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Section 55

Acceptance of Applications Checklist

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

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

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

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

Section 55(2) Acceptance of Applications				
1	Within 28 days (starting day after receipt) the Planning Inspectorate must decide whether or not to accept the application for Examination.	Date received	28 day due date	Date of decision
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	<p>The Slough Multifuel Extension Project (Proposed Project) is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under Sections 14 (1)(a) and 15 (2) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008), as an extension to a consented onshore generating station in England (the 'Consented Development'), which, with the extension, will have capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW).</p> <p>This is set out in the Application Form (Document Ref.1.3) Section 4 and explained at paragraphs 2.10 to 2.15 of the Explanatory Memorandum (Document Ref. 2.2) to the draft Development Consent Order (DCO).</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)

<p>category or categories in ss14 to 30 does the Proposed Development fall)?</p> <p>If the development does not fall within the categories in ss14 to 30, has a direction been given by the Secretary of State under s35 of the PA2008 for the development to be treated as development for which development consent is required?</p>	<p>The Application Cover Letter (Document Ref. 1.1) clearly sets out why the Proposed Application is for a DCO under the PA 2008:</p> <p>The Proposed Project is an extension to the Consented Development comprising the carrying out of the following physical works (Work No. 1 at Schedule 1 ‘Authorised Development’ of the draft DCO, Document Ref. 2.1) which will increase the efficiency and gross installed capacity of the extended generating station from just under 50MW to circa 60MW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a boiler primary air preheating system comprising heat exchanger bundles, pipework, valves, pipe supports, thermal insulation, instrumentation, cabling and containment; • a boiler secondary air preheating system comprising heat exchanger bundles, pipework, valves, pipe supports, thermal insulation, instrumentation, cabling and containment; and • mechanical modifications to the actuated stream turbine inlet control valve to allow steam capacity to be increased. <p>The physical works comprised in the extension are ‘engineering operations’ and therefore ‘development’ for the purposes of section 31 of the PA 2008.</p> <p>As is set out more fully in the Explanatory Memorandum (paragraphs 2.10 to 2.15), it is only the extension which is the NSIP pursuant to Sections 14(1)(a) and 15(1) of the PA 2008, and the development forming part of the extension (being the Authorised Development) which requires development consent pursuant to Section 31 of the PA 2008. The Consented Development is consented and being constructed pursuant to the TCPA. It is not an NSIP, nor does it form part of one.</p> <p>Separately, the extended generating station requires an ancillary authorisation to “operate” at over 50MW pursuant to Section 36 of The Electricity Act 1989, and this is included within the DCO.</p>
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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. The Applicant notified the SoS in writing on 17 November 2021 under the 2017 EIA Regulations – Regulation 8(1)(b) that it proposed to provide an Environmental Statement (ES) in respect of the Proposed Development. A request for a Scoping Opinion was made on 17 November 2021 and is included at Document Ref. 6.4.1. The notification was given to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) before statutory consultation was commenced on 5 May 2022 pursuant to Section 42 of the PA 2008.
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 Applicant has not received any representations from local authorities. It is anticipated that PINS will request the representations from the local authorities pursuant to PINS Advice Note 14.
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 ?	Yes. The Applicant has provided a list of persons consulted under Section 42(1)(a) on 3 May 2022 at Appendix 8.1 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1).

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

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

		A sample copy of the letter sent to the Section 42(1)(a) consultees is provided at Appendix 9.1 of the Consultation Report.
7	Section 42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation ⁶ ?	No. The Marine Management Organisation was not consulted as the Proposed Project does not involve offshore development or development within tidal waters.
8	Section 42(1)(b) each local authority within s43 ⁷ ?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Table 7.1 in the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1) lists the relevant local authorities that were consulted under Section 43 and Section 42(1)(b) of the PA 2008 on 3 May 2022.</p> <p>The six boundary 'A' authorities consulted were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead • Surrey County Council • Spelthorne Borough Council • London Borough of Hillingdon • Buckinghamshire Council • South Bucks District Council <p>The one host 'B' authority consulted was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slough Borough Council <p>There were no host 'C' authority or boundary 'D' authorities identified or consulted.</p> <p>Each of the above local authorities were sent a letter by Royal Mail First Class post. The letter was accompanied by a USB drive (and download link) containing the consultation documents and stated a deadline for the receipt of consultation responses. The letters explained why each consultee was being consulted, provided background information on the Proposed Project, summarised its main components and how to submit comments</p>

