

Heckington Fen Solar Park

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Section 55 Checklist

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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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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
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 (i.e. which category or categories in ss14 to 30 does the Proposed Development fall)?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Heckington Fen Solar Park (the Proposed Development) is set out in Schedule 1 of the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) (document reference 3.1) and is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under sections 14(1)(a) and 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008, as an onshore generating station in England with capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW). This is set out in the Application Form (document reference 1.3) in Section 4. The Covering Letter (document reference 1.1) states that this application (the Application) is for a development consent order under the Planning Act 2008.</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)

	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?	A non-technical description of the Proposed Development is included with the Application at document reference 6.4 and a more detailed explanation of the Proposed Development is included in Chapter 4 of the Environmental Statement (ES) (document reference 6.1.4).
3	Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)	
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>As explained in Chapter 1 of the ES (document reference 6.1.1), the Applicant notified the Planning Inspectorate on 7 January 2022 in writing, by way of submission of a Scoping Report (Appendix 1.1 - Heckington Fen Solar Park Scoping Report (document reference 6.3.1.1)), under Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that an ES will be provided with the DCO application for the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The Planning Inspector's Scoping Opinion dated 17 February 2022 (Appendix 1.2 - Scoping Opinion (document reference 6.3.1.2)) acknowledges the Applicant's request. Therefore, by virtue of by virtue of Regulation 6(2)(a) of the EIA Regulations, the Proposed Development is 'EIA development'.</p> <p>Notice of the Applicant's proposal to provide an ES was given prior to carrying out consultation under s42 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008).</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	No such representations have been received by the Applicant; it is envisaged that the Planning Inspectorate will request that relevant local authorities provide an adequacy of consultation statement, as is as set out in the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 14.

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

	that the Applicant has complied with the duties under s42, s47 and s48?	
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 wrote to consultees on 31 May 2022 by way of an initial update, and 28 June 2022 under s42(1)(a) setting out the background to the scheme with a link to all consultation materials, describing the Proposed Development, including a copy of the Section 48 Notice, and outlining details of the consultation events. An example letter is included at Appendix 13 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1.13).</p> <p>A follow up email was also issued to all consultees on 18 August 2022 (letters on 19th August 2022) in order to remind consultees of the upcoming deadline of 1 September 2022.</p> <p>The Applicant has provided a list of persons consulted under Section 42(1)(a) for the statutory consultation between 30 June 2022 and 1 September 2022 within Appendix 11 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1.11). This list was compiled in accordance with Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (APFP Regulations) and included those bodies notified to the Applicant by the Secretary of State in their Scoping Opinion.</p> <p>In identifying the consultation bodies, regard was had to the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note Three: EIA Notification and Consultation.</p> <p>Following the statutory consultation between 30 June 2022 and 1 September 2022, the Applicant made a number of minor changes to the Order Limits having regard to feedback from the consultation and in light of refinements to the Proposed Development's design. The Applicant therefore undertook targeted consultation with those relevant s42 bodies between 11 November 2022 and 18 December 2022 (allowing at least 28 days for responses). The Applicant enclosed consultation materials outlining the changes (see Appendix 22 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1.22)).</p>

