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# Section 55

## Acceptance of Applications Checklist

Appendix 3 of [Advice on the 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
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	In accordance with sections(s) 14 to 30 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008), is the development a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) (or does it form part of an NSIP); and does the application state on the face of it that, in accordance with s31 of the PA2008, it is an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under the PA2008, or equivalent words? Does the application specify	<p>Yes</p> <p>Botley West Solar Farm is defined as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under paragraph 14(1)(a) and 15(2) of the PA 2008, which defines an NSIP as including the construction of an onshore generating station exceeding 50 megawatts (MW) in England.</p> <p>The Project is set out in Schedule 1 of the Draft DCO [EN010147/APP/3.1] and is consistent with Section 4 of the application form that confirms the application</p>		

	<p>the development to which it relates (i.e. which category or categories in s14 to 30 does the Proposed Development fall)?</p> <p>If the development does not fall within the categories in s14 to 30, has a direction been given by the Secretary of State under s35 of the PA2008 for the development to be treated as development for which development consent is required?</p>	<p>is a development for which Development Consent is required under the Planning Act 2008.</p>
3	<p><b>Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)</b></p>	<p>The Planning Inspectorate may be satisfied that the draft DCO [EN010147/APP/3.1] includes development for which Development Consent is required.</p>
<p><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></p>		
4	<p>In accordance with Regulation 8 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations), 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>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicant notified the Planning Inspectorate on 15 June 2023 that in accordance with Regulation 18(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, that they intend to provide an Environmental Statement (ES) in respect of the Project and by virtue of Regulation 6(2)(a), the Project is 'EIA development'.</p> <p>In order to inform the scope of the EIA, the Applicant sought a Scoping Opinion from the Planning Inspectorate on 15 June 2023. The Scoping Opinion was subsequently received on 24 July 2023, this is provided as an Appendix to Chapter 4: see Appendix 4.1 of Volume 3 of [EN010147/APP/6.5].</p>

5	<p>Have any Adequacy of Consultation Representations 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> <p>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.</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>Based on dialogue with the host authorities, it is expected that, upon submission of the Application, the relevant local authorities will provide Adequacy of Consultation statements, through s55(4)(b) of the PA 2008, based on guidance on the NSIP Pre-Application Stage (April 2024) and advice on the Consultation Report (August 2024).</p>
<p><b>Section 42: Duty to consult</b></p>		
<p>Did the Applicant consult the applicable persons set out in s42 of the PA2008 about the proposed application?</p>		
6	<p>Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed?</p> <p>The persons prescribed are the statutory consultees set out in Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the APFP Regulations).</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicant undertook pre-application consultation on the Project ahead of submission of the DCO application to the Secretary of State with Section 42(1)(a) consultees.</p> <p>The Applicant consulted all persons listed as a prescribed consultee notified by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State under Regulation 11(1)(a) and (c) of the EIA Regulations. These persons are referred to in the Consultation Report <b>[EN010147/APP/5.1]</b> as ‘Section 42 consultees’ and listed in Appendix 5.1.6: Section 42 Consultation Materials <b>[EN010147/APP/5.1.6]</b>.</p>
7	<p>Section 42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation(MMO)?</p> <p>The MMO must be consulted in any case where the Proposed Development would affect, or would</p>	<p>Not Applicable.</p>

