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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This Adequacy of Consultation Report ('the Report') has been prepared by LGF Projects Limited ('the Applicant') as part of the development of the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the Lighthouse Green Fuels Project ('the Proposed Development').
- 1.1.2 Part 3 of the Planning Act 2008 ('the Act') defines which projects constitute a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). Once classed as an NSIP, development consent (in the form of a Development Consent Order) is required under Part 4 of the Act.
- 1.1.3 The Proposed Development comprises both a sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) production facility and a combined heat and power (CHP) generating station together with development associated with the SAF production facility and the CHP generating station.
- 1.1.4 The construction and operation of the biomass and waste wood fired CHP generating 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.
- 1.1.5 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 Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero ('SoS'), 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 facility, 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').
- 1.1.6 The SoS for Energy Security and Net Zero issued a direction under Section 35 of the Actⁱ 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. Consent is therefore required

ⁱ <https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN0110025-000003-Lighthouse%20Green%20Fuels%20Project%20Section%2035%20Direction%20letter.pdf>

from the SoS by way of a DCO.

1.1.7 In 2024, the UK Government introduced guidance:

- Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projectsⁱⁱ ('the Guidance') (published 30 April 2024)
- Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-application Prospectusⁱⁱⁱ (the 'Prospectus') (published 16 May 2024, last updated 3 March 2026)

1.1.8 Both the Guidance and the Prospectus set out the requirements and expectations in the preparation of an application for development consent.

1.1.9 The Guidance and Prospectus outline the benefit of an early adequacy of consultation milestone (AoCM), aimed at providing the Applicant with an opportunity to submit to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) a document setting out the consultation undertaken to date, confirming that the approaches set out in the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and Programme Document have been followed, providing a summary of consultation responses received and how these responses are shaping the proposed application. To inform the AoCM a written submission should be prepared by the Applicant to enable the PINS to give early consideration of the adequacy of consultation undertaken by the Applicant to date on the Proposed Development with the objective of minimising the risk of non-acceptance at application acceptance stage.

1.1.10 The Guidance states: *"This adequacy of consultation milestone should be early enough to enable applicants to consider how to undertake any additional engagement that may be needed, but sufficiently towards the end of the pre-application stage to assess the adequacy of the consultation that has been done. It is likely therefore to be no later than around 3 months before the intended date of submission of the application."*

"The adequacy of consultation milestone should be recorded by the applicant and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as a short statement of the elements of consultation which have been carried out compared with the components set out in the Programme Document and the SoCC. The statement should include the views and any relevant supporting material from local authorities if available."

ⁱⁱ Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. Available online <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/planning-act-2008-pre-application-stage-for-nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects>

ⁱⁱⁱ Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-application Prospectus. Available online <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-2024-pre-application-prospectus>

- 1.1.11 The AoCM is a non-statutory requirement.
- 1.1.12 Under Section 55(4)(b) of the Act, at the acceptance stage, PINS will have regard to the formal views from local authorities about the adequacy of consultation where such representations are received from the local authorities.
- 1.1.13 The Programme Document developed by the Applicant included a pre-application timetable stating the submission of AoCM to the Planning Inspectorate in April 2026. The Programme Document has been shared with the PINS and uploaded onto the project website as per the Guidance.
- 1.1.14 The Applicant has taken a proactive approach to pre-application engagement with consultees and local communities which has helped the Applicant understand concerns and shape proposals ahead of submission. This Report provides an overview of the engagement and consultation activity to date and how it has met the requirements of the Act.

1.2 Lighthouse Green Fuels

- 1.2.1 The Proposed Development comprises a main site which would be located on land at Seal Sands Road, Seal Sands, within the administrative boundary of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (STBC). Some utility connections will extend south of the River Tees within the administrative boundary of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC).
- 1.2.2 The Proposed Development is expected to be the UK's first commercial scale second generation SAF production facility. The plant would be the largest of its kind in the world, converting over 1.5 million tonnes of sustainably-sourced biomass feedstock (including forest and agricultural residues) into more than 180 million litres of advanced SAF and more than 30 million litres of renewable naphtha per annum.
- 1.2.3 This will avoid up to 350,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions per year compared with conventional aviation fuel which is the equivalent of offsetting 4,500 conventionally-fuelled transatlantic flights from London to New York.
- 1.2.4 With connection into the local carbon capture and storage infrastructure, more than 750,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions could be avoided per year.
- 1.2.5 This project site has been carefully chosen by the Applicant due to its size and proximity to necessary infrastructure required to support the SAF production, notably access to the River Tees for construction and operational logistics, proximity to carbon dioxide transport and storage infrastructure, and proximity to marine facilities for export of finished product.

