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Chapter	Consultees	Questions for Consultees
Chapter 3: EIA Process	All consultees	Q3.1 – Do consultees agree with the approach to the EIA and the general strategy for assessing the effects?
		Q3.2 – Do consultees agree with the approach to the assessment of cumulative effects?
		Q3.3 - Do consultees agree that developments that are in the scoping phase do not need to be considered as part of the cumulative assessment and will not be referred to in the ES?
		Q3.4 - Can the consultees provide any further information on developments that they think should be referred to in the cumulative assessment?
Chapter 4: Policy and Legislative Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PINS • Northumberland County Council • Northumberland National Park 	Q4.1 - Are there any additional planning policy documents at the local or national level which the Applicant should consider in the preparation of the application and EIA?
Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northumberland County Council • Northumberland National Park Authority • Natural England 	Q6.1 – Are there any comments on the overall methodology proposed to assess effects on landscape and visual receptors, or to assess cumulative effects?
		Q6.2 – Are there any comments on the proposed Study Areas?
		Q6.3 – Are there any comments on the proposed list of assessment viewpoint locations?
		Q6.4 – Which viewpoints do you consider would be helpful to assess effects associated with aviation lighting?
		Q6.5 - Has the consultee identified any further landscape or visual receptors that could be considered within the assessment (i.e., where it is expected that likely significant effects may occur)?



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Chapter 7: Cultural Heritage and Archaeology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northumberland Council • Historic England 	<p>Q6.6 – Are there any other relevant consultees who should be consulted with respect to the LVIA?</p> <hr/> <p>Q7.1 – Do Consultees agree with the proposed methodology and scope of assessment?</p> <hr/> <p>Q7.2 – Do consultees have any information regarding current or recent archaeological work or projects being undertaken within or in the vicinity of the Proposed Development, particularly those whose results may not yet be recorded in the local HER datasets?</p> <hr/> <p>Q7.3 – Are consultees aware of any further sites with statutory protection within the wider landscape whose settings may be affected by the Proposed Development?</p> <hr/> <p>Q7.4 – Do consultees have details of any cultural heritage sites in the vicinity of the Proposed Development which they consider may raise significant issues within the ES process for this Proposed Development?</p> <hr/> <p>Q7.5 – Are consultees aware of any additional stakeholders who will require consultation or where consultation would be desirable?</p>
Chapter 8: Ornithology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural England • Northumberland County Council • RSPB • BTO • Local Raptor and Ringing Groups 	<p>Q8.1 - Are consultees content with the proposed methods for assessment? Have all ornithological receptors and potential impacts that could result from the Proposed Development been identified?</p> <hr/> <p>Q8.2 - Are consultees content with the extent of datasets obtained as part of the desk study?</p> <hr/> <p>Q8.3 - Are consultees content with the scope of the completed and proposed surveys, taking into consideration the Site location and Cable Corridor Options, survey results collated to date and relevant contextual data from other sources?</p> <hr/> <p>Q8.4 - Are consultees in agreement with what has been scoped in / out of the assessment and described above? Does the consultee agree with the list of key species for consideration in the EIA, and are there other species that should also be considered?</p>



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Chapter 9: Ecology and Nature Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural England • Northumberland County Council • The Environment Agency • ERIC North East • Tyne Rivers Trust 	<p>Q9.1 – Are consultees content with the proposed methods for assessment? Have all ecological receptors and potential impacts that could result from the Proposed Development been identified?</p> <hr/> <p>Q9.2 – Are consultees content with the extent of datasets obtained as part of the desk study?</p> <hr/> <p>Q9.3 – Are consultees content with the scope of proposed habitat and protected species surveys?</p> <hr/> <p>Q9.4 – Are consultees in agreement with what has been scoped in / out of the assessment and described above?</p> <hr/> <p>Q9.5 – Are the consultees content with the approach being undertaken with regard to BNG? Any advice on how the Proposed Development can future proof itself for future changes in statutory requirements would be welcome.</p>
Chapter 10: Geology and Peat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northumberland County Council • Natural England • The Environment Agency • North East Combined Authority • The Mining Remediation Authority 	<p>Q10.1 - Do you agree that the data sources identified are sufficient to inform the Geology and Peat baseline for the EIA (and therefore that no further baseline data collection is merited)?</p> <hr/> <p>Q10.2 - Have all Geology and Peat receptors and potential impacts that could result from the Proposed Development been identified?</p> <hr/> <p>Q10.3 - Do you agree with the proposed approach to assessment for each of the impacts in Section 10.4 and scoped in or out of the ES Report in Section 10.7 for Geology and Peat?</p> <hr/> <p>Q10.4 - Do you agree that the embedded mitigation measures described provide a suitable means for managing and mitigating the relevant potential effects of the Proposed Development on Geology and Peat receptors?</p> <hr/> <p>Q10.5 - Do you have any information that will be useful in the preparation of the Geology and Peat assessment, such as information on local quarrying or infilled land?</p>



