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

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

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Section 55(2) Acceptance of applications			
1	Within 28 days (starting the day after receipt) The Planning Inspectorate must decide whether or not to accept the application for examination.	Date received	28-day due date	Date of decision

Section 55(3) The Planning Inspectorate may only accept an application if it concludes that:		
	Test:	Planning Inspectorate comments:
Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c): It is an application for an order granting development consent		
2	In accordance with sections(s) 14 to 30A of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008), is the development a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) (or does it form part of an NSIP); and does the application state on the face of it that, in accordance with s31 of the PA2008, it is an application for a development consent order (DCO) under the PA2008, or equivalent words? Does the application specify the development to which it relates, meaning which category or categories in s14 to 30A does the proposed development fall? If the development does not fall within the categories in s14 to 30A, has a direction been given by the Secretary of State under	**Yes.** The proposed development (The Project) described in Schedule 1 of **Application Document 3.1 Draft Development Consent Order** 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 Form** (**Application Document 1.1**) and **Application**

	s35 of the PA2008 for the development to be treated as development for which development consent is required?	**Document 1.2 Application Cover Letter** state that the application is made under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a DCO. This is consistent with the summary provided in Section 4 of the **Application Form** (**Application Document 1.1**) and the **Explanatory Memorandum** (**Application Document 3.2**).
3	**Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)**	
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	National Grid ('The Applicant') gave notice to the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application under s46 of the Planning Act 2008 (as was in force at the time) on 14 February 2025, which was before the start of the statutory consultation (under s42 of the Planning Act 2008, in force at that time) beginning on 18th February 2025. This was also before 24 July 2026, when the recent amendments to the pre-application requirements under Part 5 of the Planning Act 2008 came into effect. A copy of the s46 letter is provided in Appendix C-1 of the **Consultation Report (Application Document 5.1**) and a copy of the notification of acceptance letter from the Planning Inspectorate is provided in Appendix C-2 of the **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report** The Applicant held initial meetings with each host local authority to introduce the Project on the following dates: • East Riding of Yorkshire Council – 01/10/2021 • Bassetlaw District Council – 01/02/2022 • Nottinghamshire County Council – 26/01/2022 • North Lincolnshire Council – 14/01/2022 The Applicant also formally notified each host local authority under Section 42(1)(b) of the Planning Act 2008 (as was in force at the point of notification) including Bassetlaw District Council, East Riding of Yorkshire Council and North Lincolnshire Council as 'B' Section 43 consultees (a lower-tier district council or a Unitary Council who is a host authority for the development and any associated development)

		and Nottinghamshire County Council as a 'C' Section 43 consultee (an upper-tier County Council who is a host authority). These authorities were consulted during the statutory consultation held between 18 February 2025 and 15 April 2025 as set out in Appendix E of the **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report**. The Applicant consulted the Marine Management Organisation under 42(1)(aa) during the statutory consultation held between 18 February 2025 and 15 April 2025 as set out in Appendix E of the **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report**.
5	**Summary: Section 55(3)(ca)**	
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.** The application is made in the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications; Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009. The Project described in Schedule 1 of the **Application Document 3.1 Draft Development Consent Order** is an 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. A brief statement that clearly identifies the location of the application route is included in **Application Document 1.2 Covering Letter**.
7	Is the application accompanied by the documents and information set out in APFP regulation 5(2)?	**Yes.** The application is accompanied by the documents and information in APFP regulation 5(2) as set out below.

	Information	Document		Information	Document
a)	Where applicable, an environmental statement required under the EIA regulations and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	**Application Document 6.1 – 6.21 Environmental Statement – Chapters** **Application Document 6.1.A1 – 6.21.A15 Environmental Statement – Appendices** **Application Document 6.1.F1 – 6.21.F2 Environmental Statement – Figures** **Application Document 6.22 Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary** **Application Document 6.5.A1 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.1 – Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report** **Application Document 6.5.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.2 – Scoping Opinion** **Application Document 6.5.A3 Environmental Statement Appendix 5.3 – Scoping Response Tables**	b)	A draft development consent order (DCO)	**Application Document 3.1 Draft Development Consent Order**
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
c)	An explanatory memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of provisions in the draft DCO	**Application Document 3.2 Explanatory Memorandum**	d)	Where applicable, a book of reference	**Application Document 4.3 Book of Reference**

	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
e)	A copy of any flood risk assessment	**Application Document 7.13 Flood Risk Assessment**	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 applicant proposes to mitigate or limit them	**Application Document 5.3 Statement of Statutory Nuisance**
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
h)	A statement of reasons and a funding statement (where the application involves any compulsory acquisition)	**Application Document 4.1 Statement of Reasons** **Application Document 4.2 Funding Statement**	i)	A land plan identifying: • the land required for, or affected by, the proposed development • where applicable,	**Application Document 2.3 Land Plans** **Application Document 2.14 Special Category Land Plans**

				any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of compulsory acquisition or any rights to use land • any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights • any special category land and replacement land	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
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	**Application Document 2.4 Works Plans**	k)	Where applicable, a plan identifying any new or altered means of access, stopping up of streets or roads	**Application Document 2.6 Access, Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plans**

