



The Planning Inspectorate
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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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Hornsea Project Four Section 55 Acceptance of Applications Checklist

Section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 can be viewed at [legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk), here:

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

DISCLAIMER: This Checklist is for information only and is not a formal application document. It is a non-statutory checklist for the Planning Inspectorate to complete. Completion or self-assessment by the Applicant does not hold weight at the Acceptance stage. Unless specified, **all references to the Planning Inspectorate are made in relation to functions being carried out on behalf of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.**

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
		29 September 2021	27 October 2021	26 October 2021
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	Yes. The Proposed Development set out in Schedule 1 of the Draft Development Consent Order (DCO) (Doc C1.1) includes development		

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

	<p>state on the face of it that it is an application for a Development Consent Order² (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008), or equivalent words? Does the application specify the development to which it relates (i.e. which category or categories in ss14 to 30 does the Proposed Development fall)?</p> <p>If the development does not fall within the categories in 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?</p>	<p>falling within the categories in section 14 of the PA2008. The development is for the construction of generating station and satisfies section 15 of the PA2008; including 15(3)a and 15(3)b.</p> <p>This is consistent with the summary provided in section 4 of the Application Form (Doc 1.4) which states that the application is for an NSIP.</p>
3	<p>Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)</p>	<p>The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the Draft DCO (Doc C1.1) includes development for which development consent is required.</p>
<p>Section 55(3)(e): The Applicant in relation to the application made has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure)</p>		
4	<p>In accordance with the EIA Regulations³, 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</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>On 15 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 on 13 August 2019.</p>

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

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)

	writing that it proposed to provide an Environmental Statement in respect of that development?	A copy of the notification letter is provided at Annex 1.34 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1.34) .
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>Yes.</p> <p>There are 10 host and neighbouring authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Riding of Yorkshire Council ('B' authority) • Hull City Council ('A' authority) • North Yorkshire County Council ('A' authority') • Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council ('A' authority') • City of York Council ('A' authority') • North Lincolnshire Council ('A' authority') • Ryedale District Council ('A' authority') • Selby District Council ('A' authority') • Scarborough Borough Council ('A' authority') • North East Lincolnshire Council ('A' authority') <p>of which 6 responded to the Planning Inspectorate's invitation to make an Adequacy of Consultation Representation (AoCR) dated 4 October 2021.</p> <p>The following 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>

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"> • East Riding of Yorkshire ('B' authority) • North East Lincolnshire Council ('A' authority) • North Lincolnshire Council ('A' authority') • Hull City Council ('A' authority) • City of York Council ('A' authority') • Selby District Council ('A' authority') <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/yorkshire-and-the-humber/hornsea-project-four-offshore-wind-farm-generating-stations/?ipcsection=docs</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	Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed ⁵ ?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicant has provided a list of persons consulted under s42(1)(a) on 12 August 2019 at Annex 1.6 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1.6). The Applicant subsequently consulted relevant bodies from this list on 13 February 2020, 31 July 2020, and 28 June 2021.</p> <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42(1)(a) consultees for each consultation are provided at Annexes 1 and 1.27 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1.7 and B1.1.27).</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate has identified the following parties based on a precautionary interpretation of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications:</p>
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⁵ Statutory consultees set out in Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (APFP Regulations)

Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the APFP Regulations) that were not consulted by the Applicant under s42:

- York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- The Humber Bridge Board
- Flamborough Landing (Trust)
- Hessle Haven
- Last Mile Gas Ltd
- Leep Gas Networks Limited
- Southern Gas Networks Plc
- Last Mile Electricity Ltd
- Forbury Assets Limited
- Indigo Power Limited
- Greater Gabbard OFTO Plc
- TC Lincs OFTO Limited
- TC Dudgeon OFTO plc
- WoDS Transmission plc

The Applicant's **Consultation Report (Doc B1.1)** does not explain why the bodies identified above have not been consulted. However, it is noted that the licences held by some of these bodies cover Great Britain or various smaller areas and the operational areas of each are not clear from information in the public domain.

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 E1.3)**.