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>and the deadline for doing so, sample letters are included at Appendix 9.1 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1).</p> <p>A plan illustrating the respective boundaries of the above list local authorities is provided at Appendix 8.2 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1).</p>
9	Section 42(1)© the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?	N/A to the Proposed Project. The Greater London Authority was not consulted as the Proposed Development site is not located in Greater London.
10	Section 42(1)(d) each person in one or more of s44 categories ⁸ ?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Section 44 persons were consulted by letter sent on 3 May 2022 accompanied by a USB drive containing the consultation documents and stating a deadline for the receipt of comments.</p> <p>Paragraphs 8.5.3 to 8.5.5 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1) summarise how the Applicant made diligent inquiry to seek to identify and consult persons with an interest in land affected by the Draft DCO (Document Ref. 2.1)</p> <p>The Section 44 persons consulted are listed at Appendix 8.3 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1). A sample of the letter is provided at Appendix 9.1 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1).</p>
Section 45: Timetable for s42 consultation		
11	Did the Applicant notify s42 consultees of the deadline for receipt of consultation responses; and if so was the deadline notified by the Applicant 28 days or more starting with the day after receipt of the consultation documents?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Each of the letters issued to the Section 42 consultees clearly stated a deadline for the receipt of consultation responses.</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

		Each of the letters was issued on the 3 May 2022 and provided a deadline for comments of no later than 17 June 2022, therefore allowing in excess of 28 days to provide comments. A copy of the letter can be found at Appendix 9.1 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1).
Section 46: Duty to notify the Planning Inspectorate of proposed application		
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 Applicant notified the SoS of the Application before the start of the Section 42 Consultation by email on 4 May 2022. The email contained a secure file transfer link to the consultation documents that were issued to the Section 42 consultees. The consultation under Section 42 then commenced on 5 May 2022. A copy of the email sent to PINS is provided at Appendix 10.1 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1). A copy of PINS acknowledgement is provided at Appendix 10.2 of the Consultation Report.</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 draft SoCC was produced setting out how the Applicant proposed to consult on the Proposed Project with people living in the vicinity of the Site.</p> <p>The SoCC set out a number of proposed consultation methods including the following; setting up a project website, exhibition events, sending out a detailed newsletter, publishing notices in newspapers, placing posters in the local areas, hosting a virtual consultation event/room (via the project website), hosting a number of webinars, providing a manned freephone service, providing a USB of consultation materials free of charge or hard copies on request (with charge).</p> <p>A copy of the final published SoCC can be found in Appendix 7.3 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1).</p>
14	Were 'B' and (where relevant) 'C' authorities consulted about the content of the SoCC; and if so,	Yes.

	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>As outlined in Table 7.1 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1), the Applicant consulted Slough Borough Council (SBC) as the B authority on a draft of the SoCC on a non-statutory basis in February 2022. No comments were received. The Applicant then undertook statutory consultation with SBC on an updated draft of the SoCC on 22 February 2022, allowing a period of 28 days (until 22 March 2022) for the host local authority to return comments. SBC confirmed they had no comments to make on the document, via email on 23 March 2022. A copy of the email sent and received from SBC is included at Appendix 7.2 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1).</p> <p>The SoCC detailed numerous methods by which the Applicant proposed to consult the local community, including exhibition events, a virtual exhibition, online webinars, newsletters, a project website and freephone.</p>
15	Has the Applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	See Section 14 above. SBC confirmed that they had no comments to make on the SoCC. A copy of the email received from SBC on 23 March is provided at Appendix 7.2 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1).
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 Notice was published on 1 April 2022 in the Slough Observer, a newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the Site. The SoCC Notice made readers aware that the SoCC could be inspected free of charge on the project website, and provided the relevant URL for interested people to access the document. The SoCC Notice also stated that a hard copy of the SoCC or USB containing the SoCC could be requested from the Applicant by either contacting a freephone line or an email address it provided.</p> <p>Copies of the SoCC Notice as published are provided at Appendix 7.5 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1).</p>
17	Does the SoCC set out whether the development is EIA development ⁹ ; and does it set out how the	Yes.