- 1.2.6 The Proposed Development is a key contributor to the UK Government's aspirations to decarbonise the aviation sector by 2050. The UK Government has introduced a Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Mandate (2024)^{iv} equivalent to at least 10% (around 1.2 million tonnes) of jet fuel to be made from sustainable sources by 2030 (the SAF Mandate). These measures are formalised through the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Sustainable Aviation Fuel) Order 2024^v. The UK SAF Mandate is intended to secure and grow UK SAF demand and complement ongoing work to kick-start a domestic SAF industry; this Proposed Development would therefore be able to deliver a significant contribution to meeting that aim.
- 1.2.7 The Proposed Development will involve the development of a SAF plant and associated infrastructure including: a new quay on the River Tees with ship loading/offloading infrastructure; feedstock storage and pre-treatment facility; a main gasification facility to process sustainably-sourced biomass; syngas clean-up apparatus; Fischer Tropsch process units; refining units; intermediates and finished product storage; supporting infrastructure and utility connections.
- 1.2.8 The new quay on the River Tees 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. All feedstock will be stored on site with biomass feedstock being pre-treated and processed into SAF through gasification and gas-to-liquids processes. The process will also produce renewable naphtha as a secondary product; both the SAF and naphtha will be exported off-site.
- 1.2.9 To support operations, the Proposed Development will include a biomass and waste wood-fired CHP plant with an electrical output capacity of up to 200 megawatts electrical (MWe), providing a low-carbon energy supply for the SAF process. Cooling infrastructure will be required for the SAF process and the CHP plant. Connections will provide electricity for start-up and general site power.

1.3 Interface with previous consulted Lighthouse Green Fuels project

- 1.3.1 Lighthouse Green Fuels Limited, a company wholly owned by Alfanar Group, conducted a statutory consultation on a proposed SAF facility at a site off

^{iv} Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Mandate. Available online <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/sustainable-aviation-fuel-saf-mandate>

^v The Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Sustainable Aviation Fuel) Order 2024. Available online <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2024/1187/contents/made>

Huntsman Drive, Seal Sands between May and June 2024.

- 1.3.2 The Applicant is also part of Alfanar Group. The Applicant has made significant changes to the previous proposals (PINS reference: EN010150), including moving the site location to Seal Sands Road. As such, a new DCO application is now being pursued (PINS reference: EN0110025). The Applicant is required to undertake a Statutory Consultation on these new proposals and produce a new SoCC.
- 1.3.3 For the avoidance of doubt, the former project located off Huntsman Drive has been formally withdrawn and the letter of withdrawal is posted on the PINS project page, available on the PINS's website: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010150>
- 1.3.4 This Report only includes the engagement and consultation relating to EN0110025, including feedback received in the statutory consultation undertaken between December 2025 and January 2026.

2 Overview of consultation and engagement to date

2.1 Overview

- 2.1.1 The Applicant has conducted pre-application consultation in preparing its DCO application. This included engagement with stakeholders to introduce the Proposed Development and explain the changes since the former project, followed by a period of statutory consultation intended to meet the requirements set by the Act and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ('EIA Regulations') and targeted consultation, all prior to the submission of a DCO application.
- 2.1.2 As explained in the introduction, a statutory consultation was conducted on a proposed SAF facility for land off Huntsman Drive (PINS reference: EN010150) in May/June 2024.
- 2.1.3 A key aim of the consultation in 2025/26 was to clearly differentiate the Proposed Development from the former 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 to key stakeholders. This included:
- Contacting key elected representatives
 - Updating the project website
 - Proactive engagement with prescribed parties
 - A mailing to land interests within the previous development limits to advise they were not affected by the new scheme
 - A rebranding exercise to distinguish from the previous project
- 2.1.4 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.
- 2.1.5 The Proposed Development is also an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development, as defined by the 2017 EIA Regulations. As part of the development of the technical design and environmental assessment work, engagement has taken place with a number of statutory consultees since September 2025, including Natural England, Environment Agency, Marine Management Organisation and National Highways. This engagement helped shape the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and will inform the Environmental Statement (ES). A summary of engagement

undertaken with relevant environmental bodies will be included in the ES and Consultation Report.

