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Section 55

Acceptance of Applications Checklist

Appendix 3 of Advice Note Six: Preparation and submission of application documents

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Norfolk Boreas Section 55 Acceptance of Applications Checklist

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<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/29/section/55>

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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	
		11 June 2019	9 July 2019	4 July 2019	
Section 55(3) – the Planning Inspectorate may only accept an application if it concludes that:			Planning Inspectorate comments		
Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c): It is an application for an order granting development consent					
2	Is the development a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ¹ (NSIP) (or does it form part of an NSIP); and does the application state on the face of it that it is an application for a Development Consent Order ² (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008), or equivalent words? Does the application specify the development to which it relates (ie which category or categories in ss14 to 30 does the Proposed Development fall)? If the development does not fall within the categories in	Yes	<p>The Proposed Development set out in Schedule 1 of the Draft Development Consent Order (DCO) including Deemed Marine Licences (Doc 3.1) is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) which is a development falling within the categories in ss14 and 15 of the PA2008.</p> <p>This is consistent with the summary provided in section 4 of the Application Form (Doc 1.2) which states that the application is for an NSIP as defined by s15(3) of the PA2008.</p>		

¹ NSIP is defined generally in s14 with the detailed thresholds for each of the specified categories being set out in ss15 to 30

² Development consent is required for development to the extent that the development is or forms part of an NSIP (s31 of the PA2008)

	ss14 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?	
3	Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)	The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the Draft DCO (Doc 3.1) includes development for which development consent is required.
Section 55(3)(e): The Applicant in relation to the application made has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure)		
4	In accordance with the EIA Regulations ³ , did the Applicant (prior to carrying out consultation in accordance with s42) either (a) request the Planning Inspectorate adopt a Screening Opinion in respect of the development to which the application relates, or (b) notify the Planning Inspectorate in writing that it proposed to provide an Environmental Statement in respect of that development?	<p>Yes</p> <p>On 4 October 2018 the Applicant notified the Planning Inspectorate in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 of its intention to provide an Environmental Statement (ES) in respect of the Proposed Development. The notification was received before the start of statutory consultation notification (26 October 2018).</p> <p>A copy of the notification letter is provided at Appendix 21.13 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).</p>
5	Have any Adequacy of Consultation Representations ⁴ 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>There are 15 host and neighbouring authorities, of which 8 responded to the Planning Inspectorate's invitation to make an Adequacy of Consultation Representation (AoCR) by the deadline of 25 June 2019.</p> <p>All 8 responding authorities confirmed in their AoCR that either the Applicant had complied with its duties under s42, s47 and s48 of the PA2008 and/ or that their authority had no comments/ objections to make. These local authorities were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Norfolk Council ('A' authority)

³ Regulation 8 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (2017 EIA Regulations), or where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies, Regulation 6 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (2009 EIA Regulations)

⁴ Section 55(4) of the PA2008 provides that the Planning Inspectorate must have regard to the Consultation Report, and any Adequacy of Consultation Representations received

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norwich City Council ('A' authority) • Borough of King's Lynn & West Norfolk Council ('A' authority) • Great Yarmouth Borough Council ('A' authority) • Broadland District Council ('B' authority) • North Norfolk District Council ('B' authority)* • Norfolk County Council ('C' authority') • Suffolk County Council ('D' authority') <p><i>*North Norfolk District Council's AoCR stated that..."at the time of submission of this DCO it will be recognised by all parties involved in the sister Norfolk Vanguard project that the Norfolk Boreas submissions are unlikely to reflect the latest positions agreed at Deadline 9 in relation to Norfolk Vanguard. The District Council believes that some early amendments will be required to bring these two related projects in to conformity".</i></p> <p>All AoCRs received have been carefully considered and are available to view on the National Infrastructure Planning website: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/norfolk-boreas/</p>
<p>Section 42: Duty to consult</p>		
<p>Did the Applicant consult the applicable persons set out in s42 of the PA2008 about the proposed application?</p>		
6	<p>Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed⁵?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Applicant has provided a list of persons consulted under s42(1)(a) on 26 October 2018 at Appendix 21.01 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).</p> <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42(1)(a) consultees is provided at Appendix 21.13 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).</p>