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

	<p>Applicant intends to publicise and consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information?</p>	<p>The SoCC confirms that the Proposed Project is EIA development at paragraphs 3.4 to 3.6. A copy of the final SoCC can be viewed at Appendix 7.3 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1).</p> <p>The SoCC confirmed that a Preliminary Environmental Information Report would be prepared for the Consultation and how this would be publicised and made available (including the ability to download the information via the Project Website or requesting it).</p>
18	<p>Has the Applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The commitments set out in the SoCC have been fulfilled as set out in Section 11 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1) and summarised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper notices were published in national and local newspapers. • A newsletter was sent to all residents and businesses within the public consultation zone advising them of the consultation period and the dates/times and venue associated with the exhibition events. The newsletter also provided information regarding the project website, webinars, freephone number, how consultation materials can be accessed and the deadline for submitting comments. • Local political representatives, including local MPs and ward councillors were also contacted via the existing local liaison group meeting to notify them of the consultation, deadline for comments and materials available. • The Applicant published a notice in a local newspaper proposed in the SoCC (the Slough Observer) circulating within and beyond the Consultation Zone advertising the Section 47 local community consultation and public exhibitions. • Posters were erected in numerous locations in the public consultation zone, providing information on the consultation. • The Applicant hosted two exhibition events where people could attend and find out more information about the Proposed Project as well as speak to

		<p>members of the project team. Attendees could also leave comments via forms provided at each event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Applicant hosted two webinars and provided details of how and when to access them on the project website. • The Applicant hosted an online virtual consultation portal which simulated the typical information found at the physical exhibition events. The events included information boards and an online comments form. • A manned freephone number was operated over the consultation period. • The Proposed Project website was updated ahead of community consultation. All consultation materials (including the PEI Report) could be accessed and downloaded via the website. • A Comments Form was made available during the consultation for people to use to submit comments and feedback. The Comments Form (including freepost address) was incorporated within the Newsletter sent out to the public consultation zone. • The comments and feedback received during consultation have been carefully recorded and taken into account by the Applicant in developing the Proposed Project, as set out in the submitted Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1).
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Section 48: Duty to publicise the proposed application

19	<p>Did the Applicant publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner set out in Regulation 4(2) of the APFP Regulations?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>A Section 48 Notice for the Proposed Project was published in the Slough Observer on the 6 and 13 June 2022, The Telegraph (a national newspaper) on 5 May 2022 and in the London Gazette on 5 May 2022.</p> <p>Copies of the Section 48 Notice as published in the newspapers are provided at Appendix 11.2 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1).</p>
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		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;	Slough Observer	6 and 13 May 2022
b)	once in a national newspaper;	The Telegraph	5 May 2022
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	London Gazette	5 May 2022
d)	where the proposed application relates to offshore development – (ii) once in Lloyds List; and (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal?	n/a	n/a
20	Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in Regulation 4(3) of APFP Regulations?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The published Section 48 notice provided at Appendix 12.1 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1) contain the required information as set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name and address of the Applicant. • A statement that the Applicant intends to make an application for a DCO. • A statement that the Proposed Project is EIA development or that an EIA is being undertaken. • A summary of the Proposed Project, including its location. • A statement that hard copies consultation documents (including plans and maps showing the location of the Proposed Project) were available to request free of charge (with the exception of the PEI Report, where a charge would be incurred). 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A statement that hard copies consultation documents (including plans and maps showing the location of the Proposed Development and the PEI Report) were available to request via USB drive (free of charge). • A statement to confirm that the consultation documents (including plans and maps showing the location of the Proposed Project) could be accessed free of charge using the Project Website, along with a corresponding weblink. • The latest date on which the consultation documents could be inspected online, which was on or after the last date for consultation responses. • Details were provided of how to respond to the publicity. This included the project website, email and freepost addresses and a telephone number. • The notice stated a deadline for the receipt of responses, being in excess of 28 days and running from the date when the Section 48 Notice was published.
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Information		Paragraph	Information		Paragraph
a)	the name and address of the Applicant.	Yes. Paragraph 1 of the Section 48 Notice States: <i>“Notice is hereby given that SSE Slough Multifuel Limited (the ‘Applicant’), whose registered office is No.1 Forbury Place, 43 Forbury Road, Reading, RG1 3JH</i>	b)	a statement that the Applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Secretary of State	Yes. Paragraph 1 of the Section 48 Notice states: <i>“Notice is hereby given that SSE Slough Multifuel Limited (the ‘Applicant’), whose registered office is No.1 Forbury Place, 43 Forbury Road, Reading, RG1 3JH, is intending to submit an application (the ‘Proposed Application’) to the Secretary of State (the ‘SoS’) for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy for a Development Consent Order (‘DCO’) under Section 37 ‘Applications for orders granting development consent’ of the Planning Act 2008 (the ‘PA 2008’) ...”</i>