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

7	Section 42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation ⁶ ?	N/A. The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) was included on the initial consultation list for completeness, however the Proposed Development does not involve offshore development within the MMO's jurisdiction.
8	Section 42(1)(b) each local authority within s43 ⁷ ?	<p>Yes. Section 7.2.2 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) lists the relevant authorities that were consulted under Section 42(1)(b) of the PA 2008.</p> <p>The 6 'A' authorities consulted were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - West Lindsey District Council; - East Lindsey District Council; - City of Lincoln Council; - South Holland District Council; - South Kesteven District Council; - Newark & Sherwood District Council. <p>The two 'B' authorities consulted were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North Kesteven District Council; - Boston Borough Council. <p>The one 'C' authority consulted was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lincolnshire County Council. <p>The 9 'D' authorities consulted were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North Lincolnshire Council; - Cambridgeshire County Council; - Norfolk County Council; - Leicestershire County 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"> - Nottinghamshire County Council; - Peterborough City Council - North East Lincolnshire Council; - North Northamptonshire; - Rutland County Council. <p>The above consultation bodies were provided with information on the background to the scheme with a link to all consultation materials, a description of the Proposed Development, including a copy of the Section 48 Notice, and details of the consultation events. An example letter is included at Appendix 13 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1.13).</p>
9	Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?	N/A. The Greater London Authority (GLA) was not consulted as the Proposed Development is not in the GLA area.
10	Section 42(1)(d) each person in one or more of s44 categories ⁸ ?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>As explained in Section 7.2.2 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1), in line with section 42(1)(d) of the PA 2008, the Applicant consulted with landowners, lessees, tenants or occupiers (Category 1 persons, as per s44(1)); those with an interest in the land or certain powers with respect to the land (Category 2 persons, s44(2)); and those who the Applicant considered would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim under s44(4) (Category 3 persons).</p> <p>Landowners, lessees, tenants or occupiers (Category 1 persons as per section 44(1)) were identified via a diligent inquiry process including reviewing land registry title information, enquires with landowners, landowner questionnaires, Companies House searches, site investigations, and internet-based research. Further details on the methodology of this diligent enquiry process are provided in Section 7.2 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). Those with an interest in the land or certain powers with respect to the land (Category 2 persons as per section 44(2)) were identified via reviewing land registry title information, enquiries with landowners, landowner questionnaires, Companies House</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>searches, site investigations, internet-based research, and utility infrastructure location data. This process subsequently produced a book of reference. These people are listed in the Book of Reference (document reference 4.4). Through diligent inquiry, the Applicant considers that there are no persons who might be entitled to make a relevant claim as a Category 3 interest. Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 relates to people who live outside of the Order limits but whose property may be sufficiently close to be depreciated in value due to noise, vibration, smells, smoke or light emissions caused by the use of the Scheme once it is in operation. This is outlined in Section 7.2 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>A sample letter to section 42(1)(d) is provided at Appendix 13 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1.13).</p>
Section 45: Timetable for s42 consultation		
11	<p>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>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicant advised consultees of the forthcoming statutory consultation on 31 May 2022. The Applicant wrote formally to all consultees identified under s42 of the PA 2008 to notify them of the consultation on 28 June 2022. The Applicant notified s42 consultees that its deadline for receipt of consultation responses was 1 September 2022. The deadline was more than 28 days after receipt of the consultation documents by s42 consultees. The start of the consultation was 30 June 2022. An example letter is provided at Appendix 13 to the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1.13).</p> <p>Following the statutory consultation referred to above, the Applicant made some minor changes to the Order Limits having regard to feedback from the consultation and in light of refinements to the Proposed Development's design. The Applicant therefore undertook targeted consultation with those relevant s42 bodies between 11 November 2022 and 18 December 2022 (allowing at least 28 days for responses following receipt of the consultation documents). The Applicant enclosed consultation materials outlining the changes (see Appendix 22 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1.22)).</p>
Section 46: Duty to notify the Planning Inspectorate of proposed application		
12	<p>Did the Applicant supply information to notify the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application; and if so, was the information supplied to the</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>As the Applicant explains in Section 7.2.1 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1), the Applicant hand-delivered the Section 46 notification letter to the Planning</p>

	Planning Inspectorate on or before the date it was sent to the s42 consultees? Was this done on or before commencing consultation under s42?	Inspectorate on 27 June 2022 (see Appendix 14 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1.14)). The information was therefore provided to the Planning Inspectorate before the start of the consultation (commencing 30 June 2022).
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?	Yes. The Applicant prepared a draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) setting out how it proposed to consult about the proposed application with people living in the vicinity of the land of the Proposed Development. The Applicant consulted with the host local planning authorities (Lincolnshire County Council; Boston Borough Council; and North Kesteven District Council) prior to finalising the SoCC. A copy of the final published SoCC can be found in Appendix 15 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1.15).
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. As outlined in Section 6.4 of the Consultation Report, the draft SoCC was sent to the relevant host local authorities (Lincolnshire County Council; Boston Borough Council; and North Kesteven District Council) on 1 March 2022 providing the statutory 28-day response period for comments. The submission of the draft SoCC follows a number of informal meetings with local authority officers to discuss the principles of the draft SoCC. A copy of the letters sent to the relevant local authorities can be found in Appendix 8 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1.8).
15	Has the Applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	Yes. The Applicant has had regard to responses from local authorities consulted on the draft SoCC. Section 6.4 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) provides the comments received from the local authorities and the regard had to them by the Applicant.
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	Yes.

