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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(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
		02 July 2024	30 July 2024	30 July 2024
Section 55(3) – the Planning Inspectorate may only accept an application if it concludes that:		Planning Inspectorate comments		
Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c): It is an application for an order granting development consent				
2	Is the development a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ¹ (NSIP) (or does it form part of an NSIP); and does the application state on the face of it that it is an application for a Development Consent Order ² (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008), or equivalent words? Does the application specify the development to which it relates (i.e. which category or categories in ss14 to	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Proposed Development set out in Schedule 1 of the Draft DCO (Doc 3.1) includes development falling within the categories in s14 of the PA2008. The development is for the construction of a generating station and satisfies section 14 of the PA2008; including 14(1)(a), and 15(2).</p> <p>This is consistent with the summary provided in section 4 of the Application Form (Doc 1.3) which states that the application is for an NSIP.</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)

	30 does the Proposed Development fall)? If the development does not fall within the categories in ss14 to 30, has a direction been given by the Secretary of State under s35 of the PA2008 for the development to be treated as development for which development consent is required?	
3	Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)	The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the Draft DCO (Doc 3.1) includes development for which development consent is required.
Section 55(3)(e): The Applicant in relation to the application made has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure)		
4	In accordance with the EIA Regulations ³ , did the Applicant (prior to carrying out consultation in accordance with s42) either (a) request the Planning Inspectorate adopt a Screening Opinion in respect of the development to which the application relates, or (b) notify the Planning Inspectorate in writing that it proposed to provide an Environmental Statement in respect of that development?	Yes On 06 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 26 October 2023. A copy of the notification letter can be found on the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website.
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	Yes There are 19 host and neighbouring authority of which 5 responded to the Planning Inspectorate's invitation to make an Adequacy of Consultation

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

	duties under s42, s47 and s48?	<p>Representation (AoCR) dated 03 July 2024.</p> <p>All 5 responding authorities confirmed in their AoCR that either the Applicant had complied with its duties under s42, s47 and s48 of the PA2008 and/ or that their authority had no comments/ objections to make. These local authorities were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bradford Metropolitan District Council (A authority) • North Yorkshire Council (B authority) • Pendle Borough Council (A authority) • Stockton Borough Council (A authority) • Wakefield Metropolitan District Council (A authority) <p>All AoCRs received have been carefully considered and are available to view on the National Infrastructure Planning website:</p> <p>https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010140/documents</p>
Section 42: Duty to consult		
Did the Applicant consult the applicable persons set out in s42 of the PA2008 about the proposed application?		
6	Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed ⁵ ?	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Applicant has provided a list of persons consulted under s42(1)(a) on 23 October 2023 at Appendix 10.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.2).</p> <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42(1)(a) consultees is provided at Appendix 10.6 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.2).</p>

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

7	Section 42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation ⁶ ?	n/a
8	Section 42(1)(b) each local authority within s43 ⁷ ?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Table 10.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) and Appendix 10.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.2). lists the relevant local authorities that were identified and consulted under s43 and s42(1)(b) on 26 October 2023.</p> <p>The host 'B' authority was consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Yorkshire Council <p>The boundary 'A' authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Riding of Yorkshire • York • Doncaster • Wakefield • Leeds Bradford • Pendle • Ribble Valley • Lancaster • Watermoreland and Furness

⁶ In any case where the Proposed Development would affect, or would be likely to affect, any of the areas specified in s42(2) of the PA2008

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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Durham • Darlington • Stockton-on-Tees • Middlesbrough • Redcar and Cleveland <p>The boundary 'D' authorities were consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lancashire • Yorkshire Dales National Park • North York Moors National Park <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42(1)(b) relevant authorities is provided at Appendix 10.6 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.2).</p>
9	Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?	n/a
10	Section 42(1)(d) each person in one or more of s44 categories ⁸ ?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Paragraph 10.8.2 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) states that all persons identified under s42(1)(d) were consulted on 26 October 2023.</p> <p>Paragraphs 10.6.2 to 10.6.5 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) summarise how the Applicant made diligent inquiry to seek to identify and consult persons with an interest in lands affected by the Draft DCO (Doc 3.1). The full methodology undertaken by the Applicant is provided in Appendix 11.3 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.2).</p> <p>The persons consulted under s42(1)(d) are listed at Appendix 10.1 of the</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.