c)	a statement as to whether the application is EIA development	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Paragraph 4 of the Section 48 Notice states:</p> <p><i>“The Applicant has notified the SoS in writing under Regulation 8(1)(b) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017(the ‘EIA Regulations’) that they intend to provide an Environmental Statement in respect of the Project. The Project is therefore ‘EIA development’ for the purposes of the EIA Regulations and an ES will form part of the Proposed Application.”</i></p>	d)	<p>a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the Proposed Development</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Paragraphs 3.0 to 3.4 of the Section 48 Notice state:</p> <p><i>“3. The Project comprises land either of Edinburgh Avenue, Slough, SL1 4TU (located a grid reference 495372, 181446) (the ‘Site’). The Site is located within the Slough Heat and Power site and encompasses the site of the Consented Development. All elements of the Project are within the administrative boundary of Slough Borough Council. In total the Site extends 2.8 hectares.</i></p> <p><i>3.1 Plans are available within the ‘Consultation Documents’ (see further below) showing the extent of the Site.</i></p> <p><i>3.2 The Slough Multifuel Extension Project involves the mechanical modification of the Consented Development and provision of additional systems including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• heat exchanger bundles (internal to the existing Consented Development building envelope);</i> <i>• external and internal above ground pipework and valves;</i> <i>• pipe supports (external and internal);</i> <i>• thermal insulation (external and internal works);</i>
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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • instrumentation (internal to the existing Consented Development building envelope); • cabling and containment (internal); and • mechanical modifications to the steam turbine inlet control system (internal works). <p>3.3 The increase in efficiency and generating capacity will not require any increase in the hourly throughput of Waste Derived Fuel (WDF) or the number of approved deliveries to the facility.</p> <p>3.4 The consented building structures and architecture, currently under construction, will remain unchanged.”</p>
e)	<p>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</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Paragraph 6 of the Section 48 Notice states:</p> <p><i>“The PEI Report and other documents relating to the Project, including plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Project (the ‘Consultation Documents’), are available to download and view free of charge from the Project Website:</i></p> <p>www.ssethermal.com/energy-from-waste/slough-multifuel/ until 17 June 2022. The</p>	f)	<p>the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection on the website</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Paragraph 6 of the Section 48 Notice states:</p> <p><i>“The PEI Report and other documents relating to the Project, including plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Project (the ‘Consultation Documents’), are available to download and view free of charge from the Project Website: www.ssethermal.com/energy-from-waste/slough-multifuel/ until 17 June 2022.”</i></p>

	relation to the documents, plans and maps	<i>documents will be available under the 'Stage 2 Consultation' tab on the Project Website (link above)."</i>			
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Paragraph 7 of the Section 48 Notice states:</p> <p><i>"If you are unable to access the Project Website please telephone: Freephone 0800 335 7003 and leave a message or email: thermalenquiries@sse.com and you will be offered a paper copy of the Consultation Documents free of charge (with the exception of the PEI Report which will be charged at a maximum of £100) or a USB containing the Consultation Documents free of charge. Please allow a week for receipt of the Consultation Documents."</i></p>	h)	details of how to respond to the publicity	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Paragraph 9 of the Section 48 Notice states:</p> <p><i>"If you wish to respond to this notice or make comments or representations in respect of the Project, these should be sent to the Applicant. Please include your name and an address where any correspondence relating to the Project can be sent. Comments and representations may be submitted in the following ways:</i></p> <p>Email: thermalenquiries@sse.com</p> <p>Post: FREEPOST SLOUGH MULTIFUEL</p> <p>Telephone: Freephone 0800 335 7003 (this is a voicemail-based service and can be called 24 hours. Please leave your name and a telephone number).</p> <p>Project Website: www.ssethermal.com/energy-from-waste/slough-multifuel/</p>
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	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Paragraph 11 of the Section 48 Notice states:</p> <p><i>"Please note that all comments and representations must be</i></p>			

		<i>received by the Applicant no later than 5pm on 17 June 2022.”.</i>	
21	Are there any observations in respect of the s48 notice provided above?		
22	Has a copy of the s48 notice been sent to the EIA consultation bodies and to any person notified to the Applicant in accordance with the EIA Regulations ¹⁰ ?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>A copy of the Section 48 Notice was sent to the EIA consultation bodies as part of the Section 42 consultation, as confirmed in paragraph 12.1.9 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref.5.1).</p> <p>A sample version of the Section 42 consultation letter is provided at Appendix 9.1 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1) and confirms a copy of the Section 48 Notice was enclosed.</p>	
s49: Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity			
23	Has the Applicant had regard to any relevant responses to the s42, s47 and s48 consultation?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>All responses received to the Consultation have been considered by the Applicant.</p> <p>Tables 13.1 and 13.2 within Section 13 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1) set out how the Applicant has had regard to the consultation responses received; including whether or not responses led to changes to the Application.</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