	• the limits within which the development and works may be carried out and any limits of deviation provided for in the draft DCO			or any diversions, extinguishments or creation of rights of way or public rights of navigation	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
l)	Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying: • 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	**Application Document 2.8 Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites of Nature Conservation, Geological and Landscape Importance** **Application Document 2.9 Habitats of Protected Species and Important Habitats** **Application Document 2.11 Water Bodies in the River Basin Management Plan** **Application Document 6.6 Environmental Statement Chapter 6 – Landscape** **Application Document 6.8 Environmental Statement Chapter 8 – Ecology** **Application Document 6.8.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 8.2 – Designated Sites Information** **Application Document 6.8.A3 Environmental Statement Appendix 8.3 – Habitat Survey Report**	m)	Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of the historic environment, (for example scheduled monuments, world heritage sites, listed buildings, archaeological sites and registered battlefields) together with an assessment of any effects on such sites,	**Application Document 2.10 Statutory and Non Statutory Sites and Features of the Historic Environment** **Application Document 6.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 10 – Cultural Heritage** **Application Document 6.10.A2 Environmental Statement Appendix 10.2 – Cultural Heritage Baseline Report** **Application Document 6.10.A6 Environmental Statement Appendix 10.6 – Geophysical Survey Report** **Application Document 6.10.A8 Environmental Statement Appendix 10.8 – Archaeological Trial Trench Evaluation Report**

		Application Document 6.9 Environmental Statement Chapter 9 – Ornithology **Application Document 6.11 Environmental Statement Chapter 11 – Water Environment** **Application Document 6.11.F5 Environmental Statement Figure 11.5 – Water Framework Directive Surface Water Bodes** **Application Document 6.12 Environmental Statement Chapter 12 – Geology and Hydrogeology**		features or structures likely to be caused by the proposed development	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Options in box 7		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Options in box 7
n)	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land	**Application Document 2.15 Crown Land Plans**	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	**Application Document 2.2 Location and Master Key Plan.** **Application Document 2.5 Traffic Regulation Order Plans** **Application Document 2.7 Elevation Drawings** **Application Document 2.12 Typical Design Drawings** **Application Document 2.13 Trees and Important Hedgerows to be Removed or Managed Plans** **Application Document 6.4.F1 Environmental Statement Figure 4.1 – Proposed Project Design**

				management, means of vehicular and pedestrian access, any car parking and landscaping	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Options in box 7		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	Options in box 7
p)	Any of the documents prescribed by regulation 6 of the APFP regulations	**N/A**	q)	Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	**Application Document 1.2 Application Cover Letter** **Application Document 1.3 Guide to the Application** **Application Document 1.4 Copies of Newspaper Notices** **Guide to the Plans** (**Application Document 2.1**) **Application Document 1.5 Pre-Application Programme Document** **Application Document 4.4 Pre-Application Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker** **Application Document 5.4 Consents and Licences Required Under Other Legislation** **Application Document 5.5 Planning Statement** **Application Document 5.6 Policy Compliance Document** **Application Document 5.7 Potential Main Issues for Examination** **Application Document 5.8.1 – 5.8.31 Draft Statements of Common Ground**

Application Document 5.9 Design Development Report

Application Document 5.10 Design Approach Document

Application Document 5.11 Interrelationship Document

Application Document 7.1 Biodiversity Net Gain Report

Application Document 7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice

Application Document 7.3 Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments

Application Document 7.4 Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan

Application Document 7.5 Outline Soil Management Plan

Application Document 7.6 Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan

Application Document 7.7 Outline Noise and Vibration Management Plan

Application Document 7.8 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan

Application Document 7.9 Outline Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation

Application Document 7.10 Outline Cultural Heritage Management Plan

Application Document 7.11 Electric and Magnetic Field Compliance Report

Application Document 7.12 Water Framework Directive Assessment

Application Document 7.14 Arboricultural Impact Assessment

				Application Document 7.15 Transport Assessment **Photomontages** (**Application Document 7.16**) **Strategic Options Report Including Needs Case** (**Application Document 7.17**) **Application Document 7.18 Corridor and Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study** **Application Document 7.19 Supplementary Corridor and Routeing Report** () **Application Document 7.20 Design Development Report – 2025** **Application Document 7.21 Equality Impact Assessment** **Application Document 7.22 Navigational Risk Assessment**
	Are they of a satisfactory standard?	Options in box 7	Are they of a satisfactory standard?	Options in box 7
8	Are there any observations in respect of the documents provided at box 7 (a) to (q) above?			
9	In accordance with regulation 5(2)(g) of the APFP regulations, is the application accompanied by a report identifying any European site(s) to which regulation 48 of The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 applies; or any Ramsar site(s), which may be affected by the proposed development, together with sufficient information that will enable the Secretary of State to make an appropriate assessment of the implications for the site if required by regulation 48(1)?		**Yes.** **Application Document 5.2 Habitats Regulations Assessment Report** has been provided.	
10	In accordance with regulation 5(2)(r) of the APFP regulations, if requested by The Planning Inspectorate, have three paper		The Planning Inspectorate have not requested paper copies of the application form and other supporting document or plans.	

	copies of the application form and other supporting documents and plans been provided?	
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.** Key plans are provided where plans comprise three or more separate sheets.

