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1. Regional and Local Planning Policy

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 This appendix to **Application Document 6.11 Chapter 11 Water Environment** sets out the planning policies from the relevant regional and local plans listed in **Application Document 6.2 Chapter 2 Legislation and Policy Context** which are considered relevant to the water environment assessment.

1.1.2 Policies within the following plans are considered relevant to water environment and have been detailed in Table 1.1 to Table 1.5.

- East Riding of Yorkshire Local Plan Update 2020-2039 – Strategy Document Update April 2025 (East Riding of Yorkshire Council, 2025)
- North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework Core Strategy, Adopted 2011 (North Lincolnshire Council, 2011)
- Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2038, 29 May 2024 (Bassetlaw District Council, 2024)
- Cottingham Neighbourhood Plan and Design Guide 2015-2029 (Cottingham Parish Council, 2018)
- Clarborough and Welham Neighbourhood Development Plan 2016-2031 (Clarborough and Welham Parish Council, 2017)

East Riding of Yorkshire Local Plan Update 2020 – 2039

1.1.3 The policies set out in Table 1.1 are considered relevant to the water environment.

Table 1.1 – East Riding of Yorkshire Local Plan Update 2020-2039 policies relevant to water environment

Policy	Where this is covered in the Application
Policy S2 Addressing Climate Change: *'Development proposals will be supported where they reduce the generation of additional greenhouse gas emissions and incorporate adaptation to the expected impacts of climate change. This will be accomplished by: …steering development away from areas of high flood risk as far as possible, and ensuring development is as resilient as possible to any residual risks*'.	The Flood Risk Assessment (**Application Document 7.13 Flood Risk Assessment**) (FRA) discusses the approach to siting Project infrastructure to avoid high flood risk areas. Where this has not been practicable, the FRA **(Application document 7.13 Flood Risk Assessment)** details a range of flood resilience and mitigation measures. During operation, the Project would not generate any notable demand on water resources. Water Resources are detailed in **Application Document 6.11.A2 Appendix 11.2 Water Resource Assessment**. Measures to secure water use efficiency during Project construction are included in **Application Document 7.3 Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments**

Policy	Where this is covered in the Application
Policy ENV5 Enhancing biodiversity and geodiversity Proposals will be supported where they safeguard, enhance, create and connect habitat networks in order to promote and enhance green infrastructure. Development must not cause deterioration of the Water Framework Directive status of any water body and will not prevent any water body from reaching targets set in the River Basin Management Plan.	As described in **Application Document 7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice** and **Application Document 7.3 Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments,** the Project design retains buffers to avoid impacts on existing green infrastructure, for example, watercourses. The **Application Document 7.12 Water Framework Directive Assessment** demonstrates that the Project would not cause deterioration nor prevent any waterbody achieving set targets.
Policy ENV6 Managing environmental hazards: Environmental hazards, such as flood risk, coastal change, nutrient deposition, aerial pollution, groundwater pollution and other forms of pollution, will be managed to ensure that development does not result in unacceptable consequences to its users, the wider community, and the environment.	**Application Document Flood Risk Assessment** discusses the approach to application of the National Planning Policy Sequential test which seeks to steer development away from high-risk areas. Where this has not been practicable, the FRA details a range of flood resilience and mitigation measures, which include use of appropriate Sustainable Drainage Systems to manage surface water. **Application Document 6.11 Chapter 11 Water Environment** assesses the potential for the Project to give risk to pollution of the water environment and measures to avoid and mitigate pollution risks are included in **Application Document 7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice** and **Application Document 7.3 Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments.**

North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework Core Strategy

1.1.4 The policies set out in Table 1.2 are considered relevant to the water environment.

Table 1.2 – North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework Core Strategy policies relevant to water environment

Policy	Where this is covered in the Application
Policy CS18 Sustainable Resource Use and Climate Change Development will be promoted that uses natural resources efficiently (including water) and that avoids areas at high risk of flooding wherever practicable and possible.	The Flood Risk Assessment (**Application Document 7.13 Flood Risk Assessment**) discusses the approach to siting Project infrastructure to avoid high flood risk areas. Where this has not been practicable, the FRA details a range of flood resilience and mitigation measures. During operation, the Project would not generate any notable demand on water

