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Section 55

Acceptance of Applications Checklist

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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>

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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
		12th June 2024		
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	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Projects set out in Schedule 1 of Volume 3, Draft Development Consent Order (DCO) (application ref: 3.1) includes development 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 Volume 1, Application Form (application ref: 1.3) which states that the application is for Nationally Significant</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)

	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?	Infrastructure Projects (NSIP).
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?	Yes. On 26 th July 2022 the Applicants issued a letter to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate providing regulation 8 notification in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This same letter was used to request a Scoping Opinion for the project under Regulation 10 of the same regulations. Evidence of this letter can be found in Volume 5, Appendix B1 (application ref: 5.3).
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?	The adequacy of consultation representations will be requested by the Planning Inspectorate upon submission of the Application.

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 Applicants have included a list of persons consulted under s42(1)(a) in Volume 5, Consultation Report, Appendix B3 – List of All Section 42 Consultees (application ref: 5.3). The Regulation 11 list of Statutory Consultation Bodies provided by the Planning Inspectorate is included in Volume 5, Appendix B2 (application ref: 5.3).</p> <p>The Applicants consulted relevant bodies from this list during the Statutory Consultation (6 June 2023 to 17 July 2023), the Supplementary Statutory Consultation (4 August 2023 to 15 September 2023), and Targeted Consultation (13 November 2023 to 10 December 2023). A list of those prescribed consultees consulted can be found in section 6.5.3.1 of the Volume 5, Consultation Report, (application ref: 5.1).</p>
7	Section 42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation ⁶ ?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicants have included the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) in their list of parties consulted under s42 in Volume 5, Consultation Report, Appendix B3 – List of All Section 42 Consultees (application ref: 5.3) and further confirmation is provided in section 6.5.3.1 of the Volume 5, Consultation Report, (application ref: 5.1). Feedback on the Statutory Consultation from the MMO can be found Volume 5, Appendix G1 (application ref: 5.8).</p>
8	Section 42(1)(b) each local authority within s43 ⁷ ?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Section 6.5.3.2 of the Consultation Report (Volume 5, application ref: 5.1) lists the</p>

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

		<p>relevant local authorities that were identified and consulted under s43 and s42(1)(b) on 6 June 2023, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Riding of Yorkshire Council – Local Planning Authority; • Hull City Council – Adjacent Local Authority with regard to traffic and transport, landscape and visual and cumulative impacts; • City of York Council – Neighbouring Local Authority; • Doncaster County Council – Neighbouring Local Authority; • North Yorkshire Council - Neighbouring Local Authority; • North Lincolnshire Council – Neighbouring Local Authority; • Selby District Council – Neighbouring Local Authority; • Scarborough Borough Council – Neighbouring Local Authority; and • Rydale District Council. <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42(1)(b) relevant authorities is provided in Volume 5, Appendix B4 (application ref: 5.3).</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>Volume 5, Appendix B3 (application ref 5.3) lists persons consulted at each stage of statutory section 42 consultation for the Projects who fall under one or more of the Section 44 categories.</p> <p>The Applicants consulted all persons identified under section 44, being persons with a relevant interest in land affected by the Projects at the application stage (see Volume 4, Book of Reference (application ref: 4.2)).</p> <p>Section 6.5.3.3 of the Consultation Report (Volume 5, application ref: 5.1) provides a</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>summary of the methodology for how the Applicants made diligent inquiry to seek to identify and consult persons with a relevant interest in land affected by the Projects. Further information regarding the land referencing methodology is available in Volume 5, Appendix C6 (application ref: 5.4).</p> <p>A sample of the letter sent to people with interest in land for the Statutory Consultation can be found in Volume 5, Appendix B4 (application ref: 5.3).</p> <p>Volume 5, Consultation Report, Appendix B6 – Targeted Section 42 Consultation Letter (application ref: 5.3) provides a copy of the letter sent to targeted section 42 consultees dated 10th November 2023 providing notification of the Targeted Statutory Consultation. This focused on landowners and Persons with an interest in land (PILs), including newly-identified landowners and PILs, and potential Category 3 claimants.</p>
<p>Section 45: Timetable for s42 consultation</p>		
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>A sample of the letters sent to section 42 consultees for the Statutory Consultation are provided in Volume 5, Consultation Report, Appendix B4 – Section 42 Consultation Letter (application ref: 5.3). The letters confirmed that consultation would commence on 6 June 2023 and close on 17 July 2023, providing more than the required minimum time for receipt of responses.</p> <p>The sample letter dated 1st August 2023 confirmed that a Supplementary Statutory Consultation would commence on 4 August 2023 and close on 15 September 2023 providing more than the required minimum time for receipt of responses. A sample of this letter is provided in Volume 5, Appendix D15 (application ref: 5.5).</p> <p>A sample of the letters sent to relevant section 42 consultees for the Targeted Consultation are provided in Volume 5, Consultation Report, Appendix B6 (application ref: 5.3).</p> <p>The sample letter dated 10 November 2023 confirmed that consultation would commence on 13 November 2023 and close on 10 December 2023 providing the required minimum time for receipt of responses.</p>
<p>Section 46: Duty to notify the Planning Inspectorate of proposed application</p>		

