Planning Inspectorate

Section 55
Acceptance of Applications Checklist

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

November 2026

North Humber to High Marnham Section 55 Acceptance of Applications Checklist

Relevant sections of the Planning Act 2008 can be viewed at legislation.gov.uk, here: http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/

All other secondary legislation referred to in this checklist is searchable, here: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/

DISCLAIMER: This checklist is a non-statutory checklist for the Planning Inspectorate to complete. Completion or self-assessment by the applicant does not hold weight at the acceptance stage. Unless specified, all references to the Planning Inspectorate are made in relation to functions being carried out on behalf of the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

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<tr><th colspan="5">Section 55(2) Acceptance of applications</th></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">1</td><td rowspan="2">Within 28 days (starting the day after receipt) The Planning Inspectorate must decide whether or not to accept the application for examination.</td><td>Date received</td><td>28-day due date</td><td>Date of decision</td></tr>
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<tr><th colspan="5">Section 55(3) The Planning Inspectorate may only accept an application if it concludes that:</th></tr>
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<tr><th colspan="5">Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c): It is an application for an order granting development consent</th></tr>
<tr><td>2</td><td colspan="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 the PA2008, or equivalent words? Does the</td><td colspan="2">Yes
The proposed development set out in schedule 1 of the Draft DCO (Doc 3.1) includes development falling within the categories in s14 of the PA2008. The development is for the construction of Electric Lines and satisfies section</td></tr>
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	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?	14 and section 16 of the PA2008, including section 14 subsection 1 (b) and section 16 subsection 1 and section 16 subsection 3. This is consistent with the summary provided in **section 4** of the **Application Form** (**Doc 1.1**) which states that the application is for an NSIP.
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 • 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	**Yes** The applicant gave notice under s46 to: • The Planning Inspectorate on 14 February 2025 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 under s42 to host and neighbouring principal Local Authorities. Copies of the s46 notification letters are provided at **appendix C.1** of **Consultation Report** (**Doc 5.1**) and a copy of s46 notification acknowledgement letter from The

		Planning Inspectorate is provided at **appendix C.2** of **Consultation Report** (**Doc 5.1**).
5	**Summary: Section 55(3)(ca)**	The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the applicant has complied with section 46 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 **Location and Master Key Plan** (**Doc 2.2**) has been 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** (**Main report Docs 6.1 to 6.21, Technical appendices Docs 6.1.A1 – 6.21.A14, Figures Docs 6.1.F1 – 6.21.F2 and Non-technical summary Doc 6.22**)	b)	A draft development consent order (DCO)	**Draft Development Consent Order** (**Doc 3.1**)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	**Yes**		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	**Yes**
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**		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 7.13**)	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) and if so, how the	**Statement of Statutory Nuisance** (**Doc 5.3**)

				applicant proposes to mitigate or limit them	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	**Yes**		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	**Yes**
h)	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**)	**i)**	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	**Land Plans** (**Doc 2.3**) **Special Category Land Plan** (**Doc 2.14**)

				• any special category land and replacement land	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	**Yes**		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	**Yes**
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 2.4**)	**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 Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plans** (**Doc 2.6**)
	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)
l)	Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:	**Plans:** **ES Figure 8.1 - International Sites Designated for Nature Conservation within 10 km and**	**m)**	Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying any statutory or non-	**Plans:** **Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites and Features of the**

	• any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation, for example sites of 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	**National and Local Statutory Designated Sites within 5 km** (**Doc 6.8.F1**) **ES Figure 8.2 - Nature Conservation Non-Statutory Designated Sites and Priority Habitat within 2 km** (**Doc 6.8.F2**) **Habitats of Protected Species and Important Habitats** (**Doc 2.9**) **Figure 9.1 - Statutory International Designated Sites of Ornithological Importance** (**Doc 6.9.F1**) **Figure 9.3 - Non-Statutory Designated Sites of Ornithological Importance** (**Doc 6.9.F3**) **Trees and Important Hedgerows to be Removed or Managed Plans** (**Doc 2.13**) **Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites of Nature Conservation Geological and Landscape Importance** (**Doc 2.8**) **ES Figure 12.3 - Geologically Designated Sites** (**Doc 6.12.F3**)		statutory sites or features of the historic environment, (for example 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	**Historic Environment** (**Doc 2.10**) **ES Figure 10.1 - Designated Heritage Assets within Study Areas** (**Doc 6.10.F1**) **Environmental Statement Figure 10.2a - Locations of Non-Designated Archaeological Assets** (**Doc 6.10.F2**) **Figure 10.2b - Locations of Non-Designated Built Heritage Assets** (**Doc 6.10.F2**) **Assessment:** **ES Chapter 10 - Cultural Heritage** (**Doc 6.10**)