Policy	Where this is covered in the Application
	resources, which are detailed in **Application Document 6.11.A2 Appendix 11.2 Water Resource Assessment.** Measures to secure water use efficiency during Project construction are included in **Application Document 7.3 Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments**.
Policy CS19 Flood Risk Development proposals will be supported that avoid areas of current or future flood risk, which do not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere, and, wherever practicable, incorporate Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) to manage surface water drainage.	The Flood Risk Assessment (**Application Document 7.13 Flood Risk Assessment**) discusses the approach to application of the National Planning Policy Sequential test which seeks to steer development away from high-risk areas. Where this has not been practicable, **Application Document 7.13 Flood Risk Assessment** details a range of flood resilience and mitigation measures, which include use of appropriate Sustainable Drainage Systems to manage surface water, to embed flood resilience to the Project and prevent increases in the risk of flooding elsewhere.

Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2038

1.1.5 The policies set out in Table 1.3 are considered relevant to the water environment.

Table 1.3 – Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2038 policies relevant to water environment

Policy	Where this is covered in the Application
Policy ST37 Green and Blue Infrastructure This policy supports the protection, enhancement and restoration of watercourses, ponds, lakes and water dependent habitats, where appropriate.	As described in **Application Document 7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice** and **Application Document 7.3 Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments,** the Project design retains buffers to avoid impacts on watercourses and waterbodies and secures a range of controls and measures to protect these features.
Policy ST50 Flood Risk and Drainage Proposals are required to consider and, where necessary, mitigate the impacts of the proposed development on flood risk, on-site and off-site, commensurate with the scale and impact of the development. All development where practicable should incorporate sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) in line with national standards.	The Flood Risk Assessment (**Application Document 7.13 Flood Risk Assessment**) discusses the approach to application of the National Planning Policy Sequential test which seeks to steer development away from high-risk areas. Where this has not been practicable, **Application Document 7.13 Flood Risk Assessment** details a range of flood resilience and mitigation measures, which include use of appropriate Sustainable Drainage Systems to manage surface water, to embed flood resilience

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	to the Project and prevent increases in the risk of flooding elsewhere
Policy ST51 Protecting Water Quality and Management In line with the objectives of the Water Framework Directive, this policy requires that the quantity and quality of surface and groundwater bodies will be protected and where possible enhanced.	The Water Framework Directive Assessment (**Application Document 7.12 Water Framework Directive Assessment**) demonstrates that the Project would not cause deterioration nor prevent any waterbody achieving set targets.

Cottingham Neighbourhood Plan and Design Guide 2015-2029

1.1.6 The policies set out in Table 1.4 are considered relevant to the water environment.

Table 1.4 – Cottingham Neighbourhood Plan and Design Guide 2015-2029 policies relevant to water environment

Policy	Where this is covered in the Application
Policy GP3 Sustainable Drainage All new development should be designed to incorporate suitable measures to ensure surface water is managed in such a way as not to exacerbate existing flooding problems on site or elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan Area.	Details of the Projects proposals to manage surface water are provided in the Flood Risk Assessment (**Application Document 7.13 Flood Risk Assessment**). A range of sustainable drainage measures are proposed to ensure Project resilience to surface water flooding and prevent flood risk impacts elsewhere.

Clarborough and Welham Neighbourhood Development Plan 2016-2031

1.1.7 The policies set out in Table 1.5 are considered relevant to the water environment.

Table 1.5 – Clarborough and Welham Neighbourhood Development Plan 2016-2031 policies relevant to water environment

Policy	Where this is covered in the Application
Policy P5 Reducing the Risk of Flooding Development will be supported where it can be demonstrated that the scheme will not have a detrimental impact on surface water run-off and sewage discharge networks. Development should be self-sufficient through the incorporation of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems and development which utilities permeable surfacing is encouraged. Development should be designed and constructed to prevent any	The Flood Risk Assessment (**Application Document 7.13 Flood Risk Assessment**) details a range of flood resilience and mitigation measures, which include use of appropriate Sustainable Drainage Systems to manage surface water, to embed flood resilience to the Project and prevent increases in the risk of flooding elsewhere.

Policy	Where this is covered in the Application
increase in the level of flood risk on the site and will only be permitted where it does not result in loss of nan open watercourse	
Policy 6 Improve Green Infrastructure and the Natural Environment Development proposals will be expected to demonstrate how they protect and enhance existing green infrastructure assets affected by the development.	As described in **Application Document 7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice** and **Application Document 7.3 Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments,** the Project design retains buffers to avoid impacts on watercourses and waterbodies and secures a range of controls and measures to protect these features.

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