

# West Burton Solar Project

## Application Form: Section 55 Acceptance of Applications Checklist - Applicant Submission

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# Section 55

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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>

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Section 55(2) Acceptance of Applications				
1	Within 28 days (starting day after receipt) the Planning Inspectorate must decide whether or not to accept the application for Examination.	Date received	28 day due date	Date of decision
Section 55(3) – the Planning Inspectorate may only accept an application if it concludes that:			Planning Inspectorate comments	
Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c): It is an application for an order granting development consent				
2	Is the development a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project <sup>1</sup> (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 <sup>2</sup> (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008), or equivalent words? Does the application specify the development to which it relates (i.e. which category or categories in ss14 to 30 does the Proposed Development fall)?	<p><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>The Scheme set out in Schedule 1 of the draft DCO [EN010132/APP/WB3.1] includes development that is defined as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under Sections 14(1)(a), 15(1) and 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) by virtue of the facts listed below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Scheme comprises the construction of a generating station (Section 14(1)(a) of the PA 2008);</li> <li>It would be located in England (Section 15(2)(a) of the PA 2008);</li> </ul>		

<sup>1</sup> NSIP is defined generally in s14 with the detailed thresholds for each of the specified categories being set out in ss15 to 30

<sup>2</sup> Development consent is required for development to the extent that the development is or forms part of an NSIP (s31 of the PA2008)

	If the development does not fall within the categories in ss14 to 30, has a direction been given by the Secretary of State under s35 of the PA2008 for the development to be treated as development for which development consent is required?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It would not generate electricity from wind (Section 15(2)(aa) of the PA 2008);</li> <li>• It would not be an offshore generating station (Section 15(2)(b) of the PA 2008);</li> <li>• Its capacity would be more than 50MW (Section 15(2)(c) of the PA 2008).</li> </ul> <p>Section 4 of the Application Form [EN010132/APP/WB1.1] and the covering letter [EN010132/APP/WB1.2] state that it is an application for a Development Consent Order.</p>
3	<b>Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)</b>	The application includes development for which development consent is required.
<b>Section 55(3)(e): The Applicant in relation to the application made has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure)</b>		
4	In accordance with the EIA Regulations <sup>3</sup> , 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><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>On 10 June 2022 the Applicant notified the Planning Inspectorate in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 of its intention to provide an Environmental Statement (ES) in respect of the Proposed Development. The notification was received before the start of statutory consultation on 15 June 2022.</p> <p>A copy of the notification letter is provided at Appendix 5.10 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010132/APP/WB5.10].</p>
5	Have any Adequacy of Consultation Representations <sup>4</sup> 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?	<p><b>N/A</b> - The adequacy of consultation representations will be requested by the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>The Consultation Report [EN010132/APP/WB5.1] explains how, at a project wide level, the Applicant has had regard to consultation responses.</p>
<b>Section 42: Duty to consult</b>		

<sup>3</sup> 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)

<sup>4</sup> 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

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 <sup>5</sup> ?	<p><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>The Applicant has provided a list of persons consulted under s42(1)(a) between 15 June and 27 July 2022 (23 August 2022 in respect of additional information) at Appendix 5.10 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010132/APP/WB5.10].</p> <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42(1)(a) consultees is provided at Appendix 5.8 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010132/APP/WB5.10].</p> <p>The Applicant undertook further targeted consultation between 28 November 2022 and 08 January 2023 on changes to the proposals for the West Burton 3 site area following the phase two (Statutory) consultation, as set out in Paragraphs 8.12.1-8.12.7 of Consultation Report [EN010132/APP/WB5.1].</p>
7	Section 42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation <sup>6</sup> ?	<p>The Applicant consulted with the Marine Management Organisation between 15 December 2022 and 12 January 2023 as stated at Paragraph 9.5.6-9.5.7 of Consultation Report [EN010132/APP/WB5.1].</p>
8	Section 42(1)(b) each local authority within s43 <sup>7</sup> ?	<p><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>Table 9.1 of the Consultation Report [EN010132/APP/WB5.1] lists the relevant local authorities that were identified and consulted under s43 and s42(1)(b) on 13 June 2022.</p> <p>Two host 'B' authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West Lindsey District Council</li> <li>• Bassetlaw District Council</li> </ul> <p>Two host 'C' authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lincolnshire County Council</li> </ul>

