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1 Introduction

Section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 can be viewed at [legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/29/section/55), here: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/29/section/55>

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Table 1.1: Section 55 Acceptance of Applications Checklist

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	<p>Is the development a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project¹ (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 Order² (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008 (the 2008 Act), or equivalent words? Does the application specify the development to which it relates (i.e. which category or categories in ss14 to 30 does the Proposed Development fall)?</p> <p>If the development does not fall within the categories in ss14 to 30, has a direction been given by the Secretary of State under s35 of the 2008 Act for the development to be treated as development for which development consent is required?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The proposed development set out in the Application Form (document reference 1.4) and the draft Development Consent Order (document reference 3.1) is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), as a development falling within the categories in section 14(1)(a) and 15 (3) of the 2008 Act .</p> <p>This is consistent with the summary provided in the Application Form (document reference 1.4) in Box 4 which states that the project will comprise a new offshore generating station with an installed capacity of over 100 megawatts and which therefore concludes that the Application is for a NSIP as defined by sections 14(1)(a) and 15(3) of the 2008 Act.</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)

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3	Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)	The Application as submitted states on the face of it that it is an application for development consent under the 2008 Act.
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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>The Applicant notified the Planning Inspectorate on the 17 June 2022 confirming that it intended to provide an Environmental Statement in respect of the Project pursuant to Regulation 8(1)(b) of the 2017 EIA Regulations and request a scoping opinion pursuant to Regulation 10(1). A copy of this letter is included in <i>Appendix 5.1.2.</i> to the Consultation Report.</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 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 2008 Act about the proposed 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

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6	Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed ⁵ ?	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Applicant has consulted all consultees notified to the Applicant by the Planning Inspectorate under Regulation 11 (1)(c) of the 2017 EIA Regulations and all consultees prescribed under Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations.</p> <p>Appendix 5.1.3 of the Consultation Report sets out all consultees consulted under section 42 of the 2008 Act.</p>
7	Section 42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation ⁶ ?	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Marine Management Organisation is included in the list of prescribed consultees at Appendix 5.1.3 of the Consultation Report.</p>
8	Section 42(1)(b) each local authority within s43 ⁷ ?	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Applicant consulted each local authority that falls within section 43. For completeness a table of the local authorities is replicated below.</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

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Category B
East Lindsey District Council
Boston Borough Council
South Holland District Council
Lincolnshire County Council
Category A
North East Lincolnshire Council
West Lindsey District Council
North Kesteven District Council
South Kesteven District Council
Peterborough City Council
Fenland District Council
King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council
Cambridgeshire County Council
Norfolk County Council
Category C
Lincolnshire County Council
Category D
North East Lincolnshire Council
North Lincolnshire Council
Nottinghamshire County Council
Leicestershire County Council
Rutland County Council
North Northamptonshire Council
Peterborough City Council
Cambridgeshire County Council

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		Norfolk County Council
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>The Applicant consulted all persons identified under section 44 of the 2008 Act being persons with a relevant interest in land affected by the Project. These persons are set out in the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) and the associated appendices and Book of Reference (document reference 4.1).</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>The Applicant notified all of those consulted as part of each of the section 42 consultations of the respective deadlines for responding to the consultations in a cover letter notifying them of the commencement of the respective consultations.</p> <p>The deadline notified by the Applicant to the consultees was a minimum of 28 days:</p> <p>Phase 1: 1st November 2022- 29th November 2022</p> <p>Phase 1A: 21st February 2023-21st March 2023</p> <p>Phase 2: 7th June 2023-21st July 2023 – this was extended to 31st July 2023 for a small number of stakeholders who requested further time to respond or who did not receive the initial letter due to the first letter not being delivered.</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

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Autumn: 20th October 2023- 24th November 2023- this was extended to 15 January 2024 who were identified after the commencement of consultation as potentially having an interest in the land under section 44 of the 2008 Act following further diligent inquiry.

Targeted Winter: 18th December 2023- 19th January 2024

Copies of the cover letters issued under section 42 to consultees are included as *Annex 5.1.9C, Annex 5.1.10C, Annex 5.1.10D, Annex 5.1.11A and Annex 5.1.11B.* of the Consultation Report.