		Figure 6.1 - Landscape Designations and Features (**Doc 6.6.F1**) **Water Bodies in the River Basin Management Plan** (**Doc 2.11**) **Figure 11.5 - Water Framework Directive Surface Water Bodies** (**Doc 6.11.F5**) **Assessments:** **ES Chapter 6 – Landscape** (**Doc 6.6**) **ES Chapter 9 – Ornithology** (**Doc 6.9**) **ES Chapter 11 - Water Environment** (**Doc 6.11**) **ES Chapter 12 - Geology and Hydrogeology** (**Doc 6.12**) **7.12 Water Framework Directive Assessment** (**Doc 7.12**)			
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	**Yes**		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	**Yes**
n)	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land	**Crown Land Plans** (**Doc 2.15**)	**o)**	Any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the development consent	**Traffic Regulation Order Plans** (**Doc 2.5**) **Elevation Drawings Profile Drawings** (**Doc 2.7**)

				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	**Typical Design Drawings** (**Doc 2.12**) **Trees and Important Hedgerows to be Removed or Managed Plans** (**Doc 2.13**)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	**Yes**		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	**Yes** (with minor discrepancies as noted in box 8)
p)	Any of the documents prescribed by regulation 6 of the APFP regulations	There are no documents specified within regulation 6 of the APFP regulations for inclusion in an application for development consent for the installation of an electric line above ground.	**q)**	Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	**Application Cover Letter** (**Doc 1.2**) **Guide to the Application** (**Doc 1.3**) **Copies of Newspaper Notices** (**Doc 1.4**) **Pre-Application Programme Document** (**Doc 1.5**) **Self Completed Section 55 Checklist** (**Doc 1.6**) **Glossary and Acronyms** (**Doc 1.7**)

					Regard had to S51 Advice (**Doc 1.8**) **Guide to the plans** (**Doc 2.1**) **Pre-Application Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker** (**Doc 4.4**) **Consultation Report** (**Doc 5.1**) **Consents and Licences Required Under Other Legislation** (**Doc 5.4**) **Planning Statement** (**Doc 5.5**) **Policy Compliance Document** (**Doc 5.6**) **Potential Main Issues for Examination** (**Doc 5.7**) **Statements of Common Ground** (**Doc 5.8**) **Statement of Common Ground Environment Agency** (**Doc 5.8.1**) **Statement of Common Ground Historic England** (**Doc 5.8.2**)

					Statement of Common Ground Natural England (**Doc 5.8.3**) **Statement of Common Ground National Highways** (**Doc 5.8.4**) **Statement of Common Ground Bassetlaw District Council** (**Doc 5.8.5**) **Statement of Common Ground East Riding of Yorkshire Council** (**Doc 5.8.6**) **Statement of Common Ground North Lincolnshire Council** (**Doc 5.8.7**) **Statement of Common Ground Nottinghamshire County Council** (**Doc 5.8.8**) **Statement of Common Ground Canal and River Trust** (**Doc 5.8.9**) **Statement of Common Ground Associated British Ports** (**Doc 5.8.10**) **Statement of Common Ground Severn Trent Water** (**Doc 5.8.11**)

					Statement of Common Ground Water Management Consortium Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire IDB and Trent Valley IDB (**Doc 5.8.12**) **Statement of Common Ground Yorkshire and Humber IDB** (**Doc 5.8.13**) **Statement of Common Ground Dogger Bank D SSE Renewables and Equinor** (**Doc 5.8.14**) **Statement of Common Ground Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust** (**Doc 5.8.15**) **Statement of Common Ground Yorkshire Wildlife Trust** (**Doc 5.8.16**) **Statement of Common Ground Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust** (**Doc 5.8.17**) **Statement of Common Ground Royal Society for the Protection of Birds** (**Doc 5.8.18**)

					Statement of Common Ground Anglian Water (**Doc 5.8.19**) **Statement of Common Ground Creyke Beck Solar PS Renewables** (**Doc 5.8.22**) **Statement of Common Ground One Earth Solar Farm Orsted and PS Renewables** (**Doc 5.8.23**) **Statement of Common Ground J G Pears Holding Limited** (**Doc 5.8.24**) **Statement of Common Ground Wienerberger Limited** (**Doc 5.8.25**) **Statement of Common Ground Darlton Gliding Club** (**Doc 5.8.26**) **Statement of Common Ground Grove Farm Airfield** (**Doc 5.8.27**) **Statement of Common Ground Headon Airfield** (**Doc 5.8.29**) **Statement of Common Ground National Grid**