	be likely to affect, any of the areas specified in s42(2) of the PA2008.	
8	<p>Section 42(1)(b) each local authority within s43?</p> <p>Definition of 'local authority' in s43(3) of the PA2008: The 'B' authority where the application land is in the authority's area; the 'A' authority where any part of the boundary of A's area is also a part of the boundary of B's area; the 'C' authority (upper tier) where the application land is in that authority's area; the 'D' authority (upper tier) where such an authority shares a boundary with a 'C' authority.</p>	<p>In relation to Section 42(1)(b), the local authorities under the definitions set out in Section 43 of the 2008 Act were consulted on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in writing by post. The Consultation Report <b>[EN010147/APP/5.1]</b> includes a table listing relevant local authorities and their classification, as defined by the 2008 Act, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- West Oxfordshire District Council (B)</li> <li>- Cherwell District Council (B)</li> <li>- Vale of White Horse District Council (B)</li> <li>- Oxfordshire County Council (C)</li> <li>- Oxford City Council (A)</li> <li>- Cotswold District Council (A)</li> <li>- Stratford on Avon District Council (A)</li> <li>- South Oxfordshire District Council (A)</li> <li>- Swindon Borough Council (A &amp; D)</li> <li>- West Berkshire Council (A &amp; D)</li> <li>- Gloucestershire County Council (A &amp; D)</li> <li>- Warwickshire County Council (A &amp; D)</li> <li>- Buckinghamshire Council (A &amp; D)</li> <li>- Wiltshire Council (A &amp; D)</li> <li>- Reading Borough Council (D)</li> <li>- Wokingham Council (D)</li> <li>- West Northamptonshire (A &amp; D)</li> </ul> <p>In addition to formally consulting with relevant local authorities under Section 42 of the 2008 Act, the Applicant has undertaken ongoing regular meetings with Oxfordshire County Council, West Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council, and Cherwell District Council throughout the pre-application phase.</p>

9	Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?	Not Applicable.
10	<p>Section 42(1)(d) each person in one or more of s44 categories?</p> <p>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>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicant undertook pre-application consultation on the Project ahead of submission of the DCO application to the Secretary of State, with those with an interest in the land (in accordance with Section 42(1)(d) and as set out in Section 44).</p> <p>For the purposes of Section 42(1)(d), a person is within Section 44 of the 2008 Act if the Applicant, after making diligent inquiry, knows that the person is an owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of the land; is interested in the land or has power to sell and convey the land; or is entitled to make a relevant claim if the order sought by the proposed application were to be made and fully implemented.</p> <p>As such, the relevant persons defined under Section 44 of the 2008 Act were consulted as part of the Section 42 consultation between 30 November 2023 and 08 February 2024. The list of land interests consulted is provided in Appendix 5.1.6: Section 42 Consultation Materials <b>[EN010147/APP/5.1.6]</b>. The Applicant notified 231 identified Section 44 consultees by letter on 28 November 2023 and by email on 29 November 2023, ahead of the statutory consultation period commencing on 30 November 2023. These consultees were informed of a response deadline of 08 February 2024, exceeding the statutory requirement of 28 days.</p> <p>The Applicant notified a further 17 Section 44 consultees following the start of the phase two statutory consultation period (30 November 2023). Each consultee was notified by letter and provided with a response deadline of at least 28 days.</p>

		<p>Where owners, lessees, tenants or occupiers were unknown, the Applicant placed notices detailing the consultation at the relevant locations around the Project site area.</p> <p>An example of the notice and a map showing the locations where the notices were placed is included in Appendix 5.1.7: Section 48 Materials <b>[EN010147/APP/5.1.7]</b>. During the consultation period, the signs were checked on a weekly basis, with photographs taken on each visit. If a notice was damaged or missing it was replaced during these visits.</p> <p>The Applicant notified 222 Section 44 consultees of the first targeted consultation on specific changes across the site between June and July 2024. All Section consultees were provided in excess of 28 days to respond.</p> <p>The Applicant notified four Section 44 consultees to provide consultation feedback to the targeted consultation on a single change in the Central Site Area between August and September 2024. The consultees were written to on 14 August 2024 and provided with a response deadline of 15 September.</p> <p>The list of all land interests consulted is presented in Appendix 5.1.6: Section 42 Consultation Materials <b>[EN010147/APP/5.1.6]</b>. This appendix details the date on which they were notified of consultation and the deadline provided to them for responding.</p> <p>All persons listed in the Book of Reference <b>[EN010147/APP/4.3]</b>, which is up to date at the time of submitting the application for a DCO, were consulted under section 42(1)(d). It is noted that the list of persons with an interest in land is subject to change over time, as a result of changes in land ownership.</p>
<b>Section 45: Timetable for s42 consultation</b>		
11	Did the Applicant notify s42 consultees of the deadline for receipt of consultation responses;	At each point of consultation, the Section 42 consultees were informed of a response deadline of at least 28 days.