Section 55(4)(b): The extent to which any applicable guidance under section 37(4) has been followed in relation to the application

12	Has the applicant followed the applicable guidance in 'Guidance on preparing applications: Part 2 – Application contents' and 'Guidance on preparing applications: Part 3 – Content of a development consent order'?	**Yes.** The Applicant has followed applicable guidance in 'Guidance on preparing applications: Part 2 – Application contents' and 'Guidance on preparing applications: Part 3 – Content of a development consent order' in preparation of the application.

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?	**(a) No.** The Applicant did not request a screening opinion in respect of the Project. **(b) Yes.** 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 21 August 2023. A copy of the notification letter is contained in Appendix G of the Consultation Report (Application Document 5.1). The notification was provided to the Planning Inspectorate before the start of the statutory consultation (carried out under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 in force at the time) on 18 February 2025.

14	Did the applicant publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner set out in regulation 4(2) of the APFP regulations?	**Yes.** Section 7.9 of the Consultation Report (**Application Document 5.1**) sets out that the s48 notice was published in the prescribed manner in accordance with regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations (as was in force at the time of publication of the s48 notice). Table 7.4 of the Consultation Report (**Application Document 5.1**) lists the local and national newspapers the s48 notice was published in and the dates they were published. Appendix G of the Consultation Report (**Application Document 5.1**) contains copies of the Section 48 notices as published in the newspapers. Clippings of the published notices are provided in **Application Document 1.4 Copies of Newspaper Notices**.	
		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;	Yorkshire Post Nottingham Post Lincolnshire Echo Hull Daily Mail	18 and 25 February 2025 18 and 25 February 2025 20 and 27 February 2025 18 and 25 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	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 supplied at Appendix G of the Consultation Report (**Application Document 5.1**) contains the required information 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, 17	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection	5, 6
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)?			In connection with the s48 duty to publicise, this was undertaken in accordance with the version of s48 of the Planning Act 2008 which was in force at the time (February 2025), together with the relevant guidance at that time (Planning Act 2008: Pre-Application Stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects). The Applicant has also had regard to the statutory guidance in 'Guidance on preparing applications: Part 1	

		– Pre-application steps' (published 3 July 2026) in relation to the application. Section 7.9 of the Consultation Report (**Application Document 5.1**) sets out that the s48 notice was published in the prescribed manner. Table 7.4 of the Consultation Report (**Application Document 5.1**) lists the local and national newspapers the s48 notice was published in and the dates they were published. Appendix G of the Consultation Report (**Application Document 5.1**) contains copies of the Section 48 adverts as published in the newspapers. Clippings of the published advertisements are provided in Copies of Newspaper Notices (document reference 1.4).
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 part of the statutory consultation (under s42 of the Planning Act 2008 as was in force at that time) as confirmed by Table 4.1 and Appendix G of **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report**.
Section 55(4)(e): The extent to which the applicant has had regard to any advice given under section 51 in connection with the application		
19	Has the applicant had regard to any pre-application advice given under s51 of the PA2008 in connection with the application, and if so, to what extent? For the purposes of s55(4)(e), s51 advice is advice given by the Planning Inspectorate that: • has been requested by the applicant or any other party • is in connection with the application	The Applicant has prepared a response to pre-application advice given by the Planning Inspectorate under s51. This is recorded in Regard Had to S51 Advice (Application Document 1.8)
20	**Summary: Section 55(3)(f)**	

The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010	
Pre-application fee	
21 Were all pre-application fees paid before the application was made? Pre-application services for which a fee can be charged is defined in regulation 2A(8) and includes services listed within schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010. Fees for pre-application services apply to all proposed applications, from the inception meeting. These fees must be paid within 28 days of the notice. If the applicant fails to pay the fee within 28 days, The Planning Inspectorate will not provide the applicant with any further pre-application services or take any further steps in relation to the proposed application.	**Yes.** The BACS payment was made on 28 September 2026. The Planning Inspectorate confirmed payment was received on 30 September 2026.
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.	**Yes.** The BACS payment was made on 28 September 2026. The Planning Inspectorate confirmed payment was received on 30 September 2026.

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