	vicinity of the land which states where and when the SoCC can be inspected?	<p>The Applicant made the SoCC publicly available on its website (https://www.ecotricity.co.uk/our-green-energy/heckington-fen-solar-park) from 20 June 2022.</p> <p>The Applicant also publicised the SoCC's availability in newspapers circulating in the vicinity of the land in June 2022, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lincolnshire Free Press – 21/06/2022 and 28/06/2022 - Boston Standard – 22/06/2022 and 29/06/2022. <p>Copies of the final SoCC notices as published are provided within Appendix 13 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1.13).</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>Section 3.2.1 of the SoCC states: "<i>The Project is an 'environmental impact assessment (EIA) development' under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. Therefore, the preliminary environmental information report (PEIR) will be consulted upon as part of the statutory consultation. The full PEIR will be available on the project website and at in-person events (if COVID-19 restrictions allow) during statutory consultation, as well as a non-technical summary of the PEIR. Your views will be sought on the information provided in those documents.</i>"</p> <p>Table 2 of the SoCC also outlines the engagement methods and sets out how the Applicant intends to publicise and consult on the PEIR.</p>
18	Has the Applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC?	Yes. Details of the way in which the Applicant complied with commitments made in the SoCC are set out in Section 12 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).
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?	Yes. The Applicant publicised the proposed application in accordance with the requirements of section 48 of the PA 2008 and Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations as outlined below. Copies of all newspaper notices are included in Appendix 13 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1.13).

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

		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;	Lincolnshire Free Press Boston Standard	21/06/2022 and 28/06/2022 22/06/2022 and 29/06/2022
b)	once in a national newspaper;	The Guardian	25/06/2022
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	The London Gazette No land is in Scotland; therefore no notice was published in the Edinburgh Gazette.	28/06/2022
d)	where the proposed application relates to offshore development – (i) once in Lloyds List; and (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal?	N/A. The Proposed Development does not relate to offshore development.	n/a
20	Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in Regulation 4(3) of APFP Regulations?	Yes. Copies of the published s48 notices set out above are provided within Appendix 13 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1.13). Those notices contained the required information as set out below:	

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	3.
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 - 7
e)	a statement that the documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Proposed Development are available	8.	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection on the website	8.

	for inspection free of charge on a website maintained by or on behalf of the Applicant, including the address of the website; the place on the website where the documents, plans and maps may be inspected; and a telephone number which can be used to contact the Applicant for enquiries in relation to the documents, plans and maps			
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	Unnumbered – between 9 and 10	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	12.		11.
21	Are there any observations in respect of the s48 notice provided above?			
	The notice accord with Section 48 of the PA 2008.			
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. In accordance with Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations, a copy of the s48 notice was issued by post to all EIA consultation bodies (as defined in Regulation 3 of the EIA Regulations) alongside the consultation documents as part of the s42 consultation on 28 June 2022. Appendix 13 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1.13) shows that a copy of the s48 notice was enclosed as part of the s42 consultation pack.		
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.		

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

		The Applicant has had regard to relevant responses under section 42, 47, and section 48. Please see Section 7.3 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) together with Appendices 16 and 18, which outline the Applicant's regard to any relevant responses.
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 guidance both in terms of the consultation process undertaken and preparation of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). Section 12 of the Consultation Report is the Consultation Compliance Checklist, which lists actions taken against applicable guidance and regulation.
25	Summary: Section 55(3)(e)	
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	Is it made in the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2 of the APFP Regulations, and does it include: <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? 	Yes. See Cover Letter to the Planning Inspectorate (document reference 1.1) and Box 4 of the Application Form (document reference 1.3) which explains why the project falls within the remit of the Secretary of State; and Box 5 and 6 of the Application Form (document reference 1.3) which provides a brief non-technical description of the location of the Proposed Development. A Location and Order Limits plan has also been provided with the Application at document reference 2.8.
27	Is it accompanied by a Consultation Report?	Yes. A Consultation Report is included with the Application at document reference 5.1.

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

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. A key plan has been provided at the start of any relevant plans that include three or more separate sheets.		
29	Is it accompanied by the documents and information set out in APFP Regulation 5(2)?	Yes. The documents and information required by APFP regulation 5(2) are set out in the documents and locations within the Application as listed below:		
Information Document Information Document				
a)	Where applicable, the Environmental Statement required under the EIA Regulations ¹³ and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	<p>The Application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement, grouped into the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volume 1 – Technical Chapters (document reference 6.1.0 – 6.1.20); - Volume 2 – ES Figures (document reference 6.2 – 6.2.20); - Volume 3 – Technical Appendices (document reference 6.3.1.1 – 6.3.18.1); - Non-Technical Summary (document reference 6.4); - Mitigation Schedule (document reference 7.2); and - Scoping Report (document reference 6.3.1.1) and Scoping Opinion (document reference 6.3.1.2). 	b)	<p>The draft Development Consent Order (DCO)</p> <p>Document reference 3.1.</p>