12	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>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicants notified the Secretary of State (via PINS) under section 46 of the 2008 Act of the proposed application and its intention to commence consultation under section 42 of the 2008 Act via letter and email dated 5 June 2023, the same day as S42 consultees were notified.</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>A copy of the final SoCC is provided in Volume 5, Consultation Report, Appendix D3 – Final SoCC (application ref: 5.5).</p>
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?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicants consulted East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Hull City Council on the contents of the SoCC. The draft SoCC was consulted on with the local authorities from 16 February 2023 to 15 March 2023.</p> <p>Volume 5, Appendix D1 and D2 (Application ref: 5.5) provide evidence of the consultation with local authorities on the draft SoCC. No comments were received on the draft SoCC. Further information regarding the preparation of the SoCC is provided in Section 6.7 of the Consultation Report.</p>
15	Has the Applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Responses on the draft SoCC were received from the following Local Authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Riding of Yorkshire Council (response received on 16 March 2023) acknowledged receipt but provided no comments; and • Hull City Council (response received on 22 March 2023) acknowledged receipts and provided no comments on the contents of the SoCC. <p>Copies of the responses received are included in Volume 5, Consultation Report, Appendix D2.1 and Appendix D2.2 (application ref: 5.5).</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 the land which states where and when the SoCC can be inspected?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The SoCC was publicised in several local newspapers between 22 May to 5 June 2023 in accordance with section 47(6) of the 2008 Act. Copies of the SoCC notice as it appeared in each of these publications are included in Volume 5, Consultation Report, Appendix D4 – SoCC Advertisement and Appendix D5 - SoCC Advertisement for Lloyds List (application ref: 5.5).</p> <p>The SoCC was made available for inspection by the public in hard copy at the Community Access Points listed in Table 6-1 of Volume 5, Consultation Report (application ref: 5.1).</p> <p>The SoCC was also made available on the Projects website on 5th May 2023.</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>The SoCC states that the Projects are an EIA development in section 2.2 (Environmental Information) and sets out how the Applicants intend to publicise and consult on the PEIR in section 9 (Promoting the consultation).</p> <p>See Volume 5, Consultation Report, Appendix D3 – Final SoCC (application ref: 5.5).</p>
18	Has the Applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC?	<p>Yes, save for a minor point discussed in Table 6-4 of the Volume 5, Consultation Report (application ref: 5.1).</p> <p>The Applicants undertook consultation under section 47 of the 2008 Act in accordance with the SoCC, save for a minor point discussed in Table 6-4 of the Consultation Report. For a summary of the actions undertaken by the Applicants to meet the obligations outlined in the SoCC please see Table 6-4 of Volume 5, Consultation Report (application ref: 5.1).</p> <p>The Final SoCC is included in Volume 5, Appendix D3 (application ref: 5.5).</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>The Applicants publicised the application in the prescribed manner set out in the APFP Regulations 2009 and in accordance with section 48 of the 2008 Act. Consultation under section 48 of the Act ran in parallel with consultation on the PEIR.</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

