



Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Projects

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Acceptance of Applications Checklist

Appendix 3 of [Advice Note Six: Preparation and submission of application documents](#)

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

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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
		02 September 2022	30 September 2022	
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 (i.e. which	Development consent is required to the extent that development is or forms part of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) pursuant to sections 14(1)(a) and 15(3) of the Planning Act 2008. As Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project (“SEP”) and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension site will each have an overall capacity greater than 100		

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)

	category or categories in ss14 to 30 does the Proposed Development fall)? 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?	megawatts (MW), they are NSIPs for the purposes of the Planning Act 2008 and will require a Development Consent Order.
3	Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)	The Application as submitted states on the face of it that it is an application for development consent under the Planning Act 2008.
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?	Yes. (b) The Applicant notified the Secretary of State in writing that it proposed to provide an environmental statement in respect of the developments in accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. That notification was provided on 28 April 2021.
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?	

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

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 held a s42 consultation between Thursday 29 April 2021 and Thursday 10 June 2021.</p> <p>A list of persons consulted under section 42(1)(a) is provided in Appendix 6 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). The list was compiled using the consultees listed in column 1 of the table in Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (“APFP Regulations”), and additional non-prescribed consultees scoped in on a precautionary basis.</p>
7	Section 42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation ⁶ ?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicant consulted the Marine Management Organisation (see Appendix 6 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1)).</p>
8	Section 42(1)(b) each local authority within s43 ⁷ ?	<p>The Applicant consulted each local authority that is within s43 as follows:</p> <p>‘B’ Host Authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Norfolk Council

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

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"> • Broadland District Council • North Norfolk District Council <p>'A' Neighbouring Authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norwich City Council • Great Yarmouth Borough Council • King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council • Breckland Council • Mid Suffolk District Council • East Suffolk Council • The Broads National Park Authority <p>'C' Host Authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norfolk County Council <p>'D' Neighbouring authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lincolnshire County Council • Cambridgeshire County Council • Suffolk County Council <p>The Applicant also scoped in the following authorities on a precautionary basis ahead of the phase two s.47 consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Lindsey District Council • South Holland District Council • Boston Borough Council <p>This list is also included in section 5.4 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
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		Further information on engagement with section 43 consultees is available in the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).
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 ?	Yes. The Applicant consulted each person who is within one or more of the categories set out in s44, as set out in section 5.5 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) and listed in Appendix 22: S44 Stakeholder List of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.2.22).
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?	Yes. All s42 consultees were informed of the deadline in the cover letter dated 29 April 2021 notifying them of the commencement of the Section 42 consultation. The deadline given was 10 June 2021. The consultation process therefore ran for a period of 38 days (which is 10 days more than the statutory 28-day minimum as per s45(2)). The Applicant undertook consultation on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) between 29 April and 10 June 2021. All s42 consultees were formally notified in writing of the commencement of statutory consultation on 29 April 2021. The deadline for responding to the s42 consultation was 11.59pm on 10 June 2021 (therefore giving consultees 42 days in total to respond).

