



Section 55

Acceptance of Applications Checklist

Appendix 2 of Advice on the preparation and submission of application documents

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Section 55(2) Acceptance of Applications				
1	Within 28 days (starting day after receipt) the Planning Inspectorate must decide whether or not to accept the application for Examination.	Date received	28-day due date	Date of decision
Section 55(3) – the Planning Inspectorate may only accept an application if it concludes that:		Planning Inspectorate comments		
Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c): It is an application for an order granting development consent				
2	In accordance with sections(s) 14 to 30 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008), is the development a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) (or does it form part of an NSIP); and does the application state on the face of it that, in accordance with s31 of the PA2008, it is an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under the PA2008, or equivalent words? Does the	Yes. The proposed development (the Project) as described in Schedule 1 to the draft Development Consent Order (document reference 3.1) is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under Section 14(1)(b) and Section 16 of the Planning Act 2008. The Project satisfies Section 16 of the Planning Act 2008 as it lies wholly within England and includes the installation of an electric line with a nominal voltage of more than 132kV above ground for more than two kilometres. The application states on the face of it that it is an application under Section 31 of the Planning Act		

	<p>application specify the development to which it relates (i.e. which category or categories in s14 to 30 does the Proposed Development fall)?</p> <p>If the development does not fall within the categories in s14 to 30, has a direction been given by the Secretary of State under s35 of the PA2008 for the development to be treated as development for which development consent is required?</p>	<p>2008 for a DCO and it is expressed as such on the Application Form (document reference 1.1) and Application Cover Letter (document reference 1.2).</p> <p>This is consistent with the summary provided in Section 4 of the Application Form (document reference 1.1) and the Explanatory Memorandum (document reference 3.2).</p>
3	Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)	The draft Development Consent Order (document reference 3.1) includes development for which development consent is required.
Section 55(3)(e): The Applicant in relation to the application made has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure)		
4	<p>In accordance with Regulation 8 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations), did the Applicant (prior to carrying out consultation in accordance with s42) either (a) request the Planning Inspectorate adopt a Screening Opinion in respect of the development to which the application relates, or (b) notify the Planning Inspectorate in writing that it proposed to provide an Environmental Statement in respect of that development?</p>	<p>(a) No.</p> <p>The Applicant did not request a screening opinion in respect of the Project.</p> <p>(b) Yes.</p> <p>The Applicant notified the Planning Inspectorate that it would be providing an Environmental Statement with the DCO application pursuant to Regulation 8(1)(b) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations). The notification was included in the covering letter accompanying the Scoping Report submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 17 October 2022. A copy of the notification letter is contained in Appendix D of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). The notification was received before the start of the statutory consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 on 10 April 2024.</p>

		The Scoping Report (document reference 6.19) and Scoping Opinion (document reference 6.20) are provided in Volume 6 of this DCO application.
5	<p>Have any Adequacy of Consultation Representations been received from 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' local authorities; and if so, do they confirm that the Applicant has complied with the duties under s42, s47 and s48?</p> <p>Section 55(4) of the PA2008 provides that the Planning Inspectorate must have regard to the Consultation Report, and any Adequacy of Consultation Representations received.</p>	<p>The Applicant prepared an Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM) report which detailed the consultation undertaken for the Project. The AoCM report was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 13 June 2025 and is available to view on the Planning Inspectorate's website. The AoCM report is also available in Appendix M of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>In accordance with the PA 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects guidance document published in April 2024, the Applicant consulted with the host and neighbouring authorities between 14 April 2025 and 6 May 2025 about the adequacy of consultation undertaken to date. There are 12 host and 30 neighbouring authorities, of which all 12 host authorities and two neighbouring authorities provided feedback on the adequacy of consultation.</p> <p>Twelve authorities responded to confirm that the Applicant has complied with its duties under Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008 and/or that the consultation was carried out in accordance with the published Statement of Community Consultation. Chelmsford City Council stated that they would provide a full response in its Adequacy of Consultation response to the Planning Inspectorate and Essex County Council confirmed that the Applicant had carried out a sufficient consultation in accordance with relevant sections of the Planning Act 2008 subject to review of the Consultation Report.</p> <p>These authorities were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basildon Council • Braintree District Council • Brentwood Borough Council • Chelmsford City Council • Colchester City Council

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essex County Council • Mid Suffolk District Council and Babergh District Council • Norfolk County Council • South Norfolk and Broadland District Council • Suffolk County Council • Tendring District Council • Thurrock Council • Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk (neighbouring) • London Borough of Redbridge (neighbouring) <p>Copies of the feedback received from the local authorities and the Applicant's response to feedback is detailed in the AoCM report and Appendix M of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). Chapter 13 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) describes how the Applicant has had regard to comments received on the AoCM report.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate noted in its Section 51 advice (dated 30 June 2025) to the Applicant that it '<i>does not consider the consultation to be seriously adrift (as described in guidance)</i>' following a review of the AoCM report.</p> <p>Upon submission of the application for development consent the Planning Inspectorate will invite the relevant local authorities to provide an adequacy of consultation response pursuant to Section 55(4)(b) of the Planning Act 2008. The relevant local authorities are identified in Table 8.1 and Appendix F of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
Section 42: Duty to consult		
Did the Applicant consult the applicable persons set out in s42 of the PA2008 about the proposed application?		