		Dated newspaper cuttings are supplied in Volume 5, Appendix E2 (application ref: 5.6) with a summary of Section 48 notifications provided in section 6.8.2.2 of Volume 5, Consultation Report (application ref: 5.1) .	
		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;	Local newspaper under section 48 of the 2008 Act for statutory consultation was Hull Daily Mail. Volume 5, Appendix E2 (application ref: 5.6)	22 May 2023 and 29 May 2023
b)	once in a national newspaper;	National newspaper under section 48 of the 2008 Act for statutory consultation was Daily Telegraph. Volume 5, Appendix E2 (application ref: 5.6)	2 June 2023
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	Statutory consultation under section 48 of the 2008 Act was advertised in The London Gazette. Volume 5, Appendix E2 (application ref: 5.6)	26 May 2023
d)	where the proposed application relates to offshore development – (i) once in Lloyds List; and (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal?	Statutory consultation under section 48 of the 2008 Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lloyd’s List; and • Fishing News. Volume 5, Appendix E2 (application ref: 5.6)	31 May 2023 25 May 2023
20	Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in Regulation 4(3) of APFP Regulations?	Yes. The notice is available in Volume 5, Appendix E1 (application ref: 5.6) .	
		Information	Paragraph
a)	the name and address of the Applicant.	Yes, page 1	b)
		Information	Paragraph
	a statement that the Applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Secretary of State	Yes, page 1	

c)	a statement as to whether the application is EIA development	Yes, page 2	d)	a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the Proposed Development	Yes, page 1 and 2
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, 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	Yes, page 2	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection on the website	Yes page 3
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	Yes, page 3	h)	details of how to respond to the publicity	Yes, page 3
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	Yes, page 3			
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 EIA consultation bodies and to any person	No. Please see section 6.8.1.1 of Volume 5, Consultation Report (application ref: 5.1). A copy			

	notified to the Applicant in accordance with the EIA Regulations ¹⁰ ?	of the S48 notice is provided in Volume 5, Consultation Report, Appendix E1 (application ref: 5.6).
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>Summaries of the key themes raised through the section 42, section 47 and section 48 consultation are provided in Volume 5, Consultation Report (application ref: 5.1). The Applicants responses to feedback from section 42 consultees from the Statutory Consultation, the Supplementary Statutory Consultation and the Targeted Consultation are provided in Volume 5, Consultation Report, Appendix G1 (application ref: 5.8).</p> <p>The Applicants responses to the themes raised by section 47 consultees from the Statutory Consultation (no comments were received from section 47 consultees from the Supplementary Statutory Consultation) are provided in Volume 5, Consultation Report, Appendix G2 (application ref: 5.8).</p> <p>In addition to providing responses to this consultation, information is provided in both Volume 5, Appendix G1 and G2 (application ref: 5.8) regarding whether the consultee feedback led to a change in either the design of the project (including embedded mitigation) or environmental impact assessment methodology.</p> <p>A summary of the key project changes as a result of feedback from the Pre-scoping Engagement, Non-statutory Introductory Consultation, the Statutory Consultation (including Supplementary Consultation) and the Targeted Consultation is provided in Table 8-1 of Volume 5, Consultation Report (application ref: 5.1).</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>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicants have regard to all relevant statutory and the DCLG guidance both in terms of the consultation process undertaken and preparation of the Volume 5, Consultation Report (application ref: 5.1). A table of compliance with the DCLG Guidance 2015 is provided in</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