Section 51 advice has been issued to the Applicant in respect of the above matter:

		https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN010098-000782
7	Section 42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation ⁶ ?	Yes.
8	Section 42(1)(b) each local authority within s43 ⁷ ?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Paragraph 8.2.1.5 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1) lists the relevant local authorities that were identified and consulted under s43 and s42(1)(b) on 13 August 2019.</p> <p>The host 'B' authority was consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Riding of Yorkshire Council <p>The boundary 'A' authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hull City Council • North East Lincolnshire Council • North Lincolnshire Council • Doncaster Metropolitan Borough District Council • Selby Borough District Council • York City Council • Ryedale District Council • Scarborough Borough 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 Yorkshire County Council <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42(1)(b) relevant authorities is provided at Annex 1.7 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1.7).</p>
9	Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?	Not Applicable.
10	Section 42(1)(d) each person in one or more of s44 categories ⁸ ?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Paragraph 8.7.1.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1) states that all persons identified under s42(1)(d) were consulted on 13 August 2019.</p> <p>Paragraph 11.5.1.3 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1) states that selected persons who were likely to be affected by the revised proposals identified under s42(1)(d) were consulted on 13 February 2020.</p> <p>Paragraphs 8.5.1.1 to 8.5.1.7 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1) 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 C.1.1). The full methodology undertaken by the Applicant is provided in Section 5.3.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1).</p> <p>The persons consulted under s42(1)(d) are listed at Annex 1.6 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1).</p> <p>A sample of the letters are provided at Annex 1.7 and Annex 1.27 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1.7 and Doc B1.1.27).</p>
Section 45: Timetable for s42 consultation		
11	Did the Applicant notify s42 consultees of the	Yes.

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.

	<p>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>	<p>A sample of the letters sent to s42 consultees is provided at Annex 1.7 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1.7).</p> <p>The sample letter dated 12 August 2019 confirmed that consultation would commence on 13 August 2019 and close on 23 September 2019, providing more than the required minimum time for receipt of responses.</p> <p>A sample of the letters sent to relevant s42 consultees for each targeted consultation are provided at Annex 1.27 of the Consultation Report (B1.1.27).</p> <p>The sample letter dated 13 February 2020 confirmed that consultation would commence on 7 February 2020 and close on 18 March 2020 providing more than the required minimum time for receipt of responses.</p> <p>The sample letter dated 31 July 2020 confirmed that consultation would commence on 4 August 2020 and close on 8 September 2020 providing more than the required minimum time for receipt of responses.</p> <p>The sample letter dated 28 June 2021 confirmed that consultation would commence on 30 June 2021 and close on 30 July 2021 providing more than the required minimum time for receipt of responses.</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 12 August 2019 which was before the beginning of s42 consultation.</p> <p>A copy of the s46 notification letter is provided at Annex 1.5 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1).</p>
<p>Section 47: Duty to consult local community</p>		
13	<p>Did the Applicant prepare a Statement of</p>	<p>Yes.</p>

	Community Consultation (SoCC) on how it intended to consult people living in the vicinity of the land?	A copy of the final SoCC is provided at Annex 1.10 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1.10) .
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?	Yes. The Applicant sent the draft SoCC to East Riding of Yorkshire Council ('B Authority') on 25 June 2018 and set a deadline of 26 July 2018 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?	Yes. Table 6.3 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1) provides a summary of the consultation responses from Doncaster Metropolitan Council, Ryedale District Council, Scarborough Borough Council and East Riding of Yorkshire Council in respect of the draft SoCC and demonstrates how the Applicant had regard to their content. Examples of changes from the draft SoCC to the final SoCC include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional details were included on the 'Onshore Consultation Area' map in the SoCC, including the local road network. • The map in section 4 of the SoCC was amended to include the location of Beverley and Bridlington. • Local information events were organised in Foston on the Wolds, Barmaston, Leconfield and Woodmansey. Details of these were included in the SoCC. The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the Applicant had regard to the responses received when preparing the SoCC.
16	Has the SoCC been made available for inspection in a way that is reasonably	Yes. The final SoCC was made available at the following locations, which is