	and if so was the deadline notified by the Applicant 28 days or more starting with the day after receipt of the consultation documents?	The package of correspondence material submitted to Section 44 consultees is provided within the Consultation Report Appendix 5.1.6: Section 42 Consultation Materials <b>[EN010147/APP/5.1.6]</b> .
<b>Section 46: Duty to notify the Planning Inspectorate of proposed application</b>		
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. Prior to commencing Section 42 consultation, the Applicant notified the Secretary of State of its intention to submit an application for development consent for the Project under Section 46 of the 2008 Act. The notification was sent to the Planning Inspectorate electronically on 28 November 2023.
<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?	Yes. The Applicant's SoCC was publicised in accordance with Section 47 of the 2008 Act on 16 November 2023. A copy of the SoCC is provided in the Consultation Report Appendix 5.1.4: Statement of Community Consultation Materials <b>[EN010147/APP/5.1.4]</b> .
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. Section 47(2) of the 2008 Act states that before preparing the SoCC, the Applicant must consult each local authority that is within Section 43(1) in regard to the content of the SoCC. At the time of preparing the SoCC the relevant authorities within Section 43(1) were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxfordshire County Council;</li> <li>• West Oxfordshire District Council;</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cherwell District Council; and</li> <li>• Vale of White Horse District Council.</li> </ul> <p>In accordance with Section 47(3) of the 2008 Act, the deadline given for receipt of local authority responses to consultation on the content of the SoCC should be no less than the end of a 28-day period (commencing on the day after the day on which the local authority received the request for comments).</p> <p>As described in Chapter 6 of the Consultation Report <b>[EN010147/APP/5.2]</b>, the Applicant shared an early working draft of the SoCC with relevant authorities on 02 May 2023. The Applicant considered feedback received on this early working draft before formally providing a draft SoCC to relevant authorities for consultation on 14 July 2023. The Applicant stated a response deadline of 14 August 2023. This provided a consultation period of 30 days, therefore exceeding the requirement set in Section 47(3) to provide a period of 28 days.</p> <p>Copies of the draft SoCC, accompanying consultation letter, and feedback response tables are provided in Appendix 5.1.4: draft SoCC for consultation <b>[EN010147/APP/5.1.4]</b>.</p>
15	Has the Applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The feedback submitted to the early working draft SoCC, and how this was considered by the Applicant when updating the draft SoCC for formal consultation, is described in Table 6.1, Table 6.2 and Table 6.3 of the Consultation Report <b>[EN010147/APP/5.2]</b>.</p> <p>The Applicant's response to this feedback was provided to the relevant local authorities on 14 July 2023, alongside an updated draft SoCC. This was to explain how feedback received had been considered in updating the contents of the draft SoCC.</p>