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

<sup>6</sup> 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

<sup>7</sup> Definition of 'local authority' in s43(3) of the PA2008: The 'B' authority where the application land is in the authority's area; the 'A' authority where any part of the boundary of A's area is also a part of the boundary of B's area; the 'C' authority (upper tier) where the application land is in that authority's area; the 'D' authority (upper tier) where such an authority shares a boundary with a 'C' authority

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nottinghamshire County Council</li></ul> <p>Eight boundary 'A' authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• North Kesteven District Council</li><li>• City of Lincoln Council</li><li>• Newark and Sherwood District Council</li><li>• Mansfield District Council</li><li>• Bolsover District Council</li><li>• East Lindsey District Council</li><li>• Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council</li><li>• Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council</li></ul> <p>Ten boundary 'D' authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rutland County Council</li><li>• North Northamptonshire Council</li><li>• Nottingham City Council</li><li>• North East Lincolnshire Council</li><li>• Peterborough City Council</li><li>• Cambridgeshire County Council</li><li>• Derbyshire County Council</li><li>• Norfolk County Council</li><li>• Leicestershire County Council</li><li>• North Lincolnshire Council</li></ul> <p>A sample of the letter sent to the s42(1)(b) relevant authorities is provided at Appendix 5.10 of the Consultation Report Appendices <b>[EN010132/APP/WB5.10]</b>.</p>
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9	Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?	<b>N/A</b>
10	Section 42(1)(d) each person in one or more of s44 categories <sup>8</sup> ?	<p><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>Paragraph 9.6.3 of the Consultation Report [EN010132/APP/WB5.1] states that all persons identified under s42(1)(d) were consulted from 15 June 2022 to 27 July 2022.</p> <p>Paragraphs 9.6.1 to 9.6.11 of the Consultation Report [EN010132/APP/WB5.1] summarise how the Applicant made diligent inquiry to seek to identify and consult persons with an interest in lands affected by the Draft Development Consent Order [EN010132/APP/WB3.1]. The full methodology undertaken by the Applicant is provided in paragraphs 9.6.1 to 9.6.11 of the Consultation Report [EN010132/APP/WB5.1].</p> <p>A sample of the letter dated 14 June 2022 is provided at Appendix 5.10 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010132/APP/WB5.10].</p> <p>The persons consulted under s42(1)(d) are listed at Appendix 5.10 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010132/APP/WB5.10] and are set out in the Book of Reference [EN010132/APP/WB4.3].</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><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42 consultees is provided at Appendix 5.10 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010132/APP/WB5.10].</p> <p>The sample letter confirmed that consultation commenced on 15 June 2022 and closed on 27 July 2022, providing more than the required minimum time for receipt of responses. Any consultees that received a targeted consultation letter outside of this consultation period also received 28 days or more for receipt of responses.</p>
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#### Section 46: Duty to notify the Planning Inspectorate of proposed application