		<p>Consultation Report (Doc 5.2).</p> <p>A sample of the letter is provided at Appendix 10.6 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.2).</p>
Section 45: Timetable for s42 consultation		
11	<p>Did the Applicant notify s42 consultees of the deadline for receipt of consultation responses; and if so was the deadline notified by the Applicant 28 days or more starting with the day after receipt of the consultation documents?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A sample of the letter sent to s42 consultees is provided at Appendix 8.2 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.2).</p> <p>The sample letter dated 25 October 2023 confirmed that consultation commenced on 26 October 2023 and closed on 07 December 2023, providing more than the required minimum time for receipt of responses.</p>
Section 46: Duty to notify the Planning Inspectorate of proposed application		
12	<p>Did the Applicant supply information to notify the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application; and if so, was the information supplied to the 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>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Applicant gave notice under s46 on 25 October 2024, which was before the beginning of s42 consultation.</p> <p>A copy of the s46 notification letter is provided at Appendix 10.4 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.2) and a copy of s46 notification acknowledgement letter from the Planning Inspectorate is provided at Appendix 10.5 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.2).</p>
Section 47: Duty to consult local community		
13	<p>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>	<p>Yes</p> <p>A copy of the final SoCC is provided at Appendix 11.3 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.2).</p>
14	<p>Were 'B' and (where relevant) 'C' authorities consulted about the content of the SoCC; and if</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Applicant sent the draft SoCC to North Yorkshire Council ('B Authority') and</p>

	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?	Selby District Council ('C' authority) on 17 May 2023 and set a deadline of 19 June 2023 for responses; providing more than the required minimum time for responses to be received.
15	Has the Applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Table 11.2 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) provides a summary of the consultation responses from North Yorkshire Council and Selby District Council 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"> • A clear line to mark the Core Construction Zone (CCZ) was added to the map. • A list of local newspapers was agreed with the local authority and included in the final SoCC • The times and dates of the in person events were subsequently included in the final published SoCC. <p>The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the Applicant had regard to the responses received when preparing the SoCC.</p>
16	Has the SoCC been made available for inspection on a website maintained by or on behalf of the Applicant; 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 final SoCC was made available at the following locations, which is reasonably convenient having regard to the location of the Proposed Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selby Library, 52 Micklegate, Selby YO8 4EQ. 12 October 2023 • Snaith Library, 27 Market Place, Snaith, Goole DN14 9HE. 12 October 2023 • Goole Library, Carlisle Street, Goole DN14 5DS. 12 October 2023 <p>A notice stating when and where the final SoCC could be inspected was</p>

		<p>published in: Selby Times, The Pontefract and Castleford Express, The Yorkshire Post as well as other relevant local business and trade press.</p> <p>The published SoCC notice, provided at Appendix 11.11 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.2) states where and when the final SoCC was available to inspect.</p> <p>Clippings of the published advertisements are provided at Appendix 11.12 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.2).</p>
17	Does the SoCC set out whether the development is EIA development ⁹ ; and does it set out how the Applicant intends to publicise and consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Paragraph 4.11 of the final SoCC at Appendix 11.3 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.2) sets out that the development is an 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>Yes</p> <p>Paragraphs 11.1 to 11.11.2 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) set out how the community consultation was carried out in line with the final SoCC.</p> <p>Table 14.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) sets out how the Applicant has complied with the commitments set out in the final SoCC.</p> <p>Appendix 11.21 Consultation Report (Doc 5.2) provides evidence that the commitments within the final SoCC have been carried out.</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 (as amended) APFP	<p>Yes</p> <p>Paragraph 12.5.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) states:</p>