					Electricity Distribution (**Doc 5.8.32**) **Design Development Report** (**Doc 5.9**) **Design Approach Document** (**Doc 5.10**) **Interrelationship Document** (**Doc 5.11**) **Biodiversity Net Gain Report** (**Doc 7.1**) **Outline Code of Construction Practice** (**Doc 7.2**) **Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments** (**Doc 7.3**) **Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan** (**Doc 7.4**) **Outline Soil Management Plan** (**Doc 7.5**) **Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan** (**Doc 7.6**) **Outline Noise and Vibration Management Plan** (**Doc 7.7**) **Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan** (**Doc 7.8**)

					Outline Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation (**Doc 7.9**) **Outline Cultural Heritage Management Plan** (**Doc 7.10**) **Electric and Magnetic Field Compliance Report** (**Doc 7.11**) **Arboricultural Impact Assessment** (**Doc 7.14**) **Transport Assessment** (**Doc 7.15**) **Photomontages** (**Doc 7.16**) **Strategic Options Report Including Needs Case (SOR)** (**Doc 7.17**) **Corridor and Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study** (**Doc 7.18**) **Supplementary Corridor and Routeing Report** (**Doc 7.19**) **Design Development Report – 2025** (**Doc 7.20**) **Equality Impact Assessment** (**Doc 7.21**) **Navigational Risk Assessment** (**Doc 7.22**)

	Are they of a satisfactory standard?	N/A		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?				
	Regard had to S51 Advice (**Doc 1.8**) and **Book of Reference** (**Doc 4.3**) It is noted that in response to advice provided at the draft document review the applicant has stated in **Regard had to S51 Advice** (**Doc 1.8**) that it would be removing Train Operating Companies (TOC) from the **Book of Reference** (**Doc 4.3**). One TOC remains in the **Book of Reference** (**Doc 4.3**) in relation to the Sheffield to Gainsborough Railway Line. The Inspectorate has no advice to provide on whether TOCs should or should not be included in this case. The applicant may wish to review their approach, amend as deemed appropriate and should ensure consistency of approach between application documents. In the **Book of Reference** (**Doc 4.3**), paragraph 2.2.7 should define the statutory undertaker names in full. While these are covered in the Glossary and Acronyms document (Doc Ref. 1.7), it would be helpful to have the first usage in this document define the complete name of these organisations. **Works Plans** (**Doc 2.4**) It has been identified that the applicant has used purple colouring for new overhead line, green for existing overhead line, then a dashed purple and green to represent existing line that is re-routed or reconductored. The dashed purple and green colours used are difficult to distinguish. The applicant should review the colouring chosen and amend as deemed appropriate to make the reconductored elements clearer and accessible for parties. **Trees and Important Hedgerows to be Removed or Managed Plans** (**Doc 2.13**) and **Access Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plans** (**Doc 2.6**) Sheet 2 of 5 and Sheet 3 of 5 in Section C of the **Trees and Important Hedgerows to be Removed or Managed Plans** (**Doc 2.13**) includes a brown dashed line and cross in a circle on the plan which is not included in the legend. Reference is made in labelling these features with EDA reference numbers and it therefore presumed to be in relation to electric lines, but this is not reflected in the legend. The applicant will wish to ensure all features are reflected in the legend where appropriate. In relation to the **Access Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plans** (**Doc 2.6**) **Section F** some information in the legend of each sheet is potentially unnecessary. For instance, Sheet 2 of Section F has 'route section boundary', 'indicative access point', and 'local authority boundary', all of which are not clearly marked on the plan, or indeed on any plan.				