⁵ Statutory consultees set out in Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (APFP Regulations)

		<p>The Planning Inspectorate has identified the following parties based on a precautionary interpretation of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the APFP Regulations) that were not consulted by the Applicant under s42:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homes England • Harlaxton Gas Networks Limited • Historic England - East of England <p>The Applicant's Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) does not explain why the bodies identified above have not been consulted. However, it is noted that the licences held by these bodies cover Great Britain or various smaller areas and the operational areas of each are not clear from information in the public domain.</p> <p>None of the bodies listed above have been identified by the Applicant as having an interest in the Order lands and are not listed in the Book of Reference (Doc 4.3).</p> <p>Section 51 advice has been issued to the Applicant in respect of the above matter: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN010087-000894</p>
7	Section 42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation ⁶ ?	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Applicant has consulted with the Marine Management Organisation (see Appendix 21.01 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)).</p>
8	Section 42(1)(b) each local authority within s43 ⁷ ?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Table 21.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) lists the relevant local authorities that were identified and consulted under s43 and s42(1)(b) on 26 October 2018.</p> <p>The host 'B' authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadland District Council • Breckland Council

⁶ 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

⁷ Definition of 'local authority' in s43(3) of the PA2008: The 'B' authority where the application land is in the authority's area; the 'A' authority where any part of the boundary of A's area is also a part of the boundary of B's area; the 'C' authority (upper tier) where the application land is in that authority's area; the 'D' authority (upper tier) where such an authority shares a boundary with a 'C' authority

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Norfolk District Council <p>The host 'C' authority was consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norfolk County Council <p>The boundary 'A' authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Norfolk Council • Norwich City Council • Borough of King's Lynn & West Norfolk Council • Great Yarmouth Borough Council • The Broads Authority • Mid Suffolk District Council • Forest Heath District Council* • St Edmundsbury District Council* <p>*On 1 April 2019 Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council were replaced by a single district council called West Suffolk Council. The Applicant wrote a letter to West Suffolk Council on 13 May 2019 to make them aware of the Project and explain their predecessor bodies were consulted on 26 October 2018 (see Appendix 21.18).</p> <p>The boundary 'D' authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suffolk County Council • Lincolnshire County Council • Cambridgeshire County Council <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42(1)(b) relevant authorities is provided at Appendix 21.13 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).</p>
9	Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?	N/A

10	Section 42(1)(d) each person in one or more of s44 categories ⁸ ?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Paragraph 572 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) states that all persons identified under s42(1)(d) were consulted on 26 October 2018.</p> <p>Paragraphs 564 to 581 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) summarise how the Applicant made diligent inquiry to seek to identify and consult persons with an interest in lands affected by the Draft DCO (3.1). The full methodology undertaken by the Applicant is provided in Paragraphs 564 to 581 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).</p> <p>The Applicant's Book of Reference (Doc 4.3) lists the persons consulted under s42(1)(d). The persons consulted under s42(1)(d) are listed at Appendix 21.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).</p> <p>A sample of the letter is provided at Appendix 21.5 of the Consultation Report (Doc 21.5).</p>
Section 45: Timetable for s42 consultation		
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>Yes</p> <p>Paragraph 572 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) states that all persons identified under s42(1)(d) were consulted on 26 October 2018. A sample of the letter is provided at Appendix 21.5 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1), which states the consultation period was held between the 7 November 2018 to the 9 December 2018.</p> <p>Paragraphs 232 to 236 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) summarise how the Applicant made diligent inquiry to seek to identify and consult persons with an interest in lands affected by the Draft DCO (Doc 3.1). The full methodology undertaken by the Applicant is provided in Paragraphs 564 to 575 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) two land owners were identified and consulted at a later stage.</p> <p>Paragraph 575 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) advises that two additional section 42 landowners were identified after the start of statutory consultation. The letters were issued on 9 April 2019 and respondents were afforded at least 28 days to respond from the date after they received the letter. An example letter can be found in Appendix</p>

