



Planning Inspectorate

Section 55

Acceptance of Applications Checklist

Appendix 1 of Advice on the preparation and submission of application documents

16 October 2026

Lighthouse Green Fuels Project - Section 55 Acceptance of Applications Checklist

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Section 55(2) Acceptance of applications				
1	Within 28 days (starting the day after receipt) the Planning Inspectorate must decide whether or not to accept the application for examination.	Date received	28-day due date	Date of decision
		21 September 2026	19 October 2026	16 October 2026
Section 55(3) The Planning Inspectorate may only accept an application if it concludes that:				
Test:		Planning Inspectorate comments:		
Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c): It is an application for an order granting development consent				
2	In accordance with sections(s) 14 to 30A of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008), is the development a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) (or does it form part of an NSIP); and does the application state on the face of it that, in accordance with s31 of the PA2008, it is an application for a development consent order (DCO) under	Yes As set out in schedule 1 of the Draft DCO (Doc 3.1) and explained in the Application Form (Doc 1.1) , development consent is required as the proposed development is subject of a Direction by the Secretary of State under sections 35(1) and 35ZA of the PA2008 in respect of the Sustainable Aviation Fuel		

	the PA2008, or equivalent words? Does the application specify the development to which it relates, meaning which category or categories in s14 to 30A does the proposed development fall? If the development does not fall within the categories in s14 to 30A, has a direction been given by the Secretary of State under s35 of the PA2008 for the development to be treated as development for which development consent is required?	(SAF) and because a constituent part of the proposed development, being a combined heat and power (CHP) generating station, is an onshore generating station in England that has a capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW) which falls within the statutory definition of an NSIP under sections 14(1)(a) and 15(2A) of the PA2008. A copy of the s35 Direction has not been provided with the application. However, a copy is available to view on the Lighthouse Green Fuels page on the Planning Inspectorate's website. The Section 35 Direction letter confirms the Secretary of State's decision that the proposed development, and any associated matters, should be treated as development for which development consent is required under the PA2008.
3	Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)	The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the Draft DCO (Doc 3.1) includes development for which development consent is required.
Section 55(3)(ca): The applicant has complied with section 46		
4	Did the applicant supply information to notify the following of the proposed application? - the Planning Inspectorate - each host local authority	Yes Copies of the s46 notification letter to the Planning Inspectorate issued on 28 November 2025 and a copy of the s46 notification acknowledgement letter from the Planning Inspectorate are

	in any case where the proposed development would affect, or would be likely to affect, any of the areas specified in s46(5) of the PA2008, the Marine Management Organisation	provided at Appendix D5 of Consultation Report, Appendix Part 3 (Doc 5.1.4). The applicant's notice was made before the implementation of changes to the PA2008 by the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 which were brought into force by The Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 (Commencement No. 4 and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026 on 24 July 2026. The applicant gave notice on 11 November 2025 under s46 to: - North York Moors National Park - Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council - North Yorkshire Council - Durham County Council - Darlington County Council - Hartlepool Borough Council - Middlesborough Council - Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council - The Marine Management Organisation - All Parish and County Councillors
5	Summary: Section 55(3)(ca)	The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the applicant has complied with s46 of the PA2008.
Section 55(3)(f): The application (including accompaniments) is of a standard that the Secretary of State considers satisfactory In reaching this conclusion, the Secretary of State must take into account the matters set out in section 55(4)		