<sup>8</sup> 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

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><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>The Applicant notified the Planning Inspectorate under s46 on 10 June 2022, which was prior to the date the information was sent to s42 consultees and prior to the date that the consultation under s42 commenced.</p> <p>A copy of the s46 notification letter and a copy of s46 notification acknowledgement letter from the Planning Inspectorate are provided at Appendix 5.10 of the Consultation Report Appendices <b>[EN010132/APP/WB5.10]</b>.</p>
<b>Section 47: Duty to consult local community</b>		
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><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>A copy of the final SoCC is provided at Appendix 5.6 of the Consultation Report Appendices <b>[EN010132/APP/WB5.6]</b>.</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><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>The Applicant sent the draft SoCC to the following local authorities on 19 April 2022 and set a deadline of 18 May 2022 for responses; providing more than the required minimum time for responses to be received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West Lindsey District Council ('B' Authority)</li> <li>• Bassetlaw District Council ('B' Authority)</li> <li>• Lincolnshire County Council ('C' Authority)</li> <li>• Nottinghamshire County Council ('C' Authority)</li> </ul>
15	Has the Applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	<p><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>Table 7.1 of the Consultation Report <b>[EN010132/APP/WB5.1]</b> provides a summary of the consultation responses from the local authorities listed in Box 14 above in respect of the draft SoCC and demonstrates how the Applicant had regard to their content.</p> <p>Examples of changes from the draft SoCC to the final SoCC include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A further consistency and proofing review was undertaken following receipt of comments and ahead of finalising the SoCC for publication.</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated any previous references to “Hard to reach groups” to instead refer to “Seldom heard groups”</li> <li>• The SoCC was updated to include a schematic map to show the proximity of the Scheme alongside Cottam Solar Project and Gate Burton Energy Park.</li> <li>• A list of identified seldom heard groups was included in the final version of the SoCC for publication.</li> <li>• The Applicant scheduled online webinars on different days of the week and at different times of the day to increase availability</li> </ul>
16	<p>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>	<p><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>The SoCC was made available to view and download from the Scheme website from 9 June 2022 at:</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>The final SoCC was made available at the following seven locations, which is reasonably convenient having regard to the location of the Proposed Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retford Library, 17 Churchgate, Retford</li> <li>• Scotter Library, High Street, Scotter, Gainsborough</li> <li>• West Lindsey District Council Office, Gainsborough</li> <li>• Saxilby Library, Saxilby, Lincoln</li> <li>• Gainsborough Library, Gainsborough</li> <li>• Misterton Library, Misterton, Doncaster</li> <li>• St Mary’s Church, Stow, Lincoln</li> </ul> <p>The locations of these sites was published in the SoCC. They are listed in Table 8.1 of the Consultation Report [EN010132/APP/WB5.1]. Hard copies of the SoCC could also be provided on request to the Applicant.</p> <p>A notice stating when and where the final SoCC could be inspected was published in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Lincolnshire Echo – 9 June 2022</li> <li>• The Retford Times – 9 June 2022</li> </ul>

		<p>The published SoCC notice, provided at Appendix 5.6 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010132/APP/WB5.6], states where and when the final SoCC was available to inspect.</p> <p>Clippings of the published advertisements are provided at Appendix 5.6 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010132/APP/WB5.6].</p>
17	Does the SoCC set out whether the development is EIA development <sup>9</sup> ; and does it set out how the Applicant intends to publicise and consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information?	<p><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>Section 10 on page 26 of the final SoCC at Appendix 5.6 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010132/APP/WB5.6] sets out that the development is EIA development and sets out how the Applicant intended to publicise and consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information.</p>
18	Has the Applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC?	<p><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>Paragraph 8.13.1 of the Consultation Report [EN010132/APP/WB5.1] sets out how the community consultation was carried out in line with the final SoCC.</p> <p>Table 7.3 of the Consultation Report [EN010132/APP/WB5.1] sets out how the Applicant has complied with the commitments set out in the final SoCC.</p> <p>Appendices 5.6, 5.7 and 5.10 of the Consultation Report [EN010132/APP/WB5.6, WB5.7, WB5.10] provide evidence that the commitments within the final SoCC have been carried out.</p>
<b>Section 48: Duty to publicise the proposed application</b>		
19	Did the Applicant publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner set out in Regulation 4(2) of the APFP Regulations?	<p><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>Section 10.3 of the Consultation Report [EN010132/APP/WB5.1] provides information about the Applicant's s48 notices.</p> <p>Table 10.1 of the Consultation Report [EN010132/APP/WB5.1] provides details of the newspapers and dates of publication of the s48 notices as set out below.</p> <p>A copy of the s48 notice is provided at Appendix 5.11 of the Consultation Report [EN010132/APP/WB5.11].</p>

<sup>9</sup> Regulation 12 of the 2017 EIA Regulations, or where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies, Regulation 10 of the 2009 EIA Regulations

