



Planning Inspectorate  
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# Section 55

## Acceptance of Applications Checklist

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## Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project 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/>

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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
		<b>28 May 2026</b>	<b>25 June 2026</b>	<b>25 June 2026</b>
Section 55(3) – the Planning Inspectorate may only accept an application if it concludes that:		Planning Inspectorate comments		
<b>Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c): It is an application for an order granting development consent</b>				
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	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Section 4 of the Application Form (Doc 1.1) states:</b></p> <p>“The Proposed Development, referred to as ‘the Project’ does not fall within the categories in sections(s) 14 to 30 of the Planning Act 2008 (‘PA 2008’) and therefore is not a NSIP in the prescribed terms of the PA 2008 at the date of application. However, it is to be treated as development for which a</p>		

	<p>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 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>development consent order is required under the Planning Act 2008, following a direction issued by the Secretary of State under s35(1) dated 31 May 2022 (as varied on 19 November 2024) found in Appendix B of the Planning Policy Statement (Document reference 5.5, DCO Volume 5).”</p> <p>A copy of the s35 direction is provided with the application at <b>appendix B</b> of the <b>Planning Policy Statement (Doc 5.5)</b>. It confirms the Secretary of State’s decision that the proposed development, and any associated matters, should be treated as development for which development consent is required under the PA2008.</p>
3	<p><b>Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)</b></p>	<p>The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the <b>Draft DCO (Doc 3.1)</b> includes development for which development consent is required.</p>
<p><b>Section 55(3)(e): The applicant in relation to the application made has complied with chapter 2 of part 5 (pre-application procedure)</b></p>		
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</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>On 24 May 2024 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 start of statutory consultation on 29 May 2024.</p> <p><b>Statutory Summer 2024 Consultation</b></p>

	<p>provide an environmental statement in respect of that development?</p>	<p>A copy of the s46 notification letter is available in <b>Section F.22 of the Consultation Report Appendix F – Statutory Summer 2024 Consultation 5 of 7 Documents</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b></p> <p><b>Statutory Spring 2025 Consultation</b></p> <p>A copy of the s46 notification letter is available in <b>Section G20 of the Appendix G – Statutory Spring 2025 Consultation – 1 of 2 Documents</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b></p> <p><b>Statutory Autumn 2025 Targeted Consultation</b></p> <p>A copy of the s46 notification letter is available in <b>Section H.7 of Appendix H of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b></p> <p><b>Statutory Spring 2026 Targeted Consultations</b></p> <p>A copy of the s46 notification letter is available in <b>Section I.11 of Appendix I of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b></p>
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</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>There are 25 host and neighbouring authorities, of which 12 responded to The Planning Inspectorate’s invitation to make an AoCR dated 26 May 2026, 29 May 2026 and 9 June 2026.</p> <p>1 Local Authority did not wish to provide any comments due to the proximity to the proposals. 11 responding authorities confirmed in their AoCR that either the applicant had complied with its duties under s42, s47 and s48 of the PA2008 or that their authority had no comments/ objections to make.</p>

	<p>Adequacy of Consultation Representations received.</p>	<p>These local authorities were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (A Authority)</li> <li>• Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Councils (D Authority)</li> <li>• Eastleigh Borough Council (B Authority)</li> <li>• East Hampshire District Council (B Authority)</li> <li>• Fareham Borough Council (B Authority)</li> <li>• Gosport Borough Council (A Authority)</li> <li>• Hampshire County Council (A and C Authority)</li> <li>• Havant Borough Council (B Authority)</li> <li>• Portsmouth City Council (B and D Authority)</li> <li>• South Downs National Park Authority (A and D Authority)</li> <li>• Winchester City Council (B Authority)</li> <li>• Wiltshire Council (D Authority)</li> </ul> <p>Additional submissions on the consultation were provided by the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rowland Castle Parish Council (RCPC)</li> <li>• Suella Braverman MP</li> <li>• Save Our Coast Alliance (SOSCA)</li> <li>• Hill Head Residents' Association</li> <li>• Jess Brown-Fuller MP</li> <li>• Damian Hinds MP</li> <li>• Save Our Island and Hayling Island Residents' Association</li> <li>• Havant Friends of the Earth</li> <li>• Paul Holmes MP</li> <li>• Water Matters Community</li> <li>• Alan Mak MP</li> <li>• Portsmouth Friends of the Earth</li> </ul>
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		<p>All 12 additional submissions raised concerns regarding the adequacy of the Applicant's pre-application consultation.</p> <p>In summary, concerns were raised that the consultation was not undertaken at a sufficiently formative stage, that there was limited consultation on alternative options, that the Applicant did not adequately have regard to the consultation responses and that the consultation process lacked sufficient transparency and clarity, contrary to the requirements of sections 42,47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008, having regard to the Gunning Principles.</p> <p>Portsmouth City Council has indicated that it is satisfied that the requirements of section 42 have been met, but queries whether consultation materials adequately enabled intelligent consideration of the proposed supply of mixed water to Portsmouth Water customers.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate has considered all submitted representations, in relation to concerns bearing directly on adequacy of consultation. The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the Applicant has complied with its statutory obligations.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate considers that there is proportionate demonstration in the Consultation Report (<b>Doc 5.1</b>) regarding the Applicant's consultation.</p> <p>To the extent that other matters have been raised in responses, the Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that these matters do not bear on an Acceptance decision and therefore do not affect the conclusion that the Applicant has complied with its statutory obligations.</p> <p>Where appropriate, other issues will be addressed during the Examination.</p> <p>All AoCRs received have been carefully considered and are available to view on the National Infrastructure project website: <a href="https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/WA010002/s51advice">https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/WA010002/s51advice</a></p>
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## 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><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Statutory Summer 2024 Consultation</b></p> <p>The applicant has provided a list of persons consulted under s42(1)(a) on <b>24 May 2024</b> at <b>Section F.17</b> of the <b>Consultation Report Appendix F – Statutory Summer 2024 Consultation 5 of 7 Documents</b>.</p> <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42(1)(a) consultees is provided at <b>section F. 19</b> of the <b>Consultation Report Appendix F – Statutory Summer 2024 Consultation 5 of 7 Documents</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p> <p><b>Statutory Spring 2025 Consultation</b></p> <p>The applicant has provided a list of persons consulted under s42(1)(a) on <b>4 March 2026</b> at <b>Section F.17</b> of the <b>Consultation Report Appendix F – Statutory Summer 2024 Consultation 5 of 7 Documents</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p> <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42(1)(a) consultees is provided at <b>Section G.15 and G.16 of Appendix G – Statutory Spring 2025 Consultation – 1 of 2 Documents</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p> <p><b>Statutory Autumn 2025 Targeted Consultation</b></p> <p>The applicant has provided a list of persons consulted under s42(1)(a) on <b>10 December 2025</b> at <b>Section F.17</b> of the <b>Consultation Report Appendix F –</b></p>
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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><b>Yes</b></p> <p>In <b>Paragraph 9.3.9</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> the applicant confirmed that they had consulted with the Marine Management Organisation at both of the two statutory consultations (Summer 2024 Consultation and Spring 2025 Consultation).</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</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Table F17-2</b> of the <b>Consultation Report Appendix F – Statutory Summer 2024 Consultation 5 of 7 Documents of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> lists the relevant local authorities that were identified and consulted under s43 and s42(1)(b) on each statutory consultation on <b>29 May 2024</b> and also on <b>5 March 2025</b>.</p> <p>The host ‘B’ authority was consulted:</p>