- 2.1.6 A SoCC setting out how the Applicant proposed to consult with people living in the vicinity of the proposals was produced for the statutory consultation in accordance with the Act. The Applicant consulted with the host local authorities STBC and RCBC about what was to be in the SoCC prior to its publication. Details of how the consultation was delivered in line with the SoCC are shown in **Section 3**.
- 2.1.7 The Applicant ran a statutory consultation on the Proposed Development from Tuesday 2 December 2025 to Tuesday 13 January 2026, which is longer than the minimum 28 days required by section 42 of the Act. The consultation set out the detailed elements of the Proposed Development, along with a PEIR which presented the preliminary findings of the environmental impact assessment of the Proposed Development.
- 2.1.8 A series of design changes were made to the Proposed Development following the statutory consultation. These took into account feedback received during the statutory consultation, including ongoing engagement with stakeholders, landowners and the local community, as well as results from emerging technical assessments. At the time of issuing, a further targeted consultation is under way, as described in **Section 2.4**.
- 2.1.9 On 24 March 2026 the Applicant contacted host and neighbouring authorities and requested views on the adequacy of consultation by 22 April 2026 (see **Appendix A.1**). Feedback was received from RCBC on 24 April 2026, confirming its view that “sufficient consultation has been undertaken” (see **Appendix A.2**).
- 2.1.10 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.

2.2 Statutory consultation

- 2.2.1 A six-week statutory public consultation took place between Tuesday 2 December 2025 and Tuesday 13 January 2026. In accordance with the SoCC, the Applicant initially held three face-to-face public exhibitions and three webinars (see **Table 2** for details). In response to section 51 advice received from PINS on 12 December 2025, a fourth additional public event was organised which was held on 8 January 2026.
- 2.2.2 A suite of consultation material was developed including a consultation brochure, feedback questionnaire, newsletter, PEIR, and non-technical

summary of the PEIR. All materials were available on the Applicant's website.^{vi}

- 2.2.3 Statutory consultation was undertaken in line with the requirements of the Act, The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 ('APFP Regulations')^{vii}, The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ('EIA Regulations')^{viii} and The Infrastructure Planning (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2024^{ix}. Notices about the consultation were published in a local newspaper and a national newspaper and section 42 consultees were identified and were sent a consultation pack including a section 42 letter, consultation brochure, consultation newsletter, section 48 notice, feedback form and freepost envelope.
- 2.2.4 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. Of these, 30 were submitted from respondents under section 42(1)(a) of the Act, 3 under section 42(1)(b) of the Act, 12 under section 42(1)(d) of the Act, and 14 under section 47 of the Act.
- 2.2.5 Key local stakeholders, including host parish councils, the host MP, and key councillors from RCBC and STBC, were informed of the proposals ahead of the statutory consultation, with invitations to be briefed/updated on the Proposed Development. Meetings were conducted from August 2025, through the statutory consultation period as outlined in **Table 1**.

Table 1 Meetings with local representatives

Stakeholder	Date
STBC: Principal Planning Officer	Wednesday 13 August 2025
RCBC: 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

^{vi} Lighthouse Green Fuels documents page: <https://www.lighthousegreenfuels.co.uk/consultation>

^{vii} The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009. Available online <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2009/2264/contents/made>

^{viii} The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. Available online <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2017/571/contents/made>

^{ix} The Infrastructure Planning (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2024. Available online <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2024/332/contents/made>

Stakeholder	Date
Lord Ben Houchen, Tees Valley Mayor	Monday 10 November 2025
RCBC: Head of Planning and Development	Thursday 27 November 2025
STBC: Principal Planning Officer	Friday 28 November 2025
RCBC: 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

- 2.2.6 The Applicant is currently analysing responses received as part of the statutory consultation and will produce a Consultation Report as part of the DCO application. The Consultation Report will be in accordance with section 37 of the Act and the Planning Inspectorate guidance 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on the Consultation Report'.
- 2.2.7 The Applicant will continue to engage statutory bodies on any outstanding issues.
- 2.2.8 The Consultation Report will outline how the Applicant identified and consulted with the relevant prescribed bodies and local authorities as required under section 42 and how it publicised the application in the prescribed manner in line with requirements of section 47 and 48 of the Act.