		<p>The feedback submitted to the consultation on the draft SoCC, and how this was considered by the Applicant, is described in Table 6.4, Table 6.5 and Table 6.6 of the Consultation Report <b>[EN010147/APP/5.2]</b>.</p> <p>A copy of the final SoCC, alongside a table explaining how comments received had been considered by the Applicant when finalising the SoCC, were shared with each host authority on 09 November 2023, prior to publication of the SoCC on 16 November 2023.</p>
16	<p>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>	<p>The SoCC was uploaded to the document library on the Applicant's Project website and made available to view and collect from the public venues (Community Access Points) listed in the document and accompanying notice. Evidence of the SoCC being hosted on the Project website is provided in the Consultation Report Appendix 5.1.4: Statement of Community Consultation Materials <b>[EN010147/APP/5.1.4]</b>.</p> <p>Notices were published in the Witney Gazette on 15 November 2023 and the Oxford Times on 16 November 2023 to publicise the SoCC and its availability. Copies of these notices are provided in the Consultation Report Appendix 5.1.4: Statement of Community Consultation Materials <b>[EN010147/APP/5.1.4]</b>.</p> <p>The publication of the SoCC was also communicated through emailing identified key stakeholders and any party that had registered to be kept informed of project updates.</p>
17	<p>In accordance with Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations, does the SoCC set out whether the development is EIA development; and does it set out how the Applicant intends to publicise and consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Section 10 of the Applicant's SoCC sets out that the development is EIA development and sets out how the Applicant intended to publicise and consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information. A copy of the SoCC is provided in the Consultation Report Appendix 5.1.4: Statement of Community Consultation Materials <b>[EN010147/APP/5.1.4]</b>.</p>

18	Has the Applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Consultation Report <b>[EN010147/APP/5.1]</b> Table 6.7 provides a summary of how the Applicant complied with Section 47(7) of the 2008 Act through commitments placed in the SoCC.</p>
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**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 Regulations 2009?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Section 9.3 of the Consultation Report <b>[EN010147/APP/5.2]</b> describes the publication of a section 48 notice in compliance with Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations. Specifically, Table 9.1 confirms that this notice was placed for two successive weeks in two local newspapers (The Oxford Times and The Witney Gazette), once in a national newspaper (The Guardian) and once in the London Gazette.</p> <p>Copies of the notices as placed in the newspapers are provided in Appendix 5.1.7: Section 48 Consultation Materials <b>[EN010147/APP/5.1.7]</b>.</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;	The Oxford Times (first insertion 23 November 2023, second insertion 30 November 2023); and The Witney Gazette (first insertion 22 November 2023, second insertion 29 November).	22 November 2023 23 November 2023 29 November 2023 30 November 2023
b)	once in a national newspaper;	The Guardian	29 November 2023
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	London Gazette	27 November 2023

d)	where the proposed application relates to offshore development – (i) once in Lloyds List; and (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal?	Not applicable.	
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 section 48 notice, supplied as an Appendix to the Consultation Report [EN010147/APP/5.2], contains the required information as set out below:	

Information		Paragraph	Information		Paragraph
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	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	3, 4 and 5
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"> <li>The nature and location of the Proposed Development</li> <li>The address of the website</li> <li>The place on the website</li> </ul>	7 and 12	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection	7

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A telephone number which can be used to contact the Applicant for enquiries in relation to the documents, plans and maps.</li> </ul>			
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	13 and 14	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	18		
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 Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations?	Yes.		
<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?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Responses to the non-statutory phase one consultation, and how the Applicant has had regard to these comments, are described in Chapter 4 of the Consultation Report <b>[EN010147/APP/5.1]</b>.</p> <p>Responses to the statutory phase two consultation and subsequent targeted consultations, including how the Applicant has had regard to these comments, are described in Chapters 12 and 13 of the Consultation Report <b>[EN010147/APP/5.1]</b>,</p>		