<p>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>reasonably convenient having regard to the location of the Proposed Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverley Customer Service Centre, 7 Cross Street, Beverley HU179AX • Bridlington Customer Service Centre, Bridlington Town Hall, Quay Road, Bridlington, YO16 4LP • Cottingham Centre, Market Green, Cottingham, HU16 5QG • Goole Customer Service Centre, Council Offices, Church Street, Goole, DN14 5BG • Pocklington Pocela Centre, 23 Railway Street, Pocklington, YO42 2QU • Hornsea Customer Service Centre, Council Offices, 75 Newbegin, Hornsea, HU18 1PA • Withernsea Centre, Queen Street, Withernsea, HU19 2HH <p>A notice stating when and where the final SoCC could be inspected was published in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridlington Free Press Thursday 6 September 2018 • Pocklington Post Thursday 6 September 2018 • Goole Times Thursday 6 September 2018 • Yorkshire Post Friday 7 September 2018 <p>The published SoCC notice, provided at Annex 1.11 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.11) states where and when the final SoCC was available to inspect.</p> <p>Clippings of the published advertisements are provided at Annex 1.11 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1).</p> <p>In Table 6.5 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1) the date of publication in newspapers is stated as 2019. The clippings in the published advertisements in Annex 1.11 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1) are dated 2018.</p>
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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>Section 8 of the final SoCC at Annex 1.10 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1.10) 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>Table 6.7 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1) sets out how the Applicant has complied with the commitments set out in the final SoCC.</p> <p>Annexes 1.6, 1.14, 1.16, 1.18, 1.21, 1.22, 1.23, 1.25, 1.26, 1.28 and 1.31 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1.6, B1.1.14, B1.1.16, B1.1.18, B1.1.21, B1.1.22, B1.1.23, B1.1.25, B1.1.26, B1.1.28 and B1.1.31) 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>Paragraph 9.4.1.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1) states:</p> <p><i>"In summary, the Applicant fully complied with section 48 of the 2008 Act:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Applicant publicised the Development in two consecutive notices in the publications listed in Table 9.1, with the first-round coinciding with the commencement of the phase two section 47 consultation and section 42 consultation.</i> • <i>The Applicant held the section 48 consultation between 15 August 2019 and 23 September 2019, notifying consultees of PEIR [Preliminary Environmental Information Report] and where the consultation documents could be reviewed, and providing a period of 40 days to provide comments (therefore beyond the</i>

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

		<p><i>statutory 28 days required).</i>"</p> <p>Table 9.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1) displays the newspapers and dates of s48 publicity as set out below.</p> <p>A copy of the s48 notice is provided at Annex 1.19 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1.19).</p> <p>Clippings of the published notices set out below are provided at Annex 1.20 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1.20):</p>	
		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"> The Yorkshire Post 	1 August 2019 - 14 August 2019
b)	once in a national newspaper;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Guardian 	16 August 2019 - 15 September 2019
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 	13 August 2019
d)	where the proposed application relates to offshore development – (i) once in Lloyds List; and (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lloyds List Fishing News 	13 August 2019 8 August 2019
20	Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in Regulation 4(3) of APFP	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The published s48 notice, supplied at Annex 1.19 of the Consultation</p>	

	Regulations?	Report (Doc B1.1) , contains the required information as set out below:	
	Information	Paragraph	Information
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
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
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 on a website maintained by or on behalf of the applicant	7	f) the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	9	h) details of how to respond to the publicity
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?		
	No.		
22	Has a copy of the s48 notice been sent to the	Yes.	