	<p>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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eastleigh Borough Council</li><li>• East Hampshire District Council</li><li>• Fareham Borough Council</li><li>• Havant Borough Council</li><li>• Portsmouth City Council</li><li>• Winchester City Council</li></ul> <p>The host 'C' authority was consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hampshire County Council</li></ul> <p>The boundary 'A' authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chichester District Council</li><li>• New Forest District Council</li><li>• Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council</li><li>• Test Valley Borough Council</li><li>• Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council</li><li>• Gosport Borough Council</li><li>• South Downs National Park Authority</li></ul> <p>The boundary 'D' authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dorset Council</li></ul>
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9	Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?	n/a
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</p> <p>Category 2: person interested in the land or has power to sell and convey the land or to release the land</p> <p>Category 3: persons who would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Paragraph 10.3.11</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> states that all persons identified under s42(1)(d) were consulted on 5 March 2026.</p> <p><b>Chapter 9, Chapter 10, Chapter 11 and Chapter 12 of the Consultation Report (Document 5.1)</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> summarise how the applicant made diligent inquiry to seek to identify and consult persons with an interest in lands affected by the <b>Draft DCO (Doc 3.1)</b>.</p> <p>The full methodology undertaken by the applicant is provided in <b>paragraphs 9.3, 10.3, 11.3 and 12.3</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p> <p>The persons consulted under s42(1)(d) are listed at <b>Table F17-3 of Appendix F - Statutory Summer 2024 Consultation - 5 of 7 documents</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p>

		A sample of the letter is provided at <b>Section F.20 of Appendix F - Statutory Summer 2024 Consultation - 5 of 7 documents</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> .
<b>Section 45: Timetable for s42 consultation</b>		
11	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><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Statutory Summer 2024 Consultation</b></p> <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42 consultees is provided at <b>Section F.19 and F.20 of Appendix F - Statutory Summer 2024 Consultation - 5 of 7 documents</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p> <p>The sample letter dated <b>24 May 2024</b> confirmed that consultation <b>commenced on 29 May 2024</b> and <b>closed on 23 July 2024</b>, providing more than the required minimum time for receipt of responses.</p> <p><b>Statutory Spring 2025 Consultation</b></p> <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42 consultees is also provided at <b>Section G. 15 and G16</b> of the <b>Consultation Report Appendix G – Statutory Spring 2025 Consultation – 1 of 2 Documents</b></p> <p>The sample letter dated <b>4 March 2025</b> confirmed that consultation <b>commenced on 5 March 2025</b> and <b>closed on 4 April 2025</b>, providing more than the required minimum time for receipt of responses.</p> <p><b>Statutory Autumn 2025 Targeted Consultation</b></p> <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42 consultees is also provided at <b>Section H.3, H.4, H.5 and H.6</b> of the <b>Consultation Report Appendix H – Statutory Autumn 2025 Targeted Consultation</b></p>