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

Regulations 2009?		<p><i>“For onshore development such as for Proposed Development, an applicant must publish a notice, which must include the matters prescribed by paragraph (3) of Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations, or the proposed application:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>For at least two successive weeks in one or more local newspapers circulating in the vicinity in which the Proposed Development would be situated;</i> • <i>One in a national newspaper; and</i> • <i>Once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette.”</i> <p>Table 12.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) displays the newspapers and dates of s48 publicity as set out below.</p> <p>A copy of the s48 notice is provided at Appendix 12.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.2).</p> <p>Clippings of the published notices set out below are provided at Appendix 12.2 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.2):</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;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goole Times • Selby Times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week 1: 26 October 2023 - Week 2: 2 November 2023 • Week 1: 26 October 2023 - Week 2: 2 November 2023
b)	once in a national newspaper;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Times 	26 October 2023
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The London Gazette 	26 October 2023

	Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and		
d)	where the proposed application relates to offshore development – (i) once in Lloyds List; and (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal?	n/a	n/a
20	Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in Regulation 4(3) of the (as amended) APFP Regulations 2009?	Yes The published s48 notice, supplied at Appendix 12.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.2) , contains the required information as set out below:	
	Information	Paragraph	Information
a)	the name and address of the Applicant.	1	b) a statement that the Applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Secretary of State
c)	a statement as to whether the application is EIA development	4	d) a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the Proposed Development
e)	a statement that the documents, plans and maps were available on a website maintained by or on behalf of the Applicant. The statement must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the nature and location of the Proposed Development The address of the website The place on the website A telephone number which can be used to contact the Applicant for 	6	f) the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection
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	enquiries in relation to the documents, plans and maps.			
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	6	h)	details of how to respond to the publicity
i)	a deadline for receipt of those responses by the Applicant, being not less than 28 days following the date when the notice is last published	11		
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 ?	Yes A copy of the s48 notice was sent to the EIA consultation bodies as part of the s42 consultation, as confirmed in paragraph 12.7.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1. A sample of the s42 consultation letter provided at Appendix 10.6 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.2) confirms a copy of the s48 notice was enclosed.		
s49: Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity				
23	Has the Applicant had regard to any relevant	Yes		

¹⁰ Regulation 13 of the 2017 EIA Regulations, or where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies, Regulation 11 of the 2009 EIA Regulations

	responses to the s42, s47 and s48 consultation?	<p>Appendix 13.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.2) sets out how the Applicant had regard to the consultation responses received; including whether or not responses led to changes to the application.</p> <p>The actions informed by the consultation responses appear to be reflected in the final form of the application as submitted. Where a particular response has not led to a change in the application, it is sufficiently clear that regard was had to it.</p>
Guidance about pre-application procedure		
24	To what extent has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process' ¹¹ ?	<p>Paragraph 4.2 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) states that the Applicant has taken into consideration all relevant statutory and other guidance.</p> <p>Having reviewed the application, the Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the Applicant has identified and had regard to the relevant statutory guidance.</p>
25	Summary: Section 55(3)(e)	The Applicant has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure) of the PA2008.
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 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Section 4 of the Application Form (Doc 1.3) explains why the development falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>Section 5 of the Application Form (Doc 1.3) provides a brief non-technical description of the site and section 6 provides the location of the Proposed Development.</p>

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

	location of the application site, or the route if it is a linear scheme?	Section 6 of the Application Form (Doc 1.3) provides a brief statement that clearly defines the location of proposed development.	
27	Is it accompanied by a Consultation Report?	Yes The application is accompanied by a Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) and Consultation Report Appendices (Doc 5.2) .	
28	Where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets, has a key plan been provided showing the relationship between the different sheets? ¹²	Yes A key plan has been provided at the start of any relevant plans that include three or more separate sheets.	
29	Is it accompanied by the documents and information set out in APFP Regulation 5(2)?	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	Environmental Statement Chapters 0 to 16 (Doc ref 6.1) Environmental Statement Figures 1.1 to 15.1 (Doc ref 6.2) Environmental Statement Appendices 1.1 to 16.1 (Doc ref 6.3) including Environmental Statement Appendix 2.2 Scoping Opinion Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary (Doc ref	b)
			The draft Development Consent Order (DCO)
			Draft Development Consent Order (Doc 3.1)