6	<p>Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed?</p> <p>The persons prescribed are the statutory consultees set out in Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the APFP Regulations).</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p><u>Statutory consultation</u></p> <p>The Applicant consulted Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed as part of the statutory consultation held between 10 April 2024 and 26 July 2024.</p> <p>A list of the persons prescribed consulted by the Applicant during the statutory consultation is provided in Appendix F of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). A copy of the letter sent to Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed is provided in Appendix F of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>As detailed in Paragraph 3.4.1 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) the statutory consultation in 2024 was extended by five weeks due to the General Election. A letter detailing the extension was sent to Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed on 5 June 2024. A copy of the letter is provided in Appendix F of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p><u>Targeted consultation</u></p> <p>The Applicant held further targeted consultations in 2025 to provide stakeholders the opportunity to provide feedback on proposed changes to the Project in specific areas. The Applicant took a combined approach of carrying out the targeted consultations on a non-statutory and statutory basis as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norfolk and Suffolk targeted non-statutory consultation: 30 January 2025 to 3 March 2025 • Essex and Thurrock targeted non-statutory consultation: 25 February 2025 to 27 March 2025 • Thurrock 3 targeted statutory consultation: 18 March 2025 to 17 April 2025 <p>A summary of the targeted consultation is provided in Chapter 10 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
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		<p>A list of the persons prescribed consulted by the Applicant during the targeted consultations is provided in Chapter 10 and Appendix F of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). As described in Section 10.5 and Section 10.6 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1), the Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed that were identified as part of the 2024 statutory consultation, with the exception of all parish councils, were consulted on the Norfolk and Suffolk targeted non-statutory consultation and Essex and Thurrock targeted non-statutory consultation. The Applicant consulted the host parish councils where any proposed changes would affect their parish boundary for the relevant targeted non-statutory consultations. Section 10.7 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) confirms that all 42(1)(a) persons prescribed (including all parish councils identified as part of the 2024 statutory consultation) for the Thurrock 3 targeted statutory consultation.</p> <p>Copies of the letters sent for the targeted consultations in 2025 are included in Appendix L of the Consultation Report (5.1).</p>
7	<p>Section 42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation (MMO)?</p> <p>The MMO must be consulted in any case where the Proposed Development would affect, or would be likely to affect, any of the areas specified in s42(2) of the PA2008.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Although the application does not affect waters in or adjacent to England up to the seaward limits of the territorial sea, the Applicant consulted the Marine Management Organisation under Section 42(1)(a) of the Planning Act 2008 on a precautionary basis as the organisation was identified in the Scoping Opinion.</p> <p><u>Statutory consultation</u></p> <p>The Applicant consulted the Marine Management Organisation as part of the statutory consultation held between 10 April 2024 and 26 July 2024. A copy of the letter sent to Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed is provided in Appendix F of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>As detailed in Paragraph 3.4.1 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) the statutory consultation in 2024 was extended by five weeks due to the General Election. A letter detailing the extension was sent to Section 42(1)(a)</p>

		<p>persons prescribed on 5 June 2024. A copy of the letter is provided in Appendix F of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p><u>Targeted consultation</u></p> <p>The Marine Management Organisation was consulted as a Section 42(1)(a) prescribed persons during the targeted consultations held in 2025. A summary of the targeted consultation is provided in Chapter 10 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). Copies of the letters sent in relation to the targeted consultations is provided in Appendix L of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
8	<p>Section 42(1)(b) each local authority within s43?</p> <p>Definition of ‘local authority’ in s43(3) of the PA2008: The ‘B’ authority where the application land is in the authority’s area; the ‘A’ authority where any part of the boundary of A’s area is also a part of the boundary of B’s area; the ‘C’ authority (upper tier) where the application land is in that authority’s area; the ‘D’ authority (upper tier) where such an authority shares a boundary with a ‘C’ authority.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p><u>Statutory consultation</u></p> <p>The Applicant consulted Section 42(1)(b) local authorities within Section 43 of the Planning Act 2008 as part of the statutory consultation held between 10 April 2024 and 26 July 2024. A list of the local authorities consulted by the Applicant is provided in Table 8.1 and Appendix F of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) and includes:</p> <p>The host ‘B’ authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Norfolk and Broadland District Council • Mid Suffolk District Council • Babergh District Council • Colchester City Council • Tendring District Council • Chelmsford City Council • Thurrock Council

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brentwood Borough Council • Basildon Council • Braintree District Council. <p>The host 'C' authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essex County Council • Norfolk County Council • Suffolk County Council. <p>The neighbouring 'A' authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Broads Authority (National Park) • London Borough of Havering • London Borough of Redbridge • Enfield London Borough Council • London Borough of Waltham Forest • Ebbsfleet Development Corporation • Epping Forest District Council • South Cambridgeshire District Council • Gravesham Borough Council • Great Yarmouth Borough Council • Southend-on-Sea City Council
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lincolnshire County Council • Hertfordshire County Council • Kent County Council. <p>A copy of the letter sent to Section 42(1)(b) local authorities is provided at Appendix F of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>As detailed in Paragraph 3.4.1 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) the statutory consultation in 2024 was extended by five weeks due to the General Election. A letter detailing the extension was sent to Section 42(1)(b) local authorities on 5 June 2024. A copy of the letter is provided in Appendix F of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p><u>Targeted consultation</u></p> <p>The Applicant consulted Section 42(1)(b) local authorities within Section 43 of the Planning Act 2008 as part of the targeted consultations in 2025. The Applicant took a combined approach of carrying out targeted consultation on a non-statutory and statutory basis as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norfolk and Suffolk targeted non-statutory consultation: 30 January 2025 to 3 March 2025 • Essex and Thurrock targeted non-statutory consultation: 25 February 2025 to 27 March 2025 • Thurrock 3 targeted statutory consultation: 18 March 2025 to 17 April 2025 <p>A summary of the targeted consultation is provided in Chapter 10 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>A list of the local authorities consulted by the Applicant as part of the targeted consultations is provided in Appendix F of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
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		Copies of the letters sent for the targeted consultations in 2025 are included in Appendix L of the Consultation Report (5.1).
9	Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?	<p>Yes.</p> <p><u>Statutory consultation</u></p> <p>Section 42(1)(c) requires consultation with the Greater London Authority if the land is in the Greater London area. Although the Project is not within the Greater London area, the Greater London Authority was consulted under Section 42(1)(b) of the Planning Act 2008 on a precautionary basis as set out in Section 8.6 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). A copy of the letter sent to Section 42(1)(b) local authorities (including the Greater London Authority) is provided at Appendix F of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>The Applicant notified the Greater London Authority that the statutory consultation in 2024 was extended by five weeks due to the General Election. A letter detailing the extension was sent on 5 June 2024 and a copy of the letter is provided in Appendix F of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p><u>Targeted consultation</u></p> <p>The Greater London Authority was consulted as a Section 42(1)(b) local authority for the purposes of the targeted consultations held in 2025. A summary of the targeted consultation is provided in Chapter 10 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). Copies of the letters sent in relation to the targeted consultations is provided in Appendix L of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
10	<p>Section 42(1)(d) each person in one or more of s44 categories?</p> <p>Category 1: owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of land; Category 2: person interested in the land or has power to sell and convey the land</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p><u>Statutory consultation</u></p> <p>Section 8.7 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) sets out how all</p>