		<p>The sample letter dated <b>10 September 2025</b> confirmed that consultation <b>commenced on 10 September 2025</b> and <b>closed on 8 October 2025</b>, providing more than the required minimum time for receipt of responses.</p> <p><b>Statutory Spring 2026 Targeted Consultations</b></p> <p>A sample of the letters sent to s42 consultees is also provided at <b>Section I1, I.2, I.3, I.5, I.7, I.8 and I.9</b> of the <b>Consultation Report Appendix I – Spring 2026 Targeted Consultations</b></p> <p>The sample letter dated <b>17 March 2026</b> confirmed that consultation <b>commenced on 17 March 2026</b> and <b>closed on 16 April 2026</b>, providing more than the required minimum time for receipt of responses.</p> <p>A sample of the letters sent to s42 consultees is also provided at <b>Section I.5, I.7, I.8 and I.9</b> of the <b>Consultation Report Appendix I – Spring 2026 Targeted Consultations</b></p> <p>The sample letter dated <b>18 March 2026</b> confirmed that consultation <b>commenced on 18 March 2026</b> and <b>closed on 17 April 2026</b>, providing more than the required minimum time for receipt of responses.</p>
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**Section 46: Duty to notify The Planning Inspectorate of proposed application**

12	<p>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>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Statutory Summer 2024 Consultation</b></p> <p>The applicant gave notice under s46 on <b>24 May 2026</b>, which was before the beginning of the s42 consultation.</p> <p>A copy of the s46 notification letter is provided at <b>Section F.22 of Appendix F – Statutory Summer 2024 Consultation - 5 of 7 documents</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> and a copy of s46 notification acknowledgement letter from The Planning Inspectorate is provided at</p>
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		<p><b>Section F.23 of Appendix F – Statutory Summer 2024 Consultation - 5 of 7 documents</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b></p> <p><b>Statutory Spring 2025 Consultation</b></p> <p>The applicant gave notice under s46 on <b>5 March 2026</b>, which was at the beginning of the s42 consultation.</p> <p>A copy of the s46 notification letter is provided at <b>Section G.20 of Appendix G – Statutory Spring 2025 Consultation – 1 of 2 Documents</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> and a copy of s46 notification acknowledgement letter from The Planning Inspectorate is provided at <b>Section G.21 of Appendix G – Statutory Spring 2025 Consultation – 1 of 2 Documents</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b></p> <p><b>Statutory Autumn 2025 Targeted Consultation</b></p> <p>The applicant gave notice under s46 on 10 September 2026, which was before the beginning of the s42 consultation.</p> <p>A copy of the s46 notification letter is provided at <b>Section H.7 of Appendix H – Statutory Autumn 2025 Targeted Consultation</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> and a copy of s46 notification acknowledgement letter from The Planning Inspectorate is provided at <b>Section H.8 of Appendix H – Statutory Autumn 2025 Targeted Consultation</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p> <p><b>Statutory Spring 2026 Targeted Consultations</b></p> <p>The applicant gave notice under s46 on 16 March 2026, which was before the beginning of the s42 consultation.</p>
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		A copy of the s46 notification letter is provided at <b>Section I.11</b> of the <b>Consultation Report Appendix I – Spring 2026 Targeted Consultations</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> and a copy of s46 notification acknowledgement letter from The Planning Inspectorate is provided at <b>Section I.12</b> of the <b>Consultation Report Appendix I – Spring 2026 Targeted Consultations</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> .
<b>Section 47: Duty to consult local community</b>		
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?	<b>Yes</b> A copy of the applicant’s final SoCC is provided at <b>Section E.9 of Appendix E – 2024 Statement of Community Consultation</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> .
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?	<b>Yes</b> The applicant sent the draft SoCC to various ‘B’ and ‘C’ local authorities on 21 March 2024 and set a deadline of 19 April 2024 for responses; providing more than the required minimum time for responses to be received.  The applicant sent the draft SoCC to East Hampshire District Council (‘B Authority’) on 16 April 2024 and set a deadline of 15 May 2024 for responses; providing more than the required minimum time for responses to be received.
15	Has the applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	<b>Yes</b> <b>Section E.8 of Appendix E – 2024 Statement of Community Consultation</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> provides a summary of the consultation responses from East Hampshire District Council (EHDC) and Havant Borough Council (HBC) in respect of the draft SoCC and demonstrates how the applicant had regard to their content.