		Clippings of the published notices set out below are provided at Appendix 5.11 of the Consultation Report <b>[EN010132/APP/WB5.11]</b> .	
		<b>Newspaper(s)</b>	<b>Date</b>
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;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Lincolnshire Echo</li> <li>• The Retford Times</li> </ul>	09 June 2022 and 16 June 2022  09 June 2022 and 16 June 2022
b)	once in a national newspaper;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Guardian</li> </ul>	07 June 2022
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• London Gazette</li> </ul>	06 June 2022
d)	where the proposed application relates to offshore development – (i) once in Lloyds List; and (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal?	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
20	Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in Regulation 4(3) of APFP Regulations?	Appendix 5.11 of the Consultation Report Appendices <b>[EN010132/APP/WB5.11]</b> contains copies of the published newspaper notices. The published s48 notices contain the required information as set out below:	
		<b>Information</b>	<b>Paragraph</b>
a)	the name and address of the Applicant.	1	b)
		<b>Information</b>	<b>Paragraph</b>
		a statement that the Applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Secretary of State	1

c)	a statement as to whether the application is EIA development	5	d)	a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the Proposed Development	2, 3 and 4
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	7, 10 and 11	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection on the website	7
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	12 and 13	h)	details of how to respond to the publicity	14, 15 and 16
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	16			
21	Are there any observations in respect of the s48 notice provided above?				
	<b>No.</b>				
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 <sup>10</sup> ?	<b>Yes.</b> A copy of the s48 notice was sent to the EIA consultation bodies as part of the s42 consultation, as confirmed in paragraph 10.3.2 of the Consultation Report [EN010132/APP/WB5.1].			

<sup>10</sup> Regulation 13 of the 2017 EIA Regulations, or where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies, Regulation 11 of the 2009 EIA Regulations

		A sample of the s42 consultation letter provided at Appendix 5.10 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010132/APP/WB5.10] confirms that a copy of the s48 notice was enclosed with the consultation material.
<b>s49: Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity</b>		
23	Has the Applicant had regard to any relevant responses to the s42, s47 and s48 consultation?	<b>Yes.</b> Table 11.2, Chapter 11, Section 11.3.2, Table 12.1, Chapter 12 and Section 12.1.3 of the Consultation Report [EN010132/APP/WB5.1] sets out how the Applicant had regard to the consultation responses received; including whether or not responses led to changes to the application.
<b>Guidance about pre-application procedure</b>		
24	To what extent has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process' <sup>11</sup> ?	Paragraphs 3.2.1 and 13.1.2 of the Consultation Report [EN010132/APP/WB5.1] state that the Applicant has taken into consideration all relevant statutory and other guidance, including statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process'.  A table setting out how the Applicant has complied with the relevant legislation and guidance is presented in Appendix 5.2 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010132/APP/WB5.2].
25	<b>Summary: Section 55(3)(e)</b>	The Applicant has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure) of the PA2008.
<b>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)</b>		
26	Is it made in the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2 of the APFP Regulations, and does it include:	<b>Yes.</b> Section 4 of the Application Form [EN010132/APP/WB1.1] explains why the development falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate.