⁸ Category 1: owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of land; Category 2: person interested in the land or has power to sell and convey the land or to release the land; Category 3: persons who would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim. There is no requirement on the Planning Inspectorate to check the accuracy of the list(s) provided or whether the Applicant has made diligent inquiry

		<p>21.9 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).</p> <p>The Applicant's Book of Reference (Doc 4.3) lists the persons consulted under s42(1)(d).</p>
<p>Section 46: Duty to notify the Planning Inspectorate of proposed application</p>		
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>Yes</p> <p>The Applicant gave notice under s46 on 26 October 2018 which was before the beginning of s42 consultation.</p> <p>A copy of the s46 notification letter is provided at Appendix 21.11 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) and a copy of s46 notification acknowledgement letter from the Planning Inspectorate is provided at Appendix 21.12 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).</p>
<p>Section 47: Duty to consult local community</p>		
13	<p>Did the Applicant prepare a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) on how it intended to consult people living in the vicinity of the land?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A copy of the final SoCC is provided at Appendix 22.2 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).</p>
14	<p>Were 'B' and (where relevant) 'C' authorities consulted about the content of the SoCC; and if so was the deadline for receipt of responses 28 days beginning with the day after the day that 'B' and (where applicable) 'C' authorities received the consultation documents?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Applicant sent the draft SoCC to North Norfolk District Council, Broadland District Council and Breckland Council ('B Authorities') and Norfolk County Council ('C' authority) and others (Table 22.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)) on 24 August 2018 and set a deadline of '28 days from receipt of this letter'. Draft SoCC documents, including the covering letter are provided at Appendix 22.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).</p> <p>In Table 22.1 (and paragraph 623) of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) it states that the deadline for responses is 21 September 2018, but this doesn't appear in the letter Appendix 22.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).</p>
15	<p>Has the Applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Table 22.2 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) provides a summary of the</p>

		<p>consultation responses from North Norfolk District Council, Norfolk County Council, Breckland Council, The Broads Authority, Great Yarmouth Council, Broadland District Council and Marine Management Organisation in respect of the draft SoCC and demonstrates how the Applicant had regard to their content.</p> <p>Examples of changes from the draft SoCC to the final SoCC include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplified explanation of the relationship between the Boreas and Vanguard projects (NNDC) • Includes an infographic to illustrate the evolution of the design process • Typing errors (GYC) <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 in a way that is reasonably convenient for people living in the vicinity of the land; 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>Yes.</p> <p>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"> • Aylsham Library • Dereham Library • Norwich Millennium Library • Norwich City Council • North Walsham Library • North Norfolk District Council • Broadland District Council • Breckland Council • Great Yarmouth Borough Council • Swaffham Library <p>A notice stating when and where the final SoCC could be inspected was published in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Daily Press - 17 October 2018

		<p>The published SoCC notice, provided at Appendix 23.2 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) states where and when the final SoCC was available to inspect.</p> <p>Clippings of the published advertisements are provided at Appendix 22.3 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).</p>
17	Does the SoCC set out whether the development is EIA development ⁹ ; and does it set out how the Applicant intends to publicise and consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Paragraph 7 (page 15) of the final SoCC at Appendix 22.2 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) 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>Yes</p> <p>Paragraphs 641 - 676 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) set out how the community consultation was carried out in line with the final SoCC.</p> <p>Table 31.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) sets out how the Applicant has complied with the commitments set out in the final SoCC.</p> <p>Paragraph 685 - 687 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) provide evidence that the commitments within the final SoCC have been carried out.</p>
Section 48: Duty to publicise the proposed application		
19	Did the Applicant publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner set out in Regulation 4(2) of the APFP Regulations?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Table 2.3 Paragraph 12 of the Copies of Newspapers (Doc 1.3) provides a listing of the publication dates.</p> <p>Section 3.1 of the Copies of Newspaper Notices (Doc 1.3) displays the newspapers and dates of s48 publicity as required.</p> <p>A copy of the s48 notice is provided at Table 2.3 Paragraph 12 of the Copies of Newspaper Notices (Doc 1.3).</p> <p>Clippings of the published notices set out below are provided at Section 3.1 of the</p>