		<p>Examples of changes from the draft SoCC to the final SoCC include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) suggested an amendment to the Consultation Zone A definition to include tenants and businesses. The Applicant acknowledged EBC’s comment and amended section 7 of the draft 2024 SoCC to read ‘Consultation Zone A comprises affected landowners, tenants and businesses within the draft Order Limits’. This amendment was made in direct response to EBC’s suggestion and to improve transparency regarding who the Applicant would consult.</li> <li>• Hampshire County Council (HCC) requested clarity on Zone A with regard to landowners and if this included homeowners. The Applicant had made an update to the term landowner following HCC’s comment on this matter at the initial advance consultation on the pre-draft 2024 SoCC. The Applicant again reviewed the draft 2024 SoCC and updated the same wording to the description of Consultation Zone A in section 7 ‘Who will we consult’ to read ‘affected landowners, tenants and businesses within the draft Order Limits’. This provided clarity on the parties included in this Consultation Zone.</li> <li>• Portsmouth City Council (PCC) requested clarification on the footnote stating ‘the 1km buffer does not include Eastney Long Sea Outfall as no new development is assumed’ which excludes Eastney Long Sea Outfall from Consultation Zone B and C. PCC suggested stating that Eastney Long Sea Outfall was not affected by the proposal. The Applicant reviewed the footnote in section 7 to establish if a change would aid local community understanding about why Consultation Zones did not include Eastney Long Sea Outfall. The Applicant amended the footnote in the 2024 SoCC to read ‘the 1km buffer does not include Eastney Long Sea Outfall as there will be no physical development that would affect local residents or require</li> </ul>
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		<p>consultation' to provide this clarity. This amendment was made in response to PCC's comment.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the applicant had regard to the responses received when preparing the SoCC.</p>
16	<p>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>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The Applicant made the final 2024 SoCC available for public inspection on its dedicated consultation website from 29 May 2024.</p> <p>As indicated by <b>Table 8-2 Deposit Locations in Doc 5.1 of the Consultation Report</b> the final SoCC was made available at the following locations, which is reasonably convenient having regard to the location of the proposed development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bishop's Waltham Library</li> <li>• Cosham Library</li> <li>• Eastleigh Library</li> <li>• Fair Oak Community Library</li> <li>• Fareham Library</li> <li>• Havant Library</li> <li>• Leigh Park Library</li> <li>• Paulsgrove Library</li> <li>• Waterloooville Library</li> </ul> <p>A notice stating when and where the final SoCC could be inspected was published in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Page 35 of The News (<a href="http://www.Portsmouth.co.uk">www.Portsmouth.co.uk</a>) on 27 May 2024</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages 1, 30 and 40 of the Southern Daily Echo (<a href="http://www.dailyecho.co.uk">www.dailyecho.co.uk</a>) on 27 May 2024</li> <li>• Page 64 of the Hampshire Chronicle (<a href="http://www.hampshirechronicle.co.uk">www.hampshirechronicle.co.uk</a>) on 30 May 2024</li> </ul> <p>The published SoCC notice, provided at <b>section E.11</b> of <b>appendix E</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> states where and when the final SoCC was available to inspect.</p> <p>Clippings of the published advertisements are provided at <b>section E.11</b> of <b>appendix E</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</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><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Chapter 6 of Appendix E.9</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> of the final SoCC at <b>appendix E</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> sets out that the development is EIA development and sets out how the applicant intended to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information.</p>
18	Has the applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Paragraph 8.3 to paragraph 8.3.7</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> sets out how the community consultation was carried out in line with the pre-draft 2024 SoCC which was issued on 16 February 2024 to LAs. However, EHDC was omitted in error. This was rectified as described in <b>paragraph 8.4.4</b>.</p> <p><b>Paragraph 8.4 to paragraph 8.4.8</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> sets out how a further statutory consultation was carried out on the draft 2024 SoCC which initially started on 13 March 2024. LAs were contacted on 21 March 2024 where the applicant announced it had made some refinements to the 'what we are consulting on' list in the draft 2024 SoCC.</p>

		<p>Further details can be found in <b>Appendix E.5</b> (email to LAs for statutory consultation).</p> <p><b>Paragraph 9.2 to paragraph 9.3.46</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> sets out how the community consultation was carried out in line with the final 2024 SoCC which took place between 29 May 2024 and 23 July 2024.</p> <p><b>Table 9-6</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> sets out how the applicant has complied with the commitments set out in the final SoCC.</p> <p><b>Appendices C, E, F and G</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> provide evidence that the commitments within the final SoCC have been carried out.</p> <p><b>Paragraph 10.2 to paragraph 10.3.31</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> sets out how the community consultation was carried out in line with the final 2024 SoCC which took place between 5 March 2025 and 4 April 2025. This final consultation was carried out due to further developments to the design of the project which then required further statutory consultation.</p> <p><b>Paragraph 10.2.3</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> sets out a list of the design refinements.</p>
<p><b>Section 48: Duty to publicise the proposed application</b></p>		
19	<p>Did the applicant publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner set out in regulation 4(2) of the (as amended) APFP regulations?</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Paragraph 9.6.1</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> states:</p> <p><i>“As required by Section 48 of the PA 2008 and Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations 2009 (as amended), a notice publicising the proposed application for development consent for the Project was published in the London Gazette, once in a national newspaper (The Times), and for two successive weeks in a local newspaper (the Applicant opted to publish the</i></p>

		<p><i>notice in three local newspapers: Portsmouth News, Southern Daily Echo, Hampshire Chronicle and Hampshire Independent).”</i></p> <p><b>Appendix G.24</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> displays the newspapers and dates of s48 publicity as set out below.</p> <p>A copy of the s48 notice is provided at <b>appendix G.6</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p> <p>Clippings of the published notices set out below are provided at <b>appendix F.21</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>:</p>
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		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;	<p>Summer 2024 Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The News (Portsmouth)</li> <li>• Southern Daily Echo</li> <li>• Hampshire Chronicle</li> <li>• Hampshire Independent</li> </ul> <p>Spring 2025 Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The News (Portsmouth)</li> <li>• Hampshire Chronicle</li> </ul>	<p>22 May and 31 May 2024</p> <p>22 May and 29 May 2024</p> <p>23 May and 30 May 2024</p> <p>24 May and 31 May 2024</p> <p>25 February and 4 March 2025</p> <p>20 and 27 February 2025</p>