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>The consultation ran in parallel to consultation under section 47 and publicity under section 48 of the Planning Act 2008.</p> <p>The Applicant undertook a subsequent round of onshore targeted consultation under s42(1) of the Planning Act 2008, covering changes to the onshore cable corridor and a refined construction compound location (see Appendix 19: Targeted Statutory Consultations under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 (document reference 5.2.19)).</p> <p>The Applicant notified the s42 consultees in writing of the targeted consultation and the deadline for responses on 04 January 2022. The consultations commenced on 06 January 2022 and closed on 16 February 2022 (41 days in total).</p> <p>The Applicant also undertook a round of offshore targeted consultation under s42(1) of the Planning Act 2008 with respect to revised Order limits and Temporary Works Area consisting of the following proposed changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · A 750m buffer either side of the export and interlink cable corridors; and · A 200m extension buffer to the SEP and DEP wind farm sites. <p>The Applicant notified the s42 consultees in writing of the targeted consultation and the deadline for responses on 05 April 2022. The consultation commenced on 06 April 2022 and closed on 18 May 2022.</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>The Applicant notified the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application in writing under s46 of the Planning Act 2008 on 28 April 2021, ahead of the commencement of consultation under s42 of the Planning Act 2008 on the PEIR commencing on 29 April 2021, with a closing date for the consultation being 10 June 2021</p> <p>A copy of the letter sent to PINS is provided in the Consultation Report Appendix: S46 Notification to PINS (document reference 5.2.5).</p> <p>Consultation documents included in this package:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example covering letter to statutory consultees under section 42 of the Planning Act 2008; • Example covering letter to land interests under section 42 of the Planning Act 2008; • Notice publicising the proposed DCO application under section 48 of the Planning Act 2008; • Community Consultation Leaflet; • Feedback Form; • The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR); • A non-technical summary of the PEIR; • Plans showing the location of SEP and DEP; • Draft information for Habitats Regulations Assessment; • Draft information for Marine Conservation Zone Assessment; and • Additional documents including the Statement of Community Consultation and the Phase 1 Consultation Report (included for information purposes). <p>The Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State acknowledged receipt of the notification on 13 May 2021.</p>
Section 47: Duty to consult local community		
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?	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Applicant prepared a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). A copy of the published SoCC can be found in the Consultation Report Appendix 8: Section 47, Duty to Consult Local Community – Statement of Community Consultation (document reference 5.2.8).</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>Before preparing the SoCC, the Applicant consulted each local authority that is within s43(1), being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'B' Host Authorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ South Norfolk Council ○ Broadland District Council ○ North Norfolk District Council ○ Norwich City Council – at the time of consultation on the draft SoCC Norwich City Council was considered a 'B' host authority. Following refinement to the SEP and DEP project boundary, it was later recategorized as an 'A' neighbouring authority. • 'C' Host Authorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Norfolk County Council <p>This list is also contained in section 7.3 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>Consultation on the draft SoCC commenced on 21 May 2020 and ended on 18 June 2020 (allowing a 28-day response period from the day after the day on which the document was received).</p> <p>Local authorities, in addition to the MMO and PINS, were emailed on 21 May 2020 notifying them of the commencement of the draft SoCC consultation.</p> <p>A copy of the consultation letter to each local authority is included in the Consultation Report Appendix 8: Section 47, Duty to Consult Local Community – Statement of Community Consultation (document reference 5.2.8).</p> <p>On 16 June 2020 North Norfolk District Council requested a one week extension to the 28-day consultation period due to resource constraints. This was granted by the Applicant and a response was received on 25 June 2020.</p>
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15	Has the Applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Applicant had regard to all relevant comments received on the draft SoCC. Details of the responses and how the Applicant had regard to them are provided in Section 7.4 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>Changes made to the draft SoCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The core consultation area was extended to 1km either side of the project search area in response to Norfolk County Council. • Paid-for social media advertising campaigns were run during phase one and phase two consultations in response to Norfolk County Council. • Additional groups were added to the Hard-to-Reach Groups upon suggestion from Norfolk County Council, North Norfolk District Council and Norwich City Council. • The following paragraph was added to section 6 of the SoCC in response to North Norfolk District Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The feedback from our community consultation will help us to mature our plans for the Extension Projects. We are asking for comments from an early stage of development so we can develop a deeper understanding of key issues in the community and can take them into account as the project evolves. This will be part of an ongoing dialogue with communities, during which we will welcome all kinds of feedback.</i> <p>A summary of the responses received on the draft SoCC and how these responses were addressed is provided in section 7.4 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1)</p>
16	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	Yes.

	the land which states where and when the SoCC can be inspected?	<p>The Applicant made the final SoCC available for inspection by the public on the consultation website (sepanddep.commonplace.is) from 9 July 2020, and it was available in hard copy on request.</p> <p>A notice publicising the SoCC in accordance with section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008 appeared in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Daily Press on 9 July 2020 • North Norfolk News on 9 July 2020
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>The Applicant stated in the SoCC that this was EIA development and set out how it would publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information.</p> <p>A copy of the SoCC is at the Consultation Report Appendix 8: Section 47, Duty to Consult Local Community – Statement of Community Consultation (document reference 5.2.8).</p>
18	Has the Applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicant undertook consultation under s47 of the Planning Act 2008 in accordance with the SoCC.</p> <p>The Applicant has set out how it has complied with the SoCC in the Consultation Report Appendix 5.2.25 Statement of Compliance with SoCC (document reference 5.2.25).</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>The Applicant publicised the application in the prescribed manner set out in regulation 4 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (APFP Regulations) in accordance with s48 of the Planning Act 2008. The Consultation Report Appendix 11: Section 48 Notices and Advertisements</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

		(document reference 5.2.11) provides dated copies of all s48 notices published in the various newspapers as prescribed and laid out in sections a)-d) in this section. Consultation under s48 of the Planning Act 2008 ran in parallel with statutory consultation on the PEIR between 29 April and 10 June 2021.
		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;	North Norfolk News Eastern Daily Press
		22 April 2021 29 April 2021 22 April 2021 28 April 2021
b)	once in a national newspaper;	The Times
		28 April 2021
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	London Gazette
		28 April 2021
d)	where the proposed application relates to offshore development – (i) once in Lloyds List; and (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal?	Lloyd's List Fishing News
		28 April 2021 29 April 2021
20	Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in Regulation 4(3) of APFP Regulations?	
Information	Paragraph	Information
		Paragraph

a)	the name and address of the Applicant.	1	b)	a statement that the Applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Secretary of State	1
c)	a statement as to whether the application is EIA development	4	d)	a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the Proposed Development	5 and 6
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	7, 8, 9, 10	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	10	h)	details of how to respond to the publicity	11, 12
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	7			
21	Are there any observations in respect of the s48 notice provided above?				
	Due to the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, it was not possible to place paper copies of the consultation documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of SEP and DEP at local venues for inspection.				