2.3 Landowner engagement

- 2.3.1 In light of the change in location of the Proposed Development from that previously promoted, the Applicant led engagement with the Main Site landowner.
- 2.3.2 Ahead of the statutory consultation, the Applicant carried out diligent inquiry in order to identify all persons who fall within the categories set out in section 44 of the Act for the Proposed Development. Such persons will be listed in the Book of Reference which will be submitted as part of the DCO application. All identified land interests have been consulted about the Proposed Development in accordance with section 42 of the Act, which will be described in the Consultation Report. Any interests that were identified following the

start of the consultation period were given 30 days in which to provide responses to ensure that they had sufficient time to consider the proposals.

2.4 Targeted consultation

- 2.4.1 A targeted consultation launched on Monday 13 April 2026 for a period of 30 days following the identification of a small number of required changes to the Proposed Development. At the time of submitting this report, the consultation had commenced and was scheduled to conclude on Monday 13 May 2026.
- 2.4.2 The targeted consultation is being 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".
- 2.4.3 The Applicant considered the changes alongside the SoCC and the Guidance on the Pre-application Stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.
- 2.4.4 The Applicant did not consider the changes to raise issues of substantial public interest and, as such, community consultation was not undertaken.
- 2.4.5 Instead, the Applicant delivered a further consultation that was targeted in nature. The host authorities have been made aware of the targeted consultation, with the applicant notifying impacted land interests and prescribed consultees via letter and email.

3 Statement of Community Consultation

3.1 Development of the SoCC

- 3.1.1 A Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) was prepared, consulted on and published following the process as prescribed in section 47 of the Act, prior to starting statutory consultation for the Proposed Development.
- 3.1.2 As explained in the introduction, a statutory consultation was conducted on a proposed SAF facility for land off Huntsman Drive (PINS reference EN010150) in May/June 2024.
- 3.1.3 The Applicant engaged with officers at STBC and RCBC to develop the previous SoCC (May 2024) and discuss the project's approach to consultation. This enabled officers to provide feedback on the approach.
- 3.1.4 The Applicant developed the SoCC for this Proposed Development in line with the previous document and refined it based on lessons learned from the delivery of the consultation in spring 2024.
- 3.1.5 As outlined at **Table 1**, meetings were held with STBC on 13 August 2025 and RCBC on 15 August 2025, where the Applicant outlined the consultation approach.

3.2 Consultation on the SoCC

- 3.2.1 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. No comments were received from either local planning authority on the early draft.
- 3.2.2 In line with the requirements of section 47(2) of the Act, the Applicant undertook formal consultation on the SoCC with the host local authorities, requesting comments by 5 November 2025.
- 3.2.3 No comments were received from STBC and RCBC.
- 3.2.4 In the meetings with officers at RCBC on 27 November 2025 and STBC on 28 November 2025, the Applicant asked if the council's 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.
- 3.2.5 Copies of the emails relating to the draft SoCC, and a copy of the draft SoCC sent to the local authorities will be included in the Consultation Report.

3.3 Publicity under Section 47 of the Act

- 3.3.1 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 consultation.
- 3.3.2 An advert publicising the locations where the SoCC could be viewed was placed in a local newspaper, the Teesside Gazette, on 2 December 2025.
- 3.3.3 An electronic version of the SoCC was published on the project website on 2 December 2025. Paper versions of the SoCC were available to view in-person at all public consultation events during the statutory consultation.

3.4 Adherence with the SoCC

- 3.4.1 The following table shows how the statutory consultation was undertaken in compliance with the published SoCC, as per the requirements of section 47(7) of the Act.
- 3.4.2 The Consultation Report and its supporting appendices will include all evidence of compliance.

Table 2 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 • 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 STBC, was held on 13 August 2025. A meeting with the Head of Planning and Development at RCBC, 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, Environment Agency, Marine Management Organisation, National Highways and both host authorities. The Consultation Report will include more information about engagement with these bodies. A list of stakeholders including local MPs, senior councillors, key environmental bodies, and parish councils. 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. An update on the Proposed Development was published on the project website on 10 November 2025. This coincided with the introduction of refreshed branding 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 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 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

SoCC Reference	Commitment made	Evidence of compliance
		responses from the previous consultation are not considered in the Consultation Report, or reported in this Report.
6.1.1 to 6.1.3	The statutory consultation will run from Tuesday 2 December 2025 until 11:59pm 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 2025 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 (STBC and RCBC) 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: 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.