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?

Yes

The Applicant notified the Secretary of State (SoS) ahead of commencement of all phases of consultation under section 42 and provided copies of the consultation materials.

Yes

Phase 2 Consultation

The Applicant notified the SoS on 5 June 2023, ahead of consultation commencing on 7 June 2023. The SoS confirmed receipt of the notification and documentation on 26 June 2023.

Autumn Consultation

The Applicant notified the SoS on 18 October 2023 ahead of the consultation commencing on 20 October 2023.

Targeted Winter Consultation

The Applicant notified the SoS on 13 December 2023 ahead of the consultation commencing on 18 December 2023. The SoS confirmed receipt of the notification and documentation on 15 December 2023.

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Copies of the notices are included as *Annex 5.1.6E*, *Annex 5.1.6G* and *Annex 5.1.6H* and of the acknowledgements as *Annex 5.1.6F* and *Annex 5.1.6I* of the Consultation Report. No acknowledgement was formally received in respect of the Autumn consultation.

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 SoCC which sets out how the Applicant proposed to consult the community. The Applicant prepared an Updated SoCC to introduce an alternative cable route option and an additional phase of consultation.

Copies of the draft and final versions of the SoCC and Updated SoCC are included within *Appendix 5.1.5* of the Consultation Report.

14 Were 'B' and (where relevant) 'C' authorities consulted about the content of the SoCC; and if so, was the deadline for receipt of responses 28 days beginning with the day after the day that 'B' and (where applicable) 'C' authorities received the consultation documents?

Yes

The Applicant consulted the below noted local authorities on the contents of the draft SoCCs:

Category B: East Lindsey District Council, Boston Borough Council and South Holland District Council, Lincolnshire County Council

Relevant Category A: North East Lincolnshire Council, West Lindsey District Council, North Kesteven District Council, South Kesteven District Council, Peterborough City Council, Fenland District Council and Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk.

Applicable Category C: Lincolnshire County Council

The draft SoCC was received by local authorities on 12 August 2022 with the deadline for responses being 9 September 2022 totalling 28 days.

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		<p>A further draft SoCC was received by local authorities on 14 September 2022 with the deadline for responses being 13 October 2022 totalling 29 days.</p> <p>The local authorities received the draft Updated SoCC on 13 December 2022 with the deadline for the responses being 10 January 2023 totalling 28 days.</p>
15	Has the Applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Applicant had regard to all relevant comments received on the draft SoCC. Comments on the updated draft SoCC were provided in relation to updated council addresses and opening times of the hard copy access locations and the SoCC was updated accordingly. No further comments were received in respect of the SoCC or the Updated SoCC.</p> <p>Details of the responses received and how the Applicant has responded or incorporated these is outlined in <i>Section 8.1.</i> of the Consultation Report.</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 Applicant made the SoCC available for inspection by the public on the ODOW website and in hard copy format at the Community Access Points on the dates outlined in <i>Table 8.2</i> of the Consultation Report</p> <p>A notice publicising the SOCC in accordance with section 47(6)(b) of the 2008 Act appeared in the following publications on the dates set out in <i>Table 8.3</i> of the Consultation Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Louth Leader publications- Skegness Standard, Mablethorpe Leader, Horncastle News, Spilsby Standard and Market Rasen Mail ■ Boston Target

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- Spalding Guardian
- Spalding Voice
- Spalding Today
- Lincolnshire Echo
- Lincolnshire Free Press
- Lincolnshire Live
- Lincolnshire World
- Fishing News

The below radio and tv stations were also contacted with news of the SoCC being published:

- BBC Radio Lincolnshire
- Lincs 102.7 FM
- BBC Look North
- ITV Newscalendar

Scanned copies of the section 47 notices as published in the local newspapers are included in *Appendix 5.1.5.* of the Consultation Report.