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 ?	Yes The Applicant provided a copy of the s48 notice to all s42 consultees alongside a covering letter in accordance with EIA Regulation 9(1)(c) (EIA Regulation 11).
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?	Yes. The Applicant has had regard to the relevant responses received in response to the s42, s47 and s48 consultation and publicity. Sections 11 and 12 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) provide comment on how the Applicant has had regard to the responses. Consultation Report Appendix 3: Applicant Response in Regard to Section 47 Comments (document reference 5.2.3) and Consultation Report Appendix 4: Applicant Response in Regard to S42 Comments (document reference 5.2.4) set out Applicant responses to all comments received to the s42, s47 and s48 consultation in full.
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 ?	The Applicant has had regard to the Department for Communities and Local Government (2015): Guidance on the pre-application process in undertaking its consultation process and in preparation of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). Consultation Report Appendix 2 Compliance Checklist (document reference 5.2.2) provides a compliance checklist which sets out how the Applicant has had regard to the Guidance.
25	Summary: Section 55(3)(e)	

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

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>The Cover Letter (document reference 1.1) and Application Form (document reference 1.2) provide a brief statement explaining why the Project falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate, and Box 6 of the Application Form (document reference 1.2) provides a brief statement that identifies the location and route of the proposed scheme.</p>
27	<p>Is it accompanied by a Consultation Report?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) is provided with supporting Consultation Report Appendices (document references 5.2) as part of the application.</p>
28	<p>Where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets, has a key plan been provided showing the relationship between the different sheets?¹²</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>A key plan has been included for the following plans which comprise three or more separate sheets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Plans (document reference 2.3) • Crown Land Plan (document reference 2.4) • Special Category Land Plan (document reference 2.5) • Works Plans (onshore) (document reference 2.6) • Works Plans (offshore) (document reference 2.7) • Offshore Order Limits and Grid Coordinates Plan (document reference 2.8) • Access to Works Plan (document reference 2.9) • Streets (to be temporarily stopped up) Plan (document reference 2.10)

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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Rights of Way (to be temporarily stopped up) Plan (document reference 2.11) • Tree Preservation Order and Hedgerow Plan (document reference 2.12) • Historic Environment Plan (Onshore) (document reference 2.13) • Statutory/Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Sites (Onshore) (document reference 2.15) • Habitats of Protected Species Plan (document reference 2.17) • Water Bodies in a River Basin Management Plan (document reference 2.18) 												
29	Is it accompanied by the documents and information set out in APFP Regulation 5(2)?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The application is accompanied by the documents and information required by APFP Regulation 5(2) as set out below:</p>												
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¹³ The 2017 EIA Regulations, or where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies, the 2009 EIA Regulations

	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 (document reference 3.2)	d)	Where applicable, a Book of Reference (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition)	Book of Reference (document reference 4.1)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes.		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes.
e)	A copy of any Flood Risk Assessment	Flood Risk Assessment (document reference 5.3)	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	Environmental Protection Statement of Engagement (Statutory Nuisance Statement) (document reference 5.9)
	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)	Funding Statement (document reference 4.2) Statement of Reasons (document reference 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	Land Plans (document reference 2.3) Special Category Land Plan (document reference 2.5)

				<p>powers of Compulsory Acquisition or any rights to use land;</p> <p>(iii) any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights; and</p> <p>(iv) any special category land and replacement land</p>	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes.		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes.
j)	<p>A Works Plan showing, in relation to existing features:-</p> <p>(i) the proposed location or (for a linear scheme) the proposed route and alignment of the development and works; and</p> <p>(ii) the limits within which the development and works may be carried out and any limits of deviation provided for in the draft DCO</p>	<p>Works Plans (Onshore) (document reference 2.6)</p> <p>Works Plans (Offshore) (document reference 2.7)</p> <p>Offshore Order Limits and Grid Coordinates Plan (document reference 2.8)</p>	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>	<p>Access to Works Plan (document reference 2.9)</p> <p>Streets (to be temporarily stopped up) Plan (document reference 2.10)</p> <p>Public Rights of Way (to be temporarily stopped up) Plan (document reference 2.11)</p>