<p>or to release the land; Category 3: persons who would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim.</p>	<p>persons identified under s42(1)(d) were identified and consulted as part of the statutory consultation in 2024.</p> <p>The Land Referencing Methodology is provided in Appendix J of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) Paragraphs 8.7.1 to 8.7.10 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) summarise how the Applicant made diligent inquiries to seek to identify and consult persons with an interest in the land (PILs) affected by the draft Development Consent Order (document reference 3.1).</p> <p>A copy of the letter is provided in Appendix F of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>As detailed in Paragraph 3.4.1 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) the statutory consultation in 2024 was extended by five weeks due to the General Election. A letter detailing the extension was sent to PILs week commencing 10 June 2024. A copy of the letter is provided in Appendix F of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). Any newly identified PILs were written to until 28 June 2024 when at least 28 days remained of the consultation window.</p> <p>A list of interests that were consulted week commencing 8 April 2024 under section 42(1)(d) of the Planning Act 2008 is included in Appendix G of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p><u>Targeted consultation</u></p> <p>PILs consulted during the Norfolk and Suffolk targeted non-statutory consultation between 30 January 2025 and 3 March 2025 are listed in Appendix L of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). A copy of the letter sent in respect to the proposed changes are provided in Appendix L of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>On 31 January 2025 the Applicant became aware the re-routed 132kV line was missing on the consultation map related to the Suffolk 1 design change during the Norfolk and Suffolk targeted non-statutory consultation. The full change to the</p>
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		<p>132 kV line was described in the Environmental Implications of Change (EIC) report but was not included in the Suffolk 1 map and leaflet. A Suffolk 1a leaflet and EIC document were produced to include the full area and uploaded to the Project website. The Suffolk 1a leaflet and EIC were sent to the 16 people with addresses or land interests in the area which was not shown on the plan. Appendix L of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) includes the letter that was sent to the 16 affected properties.</p> <p>A summary of how the PILs consulted as part of the Norfolk and Suffolk targeted non-statutory consultation between 30 January 2025 and 3 March 2025 is included in Section 10.5 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>A list of interests that were consulted week commencing 27 January 2025 for the Norfolk and Suffolk targeted consultation under section 42(1)(d) of the Planning Act 2008 is included in Appendix K of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>PILs consulted during the Essex and Thurrock targeted non-statutory consultation between 25 February 2025 and 27 March 2025 are listed in Appendix L of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). A copy of the letter sent in respect to the proposed changes are provided in Appendix L of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>A list of interests that were consulted week commencing 24 February 2025 for the Essex and Thurrock targeted consultation under section 42(1)(d) of the Planning Act 2008 is included in Appendix K of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>A summary of how the PILs consulted as part of the Essex and Thurrock targeted non-statutory consultation between 25 February 2025 and 27 March 2025 is included in Section 10.6 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>PILs consulted during the Thurrock 3 targeted statutory consultation between 18 March 2025 and 17 April 2025 are listed in Appendix L of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). A copy of the letter sent in respect to the proposed</p>
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	<p>changes are provided in Appendix L of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>A list of interests that were consulted week commencing 17 March 2025 for the Thurrock targeted consultation under section 42(1)(d) of the Planning Act 2008 is included in Appendix K of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>A summary of how the PILs consulted as part of the Thurrock 3 targeted statutory consultation between 18 March 2025 and 17 April 2025 is included in Section 10.7 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p><u>Additional PILs consultation</u></p> <p>National Grid carried out additional consultation with PILs between the close of targeted consultation in 2025 and submission of the application for development consent. As described in Chapter 11 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) the additional consultation was undertaken following localised amendments to the design of the Project and in light of ongoing diligent inquiries.</p> <p>The additional PILs consultations undertaken were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation under section 42(1)(d) of the Planning Act 2008 with newly identified Category 1 and Category 2 PILs between 5 June 2025 to 18 July 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation under Section 42(1)(d) of the Planning Act 2008 with Category 1 and Category PILs that had been previously consulted but were impacted differently (e.g. new land parcels or more land take) between 18 June 2025 to 18 July 2025 • Consultation under section 42(1)(d) of the Planning Act 2008 with newly identified Category 3 PILs between 10 July 2025 to 22 August 2025 <p>A list of the PILs consulted as part of the additional PILs consultation are provided in Appendix L of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
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		<p>Copies of the letters issued during the additional PILs consultations are provided in Appendix L of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>Chapter 11 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) highlights the further landowner consultations undertaken between June and August 2025 after the targeted consultations had concluded. The further landowner consultation provided previously consulted PILs the opportunity to provide feedback on certain localised amendments to the design of the Project and identified and consulted new PILs which had been identified due to design changes, changes in land ownership or from ongoing diligent inquiry.</p> <p><u>Newly Identified Land Interests</u></p> <p>Appendix L of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) lists additional PILs identified after the June/July consultation mailouts. The land referencing process, carried out in accordance with the methodology within Appendix J of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) was ongoing throughout the pre-application period and in recent instances diligent inquiries led to new interests being identified. These additional PILS are identified in the Book of Reference (document reference 4.3). A total of 227 PILs were written to on 28 August 2025.</p> <p>In accordance with paragraph 024 of the Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, these additional PILs were issued with a letter notifying them of the Project and explaining how they can engage with the process if the application is accepted for examination.</p> <p>A copy of the letter (dated 28 August 2025) is provided in Appendix L of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
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Section 45: Timetable for s42 consultation