⁹ Regulation 12 of the 2017 EIA Regulations, or where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies, Regulation 10 of the 2009 EIA Regulations

		Copies of Newspaper Notices (Doc 1.3).		
		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;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eastern Daily press (Local newspaper first publication) Eastern Daily Press (Local newspaper second publication) 	30 October 2018 6 November 2018	
b)	once in a national newspaper;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Times 	1 November 2018	
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> London Gazette 	1 November 2018	
d)	where the proposed application relates to offshore development – (i) once in Lloyds List; and (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal? Note: where an application will contain a draft Deemed Marine Licence, the Planning Inspectorate will consider that the proposed application relates to offshore development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lloyds List Fishing News 	1 November 2018 1 November 2018	
20	Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in Regulation 4(3) of APFP Regulations?	Yes The published s48 notice, supplied at Appendix 23.1 of the Consultation Report Appendix (Doc 23.1) , contains the required information as set out below.		
Information		Paragraph	Information	Paragraph
a)	the name and address of the Applicant.	1 (Left Side)	b) a statement that the Applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Secretary of State	1 (Left Side)

c)	a statement as to whether the application is EIA development	1 (Left Side)	d)	a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the Proposed Development	2 and 3 (Left Side)		
	e)	a statement that the documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Proposed Development are available for inspection free of charge at the places (including at least one address in the vicinity of the Proposed Development) and times set out in the notice		2 Tables (Right Side)	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection	8 (Right Side, Column 1)
	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		12 (Right side (Column 2))			
21	Are there any observations in respect of the s48 notice provided above?						
	None						
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 the EIA Regulations ¹⁰ ?	<p>Yes</p> <p>A copy of the s48 notice was sent to the EIA consultation bodies as part of the s42 consultation, as confirmed in Paragraph 702 (d) of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).</p> <p>A sample of the s42 consultation letter provided at Appendix 21.13 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) confirms a copy of the s48 notice was enclosed.</p>					
s49: Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity							

¹⁰ Regulation 13 of the 2017 EIA Regulations, or where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies, Regulation 11 of the 2009 EIA Regulations

23	Has the Applicant had regard to any relevant responses to the s42, s47 and s48 consultation?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Section 24 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) sets out how the Applicant had regard to the consultation responses received; including whether or not responses led to changes to the application (also Table 22.2 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)).</p> <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.</p>
Guidance about pre-application procedure		
24	To what extent has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process' ¹¹ ?	<p>Chapter 31 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) explains how the Applicant has had regard to DCLG guidance on the pre-application process.</p> <p>Having reviewed the application, the Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that it appears the Applicant has identified and had regard to the relevant statutory guidance.</p>
25	Summary: Section 55(3)(e)	<p>The Applicant has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure) of the PA2008.</p> <p>In respect of the minor consultation discrepancies identified, s51 advice has been provided to the Applicant how to remedy these, available here:</p> <p>https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN010087-000894</p>
s55(3)(f) and s55(5A): The application (including accompaniments) achieves a satisfactory standard having regard to the extent to which it complies with section 37(3) (form and contents of application) and with any standards set under section 37(5) and follows any applicable guidance under section 37(4)		
26	<p>Is it made in the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2 of the APFP Regulations, and does it include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a brief statement which explains why it falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate; and 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Section 4 of the Application Form (Doc 1.2) explains why the development falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>Section 5 of the Application Form (Doc 1.2) provides a brief non-technical description of the site and Section 6 provides the location of the Proposed</p>

¹¹ The Planning Inspectorate must have regard to the extent to which the Applicant has had regard to guidance issued under s50