The Applicant made the Updated SoCC available for inspection by the public on the ODOW website and in hard copy format at the Community Access Points on the dates outlined in *Table 8.2* of the Consultation Report

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A notice publicising the Updated SOCC in accordance with section 47(6)(b) of the 2008 Act appeared in the following publications on the dates set out in *Table 8.3* of the Consultation Report

- Louth Leader publications - Skegness Standard, Mablethorpe Leader, Horncastle News, Spilsby Standard and Market Rasen Mail
- Boston Target
- Spalding Guardian
- Spalding Voice
- Spalding Today
- Lincolnshire Echo
- Lincolnshire Free Press
- Lincolnshire Live
- Lincolnshire World
- Fishing News

The below radio stations were also contacted with news of the Updated SoCC being published:

- BBC Radio Lincolnshire
- Lincs 102.7 FM
- BBC Look North
- ITV Newscalendar

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		Scanned copies of the section 47 notices as published in the local newspapers are included in <i>Appendix 5.1.5</i> .
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 5 of both the SoCC and the Updated SoCC sets out that the Project constitutes EIA development and what this means, including how it planned to publicise and consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which was the primary focus of the Phase 2 Consultation.</p> <p>Copies of the Final SoCC (October 2022) and the Final Updated SoCC (January 2023) are included as <i>Annex 5.1.5C</i> and <i>Annex 5.1.5E</i></p>
18	Has the Applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC?	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Applicant undertook the consultations carried out under section 47 of the 2008 Act in accordance with the SoCC and Updated SoCC. <i>Section 8.2</i> of the Consultation Report sets out how the Applicant has complied with the SoCC and Updated SoCC.</p>

Section 48: Duty to publicise the proposed application

19	Did the Applicant publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner set out in Regulation 4(2) of the APFP Regulations?	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Applicant prepared and publicised the application in the prescribed manner set out in regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations.</p>
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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

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		<p>The Applicant published section 48 notices in the publications and on the dates listed in the below tables.</p> <p>The Applicant published the first section 48 notice prior to the Phase 2 Consultation ('the June Notice'), and publicity under section 48 ran in parallel with the Phase 2 Consultation.</p> <p>Following Project refinements, as set out in <i>Section 9.9</i> of the Consultation Report, the Applicant publicised a further section 48 notice prior to the Autumn Consultation ('the October Notice'), and publicity under section 48 ran in parallel with the Autumn Consultation</p>
	Newspaper(s)	Dates
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;	Phase 2 Consultation: 7 June 2023- 21 July 2023
		<p>Boston Standard 7 June 2023 and 14 June 2023</p> <p>Boston Target 7 June 2023 and 14 June 2023</p> <p>Lincolnshire Free Press 6 June 2023 and 13 June 2023</p> <p>Lincolnshire Echo 8 June 2023 and 15 June 2023</p> <p>Louth Leader publications (Skegness Standard, Mablethorpe Leader, Horncastle News, Spilsby Standard and Market Rasen Mail) 7 June 2023 and 14 June 2023</p> <p>Spalding Guardian 8 June 2023 and 15 June 2023</p> <p>Spalding Voice 8 June 2023 and 15 June 2023</p>

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		Autumn Consultation: 20 October 2023- 24 November 2023
		<p>Boston Standard Boston Target Lincolnshire Free Press Lincolnshire Echo Louth Leader publications (Skegness Standard, Mablethorpe Leader, Horncastle News, Spilsby Standard and Market Rasen Mail) Spalding Guardian Spalding Voice</p>
		<p>11 October 2023 and 18 October 2023 11 October 2023 and 18 October 2023 10 October 2023 and 17 October 2023 12 October 2023 and 19 October 2023 11 October 2023 and 18 October 2023 12 October 2023 and 19 October 2023 12 October 2023 and 19 October 2023</p>
b)	once in a national newspaper;	Phase 2 Consultation: 7 June 2023- 21 July 2023
		<p>The Times</p>
		7 June2023

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		Autumn Consultation: 20 October 2023- 24 November 2023	
		The Times	12 October 2023
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	Phase 2 Consultation: 7 June 2023- 21 July 2023	
		London Gazette	8 June 2023
		Autumn Consultation: 20 October 2023- 24 November 2023	
		London Gazette	13 October 2023
d)	where the proposed application relates to offshore development – (i) once in Lloyds List; and (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal?	Phase 2 Consultation: 7 June 2023- 21 July 2023	
		Lloyd’s List Fishing News	7 June 2023 8 June 2023
		Autumn Consultation: 20 October 2023- 24 November 2023	
		Lloyd’s List Fishing News	12 October 2023 27 October 2023