Section 55(4)(a) and 55(4)(c): The extent to which the application complies with section 37(3) (form and contents of the application) and any standards set under s37(5) (standards for documents etc accompanying application)					
6	Is the application made in the prescribed form as set out in schedule 2 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications; Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the APFP regulations), and does it include: - a brief statement which explains why it falls within the remit of The Planning Inspectorate - a brief statement that clearly identifies the location of the application site, or the route if it is a linear scheme?		Yes Section 4 of the Application Form (Doc 1.1) explains why the development falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate. Section 5 of the Application Form (Doc 1.1) provides a brief non-technical description of the site and section 6 provides the location of the proposed development. A Site Location Plan (Doc 2.1) is provided.		
7	Is the application accompanied by the documents and information set out in APFP regulation 5(2)?		The documents and information required by APFP regulation 5(2) are set out in the documents and locations within the application as listed below:		
Information		Document	Information		Document
a)	Where applicable, an environmental statement required under the EIA regulations and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	Environmental Statement (ES) comprising: ES Volume 1: Main Reports (Doc 6.1.1 to 6.1.24); ES Volume 2: Figures (Doc 6.2.1 to 6.2.87);	b)	A draft development consent order (DCO)	Draft development consent order (Doc 3.1)

		• ES Volume 3: Appendices (Doc 6.3.1 to 6.3.31). • ES Non-Technical Summary (Doc 6.4); The ES is based on the Scoping Report (Doc 6.3.2) and Scoping Opinion (Doc 6.3.3).			
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in box 8)		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in box 8)
c)	An explanatory memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of provisions in the draft DCO	Explanatory Memorandum (Doc 3.2)	d)	Where applicable, a book of reference	Book of Reference (Doc 4.3)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in box 8)		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in box 8)
e)	A copy of any flood risk assessment	Flood Risk Assessment (Doc 5.7)	f)	A statement whether the proposal engages one or more of the matters set out in section 79(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (statutory nuisances)	Statutory Nuisance Statement (Doc 5.5)

h)			i)	and if so, how the applicant proposes to mitigate or limit them	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
	A statement of reasons and a funding statement (where the application involves any compulsory acquisition)	Statement of Reasons (Doc 4.1) Funding Statement (Doc 4.2)		A land plan identifying: - the land required for, or affected by, the proposed development - where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of compulsory acquisition or any rights to use land - any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights - any special category land and replacement land	Land Plans (Doc 2.2)

	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in box 8)
j)	A works plan showing, in relation to existing features: - the proposed location or (for a linear scheme) the proposed route and alignment of the development and works - the limits within which the development and works may be carried out and any limits of deviation provided for in the draft DCO	Works Plans (Doc 2.3)	k)	Where applicable, a plan identifying any new or altered means of access, stopping up of streets or roads or any diversions, extinguishments or creation of rights of way or public rights of navigation	Access and Rights of Way Plans (Doc 2.4)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in box 8)		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
l)	Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying: any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation, for example sites of	ES Figure 3.2 Designated Conservation Sites (Doc 6.2.4) ES Figure 11.2 Designated Sites (Doc 6.2.41)	m)	Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of the historic environment, (for example scheduled monuments, world	ES Figure 13.4 Relevant Designations (Doc 6.2.59) Cultural Heritage was scoped out of the ES. Visual impact assessment to relevant cultural heritage assets are presented in ES

	geological or landscape importance • habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features • water bodies in a river basin management plan together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features, habitats or bodies likely to be caused by the proposed development	• ES Figure 12.1 Water Environment Regulations (WFD) Surface Water Body catchments (Doc 6.2.49) • ES Figure 12.2 Water Environment Regulations (WFD) Groundwater Body Catchments (Doc 6.2.50) • ES Figure 12.3 Surface Water Features (Doc 6.2.51) • ES Figure 12.4 Groundwater Features (Doc 6.2.52) • ES Figure 13.4 Relevant Designations (Doc 6.2.59) Supporting assessments are presented in ES Chapter 10 – Terrestrial Ecology (Doc 6.1.10), ES Chapter 11 Freshwater and Marine Ecology (Doc 6.1.11), ES Chapter 12 – Water Environment (Doc 6.1.12) and ES Chapter 13		heritage sites, listed buildings, archaeological sites and registered battlefields) together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features or structures likely to be caused by the proposed development Chapter 13 Landscape and Visual Amenity (Doc 6.1.13)
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n)		Landscape and Visual Amenity (Doc 6.1.13)	o)		
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in box 8)		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land	Land Plans (contain Crown Land) (Doc 2.2)		Any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the development consent proposal showing details of design, external appearance, and the preferred layout of buildings, structures, drainage, surface water management, means of vehicular and pedestrian access, any car parking and landscaping	Site Location Plan (Doc 2.1) Indicative General Arrangement Plan (Doc 2.5.1) Indicative General Arrangement Isometric (Doc 2.5.2) Indicative Elevations - Main Site (Doc 2.6.1) Indicative Sections - Main Site (Doc 2.6.2) Indicative Floor and Roof Plans (Doc 2.7) Marine Works Existing Site Plan (Doc 2.8.1) Marine Works Indicative Proposed Site Plan (Doc 2.8.2) Marine Works Indicative Proposed Section (Doc 2.8.3)