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a brief statement that clearly identifies the location of the application site, or the route if it is a linear scheme? 	Development. A Location Plan (Doc 2.1) has been provided.			
27	Is it accompanied by a Consultation Report?	Yes The application is accompanied by a Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) .			
28	Where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets, has a key plan been provided showing the relationship between the different sheets? ¹²	Yes			
29	Is it accompanied by the documents and information set out in APFP Regulation 5(2)?	Yes			
Information		Document	Information		Document
a)	Where applicable, the Environmental Statement required under the EIA Regulations ¹³ and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	Environmental Statement Volume 1: Chapters 1 to 24 (Docs 6.1.1 to 6.1.34) Environmental Statement Volume 2: Figures (Docs 6.2.8.1 to 6.2.30.4) Environmental Statement Volume 3: Appendices (Docs 6.3.8.1 to 6.3.33.1) Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary (Doc 6.4) Scoping Opinion (Doc 6.5) Schedule of Mitigation (Doc 6.6) EIA and DCO Reconciliation	b)	The draft Development Consent Order (DCO)	Draft Development Consent Order (Doc 3.1)

¹² Regulation 5(4) of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

¹³ The 2017 EIA Regulations, or where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies, the 2009 EIA Regulations

		Document (Doc 6.7)		
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard? Yes
c)	An Explanatory Memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of provisions in the draft DCO	Explanatory Memorandum (Doc 3.2)	d)	Where applicable, a Book of Reference (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition) Book of Reference (Doc 4.3)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard? Yes
e)	A copy of any Flood Risk Assessment	Environmental Statement Appendix 20.1 Flood Risk Assessment (Doc 6.3.20.1)	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 Statement of Engagement with Section 79(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Doc 5.2)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard? Yes
h)	A Statement of Reasons and a Funding Statement (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition)	Statement of Reasons (Doc 4.1) Funding Statement (Doc 4.3)	i)	A Land Plan identifying:- (i) the land required for, or affected by, the Proposed Development; (ii) where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of Compulsory Land Plan (Offshore) (Part 1 of 2) (Doc 2.2) Land Plan (Onshore) (Part 2 of 2) (Doc 2.2) Special Category land (Doc 2.3)

			Acquisition or any rights to use land;	
			(iii) any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights; and	
			(iv) any special category land and replacement land	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
j)	A Works Plan showing, in relation to existing features:- (i) the proposed location or (for a linear scheme) the proposed route and alignment of the development and works; and (ii) the limits within which the development and works may be carried out and any limits of deviation provided for in the draft DCO	Works Plan (Doc 2.4)	k) Where applicable, a plan identifying any new or altered means of access, stopping up of streets or roads or any diversions, extinguishments or creation of rights of way or public rights of navigation	Access to Work Plan (Doc 2.5) Temporary Stopping up of Public Rights of Way (Doc 2.6) Streets to be Temporarily Stopped up Plan (Doc 2.7) Private Means of Access to be Permanently Stopped up Plan (Doc 2.12)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes