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

	Is this of a satisfactory standard?		Is this of a satisfactory standard?
c)	An Explanatory Memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of provisions in the draft DCO	Document reference 3.3.	d) Where applicable, a Book of Reference (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?		Is this of a satisfactory standard?
e)	A copy of any Flood Risk Assessment	Appendix 9.1 of the Environmental Statement (document reference 6.3.9.1).	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
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?		Is this of a satisfactory standard?
h)	A Statement of Reasons and a Funding Statement (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition)	Document reference 4.1 (for the Statement of Reasons) and document reference 4.2 (for the Funding Statement).	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
			Document reference 2.1.

			<p>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?		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
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>	Document reference 2.2.	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>Document reference 2.7 (for the Streets and Access Plan) and document reference 2.3 (for the Rights of Way Plan).</p>

	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
l)	<p>Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:-</p> <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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Document reference 2.4 (for the Statutory / Non-statutory Nature Conservation Designations Plan) and document 6.1.8 (ES Chapter 8 - Ecology) (for the assessment of effects); and - Document reference 2.5 (for the Water Bodies in a River Basin Management Plan) and document 6.1.9 (ES Chapter 9 – Hydrology) (for the assessment of effects); - and a Shadow Habitats Regulation Assessment with supporting figures and plans is provided at document reference 5.2. 	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>Document reference 2.6 (for the Statutory / Non-statutory Historic Environment Designations Plan) and document reference 6.1.10 (ES Chapter 10 – Cultural Heritage) (for the assessment of effects).</p>
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
n)	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying	Document reference 2.1.	o)	Any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Document reference 2.8 (Location and Order Limits Plan); and

p)	information identifying any Crown land		q)	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	- Document reference 2.9 (Important Hedgerows Plan).
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Are they of a satisfactory standard?	
	Any of the documents prescribed by Regulation 6 of the APFP Regulations:	The Grid Connection Statement (document reference 5.4).		Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Document reference 1.1 (Application Cover Letter); - Document reference 1.2 (Section 55 Checklist (this document)); - Document reference 1.4 (Guide to the Application); - Document reference 1.5 (Navigation Document); - Document reference 5.1 (Consultation Report and Appendices); - Document reference 7.1 (Outline Design Principles); - Document reference 7.2 (Mitigation Schedule); - Document reference 7.3 (Statement of Need and Planning Statement);

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Document reference 7.4 (Design and Access Statement); - Document reference 7.5 (Consents and Licenses required under other legislation); - Document reference 7.7 (Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan); - Document reference 7.8 (Outline Landscape Ecological Management Plan); - Document reference 7.9 (Outline Decommissioning and Restoration Plan); - Document reference 7.10 (Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan); - Document reference 7.11 (Outline Energy Storage Safety Management Plan); - Document reference 7.12 (Outline Supply Employment and Skills Plan); - Document reference 7.13 (Outline Written Scheme of Investigation - Evaluation); and - Document reference 7.14 (Outline Written Scheme of Investigation – Mitigation).
Are they of a satisfactory standard?		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	

30	Are there any observations in respect of the documents provided at Box 29 (a) to (q) above?	
	N/A	
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	Yes. A Shadow HRA to Inform the Appropriate Assessment has been undertaken and submitted with the Application as document 5.2. This document identifies any relevant European sites and the likely effects on those sites. It provides sufficient information for the Secretary of State to undertake an appropriate assessment to determine whether the Proposed Development would have an adverse effect on the integrity of any European site. The shadow HRA concludes that there will be no likely adverse effects on the integrity of any European sites as a result of the Proposed Development.
32	If requested by the Planning Inspectorate, two paper copies of the application form and other supporting documents and plans ¹⁵	The Planning Inspectorate wrote to the Applicant on Friday 13 January 2023 confirming that the Planning Inspectorate no longer requires a hard copy of the application at the point of submission.
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 guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance' has been used to prepare the Application. The Applicant considers that the Application has been prepared to the standards that the Planning Inspectorate considers satisfactory.
34	Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)	The Application contains all documents as required under the PA 2008 and the APFP Regulations. These documents are of a satisfactory standard to be accepted for Examination.

The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended)

Fees to accompany an application

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

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

35	Was the fee paid at the same time that the application was made ¹⁶ ?	The fee of £7,488 was made on 10 February 2023 by a BACS transfer, in advance of the Application submission.
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Role	Electronic signature	Date
Case Manager		
Acceptance Inspector		

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