p)			q)		Marine Works Indicative Proposed Isometric Drawing (Doc 2.8.4) Connection Route Plans and Sections (Doc 2.9) Typical Details for Main Site Boundary Treatment and Accesses (Doc 2.10)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in box 8)		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
	Any of the documents prescribed by regulation 6 of the APFP regulations	Regulation 6(1)(a)(i) Electricity Grid Connection Statement (Doc 7.1, paragraph 5.1 to 5.3.1) Application Form (Doc 1.1) Regulation 6(3) Harbour Facilities Statement (Doc 7.3) Regulation 6(4) Pipelines Statement (Doc 7.2)		Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	Application Cover Letter (Doc 1.2) Application Guide (Doc 1.3) Notices for Statutory Publicity (Doc 1.4) Pre-application Programme Document (Doc 1.5) Applicant's Completed Section 51 Advice Log (Doc 1.6) Validation Statement (Doc 3.3) Pre-application Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker (Doc 4.4)

				Consultation Report (Doc 5.1.1) Consultation Report Appendix Part 1 (Doc 5.1.2) Consultation Report Appendix Part 2 (Doc 5.1.3) Consultation Report Appendix Part 3 (Doc 5.1.4) Consultation Report Appendix Part 4 (Doc 5.1.5) Consultation Report Appendix Part 5 (Doc 5.1.6) Consultation Report Appendix Part 6 (Doc 5.1.7) Consultation Report Appendix Part 7 (Doc 5.1.8) Planning Statement (Doc 5.2.1) Policy Compliance and Accordance Tables (Doc 5.2.2) Design Approach Document (Doc 5.3.1) Outline Design Principles (Doc 5.3.2) Other Consents and Licenses Statement (Doc 5.4)
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				Potential Main Issues for the Examination (Doc 5.6) Nutrient Neutrality Assessment (Doc 5.9) Water Environment Regulations Assessment (Doc 5.10) Combined Heat and Power Statement (Doc 7.4) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy (Doc 7.5)	
	Are they of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in box 8)
8	Are there any observations in respect of the documents provided at box 7 (a) to (q) above?				
	Draft development consent order (Doc 3.1) - On page 21, 'Part 4 Interpretation' the paragraph number at start of the section is incorrect. Book of Reference (Doc 4.3) - In paragraph 2.2.10 the references to article numbers do not match the submitted Draft development consent order (Doc 3.1) and should be corrected to avoid confusion. Crown Land Plans (Doc 2.2) - The approach of providing a duplicate set of land plans with a legend identifying Crown land on a small number of sheets is an unusual approach. Although this meets the requirements of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (APFP Regulations), the presentation of additional plots reduces the clarity and readability of the plans, making Crown land more difficult to identify.				