		Table 2-4 of the Consultation Report.
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	<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>Boxes [4] and [5] of the Volume 1, Application Form (application ref: 1.3) include a brief statement which explains why the Application falls within the remit of the Secretary of State and a brief non-technical description of the Project Proposal. Box [6] clearly identifies the location and route of the application site.</p> <p>Within the Volume 7, Chapter 5 Project Description (application ref: 7.5), section 5.1.3 and Figures 5-1 to 5-4 (application ref: 7.5.1) summarise the location and boundary of the Projects.</p> <p>Volume 2, Location Plan (Offshore) (application ref: 2.1) and Volume 2, Location Plan (Onshore) (application ref : 2.2) provide the location of the Order Limit of the application site.</p>
27	Is it accompanied by a Consultation Report?	<p>A Volume 5, Consultation Report (application ref: 5.1) is included in the application.</p> <p>Appendices to the Consultation Report are listed below:</p> <p>Volume 5, application ref: 5.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix A - Compliance Checklist <p>Volume 5, application ref: 5.3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix B - Section 42 Consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appendix B1 - Regulation 8 Notification ○ Appendix B2 - Regulation 11 List

- Appendix B3 - List of All Section 42 Consultees
- Appendix B4 - Section 42 Consultation Letter
- Appendix B5 - Section 46 Notification
- Appendix B6 - Targeted Section 42 Consultation Letter
- Appendix B7 - Post-PEIR Changes to Red Line Boundary Plan
- Appendix B8 - Scoping Report 1 November 2021
- Appendix B9 - Scoping Report 2 July 2022
- Appendix B10 - Scoping Opinion

Volume 5, application ref: 5.4

- Appendix C - Section 44 Consultation (land)
 - Appendix C1 - Survey Access Request
 - Appendix C2 - Request for Information Letter
 - Appendix C3 - Land Interest Questionnaire
 - Appendix C4 - Site Notice
 - Appendix C5 - Site Notice Evidence
 - Appendix C6 – Land Referencing Methodology

Volume 5, application ref: 5.5

- Appendix D - Section 47 Consultation
 - Appendix D1 - Draft SoCC
 - Appendix D2 - Invitation to Comment on Draft SoCC
 - Appendix D2.1 - East Riding of Yorkshire Response to SoCC
 - Appendix D2.2 - Hull City Council Response to SoCC
 - Appendix D3 - Final SoCC
 - Appendix D4 - SoCC Advertisement
 - Appendix D5 - SoCC Advertisement for Lloyds List

- Appendix D6 - Web evidence
- Appendix D7 - Statutory Consultation Questionnaire
- Appendix D8 - Banners - Introductory Consultation
- Appendix D9 - Banners - Statutory Consultation
- Appendix D10 - Consultation Brochure
- Appendix D11 - Newsletter 1
- Appendix D12 - Newsletter 2
- Appendix D13 - Newsletter 3
- Appendix D14 - Newsletter 4
- Appendix D15 - RWE DBS Statutory Consultation Letter- Members of the Public
- Appendix D16 - RWE Supplementary Statutory Consultation Period Letter
- Appendix D17 - Press release RWE launches Statutory Consultation for Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farm Projects
- Appendix D18 - Statutory Consultation Webinars

Volume 5, application ref: 5.6

- Appendix E - Section 48 Publicity
 - Appendix E1 - Section 48 Notice
 - Appendix E2 - Section 48 Notice Evidence

Volume 5, application ref: 5.7

- Appendix F - Non-Statutory Consultation and Engagement
 - Appendix F1 - Minutes of Meetings - ETG
 - Appendix F2 - Minutes of Meetings with Shipping and Navigation, and Commercial Fisheries
 - Appendix F3 – MMO Regular Meeting Minutes
 - Appendix F4 - Mail Out Letter - Introductory Consultation