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

		6.4)		
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in Box 30)		Is this of a satisfactory standard? Yes
c)	An Explanatory Memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of provisions in the draft DCO	Explanatory Memorandum (Doc 3.2)	d)	Where applicable, a Book of Reference Book of Reference (Doc 4.1)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard? Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in Box 30)
e)	A copy of any Flood Risk Assessment	Flood Risk Assessment Parts 1 to 4 (Doc ref 7.5)	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 Nuisance Statement (Doc ref 7.7) Proposed mitigation is set out for the following within the statutory nuisance statement: section 4.3 – Air Quality section 4.4 – Lighting section 4.5 – Noise and Vibration
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in Box 30)		Is this of a satisfactory standard? Yes
h)	A Statement of Reasons and a Funding Statement (where the application involves any Compulsory	Statement of Reasons (Doc 4.2) Funding Statement (Doc 4.3)	i)	A Land Plan identifying:- (i) the land required for, or affected by, the Proposed Land Plan (Doc 2.2)

j)	Acquisition)		k)	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	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in Box 30)		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
	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 Plan (Doc 2.3)		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	Access and Rights of Way Plan (Doc 2.4)

	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		navigation	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
l)	Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:- (i) any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation eg sites of geological or landscape importance; (ii) habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features; and (iii) water bodies in a river basin management plan, together with an	(i) Statutory and Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Designation Plans (Doc 2.5) and ES Appendix 8.1, Figures 8.1 and 8.2 (Doc 6.3) (ii) ES Appendix 8.1 Baseline Habitats and Desk Study Report, Figures 8.3 to 8.7 (Doc 6.3) (iii) Nothing provided although impacts to water quality and identification of river basin management plans are included in ES Chapter 9 (Doc 6.1) , from paragraph 9.4.22 . A high level description of the location of these waterbodies are provided in Tables 9.7 to	m)	Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying any statutory or 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
				(i) Statutory and Non-Statutory Historic Environment Designation Plans (Doc 2.6) ES Chapter 6 assesses likely significant effects from the Proposed Development on statutory and non-statutory sites and features of the historic environment.

n)	assessment of any effects on such sites, features, habitats or bodies likely to be caused by the Proposed Development		o)		
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in Box 30)		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land	N/A		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 and Order Limits Plan (Doc 2.1)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	N/A		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
p)	Any of the documents prescribed by Regulation 6 of the APFP Regulations:	Grid Connection Statement (Doc 7.3)	q)	Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	Application Cover Letter (Doc 1.1) Section 55 Checklist (Doc 1.2) Guide to the Application (Doc 1.4)

				Planning Statement (Doc 7.1) Design and Access Statement (Doc 7.2) Site Specific Risk Engagement Document (Doc 7.4) Transport Assessment (Doc 7.6) Statement of Common Ground Status (Doc 7.8)
	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?			
	<p>Water Framework Directive Assessment</p> <p>There is no Figure identifying waterbodies in River Basin Management Plans. However, their locations are described at a high level in ES Chapter 9 (Doc 6.1) Tables 9.7 to 9.9. The Applicant should submit a Figure identifying waterbodies in River Basin Management Plans in relation to the location of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>ES Chapter 4: Alternatives and Design Evolution (Doc 6.1.4)</p> <p>This document does not include the label for Table 4.1 which is assumed to start on page 27. It is requested that this be updated prior to examination to make this clear.</p> <p>Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary (Doc. 6.4)</p> <p>On page 3, the preface, there is a draft watermark and this will need amending prior to examination.</p> <p>Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary (Doc. 6.4)</p> <p>Preface refers to Stonestreet Solar Project, which appears to be incorrect. The Applicant is advised to check this detail and amend as appropriate.</p>			

Draft Development Consent Order (Doc 3.1) Schedule 9 Part 1 and Part 4 refers to Article 41, which seems incorrect. The Applicant is advised to check this detail and amend as appropriate.