- Inset lines should be consistent across the plans set (sheet 13 has a dotted line, sheet 11 uses solid lines).
- Sheets 13 and 14 have overlapping Crown land (cut lines are present) but use a different legend (spacing of dotting isn't consistent).
- The placement of labelling under legends makes certain areas difficult to read – see Crown land “dotting” on left hand of sheet 14.
- Insets have not always been included where they could be useful. As some plots are so small, even on the inserts it is difficult to establish whether the Crown land legend has been applied or not. For example, on sheet 11, plots 11-36, 11-54, 11-55, 11-56, 11-58, 11-59 11-60, 11-61, 11-77, 13-55 and 13-56.
- Sheet 11 inset 11-F is missing a layer as all other insets have a line to the main plan on the sheet.
- Some sheets have limited labelling which can make it difficult to distinguish whether mapping lines are tracks, roads, landmarks or something different. Examples are on sheet 6, left hand side of sheet 3 and sheet 8.
- Sheet 18 does not identify any Crown land according to the legend and there are a number of smaller plots that are hard to distinguish without the use of an insert.

Land Plans (Doc 2.2)

- None of the sheets have roads or streets labelled. Land plans should contain sufficient detail to allow parcels to be readily identified and cross-referenced with the **Book of Reference (Doc 4.3)**, through the use of road names, place names or local landmarks (see Planning Act 2008: Guidance related to procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land, Annex C, para. 6).
- The depiction of ‘Land excluded from orders’ (Sheet 9) and ‘No powers sought’ (Sheet 10) is identical in the legend, with both shown as grey shading bounded by a red border. This may make it difficult to distinguish between the two designations.

Works Plans (Doc 2.3)

- No overall key plan has been provided showing the full extent of, and relationship between all Work Plan sheets.
- No limits of deviation are shown on the Works Plans. While the **Planning Statement (Doc 5.2.1)** explains that the Rochdale Envelope is applied through defined parameters and that overlap between Work Nos. is intended to accommodate a range of anticipated design configurations, this is not apparent from the plans themselves. For clarity, consideration should be given to including a note on the Works Plans explaining the purpose of the overlapping work areas.
- Many of the plans individual sheets are titled incorrectly referenced as ‘2.4’ rather than 2.3.

- Whilst sheet 1 includes a legend identifying the work areas, the numbering system is unclear. A brief description should be provided for each work area to improve clarity and ease of reference.
- The legend in sheets 11 and 15 display closely matching colours for the work numbers 11A and 11C, making it difficult to distinguish between the different works.
- In work no.14, sheet 2, the thin strip of land would benefit from being labelled more clearly with frequent labelling.
- Colours used to distinguish the works across the plans are not consistent. For example, on sheet 1, works No.14 is represented using turquoise hatching, but displayed as solid blue on sheet 18 and 64.
- Work numbers 6B and 6C on sheet 26 appear to be shaded incorrectly according to the legend provided. The colour combinations used are not on the legend.
- Text labels on the plans are often illegible due to their size. Larger text boxes and labels would improve readability.

Site Location Plan

- All sheets have unclear labelling of Northing Arrow. This should ideally be consistent with all other plans.

Indicative General Arrangement Plan

- On all plans, it is advised that the cut lines align with the edge of each plan, as opposed to varied angles within the plans, which would result in needing to fold the pages in order to assemble the plans.

Environmental Statement

- **Chapter 5 Construction Programme and Management Document (Doc 6.1.5)** contains track changes that have not been accepted.
- **International Statutory Designated Sites within (Doc 6.2.32), figure 10.2** does not label Castle Eden Dene Special Area of Conservation (SAC).
- **National Statutory Designated Sites within 20km (Doc 6.2.33), figure 10.3** does not label Durham Coast Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and incorrectly labels Castle Eden Dene SSSI.

Habitat Regulations Assessment

- **Report to Inform Habitat Regulations Assessment (Confidential) (Doc 5.11.2)** - Annex A: Figure 10.2 International Statutory Designated Sites within 20km does not label Castle Eden Dene SAC.