11	<p>Did the Applicant notify s42 consultees of the deadline for receipt of consultation responses; and if so was the deadline notified by the Applicant 28 days or more starting with the day after receipt of the consultation documents?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p><u>Statutory consultation</u></p> <p>Section 8.2 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) confirms that the statutory consultation took place between 10 April 2024 and 26 July 2024. The consultation period was extended from 18 June 2024 for an additional five weeks to allow time for consultees to provide feedback after the General Election period. This exceeds the statutory minimum of 28 days for consultation under the Planning Act 2008.</p> <p>A copy of the letters initially sent to Section 42 consultees for the purposes of the statutory consultation in 2024 is provided at Appendix F of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). The correspondence was dated the 10 April 2024 and confirmed a deadline of responses being 23.59 on the 18 June 2024. This is more than the 28 days after the date of the Section 42 notification letter.</p> <p>A copy of the letter sent to Section 42 consultees confirming the consultation extension is provided at Appendix F of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p><u>Targeted consultation</u></p> <p>The rounds of targeted consultation described in Chapter 10 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) exceeded the 28-day minimum consultation period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norfolk and Suffolk targeted non-statutory consultation: 30 January 2025 to 3 March 2025 • Essex and Thurrock targeted non-statutory consultation: 25 February 2025 to 27 March 2025 • Thurrock 3 targeted statutory consultation: 18 March 2025 to 17 April 2025
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		<p>Copies of the letters issued during the targeted consultation are provided in Appendix L of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p><u>Additional PILs consultation</u></p> <p>The additional consultation undertaken with PILs described in Chapter 11 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) exceeded the 28-day minimum consultation period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory consultation with newly identified Category 1 and Category 2 PILs: 5 June 2025 to 18 July 2025 • Statutory consultation with Category 1 and Category 2 PILs previously consulted: 18 June 2025 to 18 July 2025 • Statutory consultation with newly identified Category 3 PILs: 10 July 2025 to 22 August 2025 <p>Copies of the letters issued during the additional PILs consultations are provided in Appendix L of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
Section 46: Duty to notify the Planning Inspectorate of proposed application		
12	Did the Applicant supply information to notify the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application; and if so, was the information supplied to the Planning Inspectorate on or before the date it was sent to the s42 consultees? Was this done on or before commencing consultation under s42?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicant gave notice to the Planning Inspectorate under Section 46 on 8 April 2024, which was before the beginning of the statutory consultation under Section 42.</p> <p>A copy of the Section 46 notification letter and a copy of the notification acknowledgement letter from the Planning Inspectorate are provided in Appendix D of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
Section 47: Duty to consult local community		

13	Did the Applicant prepare a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) on how it intended to consult people living in the vicinity of the land?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>A copy of the final Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) is provided at Appendix E of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>As described in Chapter 10 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) the Applicant prepared a 'Targeted Consultation Strategy' for the Norfolk and Suffolk Targeted Consultation and Essex and Thurrock Targeted Consultation and 'Targeted Statutory Consultation Strategy' for the Thurrock 3 Targeted Statutory Consultation. These were developed through engagement with the relevant local authorities. Copies of the final strategies are provided at Appendix K of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). Chapter 10 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) confirms that the targeted consultations were carried out having regard to the principles and methods set out in the SoCC.</p>
14	Were 'B' and (where relevant) 'C' authorities consulted about the content of the SoCC; and if so, was the deadline for receipt of responses 28 days beginning with the day after the day that 'B' and, where applicable, 'C' authorities received the consultation documents?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>As detailed in Section 7.3 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1), the Applicant consulted informally on an early draft SoCC between 2 December 2023 until 5 January 2024 and had regard to the comments made before preparing the draft SoCC. Notes of the regard had to the comments received are provided in Appendix E of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>The Applicant formally sent the draft SoCC to the following 'B' and 'C' host authorities on 1 March 2024 and set a deadline of 2 April 2024 for responses, being a 32-day deadline beginning with the day after the authorities received the consultation documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Babergh District Council ('B' host authority) • Basildon Council ('B' host authority) • Braintree District Council ('B' host authority) • Brentwood Borough Council ('B' host authority) • Chelmsford City Council ('B' host authority)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colchester City Council ('B' host authority) • Mid Suffolk District Council ('B' host authority) • South Norfolk and Broadland District Council ('B' host authority) • Tendring District Council ('B' host authority) • Thurrock Council ('B' host authority) • Norfolk County Council ('C' host authority) • Suffolk County Council ('C' host authority) • Essex County Council ('C' host authority). <p>A copy of the draft SoCC, the consultation letter sent to the 'B' and 'C' host authorities and details about the responses received and regard to the feedback received is set out in Appendix E of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
15	Has the Applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>As detailed in Section 7.3 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1), 11 host authorities responded with comments to the formal SoCC consultation (with Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils submitting a joint response). The host authorities that responded were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Babergh District Council • Basildon Council • Braintree District Council • Brentwood Borough Council • Chelmsford City Council • Colchester City Council • Essex County Council • Mid Suffolk District Council • Norfolk County Council • Tendring District Council • Thurrock Council.