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20	Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in Regulation 4(3) of APFP Regulations?	<p>Yes</p> <p>As set out below both the s48 notice published in June ('the June Notice') and the s48 notice published in October ('the October Notice') included all of the required information.</p>				
Information		Paragraph		Information		Paragraph
a)	the name and address of the Applicant.	Paragraph 1 of both the June and October notice.	b)	a statement that the Applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Secretary of State	Paragraph 1 of both the June and October notice	
c)	a statement as to whether the application is EIA development	Paragraph 3 of the June Notice and paragraph 6 of the October Notice.	d)	a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the Proposed Development	Paragraph 2 of the June Notice and paragraph 5 of the October Notice	
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	Paragraph 3 of the June Notice and paragraph 6 of the October Notice and the corresponding tables.	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection on the website	Paragraph 3 of the June Notice and paragraph 6 of the October Notice and the corresponding tables.	

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	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	Paragraph 6 of the June Notice and paragraph 9 of the October Notice.	h)	details of how to respond to the publicity	Paragraph 8 of the June Notice and paragraph 10 of the October Notice.
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	Paragraph 8 of the June Notice and 10 of the October Notice.	Each notice provided a total of 36 days for responses following the date when the last notice was published, therefore exceeding the 28 days statutory minimum		
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 notified to the Applicant in accordance with the EIA Regulations ¹⁰ ?	<p>Yes</p> <p>A hard copy of the section 48 notice, as publicised in the prescribed manner, was included in the consultation materials sent to all section 42 consultees in accordance with the 2017 EIA Regulations as part of the phase 2 Consultation and the Autumn Consultation.</p> <p>Copies of the notices are included as <i>Annex 5.1.6C</i> and <i>Annex 5.1.6D</i></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

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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>The Applicant has had regard to all relevant responses received under the s42 and s47 consultations. No responses were received in respect of the s48 notices.</p> <p>Details of the responses and the Applicant’s regards to these is set out in <i>Appendix 5.1.4</i> of the Consultation Report.</p>
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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 statutory guidance ‘Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process’, compliance with which is outlined in <i>Appendix 5.1.1 Compliance Checklist</i> 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	Is it made in the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2 of the APFP Regulations, and does it include:	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Cover Letter (document reference 1.1) and Box 4 of the Application Form (document reference 1.4) provide a brief statement explaining why the Project falls within the remit of the</p>
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¹¹ The Planning Inspectorate must have regard to the extent to which the Applicant has had regard to guidance issued under s50

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	<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>Planning Inspectorate, and Box 5 of the Application Form (document reference 1.4) provides a brief statement that identifies the location and route of the proposed scheme.</p>
27	Is it accompanied by a Consultation Report?	<p>Yes</p> <p>The application is accompanied by a Consultation Report (document reference 5.1)</p>
28	Where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets, has a key plan been provided showing the relationship between the different sheets? ¹²	<p>Yes</p> <p>All key plans included in Part 2 showing the relationship between different sheets are provided for all plans with three or more sheets.</p> <p>2.1 Works Plan Onshore</p> <p>2.2 Works Plan Offshore</p> <p>2.3 Location Plan Onshore</p> <p>2.4 Location Plan Offshore</p> <p>2.5 Land Plans</p> <p>2.6 Crown Land Plans Onshore</p>

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

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		<p>2.7 Crown Land Plans Offshore</p> <p>2.8 Offshore Order Limits and Grid Coordinates Plan</p> <p>2.9 Accesses to Works Plan</p> <p>2.10 Public Rights of Way Plan</p> <p>2.11 Streets Plan</p> <p>2.12 Special Category Land Onshore</p> <p>2.13 Historic Environment Plan Onshore</p> <p>2.14 Historic Environment Plan Offshore</p> <p>2.15 Statutory and Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Sites Plan Onshore</p> <p>2.16 Statutory and Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Sites Plan Offshore</p> <p>2.17 Important Hedgerows and Tree Preservation Order Plan</p> <p>2.18 Onshore Crossing Plan</p> <p>2.19 Offshore Crossing Plan</p> <p>2.20 Traffic Regulation Order Plan</p>
29	Is it accompanied by the documents and information set out in APFP Regulation 5(2)?	<p>Yes</p> <p>The application is accompanied by the undernoted document.</p>