Draft Development Consent Order (Doc 3.1) and Works Plans (Doc 2.3)

The development consent order refers to the numbered works being situated within the corresponding numbered area shown on the works plans and within the limits of deviation. No limits of deviation appear to be indicated on the works plans or set out within the development consent order. This matter should be clarified.

Consent and Licences Position Statement (Doc 3.3)

Schedule 9 refers to Protective Provisions in Schedule 11. Applicant is advised to amend this and check all documents for similar mis-references.

Statement of Reasons (Doc 4.2), Book of Reference (Doc 4.1) and Land Plan (Doc 2.2)

The DCO seeks powers to acquire permanent acquisition of new rights (article 23), acquisition of subsoil (article 26) and temporary use of land to permit construction and maintenance (articles 30 and 31). The land related to all these powers sought is shown edged red and shaded blue on the land plans. Greater clarification as to whether all powers are sought for the whole area or if different powers relate to individual plot numbers would be beneficial.

Statement of Reasons (Doc. 4.2) and Funding Statement (Doc 4.3)

The Statement of Reasons notes that the Applicant is not seeking the permanent acquisition of any land, rather acquisition of rights is relied upon as part of the proposed development. The Applicant is advised to provide clarification as to any potential implications this approach may have on ensuring all land necessary for the development could be secured and any potential implications for securing funding for the proposed development.

Statement of Reasons (Doc 4.2) and Planning Statement (Doc 7.1)

The size of the development area given at 1.3.4 in the Statement of Reasons does not accord with the figures provided in para 2.1.3 of the Planning Statement and the Applicant is advised to provide clarification of the figures.

Statement of Reasons (Doc 4.2)

The Applicant is advised to check the reference to Schedule 10 of the Statement of Reasons at paragraphs 10.3.3 and 10.3.4, and amend if appropriate.

Book of Reference (Doc 4.1)

References to relevant Articles in the draft Development Consent Order, related to the compulsory acquisition powers being sought for each plot listed, could not be found in the Book of Reference.

Funding Statement (Doc 4.3)

At 2.3.1, 'Appendix 1' is referred to. The appendix is said to provide the most recent consolidated accounts for Macquarie Group Limited. This appendix appears to be missing from the submitted documents.

Section 51 advice has been issued to the Applicant in respect of the above matters:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010140/s51advice>

31	Is the application accompanied by a report identifying any European site(s) to which Regulation 48 of The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 applies; or any Ramsar site(s), which may be affected by the Proposed Development, together with sufficient information that will enable the Secretary of State to make an appropriate assessment of the implications for the site if required by Regulation 48(1)? ¹⁴	<p>Yes</p> <p>A Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report is provided at Appendix 8.9 of the Environmental Statement (Doc 6.3).</p> <p>The HRA Report identifies relevant European sites and the likely effects on those sites. It is considered that the information provided in the report is adequate for acceptance.</p> <p>Note: The Examining Authority will be able to ask questions during the Examination. This may result in additional information being required to inform the HRA Report and the competent authority. Depending upon the type and availability of information required it may not be possible to obtain this during the statutory timetable of the Examination.</p>
32	If requested by the Planning Inspectorate, two paper copies of the application form and other supporting documents and plans ¹⁵	No hard copies requested.

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?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Paragraph 1.3.1 of the Application Cover Letter (Doc 1.1) explains how the Applicant has had regard to statutory guidance on the form of the application.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the Applicant has demonstrated regard to the guidance principles.</p>
34	Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)	<p>The Planning Inspectorate concludes that the application (including accompaniments) has been prepared to a standard that it considers satisfactory.</p> <p>In respect of the discrepancies identified in Box 30 of this checklist, to help facilitate an efficient and effective examination of the application s51 advice has been provided to the Applicant in conjunction with the decision to accept the application. That advice is published on the National Infrastructure Planning website, here: https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010140/s51advice</p>

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 was received on 20 th June 2024; before the application was made.
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Role	Electronic signature	Date
Case Manager		29 July 2024
Acceptance Inspector		29 July 2024

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