SoCC Reference	Commitment made	Evidence of compliance
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 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 primary consultation zone 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.	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 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, Lloyds 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 • 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

SoCC Reference	Commitment made	Evidence of compliance
		non-prescribed basis during the statutory consultation.
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 stakeholders in order to consult them on either a prescribed or non-prescribed basis during the statutory consultation. The list of stakeholders included statutory bodies, those with an interest in land, parish and town councils, sports groups, community and business groups, environmental groups, elected representatives, educational organisations and identified seldom heard groups.
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 newsletter will be available at consultation events, the public information point, on the website and on request by post.	A consultation newsletter that included the content stipulated in Table 1 of the SoCC 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 above 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 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,	Consultation Information Booklet A consultation information booklet will be	A copy of the consultation information booklet that includes the content stipulated in Table 1

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section 6.4 – Statutory consultation documents)	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 • 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.	of the SoCC was issued by post (1 December 2025) to stakeholders listed above 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 stakeholders the Applicant had contact details for. 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 – Statutory consultation documents)	Feedback Questionnaire 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)	A feedback questionnaire was prepared to allow people to provide feedback on the proposals. Copies of the feedback questionnaire were issued by post (1 December 2025) to relevant stakeholders 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. The list of stakeholders included statutory bodies, those with an interest in land, parish and town councils, sports groups, community and business groups, environmental groups, elected representatives, educational organisations and identified seldom heard groups 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 11:59pm 13 January 2026.

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		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 included the content stipulated in Table 1 of the SoCC 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.
Table 1 (Chapter 6, section 6.4 – Statutory consultation documents)	Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) This SoCC document will be made available online as part of the consultation and as paper copies upon request.	The Statement of Community Consultation (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

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	Paper copies of the SoCC will be available at our consultation events and public information point for reference.	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 of the SoCC.	A newsletter that included the content stipulated in Table 2 of the SoCC 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 stakeholders 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	A press release publicising the statutory consultation was issued to the following media outlets on 2 December 2025: Teesside Live/The Gazette

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	to local and regional media outlets.	- Northern Echo - BBC North East & Cumbria - ITV Tyne Tees - Tees Business The press release was covered in Tees Business, The Northern Echo, and Teesside Live.
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.
Table 2 (Chapter 6, section 6.5 – Engagement methods)	Statutory notices and adverts Statutory notices to publicise the consultation and the SoCC will be published, in accordance with section 47 and section 48 of the Act, as follows: - publicising the consultation – once in the <i>London Gazette</i>, <i>Lloyd's List</i>, a national newspaper and an appropriate fishing trade journal, and twice (across two successive weeks) in local circulating newspapers - publicising the SoCC – once in local circulating newspapers	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, Lloyds 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.

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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. 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). 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.	Paper copies of the consultation materials listed in Table 2 of the SoCC (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 the library. 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. Site notices were placed on site on 2 December 2025.
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, 10am-3pm (High Clarence Primary School, Port Clarence)	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.

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	Road, Middlesbrough, TS2 1SY) - Wednesday 17 December 2025, 1pm-7pm (Billingham Forum, The Causeway, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 2LJ) - Thursday 18 December 2025, 1pm-7pm (Billingham Rugby Club, Greenwood Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 4BA).	As part of the Planning Inspectorate's section 51 advice it was suggested an additional in-person consultation event, in addition to the three 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, 10am-3pm (High Clarence Primary School, Port Clarence Road, Middlesbrough, TS2 1SY) - Wednesday 17 December 2025, 1pm-7pm (Billingham Forum, The Causeway, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 2LJ) - Thursday 18 December 2025, 1pm-7pm (Billingham Rugby Club, Greenwood Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 4BA) - Thursday 8 January 2026, 1pm-7pm (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, 6pm-7.30pm, Monday 15 December 2025, 6pm-7.30pm, Wednesday 7 January 2026, 6pm-7.30pm. 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 answer session where attendees can raise questions. Feedback would be directed towards the feedback questionnaire on the project website.	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 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

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		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, 6pm-7:30pm - Monday 15 December 2025, 6pm-7:30pm - Wednesday 7 January 2026, 6pm-7:30pm.
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 - 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 - RCBC: 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 - Cowpen Bewley Residents' Association on Wednesday 1 April 2026 Additionally, meetings were held with land interest, the host authorities, PINS and environmental bodies. Further details of these meetings will be contained within the Consultation Report and ES.
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	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.