		Appendix E of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) provides details of the consultation responses from the host authorities in respect of the draft SoCC and demonstrates how regard was had to their responses and how the SoCC was updated accordingly. A copy of the final SoCC is provided in Appendix E of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).
16	Has the SoCC been made available for inspection on a website maintained by or on behalf of the Applicant; and has a notice been published in a newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the land which states where and when the SoCC can be inspected?	<p>Yes.</p> <p><u>Statutory consultation</u></p> <p>As referenced in Section 7.4 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1), the final SoCC was made available for inspection to the public in a way that was reasonably convenient for people likely to be impacted by the proposals. The final SoCC was available for inspection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the Project website for the start of the statutory consultation on 10 April 2024 • At inspection points along the route: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Long Stratton Library The Street, Long Stratton, NR15 2XJ ○ Norwich Library Unit 3, The Forum Millenium Plain, Norwich, NR2 1AW ○ Tuckswood Library Robin Hood Road, Eaton, NR4 6BX ○ Diss Library Church Street, Diss, IP22 4DD ○ Stowmarket Library Milton Road, Stowmarket, IP14 1EX ○ Capel St Mary Library Village Hall, The Street, Capel St. Mary IP9 2EF ○ Coggeshall Library The Friends Meeting House, Stoneham Street, Coggeshall CO6 1UH ○ Chelmsford Library Market Road, Chelmsford CM1 1QH

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Colchester Library Trinity Square, Colchester CO1 1JB ○ Tilbury Library Civic Square, Tilbury RM18 8AD ○ Greenstead Library Hawthorn Avenue, Colchester CO4 3QE ○ Stanway Library 10, Villa Road, Stanway CO3 0RH ○ Prettygate Library Prettygate Road, Colchester CO3 4EQ ○ Wivenhoe Library 104/6 High Street, Wivenhoe CO7 9AB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As printed or alternative format copy upon request. <p>A notice stating when and where the final SoCC could be inspected was published in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Anglian Daily Times on 10 April 2024 • Eastern Daily Press on 10 April 2024 • London Gazette on 10 April 2024 • The Guardian on 17 April 2024 (an incorrect version having been published on 10 April 2024) • Essex Chronicle on 11 April 2024. <p>A copy of the notice (Section 47 notice) is provided at Appendix H of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). Clippings of the published Section 47 notices are provided in Appendix H of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) and Copies of the Newspaper Notices (document reference 1.4).</p> <p>Evidence of the publication of the SoCC on the Project website is provided at Appendix E of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p><u>Targeted consultation</u></p>
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		<p>Section 10.7 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) confirms that the Section 47 notice was re-published in the following local newspapers as part of the Thurrock 3 targeted statutory consultation in 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Anglian Daily Times on 18 March 2025 and 25 March 2025 • Eastern Daily Press on 18 March 2025 and 25 March 2025 • Essex Chronicle on 20 March 2025 and 27 March 2025. <p>A copy of the notice is provided at Appendix H of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
17	In accordance with Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations, does the SoCC set out whether the development is EIA development; and does it set out how the Applicant intends to publicise and consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Paragraph 1.3.1 of the SoCC states that the Project is an 'EIA Development'. Paragraph 5.2.4 and Table 5.1 of the SoCC state that the Preliminary Environmental Information Report will be available on the Project website and at public information events and shared with relevant consultees. A copy of the SoCC is provided at Appendix E of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
18	Has the Applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Section 8.10 and Table 8.4 of Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) outline how the statutory consultation was undertaken in accordance with the commitments made in the final SoCC.</p> <p>As described in Chapter 10 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1), the Applicant also prepared a Targeted Consultation Strategy for the Norfolk and Suffolk Targeted Consultation and Essex and Thurrock Targeted Consultation and a Targeted Statutory Consultation Strategy for the Thurrock 3 Targeted Statutory Consultation. Appendix L of Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) outlines how the non-statutory targeted consultations in Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Thurrock were undertaken in accordance with the commitments outlined in the Targeted Consultation Strategy document and how statutory</p>

		<p>targeted consultation for Thurrock 3 was undertaken in accordance with the commitments outlined in the Targeted Consultation Strategy document.</p> <p>The Applicant submitted an Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM) report to the Planning Inspectorate on 13 June 2025. The AoCM report detailed how the statutory consultation and subsequent consultations had been carried out in accordance with the SoCC. In developing the AoCM report, the Applicant consulted with the host and neighbouring authorities between 14 April 2025 and 6 May 2025 about the adequacy of consultation undertaken to date. Twelve authorities responded to confirm that the Applicant has complied with its duties under Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008 and/or that the consultation was carried out in accordance with the published SoCC. Chelmsford City Council stated that they would provide a full response in its Adequacy of Consultation response to the Planning Inspectorate and Essex County Council confirmed that the Applicant had carried out a sufficient consultation in accordance with relevant sections of the Planning Act 2008 subject to review of the Consultation Report. The AoCM report is available in Appendix O of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate noted in its Section 51 advice (dated 30 June 2025) to the Applicant that it '<i>does not consider the consultation to be seriously adrift (as described in guidance)</i>' following a review of the AoCM report.</p>
Section 48: Duty to publicise the proposed application		
19	Did the Applicant publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner set out in Regulation 4(2) of the (as amended) APFP Regulations 2009?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Section 8.11 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) confirms that the Section 48 notice was published in the prescribed manner in April and June 2024.</p> <p>Table 8.5 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) lists the local and national newspapers the Section 48 notice was published in and the dates they</p>