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a brief statement which explains why it falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate; and</li> <li>a brief statement that clearly identifies the location of the application site, or the route if it is a linear scheme?</li> </ul>	<p>Section 5 of the Application Form <b>[EN010132/APP/WB1.1]</b> provides a brief non-technical description of the site and section 6 provides the location of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>A Location Plan <b>[EN010132/APP/WB2.1]</b> has been provided.</p>												
27	Is it accompanied by a Consultation Report?	<p><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>The application is accompanied by a Consultation Report <b>[EN010132/APP/WB5.1]</b>, and Consultation Report Appendices <b>[EN010132/APP/WB5.2-WB5.13s]</b>.</p>												
28	Where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets, has a key plan been provided showing the relationship between the different sheets? <sup>12</sup>	<b>Yes.</b>												
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:												
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;"></th> <th style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">Information</th> <th style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">Document</th> <th style="width: 50%;"></th> <th style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">Information</th> <th style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">Document</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">a)</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Where applicable, the Environmental Statement required under the EIA Regulations<sup>13</sup> and any scoping or screening opinions or directions</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Submission Volume 6:</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement Main Report Chapters <b>[EN010132/APP/WB6.2.1 – WB6.2.23]</b></p> <p>A copy of the Scoping Opinion is included within Appendix 2.2 of the ES Appendices <b>[EN010132/APP/WB6.3.2.2]</b></p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">b)</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">The draft Development Consent Order (DCO)</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Draft Development Consent Order <b>[EN010132/APP/WB3.1]</b>.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Information	Document		Information	Document	a)	Where applicable, the Environmental Statement required under the EIA Regulations <sup>13</sup> and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	<p><b>Submission Volume 6:</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement Main Report Chapters <b>[EN010132/APP/WB6.2.1 – WB6.2.23]</b></p> <p>A copy of the Scoping Opinion is included within Appendix 2.2 of the ES Appendices <b>[EN010132/APP/WB6.3.2.2]</b></p>	b)	The draft Development Consent Order (DCO)	Draft Development Consent Order <b>[EN010132/APP/WB3.1]</b> .
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a)	Where applicable, the Environmental Statement required under the EIA Regulations <sup>13</sup> and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	<p><b>Submission Volume 6:</b></p> <p>Environmental Statement Main Report Chapters <b>[EN010132/APP/WB6.2.1 – WB6.2.23]</b></p> <p>A copy of the Scoping Opinion is included within Appendix 2.2 of the ES Appendices <b>[EN010132/APP/WB6.3.2.2]</b></p>	b)	The draft Development Consent Order (DCO)	Draft Development Consent Order <b>[EN010132/APP/WB3.1]</b> .									

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

<sup>13</sup> The 2017 EIA Regulations, or where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies, the 2009 EIA Regulations

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c)	An Explanatory Memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of provisions in the draft DCO	Draft Explanatory Memorandum <b>[EN010132/APP/WB3.2]</b>	d)	Where applicable, a Book of Reference (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition)	Book of Reference <b>[EN010132/APP/WB4.3]</b>
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e)	A copy of any Flood Risk Assessment	Appendix 10.1 of the ES Appendices <b>[EN010132/APP/WB6.3.10.1 - WB6.3.10.6]</b>	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	Statutory Nuisances Statement <b>[EN010132/APP/WB7.8]</b>
	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)	Statement of Reasons <b>[EN010132/APP/WB4.1]</b> Funding Statement <b>[EN010132/APP/WB4.2]</b>	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	Land Plan <b>[EN010132/APP/WB2.2]</b>

			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	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
j)	A Works Plan showing, in relation to existing features:-  (i) the proposed location or (for a linear scheme) the proposed route and alignment of the development and works; and  (ii) the limits within which the development and works may be carried out and any limits of deviation provided for in the draft DCO	Works Plan <b>[EN010132/APP/WB2.3]</b>	k) 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	Public Rights of Way Plan <b>[EN010132/APP/WB2.4]</b> Access Plan <b>[EN010132/APP/WB2.5]</b> Streets Plan <b>[EN010132/APP/WB2.11]</b>
	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,</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><b>Plans</b></p> <p>(i) Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites/ Features of Nature Conservation Plan <b>[EN010132/APP/WB2.7]</b></p> <p>ES Appendix 9.2 Preliminary Ecological Appraisal <b>[EN010132/APP/WB6.3.9.2]</b></p> <p>(ii) Important Hedgerows Plan <b>[EN010132/APP/WB2.9]</b></p> <p>ES Appendix 9.2 Preliminary Ecological Appraisal <b>[EN010132/APP/WB6.3.9.2]</b></p> <p>(iii) Drainage / Surface Water Management Plans <b>[EN010132/APP/WB2.6]</b></p> <p><b>Assessments</b></p> <p>(i) ES Chapter 9: Ecology and Biodiversity <b>[EN010132/APP/WB6.2.9]</b></p> <p>Information to Support a Habitats Regulations Assessment <b>[EN010132/APP/WB7.18]</b></p> <p>(ii)</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>Statutory and Non-Statutory Features of Historic Environment Plan <b>[EN010132/APP/WB2.8]</b></p> <p>ES Chapter 13: Cultural Heritage <b>[EN010132/APP/WB6.2.13]</b></p> <p>Appendix 13.3 of the ES: Geoarchaeological Assessment Report <b>[EN010132/APP/WB6.3.13.3]</b></p> <p>Appendix 13.5 of the ES: Heritage Assessment <b>[EN010132/APP/WB6.3.13.5]</b></p>
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	<p>ES Chapter 9: Ecology and Biodiversity  <b>[EN010132/APP/WB6.2.9]</b></p> <p>(iii)</p> <p>ES Chapter 10: Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage  <b>[EN010132/APP/WB6.2.10]</b></p> <p>ES Appendices 10.1 to 10.5 ES Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy Reports  <b>[EN010132/APP/WB6.3.10.1 to WB6.3.10.6]</b></p> <p>Water Framework Directive Assessment  <b>[EN010132/APP/WB7.19]</b></p>		
	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	Crown Land Plan <b>[EN010132/APP/WB2.10]</b>	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
			Location Plan <b>[EN010132/APP/WB2.1]</b> Access Plan <b>[EN010132/APP/WB2.5]</b> Engineering Drawings and Sections <b>[EN010132/APP/WB6.3.4.1]</b> Drainage / Surface Water Management Plans <b>[EN010132/APP/WB2.6]</b>

