Application Document Ref. 5.1.7)** and **Consultation Report Appendix H2 Email to Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council regarding targeted consultation (Application Document Ref. 5.1.7)**.

8.3 Consultation methodology

Identification of PILs

- 8.3.1 The Applicant identified 28 impacted land interests following the revisions to the draft Order Limits that resulted in the targeted consultation. No new interests were identified as part of the process.
- 8.3.2 A letter was sent to these identified land interests by First Class post on Friday 10 April 2026 and invited them to provide comments on the revised proposals by 23:59 on Wednesday 13 May 2026. Enclosed with the letter was an overview plan showing the changes to the Order Limits and bespoke land plans showing the changes in relation to the PIL. A copy of the letter and overview plan can be found in **Consultation Report**

Appendix H4 Annex H4-1 Letter sent to consultees under S42(1)(d) Friday 10 April 2026 (Application Document Ref. 5.1.7).

- 8.3.3 The letter also included a URL for the consultation website to view the consultation materials online.

Identification of Statutory Consultees

- 8.3.4 There were a number of statutory parties the Applicant identified as potentially having an interest in the proposed changes to the draft Order Limits. This consisted of the Section 42 a and b list used at statutory consultation, minus any bodies which had responded to the statutory consultation stating they had no interest in the Proposed Development. A list of statutory consultees consulted as part of the targeted consultation is found in **Consultation Report Appendix H4 Annex H4-4 List of stakeholders contacted as part of targeted consultation (Application Document Ref. 5.1.7).**
- 8.3.5 These parties were sent a letter and overview plan by First Class post on Friday 10 April 2026 and inviting them to provide comments on the proposals by 23:59 on Wednesday 13 May 2026. A copy of the letter issued to statutory parties can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix H4 Annex H4-2 Letter sent to consultees under S42(1) (a-c) Friday 10 April 2026 (Application Document Ref. 5.1.7).**
- 8.3.6 An email including a copy of the letter and plan was also emailed to statutory parties the Applicant had contact details on Monday 13 April. A copy of the email is found in **Consultation Report Appendix H4 Annex H4-3 Email sent to consultees under S42(1) (a-c) Monday 13 April 2026 (Application Document Ref. 5.1.7).**

8.4 Feedback mechanisms

- 8.4.1 The targeted consultation provided the opportunity for people to comment on the changes to the Proposed Development.
- 8.4.2 Responses to the targeted consultation could be submitted via the following methods:
- Emailing info@lgf.co.uk
 - Writing to Freepost LIGHTHOUSE GREEN FUELS (no stamp required)
- 8.4.3 Responses received via these channels were considered as feedback if received ahead of the consultation deadline of 23:59 on Wednesday 13 May 2026.

8.5 Email error

- 8.5.1 At the end of the consultation, the Applicant became aware of a typographical email error in the original correspondence sent to consultees about the targeted consultation.
- 8.5.2 As such the Applicant wrote to all consultees (excluding those feedback had been received from) via email and tracked post on 12 June 2026 asking them to resubmit any consultation responses by 1 July 2026.
- 8.5.3 A copy of the letter can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix H4 Annex H4-5 Letter to S42(1)(a) and S42(d) consultees regarding email error Friday 12 June 2026 (Application Document Ref. 5.1.7).**

8.6 Responses received to the Targeted Consultation

- 8.6.1 The Applicant received a total of 32 responses to the targeted consultation. All responses were received via email.
- 8.6.2 All statutory consultees from statutory consultation were written to as part of the targeted consultation, with the exception of those who had already indicated they did not have an interest in the scheme.
- 8.6.3 A full list of those who responded can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix H5 Consideration of comments on targeted consultation**

from consultees under S42(1)(a), (b), and (d) of the Act (Application Document Ref. 5.1.7). Those who responded are also listed below.

- a) Anglian Water (s42a and 42d)
- b) Billingham Town Council (s42b)
- c) BOC (s42d)
- d) Durham County Council (s42b)
- e) Energy Assets Pipeline (s42a)
- f) Environment Agency (s42a and 42d)
- g) Green Lizard Estates (s42d)
- h) Hartlepool and Middlesbrough Development Corporations (s42a)
- i) Health and Safety Executive (s42a)
- j) JNCC (s42a)
- k) Maritime and Coastguard Agency (s42a)
- l) National Grid Electricity Transmission (s42a and 42d)
- m) Natural England (s42a)
- n) Navigator Terminals (s42d)
- o) Network Rail (s42a)
- p) Net Zero North Sea Storage (s42a)
- q) Net Zero Teesside Power (s42a)
- r) North Yorkshire Council (s42b)
- s) Northumberland County Council (s42b)
- t) Northumbrian Water Limited (s42a)
- u) Office for Nuclear Regulation (s42a)
- v) PD Ports (PD Teesport) (s42a and s42d)
- w) Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (s42b)
- x) SABIC Petrochemicals (s42d)
- y) Sembcorp Utilities (s42a and 42d)
- z) Tesco Stores (s42d)
- aa) Trinity House (s42a)

bb)UK Health Security Agency (s42a)

cc) UK Power Networks (s42a)

dd)Virgin Media (s42a)

8.6.4 Indicated in brackets is the nature of each of the above consultees' interest, be that S42(1)(a), (b), (d), and/or s47 of the Act.