		<p>were published. A copy of the Section 48 notice is provided in Appendix H of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>The Section 48 notice was re-published in local and national newspapers stating the consultation extension and extended date for responses as a result of the General Election. Table 8.6 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) lists the local and national newspapers the revised Section 48 notice, with the consultation extension, was published in and the dates they were published. A copy of this notice is provided in Appendix H of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>Clippings of the published advertisements are provided in Copies of Newspaper Notices (document reference 1.4).</p>
<div> <div></div> <div> <div>Newspaper(s)</div> <div>Date</div> </div> </div>		
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;	<div> <div> <div>East Anglian Daily Times</div> <div>Eastern Daily Press</div> <div>Essex Chronicle</div> <div>Due to the General Election period, the consultation was extended by a period of five weeks. The Section 48 notice was re-published in the following newspapers:</div> <div>East Anglian Daily Times</div> <div>Eastern Daily Press</div> <div>Essex Chronicle</div> </div> <div> <div>10 and 17 April 2024</div> <div>10 and 17 April 2024</div> <div>11 and 18 April 2024</div> <div></div> <div>12 and 19 June 2024</div> <div>12 and 19 June 2024</div> <div>13 and 20 June 2024</div> </div> </div>
b)	once in a national newspaper;	<div> <div>The Guardian</div> <div></div> </div> <div> <div>17 April 2024 (an incorrect version having</div> </div>

		Due to the General Election period, the consultation was extended by a period of five weeks. The Section 48 notice was re-published in The Guardian.	been published on 10 April 2024) 12 June 2024
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	London Gazette Due to the General Election period, the consultation was extended by a period of five weeks. The Section 48 notice was re-published in the London Gazette.	10 April 2024 12 June 2024
d)	where the proposed application relates to offshore development – (i) once in Lloyds List; and (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal?	N/A	N/A
20	Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in Regulation 4(3) of the (as amended) APFP Regulations 2009?	Yes. The initial Section 48 notice published in April 2024 and the updated Section 48 notice (containing details regarding the consultation extension due to the General Election) re-published in June 2024 both contain the required information as set out below. Copies are enclosed at Appendix H of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).	

		In the table below, the Applicant has identified the specific paragraphs in both the initial Section 48 notice published in April 2024 and the updated Section 48 notice (containing details regarding the consultation extension due to the General Election) re-published in June 2024 that include the required information set out in Regulation 4(3) of the APFP Regulations 2009. These can be identified by the inclusion of the relevant publication dates below.			
Information		Paragraph	Information		Paragraph
a)	the name and address of the Applicant.	1 (April 2024) 2 (June 2024)	b)	a statement that the Applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Secretary of State	1 (April 2024) 2 (June 2024)
c)	a statement as to whether the application is EIA development	11 (April 2024) 11 (June 2024)	d)	a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the Proposed Development	2, 3 and 4 (April 2024) 3 and 4 (June 2024)
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nature and location of the Proposed Development The address of the website 	12 and 13 (April 2024) 12 and 13 (June 2024)	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection	12 and 13 (April 2024) 12 and 13 (June 2024)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 				
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	15 (April 2024) 15 (June 2024)	h)	details of how to respond to the publicity	17 (April 2024) 17 (June 2024)
i)	a deadline for receipt of those responses by the Applicant, being not less than 28 days following the date when the notice is last published	19 (April 2024) 19 (June 2024)			
21	Are there any observations in respect of the s48 notice provided above? No				
	The notice accords with Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008. Yes				
22	Has a copy of the s48 notice been sent to the EIA consultation bodies and to any person notified to the Applicant in accordance with Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations?	Yes. <u>Statutory consultation</u> A copy of the Section 48 notice was sent to the EIA consultation bodies as part of the Section 42 consultation, as confirmed in Paragraph 8.4.9 and Paragraph 8.5.4 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). A copy of the Section 42			

		<p>consultation letter provided at Appendix F of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) confirms a copy of the Section 48 notice was enclosed.</p> <p>A copy of the updated Section 48 notice (containing details regarding the consultation extension due to the General Election) was sent to the EIA consultation bodies, as confirmed in Paragraph 12.3.1 and Paragraph 12.3.2 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) in June 2024. A copy of the Consultation Extension Letter provided at Appendix F of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) confirms a copy of the updated Section 48 notice was enclosed.</p> <p><u>Targeted consultation</u></p> <p>A copy of the Section 48 notice published as part of the statutory consultation in 2024 was part of the targeted consultation materials sent to the EIA consultation bodies. Copies of the targeted consultation letters provided at Appendix L of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) confirm that a copy of the Section 48 notice published as part of the 2024 statutory consultation was enclosed.</p>
s49: Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity		
23	Has the Applicant had regard to any relevant responses to the s42, s47 and s48 consultation?	<p>Yes.</p> <p><u>Statutory consultation</u></p> <p>Chapter 9 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) provides a summary of the issues raised in the consultation responses received during the statutory consultation in 2024. Section 9.6 and Section 9.7 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) details how the Applicant has had regard to any relevant responses received during the statutory consultation in 2024. Specifically, Section 9.7 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) provides an overview of how consultation activities have informed the ongoing process of developing the proposals and influenced the iterative nature of the consultation approach and mitigation commitments, including informing development of the Project design.</p>

		<p><u>Targeted consultation</u></p> <p>Similarly, Chapter 10 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) provides a summary of the issues raised in the consultation responses received during the targeted consultation in 2025. Section 10.8, and Section 10.9 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) detail how the Applicant has had regard to any relevant responses received during the targeted consultation in 2025. Specifically, Section 10.9 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) provides an overview of the design changes made following the close of the targeted consultation in April 2025.</p> <p><u>Additional PILs consultation</u></p> <p>Chapter 11 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) provides a summary of the responses received to the additional PILs consultation which took place in the period between the close of the targeted consultation from June 2025 to the submission of the application for development consent. Section 11.3 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) details how the Applicant has had regard to any relevant responses received.</p> <p>In summary across all stages of consultation, the actions informed by the consultation responses are reflected in the final form of the application as submitted. Where a particular response has not led to a change in the application, it is sufficiently clear that regard was had to it.</p>
S50(3) Regard to guidance about pre-application procedure		
24	To what extent has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects'?	The Applicant's statutory consultation commenced on 10 April 2024. In the build up to statutory consultation in 2024, the relevant guidance document in place was the DCLG's (2015) Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process ('the PA 2008 DCLG pre-application guidance'). The revised guidance, Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, was adopted on 30 April 2024 after the start of the Applicant's statutory consultation.