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 ?	Table 3.2 of the Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1) evidences how the Applicant has complied with DCLG Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process' published in March 2015.
25	Summary: Section 55(3)(e)	The Applicant has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure) of the PA 2008 and applicable guidance and undertaken both non-statutory and statutory consultation.
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>Pages 2 and 3 of the Application Cover Letter (Document Ref. 1.1) provide a brief statement as to why the Proposed Project falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate (PINS).</p> <p>Section 4 of the Application Form (Document Ref. 1.3) explains why the Proposed Project falls within the remit of PINS.</p> <p>Section 5 of the Application Form (Document Ref. 1.3) provides a brief non-technical description of the Site and Section 6 provides the location of the Proposed Project.</p> <p>Paragraphs 2.10 to 2.15 of the Explanatory Memorandum (Document Ref. 2.2) also explains why the Proposed Project falls within the remit of PINS and the Planning Act 2008.</p> <p>A Site Location Plan (Document Ref. 4.1) has been provided.</p>

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

27	Is it accompanied by a Consultation Report?	Yes. The Application is accompanied by a Consultation Report (Document Ref. 5.1) and Appendices to the Consultation Report are provided with the Application.
28	Where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets, has a key plan been provided showing the relationship between the different sheets? ¹²	N/A to the Proposed Project.
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			
a)	Where applicable, the Environmental Statement required under the EIA Regulations ¹³ and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	Yes. The Application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement ('ES') comprising the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental Statement – Non-Technical Summary (Document Ref. 6.1) - Environmental Statement - Volume I (Main Report) (ES Chapters 1-14) (Document Refs. 6.2.1 to 6.2.14) - Environmental Statement - Volume II (ES Figures) 	b)	The draft Development Consent Order (DCO)	Yes. The Application includes a draft DCO (Document Ref. 2.1) in the validated SI template.

¹² Regulation 5(4) of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009
¹³ The 2017 EIA Regulations, or where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies, the 2009 EIA Regulations

		(Document Refs. 6.3.1 to 6.3.17)		
		- Environmental Statement - Volume III (ES Appendices) (Document Ref. 6.4.1 to 6.4.14)		
	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	Yes. The Application includes an Explanatory Memorandum (Document Ref. 2.2).	d)	Where applicable, a Book of Reference (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition)
				N/A to the Proposed Project. The Application includes a Land Ownership and Interests Schedule (Document Ref. 3.1) as the Proposed Project does not seek any compulsory acquisition of land or the acquisition, extinguishment, or interference with rights of any other party. Therefore, a Book of Reference has not been provided with the Application because it is not applicable (as per Regulation 5(2)(d) of the APFP Regulations). This is because there are no persons in Category 1 or 2 who have interests in the land as described in Regulation 7(1)(a) of the APFP Regulations which it is proposed shall be subject to powers of compulsory acquisition, rights to use land, or rights to carry out protective works to buildings. There are also no land or interests falling within Regulation 7(1) parts (b) to (e).

	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
e)	A copy of any Flood Risk Assessment	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The application includes a Flood Risk Assessment:</p> <p>Environmental Statement - Volume III Appendix 12A Flood Risk Assessment (Document Ref. 6.4.14)</p>	f)	<p>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</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>A Statutory Nuisance Statement is provided (Document Ref. 5.3).</p>
	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)	<p>No.</p> <p>A Statement of Reasons has not been provided as no compulsory acquisition powers are sought.</p>	i)	<p>A Land Plan identifying:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the land required for, or affected by, the Proposed Development; (ii) where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of Compulsory Acquisition or any rights to use land; (iii) any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights; and 	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Application includes a Land Plan showing the land required/affected by the Proposed Project (Document Ref. 4.2).</p>