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	the consultation with members of their constituencies or local communities.	
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 decisionmakers 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 in order to consult them on a non-prescribed basis during the statutory consultation. 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)	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 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.	A newsletter that included the content stipulated in Table 3 of the SoCC 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 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 in order to consult them on a non-prescribed basis during the statutory consultation. 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

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		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, 10am-3pm (High Clarence Primary School, Port Clarence Road, Middlesbrough, TS2 1SY) • Wednesday 17 December 2025, 1pm-7pm (Billingham Forum, The Causeway, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 2LJ) • Thursday 18 December 2025, 1pm-7pm (Billingham Rugby Club, Greenwood Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 4BA). • Thursday 8 January 2026, 1pm-7pm (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, 10am-3pm (High Clarence Primary School, Port Clarence Road, Middlesbrough, TS2 1SY) • Wednesday 17 December 2025, 1pm-7pm (Billingham Forum, The Causeway, Stockton-on-Tees,

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		Billingham, TS23 2LJ) - Thursday 18 December 2025, 1pm-7pm (Billingham Rugby Club, Greenwood Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 4BA). - Thursday 8 January 2026, 1pm-7pm (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 of the SoCC 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, 6pm-7.30pm, - Monday 15 December 2025, 6pm-7.30pm, - Wednesday 7 January 2026, 6pm-7.30pm. 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.

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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 of the SoCC 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, 10am-3pm (High Clarence Primary School, Port Clarence Road, Middlesbrough, TS2 1SY) • Wednesday 17 December 2025, 1pm-7pm (Billingham Forum, The Causeway, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 2LJ) • Thursday 18 December 2025, 1pm-7pm (Billingham Rugby Club, Greenwood Road, Stockton-on-Tees, Billingham, TS23 4BA). • Thursday 8 January 2026, 1pm-7pm (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. The Applicant held three online webinars, which people could pre-register to attend. The webinars took place on: • Monday 8 December 2025, 6pm-7.30pm,

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		- Monday 15 December 2025, 6pm-7.30pm, - Wednesday 7 January 2026, 6pm-7.30pm. 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. Members of the public could contact the project team via the project phone line prior to, during, and after the statutory consultation.
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 of the SoCC 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 project by 11:59pm on Tuesday 13 January 2026.	The Applicant accepted all consultation responses submitted by 11:59pm on Tuesday 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	Respondents were able to submit feedback to the consultation via the feedback channels listed in 7.1.2 of the SoCC. 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.

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	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@lhf.co.uk Post: FREEPOST LIGHTHOUSE GREEN FUELS (please note that no stamp is required).	
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 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 Applicant has followed the process as outlined in the Planning Act 2008 as of December 2025.
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	The Applicant is reviewing and analysing all feedback received during the statutory consultation. Further detail of how the Applicant has had regard for this feedback will be included in the Consultation Report.

SoCC Reference	Commitment made	Evidence of compliance
	analysed to understand key themes and issues of importance from stakeholders.	
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 the Planning Inspectorate's Privacy Policy.	As part of its application for development consent, the Applicant will submit a Consultation Report which will include the information stipulated in 7.2.4. The Consultation Report will provide further detail on how the Applicant has analysed and had regard to feedback received during the statutory consultation. Any personal details submitted as part of the consultation will be 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 the Planning Inspectorate.	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, 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 is therefore carrying 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 launched on Monday 13 April and remains ongoing. It is expected to conclude on 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	The Applicant was not aware of any other schemes going through consultation at the same time as the statutory consultation for the Proposed Development.

SoCC Reference	Commitment made	Evidence of compliance
	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.	
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 10.1 – Information channels)	Online Available 24 hours a day	The project website was available to access 24 hours a day.
Table 4 (Chapter 10, section 10.1 – Information channels)	Email People can email 24 hours a day, with emails being monitored between 9am and 5:30pm 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 9am and 5:30pm on weekdays. The Applicant issued a response to 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 9am and 5:30pm 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 9am and 5:30pm 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.