	The Planning Inspectorate must have regard to the extent to which the Applicant has had regard to guidance issued under s50.	Chapter 4 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) explains how the Applicant has had regard to the relevant legislation and guidance documents. Table 4.1 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) sets out how the Applicant complied with the PA 2008 DCLG pre-application guidance' and Table 4.2 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) describes how the Applicant has complied with the guidance Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, where possible.
25	Summary: Section 55(3)(e)	The Applicant has complied with Chapter 2 Part 5 (pre-application procedure) in relation to the Application.
s55(3)(f) and s55(5A): The application (including accompaniments) achieves a satisfactory standard having regard to the extent to which it complies with section 37(3) (form and contents of application) and with any standards set under section 37(5) and follows any applicable guidance under section 37(4)		
26	<p>Is it made in the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2 of the APFP Regulations, and does it include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a brief statement which explains why it falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate; and a brief statement that clearly identifies the location of the application site, or the route if it is a linear scheme? 	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The application has been made in the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2 of the APFP Regulations.</p> <p>Section 4 of the Application Form (document reference 1.1) explains why the Project falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>Section 5 of the Application Form (document reference 1.1) provides a brief non-technical description of the application site and Section 6 identifies the location/route of the Project.</p> <p>A Location and Master Key Plan (document reference 2.1) has been provided to show the location of the Project.</p>
27	Is it accompanied by a Consultation Report?	Yes.

		The application is accompanied by a Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).
28	In accordance with Regulation 5(4) of the APFP Regulations, where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets, has a key plan been provided showing the relationship between the different sheets?	Yes. A Location and Master Key Plan (document reference 2.1) has been provided. A key plan is provided for every plan set comprising three or more separate sheets.
29	Is it accompanied by the documents and information set out in APFP Regulation 5(2)?	Yes. 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		
a)	Where applicable, the Environmental Statement required under the EIA Regulations and any scoping or screening opinions or directions Environmental Statement – Chapters (document reference 6.1 – 6.18) Environmental Statement – Appendices (document reference 6.1.A1 – 6.17.A3) Environmental Statement – Figures (document reference 6.1.F1 – 6.17.F2) Environmental Statement – Non-	b) <div> The draft Development Consent Order (DCO) </div> <div> Draft Development Consent Order (document reference 3.1) </div>

c)		Technical Summary (document reference 6.21) Environmental Statement – Scoping Report (document reference 6.19) Environmental Statement – Scoping Opinion (document reference 6.20)	d)		
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
	An Explanatory Memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of provisions in the draft DCO	Explanatory Memorandum (document reference 3.2)		Where applicable, a Book of Reference	Book of Reference (document reference 4.3)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
e)	A copy of any Flood Risk Assessment	Flood Risk Assessment (document reference 7.9)	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)	Statement of Statutory Nuisance (document reference 5.4)

h)			i)	and if so how the Applicant proposes to mitigate or limit them	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
	A Statement of Reasons and a Funding Statement (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition)	Statement of Reasons (document reference 4.1) Funding Statement (document reference 4.2)		A Land Plan identifying:- (i) the land required for, or affected by, the Proposed Development; (ii) where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of Compulsory Acquisition or any rights to use land; (iii) any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights; and	Land Plans – Section A to H (document reference 2.2) Special Category and Crown Land Plans - Section A to H (document reference 2.14) Open Access Land Plans (document reference 2.15)

j)			k)	(iv) any special category land and replacement land	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
	A Works Plan showing, in relation to existing features:- (i) the proposed location or (for a linear scheme) the proposed route and alignment of the development and works; and (ii) 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 – Section A to H (document reference 2.3)		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, Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plans – Section A to H (document reference 2.5)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
l)	Where applicable, a plan with	(i)	m)	Where applicable, a plan with accompanying	Environmental Statement - Figure 11.2: Designated Heritage Assets Assessed