8.6.5 Following the close of the targeted consultation, the Applicant reviewed all the responses received. The below provides a summary of the responses and how these have been considered by the Applicant.

9 Approach to engagement between statutory consultation and application submission

9.1 Overview

- 9.1.1 Chapter 9 outlines the engagement undertaken following consultation. The feedback received at the consultations, combined with further assessments and engagement with other stakeholders, allowed the Applicant to further refine its proposals.

9.2 Adequacy of Consultation Milestone

- 9.2.1 At the time of finishing the consultation, there was a pre-application requirement to produce an Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Statement to provide an overview of the engagement and consultation activity to date and how it has met with the requirements of the then Act.
- 9.2.2 On 24 March 2026 the Applicant contacted host and neighbouring authorities and requested views on the adequacy of consultation by 22 April 2026. Feedback was received from RCBC on 24 April 2026, confirming its view that “sufficient consultation has been undertaken”. The email and feedback are included in the AoCM statement which can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix I1 Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Statement (Application Document Ref. 5.1.8)**.
- 9.2.3 Meetings with officers of the two host authorities took place on 22 April 2026. During these meetings no concerns were raised regarding the statutory consultation.
- 9.2.4 A written submission was prepared by the Applicant and submitted to PINS on 6 May 2026 to enable PINS to give early consideration of the adequacy of consultation undertaken to date on the Proposed Development.
- 9.2.5 A copy of the AoCM statement can be found in **Consultation Report Appendix I1 Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Statement (Application Document Ref. 5.1.8)**.
- 9.2.6 The new pre-application guidance came into force on 24 July 2026 removing the AoCM requirement and therefore PINS confirmed it would not be providing the Applicant with any commentary or Section 51 advice in relation to the AoCM.

9.3 Engagement with elected representatives

- 9.3.1 The Applicant has continued to provide updates to elected representatives. Following the end of the statutory consultation, the Applicant contacted local elected representatives, alongside those that had taken part in the statutory consultation and those who had signed up for project updates.

9.4 Engagement with the host authorities and technical stakeholders

- 9.4.1 Informal engagement with technical and the local authority stakeholders has continued following statutory consultation Meetings were held with of STBC and RCBC on 10 July 2026. we had two meetings.

9.5 Engagement with communities

- 9.5.1 Following the end of the statutory consultation, the project website was updated to reflect the close of statutory consultation, thanking residents for their involvement in the consultation and outlining expected next steps for the Application.
- 9.5.2 The Applicant was also approached by Cowpen Bewley Residents' Association to attend a meeting to provide an update on the Proposed Development. This took place on 1 April 2026.
- 9.5.3 Once the Application has been accepted, the Applicant will contact members of the community that had responded to the statutory and targeted consultation and provided contact details, as well as those who had registered for updates on the project website and key stakeholders such as MPs and local councillors, to inform them of the next stage of the process.

9.6 Engagement with landowners

- 9.6.1 The Applicant has continued to undertake diligent enquiries to identify any new interests.
- 9.6.2 A land registry refresh was undertaken prior to DCO submission, and will be undertaken again at project acceptance, prior to the issue of section 56, and again before the close of examination, to identify any new or changed interests.
- 9.6.3 **The Book of Reference (Application Document Ref. 4.3)** identifies all persons with an interest in land impacted by the Proposed Development.
- 9.6.4 The Applicant will continue to work with persons with an interest in land throughout the development process with the intention of agreeing voluntary land agreements where possible.

10 Conclusion

- 10.1.1 This Report accompanies the Application for development consent and sets out the consultation and engagement undertaken by the Applicant during the pre-application stage of the Proposed Development.
- 10.1.2 Whilst statutory pre-application consultation is no longer required following changes introduced by the PIA 2025, the Applicant has prepared this Report to demonstrate how consultation and engagement were undertaken in line with the previous statutory requirements and how stakeholder feedback has been considered and taken into account when preparing the Application.
- 10.1.3 The consultation programme was planned and delivered in accordance with the requirements and expectations of the Act as they existed at the time the consultation was undertaken. The Report therefore details the consultation and engagement carried out with prescribed consultees, local authorities, persons with an interest in land, community organisations and members of the public, and explains how the Applicant considered the feedback received.
- 10.1.4 This Report also sets out how the Applicant has undertaken pre-application consultation and engagement in support of the Environmental Impact Assessment process and in accordance with the EIA Regulations.
- 10.1.5 Throughout the pre-application stage, the Applicant adopted a proactive, inclusive and proportionate approach to consultation and engagement. This approach provided stakeholders and local communities with opportunities to understand the Proposed Development, raise issues, identify opportunities for improvement and help shape the evolution of the proposals.
- 10.1.6 The Applicant has undertaken a comprehensive programme of pre-application consultation and engagement that was planned and delivered in accordance with the legislative framework in place at the time consultation was undertaken and remains consistent with current guidance and established consultation good practice. The feedback received has played an important role in informing and refining the Proposed Development submitted as part of this application for development consent.

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