	EIA consultation bodies and to any person notified to the Applicant in accordance with the EIA Regulations ¹⁰ ?	<p>A copy of the s48 notice was sent to the EIA consultation bodies as part of the s42 consultation, as confirmed in paragraph 9.3.1.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1).</p> <p>A sample of the s42 consultation letter provided at Annex 1.7 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1.7) confirms a copy of the s48 notice was enclosed.</p>
s49: Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity		
23	Has the Applicant had regard to any relevant responses to the s42, s47 and s48 consultation?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Tables 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 11.1, 11.2, 11.3 and 11.4, Annexes 1.3 and 1.4 of the Consultation Report (Docs B1.1, B1.1.3 and B1.1.4) set out how the Applicant had regard to the consultation responses received; including whether responses led to changes to the application.</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>Paragraph 1.1.1.3 of the Consultation Report (Doc B1.1) states that the Applicant has taken into consideration all relevant statutory and other guidance.</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>

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

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

25	Summary: Section 55(3)(e)	The Applicant has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure) of the PA2008.
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 • a brief statement that clearly identifies the location of the application site, or the route if it is a linear scheme? 	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Section 4 of the Application Form (Doc 1.4) explains why the development falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>Section 5 of the Application Form (Doc 1.4) provides a brief non-technical description of the site and Section 6 provides the location of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>A Location Plan (Doc D1.1.1) has been provided.</p>
27	Is it accompanied by a Consultation Report?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The application is accompanied by a Consultation Report (Doc B1.1) and Consultation Report Annexes (Docs B1.1.1 to B1.1.9).</p>
28	Where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets, has a key plan been provided showing the relationship between the different sheets? ¹²	<p>Yes.</p>
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:

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

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 (ES) (Doc A1)	b)	The draft Development Consent Order (DCO)	Draft Development Consent Order (Doc C.1.1)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
c)	An Explanatory Memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of provisions in the draft DCO	Explanatory Memorandum (Doc C1.2)	d)	Where applicable, a Book of Reference (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition)	Book of Reference (Doc E1.3)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
e)	A copy of any Flood Risk Assessment	Onshore Infrastructure Flood Risk Assessment (Doc A6.2.2)	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 Nuisance Statement (Doc F1.4)

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

			(statutory nuisances) and if so how the Applicant proposes to mitigate or limit them	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
h)	A Statement of Reasons and a Funding Statement (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition)	Statement of Reasons (Doc E1.2) Funding Statement (Doc E1.1)	i) A Land Plan identifying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 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 	Land Plan – Onshore (Doc D1.3.1) Special Category Land Onshore (Doc D1.12.2)

			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 Offshore (Doc D1.4.2) Works Plan Onshore (Doc D1.5.1)	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	Streets Plan (Doc D1.6.1) Public Rights of Way (Doc D1.7.1)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in Box 30)
l)	Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:-	(i) Onshore Statutory and Non Statutory Nature Conservation Sites (Doc D1.10.1) Offshore Statutory and	m) Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying any statutory/ non-statutory sites or	Offshore Historic Environment Plan (Doc 1.8.1) Onshore Historic or Scheduled Monument Sites Plan (Doc 1.9.1) The effects of the Proposed

<p>(i) any statutory/ non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation eg sites of geological/ landscape importance;</p> <p>(ii) habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features; and</p> <p>(iii) water bodies in a river basin management plan, together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features, habitats or bodies likely to be caused by the Proposed Development</p>	<p>Non Statutory Nature Conservation Sites (D1.10.2)</p> <p>Tree Preservation Order and Hedgerow Plan (Doc D1.11.1)</p> <p>The assessment of the effects of the Proposed Development on protected species, and further habitat plans, are included within ES Chapters:</p> <p>ES Volume A3 Chapter 3 Ecology and Nature Conservation (Doc A3.3)</p> <p>Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (Parts 1 - 12) (B2.2)</p> <p>(ii) ES Volume A3 Chapter 3 Ecology and Nature Conservation – Figure 3.11 – 3.15 UK habitats of Principal Importance sheets 1-5, Figure 3.17-3.47 Updated Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey Mapping sheets 1-31 (A3.3)</p> <p>The assessment of the effects of the Proposed Development on protected</p>		<p>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>Development are considered within:</p> <p>ES Volume A2 Chapter 9 Marine Archaeology (Doc A2.9)</p> <p>ES Volume A3 Chapter 5 Historic Environment (Doc A3.5)</p>
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species, and further habitat plans, are included within ES Chapters:

**ES Volume A2 Chapter 2
Benthic and Intertidal
Ecology (Doc A2.2)**

**ES Volume A2 Chapter 3
Fish and Shellfish
Ecology (Doc A2.3)**

**ES Volume A2 Chapter 4
Marine Mammals (Doc
A2.4)**

**ES Volume A2 Chapter 5
Offshore and Intertidal
Ornithology (Doc A2.5)**

**ES Volume A3 Chapter 3
Ecology and Nature
Conservation (Doc A3.3)**

**ES Volume 5 Annex 2-5
(Individual Species /
Habitat Reports) (Doc
A5.2.1 – A5.5.6)**

**ES Volume 6 Annex 3
(Individual species /
habitat reports) (Doc
A6.3.1 – A6.3.15)**

(iii) **ES Volume A5 Annex 2.2
Water Framework
Directive Assessment**

		(Doc A5.2.2) ES Volume A6 Annex 2.3 Water Framework Directive Compliance Assessment (Doc A6.2.3)		
	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 Onshore and Offshore (Doc D1.12.1)	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 Offshore and Onshore (Doc D1.1.1) Location Plan Offshore (Doc D1.1.2) Location Plan Onshore (Doc D1.1.2) Onshore Statutory and Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Sites (Doc D1.10.1) Offshore Statutory and Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Sites (Doc D1.10.2) Tree Preservation Order and Hedgerow Plan (Doc D1.11.1) Special Category Land Onshore (Doc D1.12.2) Indicative Extent of Marine Licences (Doc D1.14.1) Order Limits and Grid Coordinates Plan (Doc D1.2.1) Onshore Order Limits (Doc D1.2.2)

	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:	Environmental Statement: Cable Statement (Doc F1.3) Additional Application Information: Safety Zone Statement (Doc F1.2)	q)	Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	Cover Letter (Doc 1.1) DCO Application Document Register (Doc 1.2) Applicant's Section 55 Checklist (Doc 1.3) Planning Statement (Doc F1.1) Consents Management Plan (Doc F1.5) Statement of Need (Doc F1.6) Hierarchy of Management Plans (Doc F2.1) Outline Code of Construction Practice (Doc F2.2) Outline Marine Monitoring Plan (Doc F2.7) Outline southern North Sea Special Area of Conservation Site Integrity Plan (Doc F2.11) Outline Design Plan (Doc F2.13) Outline Enhancement Strategy (Doc F2.17) Outline HVAC Booster Station Lighting Plant (Doc F2.17) Outline Employment and Skills Plan

				(Doc F2.18)
	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 at Box 29 (a) to (q) above?			
	In sheet 27 of the Rights of Way Plan (Doc D1.7.1) , relating to Rowley Bridleway 13, two points are labelled 27A and 27B. However, in Schedule 4 of the Draft DCO (Doc C1.1) , two points in relation to Rowley Bridleway 13 are labelled 28A and 28B.			
31	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>Yes.</p> <p>A Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report is provided at has been provided B2.2 Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment Part 1 to Part 12 (Doc B2.2).</p> <p>The Application is also accompanied by a suite of information regarding the HRA derogations and proposals for compensatory measures</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. These are:</p> <p>Volume B2 Annex 2.2 Habitats Regulations Assessment Compensation Measures Part 1 and Part 2 (Doc B2.2.2).</p> <p>Volume B2 Chapters 4 – 9 (Doc B2.4 – B2.9)</p> <p>Volume B2 Without Prejudice Derogation Case Funding Statement (Doc B2.10)</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</p>		

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

		this during the statutory timetable of the Examination.
32	If requested by the Planning Inspectorate, two paper copies of the application form and other supporting documents and plans ¹⁵	No hard copies requested.
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. Paragraph 3.1 of the Cover Letter (Doc 1.1) states that the Applicant has had regard to statutory guidance on the form of the application. 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.
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 ?	The fee was received on 24 September 2021; before the application was made.

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

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

Role	Electronic signature	Date
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