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appendix F5 - Introductory Community Consultation Questionnaire ○ Appendix F6 - Introductory Community Consultation Leaflet ○ Appendix F7 - Introductory Consultation Email to Stakeholders ○ Appendix F8 - Introductory Consultation Report <p>Volume 5, application ref: 5.8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix G - Section 42 and 47 Responses and Applicants Regard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appendix G1 - Responses Received from Section 42 Consultees and Applicants Regard ○ Appendix G2 - Responses Received from Section 47 Consultees and Applicants Regard 		
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> <p>Key plans showing the relationship between different sheets are provided for all plans with three or more sheets.</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:		
	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>Volume 7, Environmental Statement (ES)(including all relevant ES Chapters, Figures and Appendices)</p> <p>Volume 8, Scoping Opinion (application ref: 8.7)</p>	b)	<p>The draft Development Consent Order (DCO)</p> <p>Volume 3, Draft Development Consent Order (DCO) (application ref: 3.1) including Draft Deemed Marine Licences. This document will be submitted to PINS in both Word and pdf format.</p> <p>Volume 3, Validation Report (application ref: 3.3)</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	Volume 3, Explanatory memorandum (application ref: 3.2)	d)	Where applicable, a Book of Reference (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition)	Volume 4, Book of Reference (application ref: 4.2)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
e)	A copy of any Flood Risk Assessment	Volume 7, Appendix 20-4 - Flood Risk Assessment (application ref: 7.20.20.4)	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	Volume 8, Statutory Nuisance Statement (application ref: 8.4)
	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)	Volume 4, Statement of Reasons (application ref: 4.1) Volume 4, Funding Statement (application ref: 4.4)	i)	A Land Plan identifying:- (i) the land required for, or affected by, the Proposed Development; (ii) where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of Compulsory	Volume 2, Land Plans (Onshore) (application ref: 2.7) Volume 2, Special Category Land Plan (application ref: 2.8)

			<p>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>	<p>Volume 2, Offshore Order Limits and Grid Co-ordinates Plan (application ref: 2.3)</p> <p>Volume 2, Onshore Order Limits and Grid Co-ordinates Plan (application ref: 2.4)</p> <p>Volume 2, Works Plan (Offshore) (application ref: 2.5)</p> <p>Volume 2, Works Plan (Onshore) (application ref: 2.6)</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>Volume 2, Works Plan (Onshore) (application ref: 2.6)</p> <p>Volume 2, Access to Works Plan (application ref: 2.10)</p> <p>Volume 2, Public Rights of Way Plan (application ref: 2.11)</p> <p>Volume 2, Streets Plan (application ref: 2.12)</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>	<p>(i) Volume 2, Offshore Statutory and Non-statutory Nature Conservation Sites Plan (application ref: 2.13)</p> <p>Volume 2, Statutory / Non-statutory Nature Conservation Sites Plan (Onshore) (application ref: 2.14)</p> <p>Volume 2, Tree Preservation Order and Hedgerow Plan (application ref: 2.18)</p> <p>Volume 6, Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (RIAA) - Habitats Regulations Assessment (application ref: 6.1) in four parts and relevant appendices (application ref: 6.1.1 and 6.1.2)</p> <p>(ii) Volume 2, Habitats of Protected Species (Onshore) (application ref: 2.20)</p> <p><i>The assessment of the effects of the Projects on protected species, and further habitat plans, are included within ES Chapters:</i></p> <p>Volume 7, ES Chapter 9 - Benthic and Intertidal Ecology (application ref: 7.9), Figures (application ref: 7.9.1) and Appendices (application ref:</p>	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>Volume 2, Statutory / Non-Statutory Features of the Historic Environment Plan (Onshore) (application ref: 2.15)</p> <p>Volume 2, Historic Environment Plan (Offshore) (application ref: 2.16)</p> <p>Volume 8, Outline Onshore Written Scheme of Investigation (application ref: 8.14)</p> <p>Volume 8, Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Risk Management – Potential UXO Predictive Numbers (application ref: 8.29)</p> <p><i>The effects of the Projects are considered within:</i></p> <p>Volume 7, ES Chapter 17 - Offshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (application ref: 7.17), Figures (application ref: 7.17.1) and Appendices (application ref: 7.17.17.5)</p> <p>Volume 7, ES Chapter 22 - Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (application ref: 7.22), Figures (application ref: 7.22.1) and Appendices (application ref: 7.22.22.2 – 7.22.22.10)</p>