		<i>(Cannot find Hampshire Independent clipping which is listed in the Section 55 Acceptance of Application)</i>	
b)	once in a national newspaper;	<p>Summer 2024 Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Times</li> </ul> <p>Spring 2025 Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Times</li> </ul>	<p>5 June 2024</p> <p>4 March 2025</p>
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	<p>Summer 2024 Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• London Gazette</li> </ul> <p>Spring 2025 Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• London Gazette</li> </ul>	<p>29 May 2024</p> <p>4 March 2025</p>
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?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The published s48 notice, supplied at <b>appendix G.6</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>, contains the required information as set out below:</p>	
	<b>Information</b>	<b>Paragraph</b>	<b>Information</b>
			<b>Paragraph</b>

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the nature and location of the proposed development</li> <li>the address of the website</li> <li>the place on the website</li> <li>a telephone number which can be used to contact the applicant for enquiries in relation to the documents, plans and maps</li> </ul>	7	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection	7
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	8	h)	details of how to respond to the publicity	15
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	11			

21	Are there any observations in respect of the s48 notice provided above?	
	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> states in <b>paragraph 10.2.30</b> “<i>General advertisements were placed in local newspapers circulating in the vicinity in which the Project would be situated... Table 10 details the name of the publication that held the Applicant’s newspaper adverts, as well as the dates that these adverts were published. The same approach for placing these adverts replicated that of Summer 2024 Consultation.</i>” However, the dates within the applicant’s Section 55 Acceptance of Applications box 19a, do not marry with the dates in ‘Table 10’(-3) of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).</p>	
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?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>A copy of the s48 notice was sent to the EIA consultation bodies as part of the s42 consultation, as confirmed in <b>Section 9.6 and Section 10.6</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p> <p>A sample of the s42 consultation letters are provided at <b>appendices F.19, F.20, G.15, G.16, G.17, G.18, G.19, H3, H4, H5, H.6, I1, I.2, I.3, I.5, I.7, I.8, I.9, I.15 and I.16</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> confirms a copy of the s48 notice was enclosed.</p>
<b>s49: Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity</b>		
23	Has the applicant had regard to any relevant responses to the s42, s47 and s48 consultation?	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Chapters 9.9, 10.9, 11.7, 12.7 and 13.4</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> sets out how the applicant had regard to the consultation responses received for the Statutory Summer 2024 Consultation, Statutory Spring 2025 Consultation, Statutory Autumn 2025 Targeted Consultation and the Statutory Spring 2026 Targeted Consultations; including whether or not responses led to changes to the application.</p>

		The actions informed by the consultation responses appear to be 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.
<b>S50(3) Regard to guidance about pre-application procedure</b>		
24	<p>To what extent has the applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects'?</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate must have regard to the extent to which the applicant has had regard to guidance issued under s50.</p>	<p><b>Paragraph 3.5.1</b> of the <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> states that the applicant has had regard to all relevant statutory guidance.</p> <p>The applicant submitted an adequacy of consultation milestone statement on 29 October 2025. The applicant has demonstrated that it has had regard to the advice issued by The Planning Inspectorate in relation to the statement in <b>table A1-1</b> of the <b>Consultation Report Appendix A (Doc 5.1)</b>.</p> <p>Having reviewed the application, The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the applicant has identified and had regard to the relevant statutory guidance.</p>
25	<b>Summary: Section 55(3)(e)</b>	The applicant has complied with chapter 2 of part 5 (pre-application procedure) of the PA2008.
<b>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)</b>		
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"> <li>a brief statement which explains why it falls within the remit of The Planning Inspectorate; and</li> </ul>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Section 4</b> of the <b>Application Form (Doc 1.1)</b> explains why the development falls within the remit of The Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p><b>Section 5</b> of the <b>Application Form (Doc 1.1)</b> provides a brief non-technical description of the site and <b>section 6</b> provides the location of the proposed development.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a brief statement that clearly identifies the location of the application site, or the route if it is a linear scheme?</li> </ul>	A <b>Location Plan (Doc 2.1)</b> has been provided.	
27	Is it accompanied by a consultation report?	<b>Yes</b> The application is accompanied by a <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> and <b>Consultation Report Appendices (Appendices A - I)</b> .	
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?	<b>Yes</b>	
29	Is it 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:	
<b>Information</b>		<b>Document</b>	
a)	Where applicable, an environmental statement required under the EIA regulations and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	b)	a draft development consent order (DCO)
	<b>Environmental Statement (ES) Volume (Vol) I, Main Report (Doc 6.1)</b> <b>ES Vol II, Appendices (Doc 6.2)</b>		<b>Draft Development Consent Order (Doc 3.1)</b>

		<b>ES Vol III, Figures (Doc 6.3)</b> <b>Non-Technical Summary (Doc 6.1)</b>			
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b> (with minor discrepancies as noted in box 30)		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b>
c)	An explanatory memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of provisions in the draft DCO	<b>Explanatory Memorandum to Draft Order (Doc 3.2)</b>	d)	Where applicable, a book of reference	<b>Book of Reference (Doc 4.3)</b>
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b>		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b>
e)	A copy of any flood risk assessment	<b>ES Vol II, Appendix 19.1, Flood Risk Assessment (Doc 6.2)</b>	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	<b>Statutory Nuisance Statement (Doc 5.3)</b>  This addresses the dust, steam, smell or other effluvia (section 2.2), artificial light (section 2.3), and noise and vibration (section 2.4).