l)	<p>Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) any statutory/ non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation eg sites of geological/ landscape importance; (ii) habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features; and (iii) water bodies in a river basin management plan, <p>together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features, habitats or bodies likely to be caused by the Proposed Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Statutory or non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation plan (Doc 2.8) - an assessment of effects on these sites and features is provided in the 'Information to Support Habitats Regulations Assessment Report (HRA)(Doc 5.3) and ES Volume 1, Chapters 10, 11, 12, 13 and 22 (Docs 6.1.10, 6.1.11, 6.1.12, 6.1.13 and 6.1.20 respectively) (ii) Habitats of Principal Importance (Doc 6.2.22.4), Extended Phase 1 Habitats survey (Doc 6.2.22.5), Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey Reports (Doc 6.3.22.1) and Important Hedgerows Plan (Doc 2.1) - an assessment of effects on these features is provided in ES Volume 1 , Chapters 10, 11, 12, 13 and 22 (Docs 6.1.10, 6.1.11, 6.1.12, 6.1.13 and 6.1.20 respectively) (iii) Main surface water catchments Figure 20.2 (Doc 6.2.20.2) and Surface water sub-catchments Figure 20.3 (Doc 6.2.20.3) – an assessment of the effects on these water bodies is provided in ES Volume 1, Chapter 20 (Doc 6.1.20) and ES Volume 3, 	m)	<p>Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying any statutory/ non-statutory sites or features of the historic environment, (eg scheduled monuments, World Heritage sites, listed buildings, archaeological sites and registered battlefields) together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features or structures likely to be caused by the Proposed Development</p>	<p>Statutory or non-statutory historic or scheduled monument sites or features of the historic environment plan (Doc 2.9) – an assessment of effects on these features is provided in ES Volume 1, Chapters 17 and 28 (Docs 6.1.17 and 6.1.28 respectively)</p>
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		Appendix 20.2 (Doc 6.3.20.2)		
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard? Yes
n)	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land	Crown Land Plan (Offshore) (Part 1 or 2) (Doc 2.10) Crown Land Plan (Onshore) (Part 2 or 2) (Doc 2.10)	o)	Any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the development consent proposal showing details of design, external appearance, and the preferred layout of buildings/ structures, drainage, surface water management, means of vehicular and pedestrian access, any car parking and landscaping Location Plan (Doc 2.1) Important Hedgerows Plan (Doc 2.11)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Are they of a satisfactory standard? Yes
p)	Any of the documents prescribed by Regulation 6 of the APFP Regulations:	Yes Cable Statement (Doc 7.1) Safety Zone Statement (Doc 7.2)	q)	Any other documents considered necessary to support the application Box 23 of the Application Form (1.3) identifies other documents in support of the application, see comments in Box 30
	Are they of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Are they of a satisfactory standard? Yes
30	Are there any observations in respect of the documents provided above?			
	<i>Land Plans</i>			
	In the book of Reference, plot 2/19 is described as being part of Grub Street. The plot can be found on onshore Land Plan (Doc 2.2) sheet 2 (006_ARDG_Norfolk_B_LP_v1_Rev6) but the street is not named on this plan.			

Plot 3/01 is described in the Book of Reference as being 'to the west of Grub Street'. In this instance this plot is shown on Land Plan sheet 3 but Grub Street appears on Sheet 2.

Special Category Land Plans

It is noted that there is no Key Plan for the Special Category Land Plans (**Doc 2.3**). The Key Plan for the onshore Land Plans (**Doc 2.2**) is considered sufficient.

31	<p>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)?¹⁴</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report is provided in Doc 5.3 and a number of supporting appendices (Docs 5.3.5.1 to 5.3.5.3, 5.3.6.1, 5.3.7.1 to 5.3.7.3, 5.3.8.1, 5.3.9.1 to 5.3.9.3).</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>There are some inconsistencies between the information presented in the HRA Report (Doc 5.3), Onshore Screening Appendix (Doc 5.3.5.2), and the screening matrices for Norfolk Valley Fens SPA/Ramsar site, Broadland SPA/Ramsar site and Breydon Water SPA/Ramsar site (Doc 5.3.5.3). The inconsistencies relate to the assessment of collision mortality, displacement/disturbance and barrier effect on wintering and passage waterbird assemblage features. Section 51 advice regarding the inconsistency has been issued to the Applicant in respect of the above matter: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN010087-000894</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>If requested by the Planning Inspectorate, two paper copies of the application form and other supporting documents and plans¹⁵</p>	<p>The Planning Inspectorate did not request two paper copies of the application form, other supporting documents or plans.</p>

¹⁴ Regulation 5(2)(g) of the APFP Regulations

¹⁵ Regulation 5(2)(r) of the APFP Regulations

33	Has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance', and has this regard led to the application being prepared to a standard that the Planning Inspectorate considers satisfactory?	Yes The application appears to be in general conformity with the Guidance and the Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the Applicant has demonstrated regard to the guidance principles.
34	Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)	The Planning Inspectorate concludes that the application (including accompaniments) has been prepared to a standard that it considers satisfactory. In respect of the discrepancies identified in 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 National Infrastructure Planning website, here: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/norfolk-boreas/
The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended)		
Fees to accompany an application		
35	Was the fee paid at the same time that the application was made ¹⁶ ?	Yes The fee was received on 21 May 2019; before the application was made.

Role	Electronic signature	Date
Case Manager	<i>Kay Sully</i>	4 July 2019
Acceptance Inspector	<i>Annie Coombs</i>	4 July 2019

¹⁶ 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