4 Conclusion

4.1 Overview

- 4.1.1 This Report has been produced by the Applicant and submitted to PINs in accordance with the Guidance and Prospectus and demonstrates that consultation has been undertaken in line with the SoCC.

4.2 Updating stakeholders

- 4.2.1 The Applicant is continuing to engage statutory bodies, including the host authorities, on any outstanding issues as the application is prepared.
- 4.2.2 The Applicant is currently analysing responses received as part of the statutory consultation and will produce a Consultation Report as part of the DCO application. The Consultation Report will be in accordance with Section 37(3)(c) of the Act.
- 4.2.3 Responses received as part of the ongoing targeted consultation, due to end on 13 May 2026, will also be analysed and reported.
- 4.2.4 The Consultation Report will evidence that consultation responses have been taken into account during the preparation of the application.
- 4.2.5 A full list of design changes as a result of the consultation will be included in the Consultation Report.

A.1 Email to local authorities requesting comments on the statutory consultation

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 March 2026 13:52
Subject: Update on Lighthouse Green Fuels Adequacy of Consultation

Good afternoon,

I am writing to you regarding the statutory consultation for Lighthouse Green Fuels Project, a sustainable aviation fuel DCO located at Seal Sands, in the borough of Stockton-on-Tees (see consultation webpage [here](#)), to request comments on the adequacy of the consultation undertaken to date from host and neighbouring authorities.

We ran a six-week statutory consultation which started on Tuesday 2 December 2025 and closed on 13 January 2026. This consultation has been carried out in line with the [Statement of Community Consultation \(SoCC\)](#) that we shared with host authorities for feedback in advance of launching the statutory consultation.

You may be aware that the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) Pre-Application Prospectus 2024 introduced the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM) to allow early consideration of the adequacy of consultation undertaken by the applicant at pre-application stage by the Planning Inspectorate. The written submission produced by the applicant and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate ahead of the DCO application submission should include the views of local authorities and supporting material where available.

It is for this reason that we would like to invite you to provide comments on the pre-application consultation and engagement process including the SoCC and our statutory consultation.

In addition to this opportunity to provide comments, when considering whether the applicant has complied with the pre-application procedure an application is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, the Secretary of State must have regard to any adequacy of consultation representation from a local authority consultee. Local authorities affected by a proposed NSIP are invited by the Planning Inspectorate under section 55(4)(b) of the Planning Act to confirm whether the consultation has been adequate in meeting the expectations set out in the SoCC.

If you would like to provide comments at this stage for us to include in our Adequacy of Consultation report which will be submitted as part of the application we would request that you do so by reply to this email no later than **COP on Wednesday, April 22, 2026**.

Many thanks,

Keane Duncan
Sent on behalf of Alfanar Projects Ltd

A.2 Response from RCBC regarding adequacy of consultation



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Our Ref: R/2025/0791/LAC
Your Ref:
Contact: Mr D Pedlow
Date: 24 April 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

PROPOSAL: Adequacy of Consultation (Section 55(4)(b) of the Planning Act 2008)
LOCATION: LIGHTHOUSE GREEN FUELS
APPLICANT: LGF Projects Limited

I am writing with regard to the Adequacy of Consultation that has been undertaken in relation to the Lighthouse Green Fuels Project. The Local Planning Authority acknowledge that the project is for a sustainable aviation fuel DCO located at Seal Sands, in the borough of Stockton-on-Tees. As a neighbouring Local Authority to Stockton, Redcar and Cleveland Council also seek to provide comments on the Adequacy of Consultation as set out in the Planning Act 2008.

The Local Authority note that the applicant ran a six-week statutory consultation which started on Tuesday 2 December 2025 and closed on 13 January 2026 in accordance with the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) which has previously been shared with the Local Authority.

Redcar and Cleveland Local Authority based on the information provided both within the SoCC and the consultation web page consider that sufficient consultation has been undertaken in so far as it relates to the borough of Redcar and Cleveland given the nature and location of the works proposed within the borough.

The Council will continue to engage with the applicant throughout the DCO process

Yours faithfully

Mr D Pedlow
Development Management Team Leader

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