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	Information	Document	Information	Document	
a)	Where applicable, the Environmental Statement required under the EIA Regulations ¹³ and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	An Environmental Statement (Part 6) is included as part of the application in three volumes comprising chapters, figures and appendices. Document reference 5.1.2 (Scoping Opinion)	b)	The draft Development Consent Order (DCO)	Document reference 3.1
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
c)	An Explanatory Memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of provisions in the draft DCO	Document reference 3.2	d)	Where applicable, a Book of Reference (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition)	Document reference 4.1
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
e)	A copy of any Flood Risk Assessment	Flood Risk Assessments are included for the onshore ECC (document reference 6.3.24.2)	f)	A statement whether the proposal engages one or more of the matters set out in section 79(1) of the Environmental Protection Act	Document reference 9.4

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

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		and the onshore substation (document reference 6.3.24.3)		1990 (statutory nuisances) and if so how the Applicant proposes to mitigate or limit them	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
h)	A Statement of Reasons and a Funding Statement (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition)	Document reference 4.2 (Funding Statement) and 4.3 (Statement of Reasons).	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 Acquisition or any rights to use land; (iii) any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights; and (iv) any special category land and replacement land	(i) document reference 2.5 (Land Plans) and (iv) document reference 2.12 (Special Category Land Onshore)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes

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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>Document reference 2.1 (Works Plans Onshore) and document reference 2.2 (Works Plans Offshore)</p> <p>Document reference 2.3 (Location Plan Onshore), Document reference 2.4 (Location Plan Offshore) and Document reference 2.8 (Offshore Order Limits and Grid Coordinates Plan).</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>Document references 2.9 (Access to Works Plan), 2.10 (Public Rights of Way Plan) and 2.11 (Streets Plan)</p>
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
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</p>	<p>Document references, 2.15 (Statutory and Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Sites Onshore) and document reference 2.16 (Statutory and Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Sites Offshore)</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</p>	<p>Document references 2.13 (Historic Environment Plan Onshore) and document reference 2.14 (Historic Environment Plan Offshore)</p> <p>Assessments of potential effects of the Project on any such sites or features are</p>

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<p>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>Assessments of potential effects of the Project on any designated features are contained within the Environmental Statement.</p> <p>Document Reference 6.1.20 (Chapter 20 Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage)</p> <p>Document Reference 6.1.21 (Chapter 21 Onshore Ecology)</p> <p>Document Reference 6.1.22 (Chapter 22 Onshore Ornithology)</p> <p>Document Reference 6.1.23 (Chapter 23 Geology and Ground Conditions)</p> <p>Document Reference 6.1.24 (Chapter 24 Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Flood Risk)</p> <p>Document Reference 6.1.28 (Chapter 28 Landscape and Visual Assessment)</p> <p>Document Reference 6.3.24.1 Groundwater Risk Assessment</p>	<p>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>contained within the Environmental Statement.</p> <p>Document reference 6.1.20 Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage</p> <p>Document reference 6.2.20 Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Figures</p> <p>Document reference 6.3.20.1 Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Desk-Based Assessment</p> <p>Document reference 6.3.20.2 Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage - Heritage Statement</p>
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	<p>Document Reference 6.3.24.2 Flood Risk Assessment: Onshore ECC and 400kV Cable Corridor</p> <p>Document Reference 6.3.24.3 Flood Risk Assessment: Onshore Substation</p> <p>Figure Reference 6.2.21.1 Habitats to be Permanently Lost</p> <p>Figure Reference 6.2.21.2 Habitats Temporarily Lost</p> <p>Figure Reference 6.2.21.3 Priority Habitats Impact Assessment - Temporary</p> <p>Figure Reference 6.2.21.4 Priority Habitats Impact Assessment - Permanent</p> <p>Figure Reference 6.2.28.10 Landscape Designations</p> <p>Document reference 6.3.8.1 Water Framework Directive</p> <p>Document reference 2.17 Important Hedgerows and Tree Preservation Order Plan</p>			
Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes

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n)	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land	Document reference 2.6 (Crown Land Plan Onshore) and document reference and 2.7 (Crown land Plan Offshore)	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	<p>Document reference 2.1 Works Plan Onshore</p> <p>Document reference 6.1.3 Project Description</p> <p>Document reference 8.1.5 Outline Surface Water Drainage Strategy</p> <p>Document reference 8.18 Design Approach Document</p> <p>Document reference 8.19 Design Principles Statement</p> <p>Document reference 8.10 Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Strategy (OLEMS)</p> <p>Document reference 6.2.28.15 OnSS Indicative Layout and Mitigation Planting</p> <p>Document reference 6.3.24.3 Flood Risk Assessment: Onshore Substation</p> <p>Document reference 6.2.3.3 Onshore Substation Site Location at Surfleet Marsh</p> <p>Document reference 6.2.3.4 Indicative Onshore Infrastructure Basis of Assessment</p>
Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	Yes	

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p)	Any of the documents prescribed by Regulation 6 of the APFP Regulations:	<p>(i) details of the proposed route and method of installation: offshore plans are included (document references 2.2 and 2.4) together with a cable statement (document reference 9.2), Project Description (Document reference 6.1.3) and Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives (Document reference 6.1.4)</p> <p>(ii) a statement as to whether applications will be made for safety zones: document reference 9.3</p>	q)	Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	<p>Document reference 6.1.27 Traffic and Transport</p> <p>Document reference 6.1.31 Climate Change</p> <p>Document reference 6.1.2 Need, Policy and Legislative Context</p> <p>9.1 Planning Statement</p> <p>9.1.1 Policy Compliance Document</p> <p>And all other documents listed in the Guide to the Application (Document Reference 1.2):</p> <p>Part 1 Introductory Materials</p> <p>Part 2 Plans and Drawings</p> <p>Part 3 Draft Development Consent Order</p> <p>Part 4 Compulsory Acquisition Information</p> <p>Part 5 Consultation Report</p> <p>Part 6 Environmental Statement</p> <p>Part 7 RIAA, HRA Screening, Derogation and Compensation</p> <p>Part 8 Outline Documents</p> <p>Part 9 Project Statements</p>
	Are they of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
30	Are there any observations in respect of the documents provided at Box 29 (a) to (q) above?				

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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>Information for the Habitats Regulations Assessment is provided in the RIAA & HRA documents.</p> <p>Document reference 7.1 Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment</p> <p>Document reference 7.2 HRA Screening Report</p> <p>Document reference 7.3 Screening Matrices</p> <p>Document reference 7.4 Integrity Matrices</p> <p>Document reference 7.5 Without prejudice Derogation Case</p> <p>Document reference 7.6 Benthic Without Prejudice Compensation Strategy</p> <p>Document reference 7.7 Ornithology Compensation Strategy</p> <p>Document reference 7.8 The Crown Estate Kittiwake Strategic Compensation Plan</p> <p>Document reference 7.9 Compensation Funding Statement</p>
32	If requested by the Planning Inspectorate, two paper copies of the application form and other supporting documents and plans ¹⁵	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Applicant has sent two signed paper copies of the application form to the Planning Inspectorate.</p>
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	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Applicant has had regard to the full application procedure as outlined in the guidance document.</p>

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

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

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	the Planning Inspectorate considers satisfactory?	<p>The format and content of the application documents submitted are consistent with the DCLG Guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance.</p> <p>Document reference 5.1 Consultation Report</p> <p>Document reference 6.1.2 Need, Policy and Legislative Context</p> <p>Document reference 2.1 Works Plan Onshore</p> <p>Document reference 2.2 Works Plan Offshore</p> <p>Document reference 2.5 Land Plans</p> <p>Document reference 1.4 Application Form</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 ?	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Applicant has paid the application fee of £8,244 on 11th March 2024 (Reference "GT R4 Limited EN010130") ahead of receipt of the application.</p>
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Role	Electronic signature	Date
Case Manager		

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
Acceptance Inspector		