	Planning Statement (Doc 5.2.1) Paragraph 2.4.7 of the Planning Statement states that the pipe bore diameter for Work No 11 could be up to 300mm, but Schedule 1 of the draft Development Consent Order states up to 355mm. This should be corrected to avoid confusion. In addition, Paragraph 6.4.2 of the Planning Statement has a reference error. Section 51 advice has been issued to the applicant and is available to view on the Find a National Infrastructure Project website: https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN0110025-000417	
9	In accordance with regulation 5(2)(g) of the APFP regulations, is the application accompanied by a report identifying any European site(s) to which regulation 48 of The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 applies; or any Ramsar site(s), which may be affected by the proposed development, together with sufficient information that will enable the Secretary of State to make an appropriate assessment of the implications for the site if required by regulation 48(1)?	Yes A Report to Inform Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) (Confidential) has been provided (Doc 5.11.2). The HRA Report identifies relevant European sites and the likely effects on those sites. It is considered that the information provided in the report is adequate for acceptance. Note: The Examining Authority will be able to ask questions during the examination. This may result in additional information being required to inform the HRA Report and the competent authority. Depending upon the type and availability of information required it may not be possible to obtain this during the statutory timetable of the examination.
10	In accordance with regulation 5(2)(r) of the APFP regulations, if requested by the Planning Inspectorate, have three paper copies of the application form and other supporting documents and plans been provided?	No hard copies requested.
11	In accordance with regulation 5(4) of the APFP regulations, where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets, has	Yes

	a key plan been provided showing the relationship between the different sheets?	
Section 55(4)(b): The extent to which any applicable guidance under section 37(4) has been followed in relation to the application		
12	Has the applicant followed the applicable guidance in 'Guidance on preparing applications: Part 2 – Application contents' and 'Guidance on preparing applications: Part 3 – Content of a development consent order'?	Yes The application documents submitted show that the applicant has had regard to the guidance in preparing the application. The application includes the prescribed documents and information identified in Part 2 and provides a draft DCO and Explanatory Memorandum consistent with the expectations set out in Part 3. The application cover letter (Doc 1.2), the Application Guide (Doc 1.3) and the Planning Statement (Doc 5.2.1) at paragraphs 2.5.7, 3.2.2, 5.2.40 and 5.2.71 demonstrate that the applicant has followed applicable guidance on application contents. The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the applicant has followed the guidance to a satisfactory extent.
Section 55(4)(d) and 55(4A): The applicant's approach to satisfying section 48 (duty to publicise)		
13	In accordance with regulation 8 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA regulations), did the applicant (prior to publicising the proposed application under s48) either (a)	Yes On 2 October 2026 the applicant notified the Planning Inspectorate in accordance with regulation 8(1)(b) of the EIA regulations of its intention to provide an environmental statement

	request the Planning Inspectorate adopt a screening opinion in respect of the development to which the application relates, or (b) notify the Planning Inspectorate in writing that it proposed to provide an environmental statement in respect of that development?	in respect of the proposed development. The notification was received before the proposed application was publicised under s48 on 2 December 2025 for the first time followed by other publications on 4, 8 and 9 December 2025. These are listed within table 6.3 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1.1) . The original notification letter has not been provided, however a copy of the Planning Inspectorate’s response can be found at Appendix B2 of Consultation Report Appendix Part 1 (Doc 5.1.2) .	
14	Did the applicant publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner set out in regulation 4(2) of the APFP regulations?	Yes This is demonstrated by Paragraph 6.11.2 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1.1) . Table 6-3 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1.1) displays the newspapers and dates of s48 publicity as set out below. A copy of the s48 notice is provided at Appendix C5 of the Consultation Report, Appendix Part 2 (Doc 5.1.3) . Clippings of the published notices set out below are provided at Appendix C5 of the Consultation Report, Appendix Part 2 (Doc 5.1.3) :	
		Newspaper(s)	Date
a)	for at least two successive weeks in one or more local newspapers circulating in the vicinity in which the proposed development would be situated;	The Teesside Gazette	02/12/2025