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Chapter 11: Water Resources and Flood Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment Agency Northumberland County Council Northumbrian Water 	Q11.1 – Are consultees content with the proposed methodology and scope of the assessment of the water resources and flood risk assessment?
		Q11.2 - Do consultees have any information that would be useful in the preparation of the water resources and flood risk assessment?
Chapter 12: Access, Traffic and Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northumberland County Council National Highways 	Q12.1 - Are consultees content with the proposed methodology and scope of the traffic and transport assessment?
		Q12.2 - Are the council / statutory consultees aware of any specific access restrictions or limitations on the delivery of abnormal indivisible loads to Site?
		Q12.3 - Are consultees content to scope out operational and decommissioning traffic from further assessment?
		Q12.4 - Are you aware of any relevant policies or guidance documents not specifically mentioned in this chapter of the Report?
Chapter 13: Noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northumberland County Council 	Q13.1 - Can the consultees confirm that they agree with the proposed assessment methodologies, specifically the use of ETSU-R-97 and the IOA GPG to assess operational wind turbine noise, BS 4142 to assess BESS, substation, and associated infrastructure (including electrical hum and corona discharge noise from overhead line as necessary) operational noise, and BS 5228-1 to assess construction noise?
		Q13.2 - Can the consultees agree that assessment of low frequency noise; amplitude modulation; operational, construction and decommissioning vibration; and operational cable route and traffic noise, be scoped out of the EIA?
		Q13.3 - Can the consultees confirm the list of relevant existing, consented, and proposed cumulative wind farm developments?
Chapter 14: Climate Change and Carbon Balance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment Agency Northumberland County Council 	Q14.1 – Are consultees content with the proposed method of assessment for the effect of the Proposed Development on climate change (GHG Assessment)?
		Q14.2 – Are consultees content with the proposed scope and methodology of the CCRA?



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		Q14.3 – Are consultees content with the proposed method of assessment for the effects of climate change on environmental effects identified in the other chapters of the ES (the ICCI Assessment)?
Chapter 15: Socio-economics, Tourism and Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northumberland County Council 	<p>Q15.1 - Are consultees content with the proposed methodology and scope of the Socio-economic, Tourism and Recreation assessment?</p> <p>Q15.2 – Are consultees content with the proposed tourism and recreation receptors identified in the baseline?</p> <p>Q15.3 - Are consultees aware of any relevant policies or guidance documents not specifically mentioned in this chapter of the Report?</p>
Chapter 16: Other Issues (Telecommunications and Utilities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northumberland County Council • Ofcom • Joint Radio Company • Relevant telecommunications operators (e.g. mobile network operators and fixed microwave link operators within consultation distance) • Relevant utilities and infrastructure providers with telecommunications assets 	<p>Q16.1 – Are consultees aware of any additional safeguarded telecommunications links, fixed wireless infrastructure or utilities stakeholders that should be taken into account as part of the EIA?</p> <p>Q16.2 – Do consultees agree that telecommunications effects should be scoped into the EIA, based on the presence of safeguarded fixed links within consultation range and the need for further assessment and operator engagement?</p> <p>Q16.3 – Do consultees agree that utilities (water, gas and electricity) can be scoped out of the EIA, on the basis that any interactions will be managed through standard design avoidance and construction-phase controls, informed by desk-based asset searches and consultation with statutory undertakers?</p>
Chapter 16: Other Issues (Aviation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northumberland County Council • Ministry of Defence (MOD) • Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) • National Air Traffic Services (NATS) • Newcastle International Airport 	<p>Q16.4 – Do consultees agree with the proposed items to be scoped in and scoped out of the EIA?</p> <p>Q16.5 - Do consultees agree with the proposed methodology of the aviation assessment, including the approach to assessing potential effects on civil and military radar, low-flying activity, and aircraft operations?</p> <p>Q16.6 - Are there any additional aviation interests, safeguarding requirements or technical assessments (e.g. Instrument Flight Procedures) that consultees consider should be addressed prior to finalising the design of the Proposed Development?</p>



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Chapter 16: Other Issues (Shadow Flicker)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northumberland County Council 	Q16.7 - Do consultees agree with the proposed approach to the assessment of shadow flicker, including the use of a study area defined as ten times the rotor diameter and the application of recognised UK industry best-practice thresholds detailed in Section 16.4.4?
Chapter 16: Other Issues (Air Quality)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northumberland County Council Environment Agency 	Q16.8 - Do consultees agree that air quality can be scoped out of further assessment in the EIA, given the absence of operational emissions, the low likelihood of significant construction / decommissioning traffic effects, and adherence to standard construction-phase mitigation?
Chapter 16: Other Issues (Human Health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northumberland County Council 	Q16.9 - Do consultees agree with the proposed approach to address potential effects on human health through the topic-specific technical chapters of the EIA, and that a standalone Human Health chapter can therefore be scoped out?
Chapter 16: Other Issues (Major Accidents and Disasters)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northumberland County Council Environment Agency 	<p>In line with the EIA Regulations, the EIA will consider the vulnerability of the Proposed Development to major accidents and disasters. The principal risks identified relate to wildfire and extreme weather events, including windstorms, which will be managed through embedded design measures, standard construction and operational controls, and relevant management plans.</p> <p>Q16.10 - On this basis, do consultees agree that potential effects on Major Accidents and Disasters can appropriately be addressed within other topic assessments, and that a standalone Major Accidents and Disasters chapter is not required within the EIA?</p>
Chapter 16: Other Issues (Cumulative Effects)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northumberland County Council 	<p>Q16.11 - Do consultees agree with the proposed approach to cumulative effects assessment, whereby:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> intra-project cumulative effects are assessed within a standalone chapter; and inter-project cumulative effects are addressed within the relevant technical chapters using discipline-specific methodologies?
Chapter 16: Other Issues (all topics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northumberland County Council 	Q16.12 - Do consultees agree that decommissioning effects can be scoped out of the EIA based on the assumption that they are expected to be no greater than construction phase effects?



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