	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)	<b>Statement of Reasons (Doc 4.1)</b> <b>Funding Statement (Doc 4.2)</b>	i)	A land plan identifying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the land required for, or affected by, the proposed development</li> <li>• where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of compulsory acquisition or any rights to use land</li> <li>• any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights; and</li> <li>• any special category land and replacement land</li> </ul>	<b>Land Plans (Docs 2.2)</b> <b>Special Category Land Plans (Doc 2.6)</b>

	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b>		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b>
j)	<p>A works plan showing, in relation to existing features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the proposed location or (for a linear scheme) the proposed route and alignment of the development and works; and</li> <li>the limits within which the development and works may be carried out and any limits of deviation provided for in the draft DCO</li> </ul>	<b>Works Plans (Docs 2.3)</b>	k)	<p>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</p>	<b>Access and Public Rights of Way Plans (Docs 2.4)</b>
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in box 30)</b>		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b>

l)	<p>Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation, for example sites of geological or landscape importance</li> <li>habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features; and</li> <li>water bodies in a river basin management plan;</li> </ul> <p>together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features, habitats or bodies likely to be caused by the</p>	<p><b>Plans of statutory and non-statutory sites or features (Doc 2.7)</b></p> <p><b>Statutory or non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ES Vol III, Figure 8.1 Statutory designated sites within the desk study area (Doc 6.3)</b></li> <li><b>ES Vol III, Figure 2.8 Internationally designated sites within the desk study area (Doc 6.3)</b></li> <li><b>ES Vol III, Figure 8.3, Non-statutory designated sites within the desk study area (Doc 6.3)</b></li> </ul>	m)	<p>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, features or structures likely to be caused by the proposed development</p>	<p><b>Plans showing statutory or non-statutory historic or scheduled monument sites (Doc 2.8)</b></p> <p><b>ES Vol III, Figure 7.1 Archaeology and cultural heritage study areas (Doc 6.3)</b></p> <p><b>ES Vol III, Figure 7.3 Non-designated heritage assets within the study area (Doc 6.3)</b></p> <p><b>ES Vol III, Figure 7.3 Designated heritage assets within the extended study area (Doc 6.3)</b></p> <p><b>ES Vol II, Appendix 7.1 Historic environment baseline study (Doc 6.2)</b></p> <p>The assessment of effects on such sites is provided in:</p> <p><b>ES Vol I, Chapter 7, Archaeology and cultural heritage (Doc 6.1)</b></p>
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<p>proposed development</p>	<p>The assessment of effects on such sites is provided in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Habitats Regulations Assessment – Stage 2</b> <b>Appropriate Assessment and Marine Conservation Zone – Stage 1 Assessment (Doc ref 5.2)</b></li> <li>• <b>ES Vol I, Chapter 8, Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity (Doc 6.1)</b></li> <li>• <b>ES Vol I, Chapter 9, Marine biodiversity (Doc 6.1)</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Habitats of protected species, important habitats or other</b></p>			
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		<p><b>biodiversity features:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ES Vol III, Figure 8.4 Habitats of principal importance for conserving biodiversity within the desk study area (Doc 6.3)</b></li> <li>• <b>ES Vol III, Figure 8.5 Ancient Woodland and ancient, veteran and notable trees within the design study area (Doc 6.3)</b></li> <li>• <b>ES Vol II, ES Appendix 8.2 Habitats (Doc 6.2)</b></li> </ul> <p>The assessment of effects on such sites is provided in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ES Vol I, Chapter 8,</b></li> </ul>			
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		<p><b>Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity (Doc 6.1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ES Vol I, Chapter 9, Marine biodiversity (Doc 6.1)</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Water bodies in a river basin management plan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ES Vol III, Figure 8.51, Watercourse crossings (Doc 6.3)</b></li> <li>• <b>ES Vol III, Figure 19.1 Groundwater features (Doc 6.3)</b></li> <li>• <b>ES Vol III, Figure 19.2 Surface water features (Doc ref 6.3)</b></li> </ul> <p>The assessment of effects on such sites is provided in:</p>			
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ES Vol I, Chapter 19, Water Environment (Doc 6.1)</b></li> <li>• <b>ES Vol II, Appendix 19.2 Water Environment Regulations compliance assessment (Doc 6.2)</b></li> </ul>			
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b> (with minor discrepancies as noted in box 30)		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b>
n)	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land	<b>Crown Land Plans (Docs 2.5)</b>	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	<b>Tree Preservation Orders Plans (Doc 2.9)</b>

			pedestrian access, any car parking and landscaping	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b>	Are they of a satisfactory standard?	<b>Yes</b>