	The 'street management: start/end point of temporary closure' is marked on the **Access Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plans** (**Doc 2.6**) as a blue dot. This could be difficult to distinguish from the blue dashed line that represents other items on the legend. The applicant may wish to review and, if necessary, amend the plan as considered appropriate. **Interrelationship Document** (**Doc 5.11**) It is identified that the Abbreviations Table on page 65 of the **Interrelationship Document** (**Doc 5.11**) is blank. The applicant may wish to review this and ensure this table is populated, as appropriate. **Environmental Statement** (**Docs 6.1 to 6.21**) The ES presents the conclusions on residual effects differently between chapters, with some providing a summary table, and others including the residual effects in the text only. The ES states in multiple chapters that some baseline surveys are ongoing or proposed to be undertaken at a later date. The Cover Letter (Doc 1.2) states that these will be submitted at the earliest opportunity during examination but does not provide specific dates. **Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary** (**Doc 6.22**) Paragraph 3.1.4 refers to the provision of “Figure 1 – Non-Technical Summary Plans”, however this has not been provided. **Photomontages (Doc 7.16)** While **Photomontages (Doc 7.16)** is of a satisfactory standard, it is noticed that on photomontages VP B-05 PROPOSED YEAR 15 the image may be difficult to understand due to the perception of depth of added features. Specifically, the apparent placement of wires and pylons relative to existing wires and pylons do not appear to be consistent with the existing and proposed electric lines shown on the Figure 1 photomontage locations. The applicant may wish to review the photomontages and consider whether amendments are required to assist parties to an examination. 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/EN020034-000139	
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),	**Yes** A **Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report** has been provided (**Doc 5.2**).

	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)?	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 a key plan been provided showing the relationship between the different sheets?	**Yes**
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** **Section 4** of the **Application Covering Letter** (**Doc 1.2**) states 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) 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?	**Yes** On 21 August 2023 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 in respect of the proposed development. The notification was received before the proposed application was publicised under s48 on 18 February 2025. A copy of the notification within the Scoping Report is provided at **appendix 5.1** of the **Environmental Statement** (**Doc 6.5.A1**).
14	Did the applicant publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner set out in regulation 4(2) of the APFP regulations?	**Yes** **Paragraphs 7.9.1, 7.9.2, 7.9.3 and 7.94** of the **Consultation Report** (**Doc 5.1**) states: "*Section 48 of the PA 2008 sets out how an applicant must publicise its proposed application for development consent. A copy of the Section 48 notice can be found in Appendix G and demonstrates the clearly specified time period for responses, stating that:* *'National Grid must receive all responses by 11:59pm on Tuesday 15 April 2025 to ensure their consideration'*

		The statutory publicity requirements complied with Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations 2009, which require an applicant to publish a notice: *a) for at least two consecutive weeks in one or more local newspapers circulating* *in the vicinity in which the proposed development would be situated;* *b) once in a national newspaper; and* *c) once in the London Gazette.'* *Table 7.4 provides a summary of the newspapers in which the Section 48 notice was published and the dates the notices were published. Appendix G contains copies of the Section 48 adverts as published in the newspapers.*" **Table 7.4** of **Consultation Report** (**Doc 5.1**) displays the newspapers and dates of s48 publicity as set out below. A copy of the s48 notice is provided at **appendix G.3** of the **Consultation Report** (**Doc 5.1**). Clippings of the published notices set out below are provided at **appendix G.2** of **Consultation Report** (**Doc 5.1**).

		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;	• Hull Daily Mail • Yorkshire Post	18 and 25 February 2025

		• Nottingham Post • Lincolnshire Echo	20 and 27 February 2025
b)	once in a national newspaper;	• The Guardian	18 February 2025
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	• The London Gazette	18 February 2025
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
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 G.3** of **Consultation Report** (**Doc 5.1**), contains the required information as set out below:	

	Information	Paragraph		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	4	**d)**	a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the proposed development	2
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	5 and 17	**f)**	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection	5
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	9			
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)?	**Yes** **Appendix 4.3** of **Consultation Report** (**Doc 5.1**) states that the applicant has had regard to the statutory guidance in connection with satisfying s48 (this being 'Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects', which was in force at that time). 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 7.3.3** of **Consultation Report** (**Doc 5.1**). A sample of the s48 notice is provided at **Appendix G.3** of **5.1 Consultation Report Appendix G Section 47 and Section 48 Notices** (**Doc Ref 5.1**).
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	**Yes** **Column 3** of the document titled **Regard had to S51 Advice** (**Doc 1.8**) sets out how the applicant has demonstrated regard to any advice given by the Planning Inspectorate under section s51 of the PA2008.

	• is in connection with the application	The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the applicant has demonstrated regard to any s51 given to a satisfactory extent.
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: https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN020034-000139
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	The fees for providing the applicant with standard pre-application services were received on 26 August 2026, 26 November 2025, 18 May 2026 and 30 September 2026; before the application was made.

	applicant with any further pre-application services or take any further steps in relation to the proposed application.	
Fees to accompany an application		
22	Was the fee paid at the same time that 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.	The fee was received on 30 September 2026, before the application was made.

Role	Electronic signature	Date
Case Manager	*Simon Raywood*	12 November 2026
Acceptance Inspector	*David Wallis*	12 November 2026