<p>accompanying information identifying:-</p> <p>(i) any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation eg sites of geological or landscape importance;</p> <p>(ii) habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features; and</p> <p>(iii) 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</p>	<p>Environmental Statement – Figure 9.4: Geologically Designated Sites (document reference 6.9.F4)</p> <p>Environmental Statement – Figure 13.1: LVIA Study Area and Landscape Designations (document reference 6.13.F1)</p> <p>Environmental Statement - Chapter 9: Contaminated Land, Geology and Hydrogeology (document reference 6.9)</p> <p>Environmental Statement - Chapter 13: Landscape and Visual (document reference 6.13)</p> <p>(ii)</p> <p>Environmental Statement – Appendix 8.1: Habitat</p>		<p>information identifying any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of the historic environment, (eg scheduled monuments, World Heritage sites, listed buildings, archaeological sites and registered battlefields) together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features or structures likely to be caused by the Proposed Development</p> <p>in the ES Chapter (document reference 6.11.F2)</p> <p>Environmental Statement - Figure 11.3: Non-Designated Heritage Assets Assessed in the ES Chapter (document reference 6.11.F3)</p> <p>Environmental Statement – Appendix 11.1: Historic Environment Baseline Report (document reference 6.11.A1)</p> <p>Environmental Statement - Chapter 11: Historic Environment (document reference 6.11)</p>
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	<p>Report (document reference 6.8.A1)</p> <p>Environmental Statement – Appendix 8.16: Designated Sites Report (document reference 6.8.A16)</p> <p>Environmental Statement - Chapter 8: Ecology and Biodiversity (document reference 6.8)</p> <p>(iii)</p> <p>Environmental Statement – Figure 12.3: Water Framework Surface Waterbody Status (document reference 6.12.F3)</p> <p>Environmental Statement - Chapter 12: Hydrology, Land Drainage and Flood Risk (document reference 6.12)</p>			
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	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
n)	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land	Special Category and Crown Land Plans (document reference 2.14)	o)	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	<p>Guide to the Plans (document reference 2.0)</p> <p>Traffic Regulation Order Plans – Section A to H (document reference 2.4)</p> <p>Design and Layout Plans – Subs & Cables (document reference 2.6.1)</p> <p>Design and Layout Plans – Overhead Lines (document reference 2.6.2)</p> <p>Design and Layout Plans – Traffic & Transport (document reference 2.6.3)</p> <p>Elevation Drawings - Overhead Line Profiles (document reference 2.7)</p> <p>Trees and Hedgerows to be Removed and / or Managed Plans – Section A to H (document reference 2.16)</p> <p>Environmental Statement Figure 4.1 - Proposed Project Design (document reference 6.4.F1)</p> <p>Environmental Statement Figure 4.2 - Proposed Project Design - Permanent Features (document reference 6.4.F2)</p>

	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Are they of a satisfactory standard?	
p)	Any of the documents prescribed by Regulation 6 of the APFP Regulations:	No	q)	Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	<p>Application Cover Letter (document reference 1.2)</p> <p>Guide to the Application (document reference 1.3)</p> <p>Copies of Newspaper Notices (document reference 1.4)</p> <p>Pre-Application Programme Document (document reference 1.5)</p> <p>Pre-application Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker (document reference 4.4)</p> <p>Route Drive: Site Visit Guidance Document (document reference 5.2)</p> <p>Consents and Licences Required under Other Legislation (document reference 5.5)</p> <p>Planning Statement (document reference 5.6)</p> <p>Policy Compliance Document (document reference 5.7)</p> <p>Potential Main Issues for Examination (document reference 5.8)</p>

				<p>Statement of Common Ground Overview (document reference 5.9)</p> <p>Statements of Common Ground (document reference 5.9.1 - 5.9.32)</p> <p>Details of associated development, with references to documents (document reference 5.14)</p> <p>Design Development Report (document reference 5.15)</p> <p>Biodiversity Net Gain Report (document reference 7.1)</p> <p>Outline Code of Construction Practice (document reference 7.2)</p> <p>Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (document reference 7.3)</p> <p>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (document reference 7.4)</p> <p>Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy and Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (document reference 7.5)</p> <p>Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan (document reference 7.6)</p>
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				<p>Electric and Magnetic Field Compliance Report (document reference 7.8)</p> <p>Water Framework Directive Assessment (document reference 7.10)</p> <p>Transport Assessment (document reference 7.11)</p> <p>Visualisations (document reference 7.12)</p> <p>Equality Impact Assessment (document reference 7.14)</p> <p>Design and Access Statement (document reference 7.15)</p> <p>Design Approach for Site Specific Infrastructure (document reference 7.16)</p> <p>Strategic Options Backcheck Review (document reference 7.17)</p> <p>2022 - Corridor and Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study (document reference 7.18)</p> <p>2023 - Strategic Options Backcheck and Review (document reference 7.19)</p> <p>2023 - Design Development Report for the Project (document reference 7.20)</p>
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					<p>2024 - Design Development Report for the Project (document reference 7.21)</p> <p>2025 - Design Development Report Addendum for Proposed Changes to Connection at Tilbury (document reference 7.22)</p>
	Are they of a satisfactory standard?			Are they of a satisfactory standard?	
30	Are there any observations in respect of the documents provided at Box 29 (a) to (q) above?				
31	<p>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)?</p>		<p>Yes. A Habitats Regulations Assessment Report (document reference 5.3) has been provided.</p>		
32	<p>In accordance with Regulation 5(2)(r) of the APFP Regulations, if requested by the Planning Inspectorate, have two paper copies</p>		<p>No hard copies of the application have been requested by the Planning Inspectorate.</p>		

	of the application form and other supporting documents and plans been provided?	
33	Has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance'?	Yes. The Applicant has had regard to the Department for Communities and Local Government 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance' in the preparation of the Application.
34	Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)	
The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended)		
Pre-application fee		
35	<p>Were all pre-application fees paid before the application was made?</p> <p>Pre-application services for which a fee can be charged is defined in Regulation 2A(8) and includes services listed within Schedule 1 of the 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 invoice. If the applicant fails to pay the fee within 28 days, the Planning Inspectorate will not provide the applicant with any further pre-application services or take any further steps in relation to the proposed application.</p>	Yes: Payment was made 12 th June 2025 (reference 1800000069)
Fees to accompany an application		

36	<p>Was the fee paid at the same time that the application was made?</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate must charge the Applicant a fee in respect of the decision by the Planning Inspectorate under section 55 of the PA2008. If the Applicant fails to pay the fee, the Planning Inspectorate need not consider the application until payment is received. The fee must be paid at the same time that the application is made</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate confirmed receipt of the fee to accompany the application on 30 July 2025.</p>
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Role	Electronic signature	Date
Case Manager		
Acceptance Inspector		