p)	Any of the documents prescribed by regulation 6 of the APFP regulations	<b>n/a</b>	q)	Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	<b>Application Cover Letter (Doc 1.2)</b> <b>Guide to the Application (Doc 1.3)</b> <b>Section 55 Acceptance of Application List (Doc 1.4)</b> <b>Electronic Application Index (Doc 1.5)</b> <b>Pre-application Programme Application Glossary (Doc 1.7)</b> <b>Pre-application Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker (Doc 4.4)</b> <b>Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)</b> <b>Consultation Report Annex 1 and Appendix A to I (Doc 5.1)</b> <b>Other Consents and Licences Position Statement (Doc 5.4)</b> <b>Planning Policy Statement (Doc 5.5)</b> <b>Case for the Project (Doc 5.6)</b>
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				<p><b>Potential Main Issues for Examination (Doc 5.7)</b></p> <p><b>Draft Statement of Common Ground - Eastleigh Borough Council (Doc 5.8)</b></p> <p><b>Draft Statement of Common Ground - East Hampshire District Council (Doc 5.8)</b></p> <p><b>Draft Statement of Common Ground - Fareham Borough Council (Doc 5.8)</b></p> <p><b>Draft Statement of Common Ground - Hampshire County Council (Doc 5.8)</b></p> <p><b>Draft Statement of Common Ground - Havant Borough Council (Doc 5.8)</b></p> <p><b>Draft Statement of Common Ground - Portsmouth City Council (Doc 5.8)</b></p> <p><b>Draft Statement of Common Ground - South Downs National Park Authority (Doc 5.8)</b></p> <p><b>Draft Statement of Common Ground - Winchester City Council (Doc 5.8)</b></p>
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				<p><b>Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (Doc 7.2)</b></p> <p><b>Traffic Management Strategy (Doc 7.3)</b></p> <p><b>Outline Foundation Works Risk Assessment (Doc 7.4)</b></p> <p><b>Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Doc 7.5)</b></p> <p><b>Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Doc 7.6)</b></p> <p><b>Operational Management Plan (Doc 7.7)</b></p> <p><b>Outline Carbon Management Plan (Doc 7.8)</b></p> <p><b>Outline Skills and Employment Plan (Doc 7.9)</b></p> <p><b>Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) Biosecurity Plan (Doc 7.10)</b></p> <p><b>Biodiversity Gain Plan (Doc 7.11)</b></p> <p><b>Environmental Net Gain Statement (Doc 7.12)</b></p> <p><b>Equality Impact Assessment (Doc 7.13)</b></p> <p><b>Protected Species Licensing (Doc 7.14)</b></p>
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	Are they of a satisfactory standard?	n/a		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in box 30)
30	<p>Are there any observations in respect of the documents provided at box 29 (a) to (q) above?</p> <p><b>General Observations</b></p> <p>Giving document series (such as SoCGs) the same reference number, rather than alphanumeric sub-numbering e.g. Doc 5.1, 5.1A, 5.1B, can cause confusion as multiple documents share the same reference. It is suggested the applicant review their approach to numbering document series to allow for easier tracking and review of the documentation.</p> <p>There is inconsistent terminology throughout the application. For example, the Statement of Reasons (Doc 4.1) refers to both ‘Secretary of State’ and ‘SoS’ throughout, without obvious rationale. The applicant is advised to apply a consistent approach in all submitted documents.</p> <p><b>Land Plans and Work Plans</b></p> <p>Examples of inconsistencies and insufficient labelling across plans -</p> <p>Swanmore Road is used as a location indicator within the BoR but is not labelled on the Land Plan (sheet 1C-01-010).</p> <p>The plot location needs to be more clearly identified as BoR suggests plot is ‘west of Hook’s Lane’, however, it appears to be on Hook’s Lane within the plan (sheet 2 – 03-009).</p> <p>BoR refers to a location named ‘Sparrowgrove House’ for numerous plots, however, this is not visible on the plan. (Land Plans 2.2- 2 of 3 documents Sheet 26).</p> <p>On the Key Plan of Works Plans sheet, Works Plans – 1 of 3 documents (Doc 2.3) abbreviations of both the water recycling plant (WRP) and invasive non-native species (INNS) are present in the legend but do not appear on the plan.</p>				

On sheets 3 – 11 of Works Plans – 2 of 3 documents and sheets 13 – 26 Works Plans – 3 of 3 documents) (Docs 2.3) Work No.6 Construction Compounds is listed in the legend, appears on the plan but are not labelled.

On sheets 4, 6 to 8, 12 to 14 and 16 – 26 of Works Plans – 1 of 3 documents (Doc 2.3) and Works Plans – 2 of 3 documents (Doc 2.3) Work No.7, being the implementation of environmental mitigation and additional environmental enhancements, is listed in the legend, appears on the plan but are not labelled.

On sheets 3 to 8, 10, 13 to 15, 20, 24, 26 and 27 of Works Plans (Docs 2.3) Work No.8, the implementation of highway and access works, as shown in the Access and Rights of Way Plans (Docs 2.4), are listed in the legend, appear on the plan but are not labelled.

Sheet 2 of ES Vol III - ES Figure 1.1 Location of the Proposed Development and Order Limits (Doc 6.3) labels Construction compound C-1 and WRP Construction compound. Sheet 4 of Works Plans – 2 of 3 documents (Doc 2.3) shows Work no.6 Construction Compounds covering areas that correspond with ES Figure 1.1 except for Construction Compound C-1 and WRP Construction compound; which on the Works Plan appear only as Work no.5 Above Ground Plant and Work no.1 Water Recycling Plant. Construction compound K-6 also does not appear on its corresponding sheet in the Works Plans; that area is solely marked as Work no.5D Break Pressure Tank K.

#### **Works Plans – 2 of 3 documents (Doc 2.3)**

Sheet 17 of 19, the presentation of Inset C does not match

Sheet 13 has orange, top left to bottom right diagonal hatching that do not match the hatchings used in the Legend.