7.9.9.2 – 7.9.9.4)

Volume 7, ES Chapter 10 - Fish and Shellfish Ecology (application ref: 7.10), Figures (application ref: 7.10.1) and Appendices (application ref: 7.10.10.2)

Volume 7, ES Chapter 11 - Marine Mammals (application ref: 7.11), Figures (application ref: 7.11.1) and Appendices (application ref: 7.11.11.2)

Volume 7, ES Chapter 12 - Offshore Ornithology (application ref: 7.12), and Appendices (application ref: 7.12.12.2 – 7.12.12.13)

Volume 7, ES Chapter 18 - Terrestrial Ecology and Ornithology (application ref: 7.18), Figures (application ref: 7.18.1), and Appendices (application ref: 7.18.18.2 – 7.18.18.9)

(iii) Volume 2, Water Bodies in a River Basin Management Plan and Coastal Waterbodies (application ref: 2.17)

The assessment of the effects of the Projects on protected species, and further habitat plans, are included within ES Chapters:

Volume 7, ES Chapter 20 - Flood

	Risk and Hydrology (application ref: 7.20), Figures (application ref: 7.20.1), and Appendices (application ref: 7.20.20.4)		
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?		Is this of a satisfactory standard?
n)	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land	Volume 2, Crown Land Plan (application ref: 2.9)	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
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?		Are they of a satisfactory standard?
			Volume 2, Location Plan (Offshore) (application ref: 2.1) Volume 2, Location Plan (Onshore) (application ref: 2.2) Volume 2, Offshore Order Limits and Grid Co-ordinates Plan (application ref: 2.3) Volume 2, Onshore Order Limits and Grid Co-ordinates Plan (application ref: 2.4) Volume 2, Special Category Land Plan (application ref: 2.8) Volume 2, Offshore Statutory and Non-statutory Nature Conservation Sites Plan (application ref: 2.13) Volume 2, Statutory / Non-statutory Nature Conservation Sites Plan (Onshore) (application ref: 2.14) Volume 2, Tree Preservation Order and Hedgerow Plan (application ref: 2.18) Volume 2, Indicative Extent of Marine Licences (application ref: 2.19)

p)	Any of the documents prescribed by Regulation 6 of the APFP Regulations:	<p>Volume 8, Safety Zone Statement (application ref: 8.18)</p> <p>Volume 8, Cable Statement (application ref: 8.20)</p>	q)	Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	<p>Volume 1, Application Cover Letter (application ref: 1.1)</p> <p>Volume 1, Applicants Section 55 checklist (application ref: 1.2)</p> <p>Volume 1, Guide to the Application (application ref: 1.4)</p> <p>Volume 1, Copies of Statutory Newspaper Notices (application ref: 1.5)</p> <p>Volume 1, Glossary (application ref: 1.6)</p> <p>Volume 1, Electronic Application Index (application ref: 1.7)</p> <p>Volume 3, Validation Report (application ref : 3.3)</p> <p>Volume 4, Schedule of progress for voluntary land interest agreements (application ref: 4.3)</p> <p>Volume 8, Planning Statement (application ref: 8.1)</p> <p>Volume 8, Policy Compliance Assessment Tables (application ref: 8.2)</p> <p>Volume 8, Other Consents and Licenses (application ref: 8.3)</p> <p>Volume 8, Outline Skills and Employment Strategy (application ref: 8.5)</p> <p>Volume 8, Commitments Register (application ref: 8.6)</p> <p>Volume 8, Scoping Opinion (application ref: 8.7)</p> <p>Volume 8, Design and Access Statement</p>
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				<p>(application ref: 8.8)</p> <p>Volume 8, Outline Code of Construction Practice (application ref: 8.9)</p> <p>Volume 8, Outline Ecological Management Plan (application ref: 8.10)</p> <p>Volume 8, Outline Landscape Management Plan (application ref: 8.11)</p> <p>Volume 8, Outline Drainage Strategy (application ref: 8.12)</p> <p>Volume 8, Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (application ref: 8.13)</p> <p>Volume 8, Stage 1 Marine Conservation Zone Assessment (application ref: 8.17)</p> <p>Volume 8, Appendix A - Marine Conservation Zone Assessment Screening Report (application ref: 8.17.1)</p> <p>Volume 8, Disposal Site Characterisation Report (application ref: 8.18)</p> <p>Volume 8, Outline Project Environmental Management Plan (application ref: 8.21)</p> <p>Volume 8, Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Offshore) (application ref: 8.22)</p> <p>Volume 8, In-Principle Monitoring Plan (application ref: 8.23)</p> <p>Volume 8, Outline Offshore Operations and Maintenance Plan (application ref: 8.24)</p> <p>Volume 8, Outline Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol (application ref: 8.25)</p>
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				<p>Volume 8, In Principle Site Integrity Plan for the Southern North Sea Special Area of Conservation (application ref: 8.26)</p> <p>Volume 8, Outline Scour Protection Plan (application ref: 8.27)</p> <p>Volume 8, Outline Fisheries Liaison and Co-existence Plan (application ref: 8.28)</p> <p>Volume 8, Outline Vessel Traffic Monitoring Plan (application ref: 8.30)</p>
	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?			
	No			
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 has been provided Volume 6, Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (RIAA) - Habitats Regulations Assessment (application ref: 6.1) in four parts.</p> <p>The Application is also accompanied by a suite of information regarding the HRA derogations and proposals for compensatory measures 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volume 6, Appendix A - Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening (application ref: 6.1.1) • Volume 6, Appendix B - Sandeel Habitat Potential in the Dogger Bank SAC and Southern North Sea SAC (application ref: 6.1.2) 		