			(iv) any special category land and replacement land	
	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>Yes.</p> <p>The Application includes a Works Plan showing the location and extent of the Proposed Project, including the limits of deviation within which it is proposed to be (Document Ref. 4.3).</p> <p>The Works Plan shows the area within which Work No. 1 may be carried out. The draft DCO provides details of the Work No. The limits of deviation are the outer limits of the corresponding numbered area shown on the Works Plan.</p> <p>The Works Plan also shows the location and area of the extended generating station, in relation to which the ancillary authorisation to operate at more than 50MW is sought.</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>N/A to the Proposed Project.</p> <p>The Proposed Project does not involve any new or altered means of access, stopping up or diversions.</p>
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
l)	Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:-	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Application includes:</p>	m)	<p>Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying any statutory/ non-statutory</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>The Application includes:</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,</p> <p>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) Document Ref. 4.5 Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites/ Features of Nature Conservation Plan</p> <p>(ii) Document Ref. 4.6 Habitats of Protected Species Plan</p> <p>(iii) Document Ref. 4.8: Water bodies in a river basin management plan</p> <p>The relevant assessments are provided within the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.2.10 - ES Volume I - Chapter 10 Ecology • 6.3.1 - 6.3.17 - ES Volume II Figures 1.1 - 13.1 • 6.4.8 - ES Volume III - Appendix 9A: Noise Survey Results • 6.4.9 - ES Volume III - Appendix 10A: SSE Phase 1 Habitat Report • 6.4.10 - ES Volume III - Appendix 10B: No Significant Effects Report • 6.4.11 - ES Volume III - Appendix 10C: Bat Survey Report 	<p>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 Ref. 4.7 Statutory and Non-Statutory Features of Historic Environment Plan.</p> <p>There are no such interest features within the vicinity of the Site and the need to assess effects/impacts on cultural heritage was scoped out of the EIA for the Proposed Project – see Document Ref. 6.2.6 ES Volume I - Chapter 6 EIA Methodology.</p>
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	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	N/A to the Proposed Project. The Proposed Project does not involve any Crown Land.	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
				The Application includes: Document Ref. 4.4 Multifuel Facility Plans

			vehicular and pedestrian access, any car parking and landscaping	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	
p)	Any of the documents prescribed by Regulation 6 of the APFP Regulations:	Yes. The Application includes: Document Ref. 5.5 - Grid Connection Statement	q) Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	The following documents have been included in support of the Application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover Letter (Document Ref. 1.1) • Application Guide (Document Ref. 1.2) • Application Form (Document Ref. 1.3) • Notices for Non-Statutory & Statutory Publicity (Document Ref. 1.4) • Land Ownership and Interests Schedule (Document Ref. 3.1) • Planning Statement (Document Ref. 5.2) • Other Consents (Document Ref. 5.4) • Commitments Register (Document Ref. 5.6) • Planning Conditions and DCO Requirements Tracker (Document Ref. 5.7) • 2014 Slough Multifuel Environmental Statement: Non-

			<p>Technical Summary (Document Ref. 7.1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014 Slough Multifuel Environmental Statement and Appendices (Document Ref. 7.2) • 2017 Slough Multifuel Planning Permission (P/00987/024) (Document Ref. 7.3) • 2017 Further Development Planning Permission (P/00987/025) (Document Ref. 7.4) • 2020 Section 73 Planning Permission (P/00987/035) (Document Ref. 7.5) • 2020 Approved Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) (Document Ref. 7.6) • 2022 Section 73 Planning Permission (P/00987/051) (Document Ref. 7.7) • 2022 Further Development Parking Non-Material Amendment (P/00987/053) (Document Ref. 7.8) • 2022 Gatehouse, Silo Frame and Enclosure Planning Permission (P/00987/052) (Document Ref. 7.9) • 2022 Greenock Road Fence Planning Permission (P/19876/000) (Document Ref. 7.10)
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	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?			
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>The Application includes:</p> <p>Document Ref. 6.4.9: Habitat Regulations Assessment: No Significant Effects Report</p>		
32	If requested by the Planning Inspectorate, two paper copies of the application form and other supporting documents and plans ¹⁵	Paper copies have not been requested by PINS. Electronic only submission has been agreed between PINS and the Applicant's agents, to comprise a secure fileshare site that has been trialled in advance.		

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

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

33	Has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance', and has this regard led to the application being prepared to a standard that the Planning Inspectorate considers satisfactory?	The Applicant has had regard to the DCLG guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance' when preparing the Application. The Applicant considers that the Application has been prepared to the standards that the SoS considers satisfactory.
34	Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)	The Application contains all the relevant documents under the PA 2008 and the APFP Regulations. The documents submitted are of satisfactory standard to be accepted for examination.
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 payment of £7,488.00 was made on 5 September 2022, in advance of the Application submission. This was confirmed as received by PINS.

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