#### **Works Plans – 3 of 3 documents (Doc 2.3)**

Sheet 24 Land Plans and Works Plans. INSET 24A shown on Land Plans but not Works Plans

Sheet 25 Land Plans and Works Plans. INSET 25A shown on Land Plans but not Works Plans

Sheet 26 Land Plans and Works Plans. INSET 26A and B shown on Land Plans but not Works Plans

Sheet 27 Land Plans and Works Plans. INSET 27A shown on Land Plans but not Works Plans

Sheet 28 Land Plans and Works Plans. INSET 28A shown on Land Plans but not Works Plans

Supplementary Sheet A – as seen in Land Plans – 3 of 3 (Doc 2.2) – missing from plan

Sheet 26 Works No.4 (plots 26-009 and 26-0.10) Draft DCO Schedule 7 states within the table alongside the Land Plans these plots are considered “temporary use of land”, however the intention is to install a pipeline. Is this correct?

**Plans of statutory and non-statutory sites or features (Doc 2.7)**

The Singleton and Cocking Tunnels Special Area of Conservation (SAC) is not identified on this plan.

**Habitats Regulations Assessment – Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment and Marine Conservation Zone – Stage 1 Assessment (Doc 5.2)**

The Singleton and Cocking Tunnels Special Area of Conservation (SAC) is screened into the Stage 2 assessment but it is not identified on the plans in Appendix B: Habitat Sites and Marine Conservation Zones.

The footer uses an incorrect application document reference (Doc ref 6.2 instead of Doc ref 5.2).

Headings for section 1.3 Legislation Summary and 5.3 Assessment of Adverse Effect on integrity for sites and features subject to LSE are missing from the contents table.

The numbered bullets at paragraph 7.1.4 start at 4, numbers 1 to 3 are not used.

**Planning Policy Statement (Doc 5.5)**

Case for the Project document (Doc 5.6) (CtfP) incorrectly referred to as Doc 5.7 in paragraphs 1.3.3 and 1.5.15

Paragraph 1.5.17 incorrectly states 'need' case is given in chapter 3 of the CtfP whereas it is actually given in chapter 2.

Paragraphs 1.5.19 and 5.1.2 refer to Schedule 15 of dDCO when that schedule does not exist.

Paragraph 5.4.16 incorrectly states "As set out in PPS paragraph 5.3.17" rather than 5.3.16

In appendix C, against 2.6.3.2, column 'Assessment and relevant application documents' is blank

**ES Vol III Figure 1.1 Location of the Proposed Development and Order Limits (Doc 6.3)**

Work No. 7 environmental mitigation and enhancement areas and Work No. 8 highways' works are not shown or annotated on ES Figure 1.1.

**ES Vol III Figure 8.1 Statutory designated sites within the desk study area (Doc 6.3)**

The Singleton and Cocking Tunnels SAC and Titchfield Haven Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) are assessed in ES Vol I Chapter 8 (Doc ref 6.1) but not identified on ES Figure 8.1. The Solent and Isle of Wight Lagoons SAC is not labelled on ES Figure 8.1.

**ES Vol III Figure 8.2 Internationally designated sites within the desk study area (Doc 6.3)**

The Singleton and Cocking Tunnels SAC is assessed in ES Chapter 8 (Doc ref 6.1) but not identified on ES Figure 8.2.

**ES Vol III Figure 8.3 Non-statutory designated sites within the desk study area (Doc 6.3)**

	<p>The location and extent of sites of importance for nature conservation (SINC) are shown on ES Figure 8.3 but there is no labelling system so it is not possible to cross-reference to the named SINCS assessed in ES Chapter 8.</p> <p>Section 51 advice has been issued to the applicant and is available to view on the Find a National Infrastructure Project website: <a href="https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/WA010002">https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/WA010002</a></p>	
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, &amp;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><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>A Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) – Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment</b> report (the ‘HRA Report’) has been provided (<b>Doc ref 5.2</b>).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
32	<p>In accordance with regulation 5(2)(r) of the APFP regulations, if requested by The Planning Inspectorate, have two paper copies of the application form and other supporting documents and plans been provided?</p>	<p><b>No hard copies requested.</b></p>
33	<p>Has the applicant had regard to statutory guidance ‘Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance’?</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p> <p>The <b>Application Cover Letter (Doc 1.2)</b> explains how the applicant has had regard to statutory guidance on the application form.</p>

		The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the applicant has demonstrated regard to the guidance principles.
<b>34</b>	<b>Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)</b>	<p>The Planning Inspectorate concludes that the application (including accompaniments) has been prepared to a standard that it considers satisfactory.</p> <p>In respect of the discrepancies identified in box 30 of this checklist, to help facilitate an efficient and effective examination of the application s51 advice has been provided to the applicant in conjunction with the decision to accept the application. That advice is published on the Find a National Infrastructure Project website, here: <a href="https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/WA010002">https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/WA010002</a></p>
<b>The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010</b>		
<b>Pre-application fee</b>		
<b>35</b>	<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 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</p>	The fees for providing the applicant with standard pre-application services were received on 22 May 2026 before the application was made.

	services or take any further steps in relation to the proposed application.	
<b>Fees to accompany an application</b>		
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>	The fee was received on 5 May 2026; before the application was made.

<b>Role</b>	<b>Electronic signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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