	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes.		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes.
l)	Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:- (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, together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features, habitats or bodies likely to be caused by the Proposed Development	Tree Preservation Order and Hedgerow Plan (document reference 2.12) Statutory/Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Sites (Onshore) (document reference 2.15) Statutory/Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Sites (Offshore) (document reference 2.16) Habitats of Protected Species Plan (document reference 2.17) Water Bodies in a River Basin Management Plan (document reference 2.18)	m)	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	Historic Environment Plan (Onshore) (document reference 2.13) Historic Environment Plan (Offshore) (document reference 2.14)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes.		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes.
n)	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying	Crown Land Plan (document reference 2.4)	o)	Any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the development	Outline Landscape Management Plan (document reference 9.18)

p)	information identifying any Crown land		q)	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	Outline Operational Drainage Plan (onshore substation) (document reference 9.20)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes.		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	Yes.
	Any of the documents prescribed by Regulation 6 of the APFP Regulations:	Reg. 6(1)(b)(i): Cable Statement (document reference 8.1) Reg. 6(1)(b)(ii): Safety Zone Statement (document reference 8.2)		Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	Cover Letter (document reference 1.1) Guide to the Application (document reference 1.3) Copies of Statutory Newspaper Notices (document reference 1.4) Location Plan (onshore) (document reference 2.1) Location Plan (offshore) (document reference 2.2) Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) Consultation Appendices (document reference 5.2) Habitats Regulations Derogation: Provision of Evidence (document reference 5.5)

				<p>Stage 1 Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds (CSCB) Marine Conservation Zone Assessment (MCZA) (document reference 5.6)</p> <p>Marine and Coastal Access Act Derogation: Provision of Evidence (document reference 5.7)</p> <p>Strategic and Collaborative Approaches to Compensation and MEEB (document reference 5.8)</p> <p>Planning Statement (document reference 9.1)</p> <p>Design & Access Statement (onshore) (document reference 9.3)</p> <p>Draft Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol (MMMP) (document reference 9.4)</p> <p>Offshore In Principle Monitoring Plan (IPMP) (document reference 9.5)</p> <p>In Principle Site Integrity Plan for the Southern North Sea Special Area of Conservation (document reference 9.6)</p> <p>Outline Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds (CSCB) Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) Cable Specification, Installation and Monitoring Plan (CSIMP) (document reference 9.7)</p> <p>Outline Fisheries Liaison and Co-existence Plan (document reference 9.8)</p>
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				<p>Outline Offshore Operations and Maintenance Plan (OOMP) (document reference 9.9)</p> <p>Outline Project Environmental Management Plan (PEMP) (document reference 9.10)</p> <p>Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Offshore) (document reference 9.11)</p> <p>Outline Marine Traffic Monitoring Plan (document reference 9.12)</p> <p>Disposal Site Characterisation Report (document reference 9.13)</p> <p>Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) (document reference 9.16)</p> <p>Outline Code of Construction Practice (document reference 9.17)</p> <p>Outline Landscape Management Plan (document reference 9.18)</p> <p>Outline Ecological Management Plan (document reference 9.19)</p> <p>Outline Operational Drainage Plan (Onshore Substation) (document reference 9.20)</p> <p>Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Onshore) (document reference 9.21)</p> <p>Outline Public Rights of Way Strategy (document reference 9.22)</p>
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				<p>Outline Skills and Employment Plan (document reference 9.23)</p> <p>Impacts on the Qualities of Natural Beauty of Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (document reference 9.25)</p> <p>Offshore Design Statement (document reference 9.26)</p> <p>Project Vision (document reference 9.27)</p> <p>Scenarios Statement (document reference 9.28)</p>	
	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?				
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 Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (RIAA) (document reference 5.4) has been provided.</p>			

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

32	If requested by the Planning Inspectorate, two paper copies of the application form and other supporting documents and plans ¹⁵	Not 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?	<p>The Applicant has had regard to the full application procedure as outlined in the guidance document. Please see the following application documents:</p> <p>Consultation Report (document reference 5.1)</p> <p>ES Chapter 2 Policy and Legislative Context (document reference 6.1.2)</p> <p>ES Chapter 4 Project Description (document reference 6.1.4)</p> <p>Land Plans (document reference 2.3)</p> <p>Works plans (onshore) (document reference 2.6)</p> <p>Works plans (offshore) (document reference 2.7)</p> <p>The appropriate application form is included (Application Form (document reference 1.2))</p>
34	Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)	
Fees to accompany an application		
35	Was the fee paid at the same time that the application was made ¹⁶ ?	The fee of £7,488 was paid by BACS on 22 August 2022 in advance of the submission of the DCO Application.

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
Case Manager		
Acceptance Inspector		