	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:	Grid Connection Statement <b>[EN010132/APP/WB7.7]</b>	q)	Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	Covering Letter <b>[EN010132/APP/WB1.2]</b> Guide to the Application <b>[EN010132/APP/WB1.3]</b> Application Technical Index <b>[EN010132/APP/WB1.4]</b> Section 55 Checklist <b>[EN010132/APP/WB1.5]</b> Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan <b>[EN010132/APP/WB7.1]</b> Outline Decommissioning Statement <b>[EN010132/APP/WB7.2]</b> Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan <b>[EN010132/APP/WB7.3]</b> Consents and Agreements Position Statement <b>[EN010132/APP/WB7.4]</b> Planning Statement <b>[EN010132/APP/WB7.5]</b> Design and Access Statement <b>[EN010132/APP/WB7.6]</b> Outline Battery Storage Safety Management Plan <b>[EN010132/APP/WB7.9]</b> Outline Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan <b>[EN010132/APP/WB7.10]</b>

				<p>Statement of Need [EN010132/APP/WB7.11]</p> <p>Equalities Impact Assessment [EN010132/APP/WB7.12]</p> <p>Concept Design Parameters and Principles [EN010132/APP/WB7.13]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN010132/APP/WB7.14]</p> <p>Crossing Schedule [EN010132/APP/WB7.15]</p> <p>Outline Soil Management Plan [EN010132/APP/WB7.16]</p> <p>Outline Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy [EN010132/APP/WB7.17]</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?			
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	<p><b>Yes.</b></p> <p>A Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report has been provided [EN010132/APP/WB7.18].</p> <p>The HRA Report identifies relevant European sites and the likely effects on those sites.</p> <p>The Proposed Development does not affect any European site(s) to which Regulation 48 of The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &amp;c.) Regulations 1994 applies; or any Ramsar site(s).</p>		

	implications for the site if required by Regulation 48(1)? <sup>14</sup>	
32	If requested by the Planning Inspectorate, two paper copies of the application form and other supporting documents and plans <sup>15</sup>	Available on request.
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?	<b>Yes.</b> Section 1.3 of the Applicant's Covering Letter [EN010132/APP/WB1.2] and Appendix 5.2 of the Consultation Report Appendices [EN010132/APP/WB5.2] explain how the Applicant has had regard to statutory guidance on the form of the application.
34	<b>Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)</b>	The Application complies with the requirements of section 55(3)(f) and section 55(5A) of the PA 2008. The Applicant considers it is of a satisfactory standard.
<b>The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended)</b>		
<b>Fees to accompany an application</b>		
35	Was the fee paid at the same time that the application was made <sup>16</sup> ?	The fee was paid on 24 February 2023 and confirmed as cleared on 7th March 2023, before the application was made.

<b>Role</b>	<b>Electronic signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
Case Manager		

<sup>14</sup> Regulation 5(2)(g) of the APFP Regulations

<sup>15</sup> Regulation 5(2)(r) of the APFP Regulations

<sup>16</sup> 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

Acceptance Inspector		
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