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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volume 6, Habitats Regulations Derogation: Provision of Evidence (application ref: 6.2) • Volume 6, Appendix 1 Project Level Kittiwake Compensation Plan (application ref: 6.2.1) • Volume 6, Round 4 Kittiwake Strategic Compensation Plan (application ref: 6.2.1.1) • Volume 6, Outline Kittiwake Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (application ref: 6.2.1.2) • Volume 6, Collaborative Delivery of Kittiwake Compensation: Letter of Intent (application ref: 6.2.1.3) • Volume 6, Appendix 2 Guillemot [and Razorbill] Compensation Plan (application ref: 6.2.2) • Volume 6, Outline Guillemot [and Razorbill] Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (application ref: 6.2.2.1) • Volume 6, Guillemot [and Razorbill] Compensation Predator Eradication / Control Site Longlist (application ref: 6.2.2.2) • Volume 6, Appendix 3 Project Level Dogger Bank Compensation Plan (application ref: 6.2.3) • Volume 6, Round 4 Dogger Bank Strategic Compensation Plan (application ref: 6.2.3.1) • Volume 6, Outline Dogger Bank Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (application ref: 6.2.3.2) • Volume 6, Collaborative Extension of the Dogger Bank SAC for HRA Derogation Compensation – Rationale and Evidence Base (application ref: 6.2.3.3)
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32	If requested by the Planning Inspectorate, two paper copies of the application form and other supporting documents and plans ¹⁵	N/A
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>Yes.</p> <p>Regard has been given on the full application procedure as outlined in the guidance document. Please see Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volume 5, Consultation Report (application ref: 5.1) • Volume 7, ES Chapter 3 - Policy and Legislative Context (application ref: 7.3) • Volume 7, ES Chapter 5 - Project Description (application ref: 7.5) • Volume 2, Land Plans (Onshore) (application ref: 2.7) • Volume 2, Works Plan (Offshore) (application ref: 2.5) • Volume 2, Works Plan (Onshore) (application ref: 2.6) <p>The appropriate Application Form is included in Volume 1, Application Form (application ref: 1.3). A list of documents submitted is included in Volume 1, Guide to the Application (application ref: 1.4).</p>
34	Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)	
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 of £8,796 was paid on 17th May 2024

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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