b)	once in a national newspaper;	• The Guardian	08/12/2025
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	• The London Gazette • No land is affected in Scotland, so Edinburgh Gazette is not needed.	02/12/2025
d)	where the proposed application relates to offshore development – (i) once in Lloyds List; and (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal?	• Lloyds List • Fishing News (online only)	02/12/2025 04/12/2025
15	Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in regulation 4(3) of the APFP regulations?	Yes The published s48 notice, supplied at Appendix C5-2 of Consultation Report (Doc 5.1.1) , contains the required information as set out below:	
Information		Paragraph	
a)	the name and address of the applicant	1	
		b)	
		a statement that the applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Secretary of State	1
c)	a statement as to whether the application is EIA development	7	
		d)	
		a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the proposed development	3 - 5

e)	a statement that the documents, plans and maps were available on a website maintained by or on behalf of the applicant. The statement must include: - the nature and location of the proposed development - the address of the website - the place on the website - a telephone number which can be used to contact the applicant for enquiries in relation to the documents, plans and maps	8	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection	8
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	8			
16	Are there any observations in respect of the s48 notice provided above?				
	No				
17	Has the applicant had regard to the statutory guidance in 'Guidance on preparing applications: Part 1 – Pre-application steps' in connection with s48 (duty to publicise)?		Paragraph 6.11.1 to 6.11.5 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1.1) states that the applicant has had regard to the statutory guidance in connection with satisfying s48. Having reviewed the application, the Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the applicant has had regard to the statutory guidance in connection with s48 to a satisfactory extent.		

18	Has a copy of the s48 notice been sent to the EIA consultation bodies and to any person notified to the applicant in accordance with regulation 13 of the EIA regulations?	Yes A copy of the s48 notice was sent to the EIA consultation bodies as confirmed in paragraph 6.11.5 of Consultation Report (Doc 5.1.1). A sample of the s48 notice is provided at Appendix C5-2 of Consultation Report (Doc 5.1.1).
Section 55(4)(e): The extent to which the applicant has had regard to any advice given under section 51 in connection with the application		
19	Has the applicant had regard to any pre-application advice given under s51 of the PA2008 in connection with the application, and if so, to what extent? For the purposes of s55(4)(e), s51 advice is advice given by the Planning Inspectorate that: • has been requested by the applicant or any other party • is in connection with the application	Yes Column 3 of the Advice Log (Doc 1.6) sets out how the applicant has demonstrated regard to any advice given by the Planning Inspectorate under section 51 of the PA2008.
20	Summary: Section 55(3)(f)	The Planning Inspectorate concludes that the application (including accompaniments) has been prepared to a standard that it considers satisfactory. In respect of the discrepancies identified in box 8 of this checklist, to help facilitate an efficient and effective examination of the application s51 advice has been given to the applicant with the decision to accept the application.

		That advice is published on the Find a National Infrastructure Project website, here: Section 51 advice has been issued to the applicant and is available to view on the Find a National Infrastructure Project website: https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN0110025-000417
The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010		
Pre-application fee		
21	Were all pre-application fees paid before the application was made? Pre-application services for which a fee can be charged is defined in regulation 2A(8) and includes services listed within schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010. Fees for pre-application services apply to all proposed applications, from the inception meeting. These fees must be paid within 28 days of the notice. If the applicant fails to pay the fee within 28 days, the Planning Inspectorate will not provide the applicant with any further pre-application services or take any further steps in relation to the proposed application.	Fee payments for the Planning Inspectorate's pre-application service were received on 3 November 2025 and 27 May 2026, before the application was made.
Fees to accompany an application		
22	Was the fee paid at the same time that the application was made?	The fee for acceptance was received on 1 September 2026, before the application was made.

	The Planning Inspectorate must charge the applicant a fee in respect of the decision by the Planning Inspectorate under section 55 of the PA2008. If the applicant fails to pay the fee, The Planning Inspectorate need not consider the application until payment is received. The fee must be paid at the same time that the application is made.	
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Role	Electronic signature	Date
Case Manager	Tracey Williams	15 October 2026
Acceptance Inspector	Jonathan Manning	15 October 2026