		and provided in greater detail in Appendix 5.1.9: Section 47 Applicant Response [EN010147/APP/5.1.9] and Appendix 5.1.10: Section 42 Applicant Response [EN010147/APP/5.1.10].
<b>S50(3) Regard to guidance about pre-application procedure</b>		
24	<p>To what extent has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance ‘Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects’?</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate must have regard to the extent to which the Applicant has had regard to guidance issued under s50.</p>	<p>The Applicant conducted its consultation when the former s.50 guidance “Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process” was in force. The Applicant is aware that updated statutory guidance, the “Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant infrastructure Projects,” was issued in April 2024 under s.50.</p> <p>Appendix 5.1.1 of the Consultation Report sets out how the Applicant carried out its consultation under the previous.s50 guidance, but also how it has since reviewed the updated s.50 guidance and complied with its requirements as well.</p> <p>Acknowledging that the government’s guidance “Introduction to National Infrastructure Planning Guidance” (April 2024) includes transitional arrangements to provide for where guidance is revised and applicants have (among other stages) commenced their statutory pre-application consultation, the guidance confirms that “<i>It is not the intention for revisions to guidance to compromise the preparation or progress of applications which are already well underway.</i>” The Applicant considers its approach to having regard to the s50 guidance is demonstrated to be satisfactory and thorough.</p> <p>In addition, in preparing the Application, the Applicant has also had full regard to the following guidance published in April 2024 which relates to the preparation of an application:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Planning Act 2008: Content of a Development Consent Order required for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects,” particularly when preparing the <b>draft Development Consent Order [EN010147/APP/3.1]</b>;</li> <li>• “Planning Act 2008: Guidance related to procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land,” particularly when carrying out pre-application consultation and in preparing the <b>Statement of Reasons [EN010147/APP/4.1]</b> and <b>Book of Reference [EN010147/APP/4.3]</b>; and</li> <li>• “Introduction to National Infrastructure Planning Guidance,” which gives a clear understanding of the framework of the relationship between National Infrastructure Planning Guidance and the Planning Inspectorate’s Advice.</li> </ul> <p>Although not pre-application guidance, for completeness, the Applicant has also had regard to relevant updated Planning Inspectorate advice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-application Prospectus’, published 16 May 2024; and</li> <li>• ‘Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on the Preparation and Submission of Application Documents’, published 8 August 2024.</li> </ul> <p>The more recent Advice from Planning Inspectorate, ‘Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on Good Design’ (published 23 October 2024) is also acknowledged. However, given how close this new advice was published to the Applicant’s proposed submission, it has been too late for the Applicant to directly incorporate it into the documents submitted with the DCO application. Nonetheless, the Applicant is confident that the principles of that advice has been satisfied throughout its application. Also, whilst the Applicant recognises that the advice is non-statutory and produced under section 51 of the Planning Act 2008, the Applicant will review its final application against the advice to consider if there is anything further required for Examination.</p>
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		A table setting out how the Applicant has complied with the relevant legislation and guidance relating to pre-application consultation is presented in Appendix 5.1.1: Statement of Compliance <b>[EN010147/APP/5.1.1]</b> of the Consultation Report.
25	<b>Summary: Section 55(3)(e)</b>	
<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	<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"> <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>	Yes.
27	Is it accompanied by a Consultation Report?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Consultation Report document reference <b>[EN010147/APP/5.1]</b></p>
28	In accordance with Regulation 5(4) of the APFP Regulations, where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets, has a key plan been provided showing the relationship between the different sheets?	Yes.



29	Is it accompanied by the documents and information set out in APFP Regulation 5(2)?	Yes.																																			
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			(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)	Statement of Reason EN010147/APP/4.1	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	Land Plan EN010147/APP/2.4

			(iv) any special category land and replacement land	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
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 EN010147/APP/2.3	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	Access and Rights of Way Plan EN010147/APP/2.2
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes

<p>l) Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:-</p> <p>(i) any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation eg sites of geological or 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>Statutory/Non-statutory sites or features of Nature Conservation such as sites of geological or landscape importance</p> <p>EN010147/APP/2.6</p> <p>Plan showing habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features</p> <p>EN010147/APP/2.7</p> <p>Waterbodies in a River Basin Management Plan</p> <p>EN010147/APP/2.8</p>	<p>m)</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Plan with accompanying information identifying any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of the historic environment, including scheduled monuments, World Heritage sites, listed buildings and other historic structures, 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>EN010147/APP/2.9</p>
<p>Is this of a satisfactory standard?</p>	<p>Yes</p>		<p>Is this of a satisfactory standard?</p>	<p>Yes</p>

n)	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land	Crown Land Plan EN010147/APP/2.5	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	The Environmental Statement describes the proposal, details can be found in:  Environmental Statement Volume 1, Chapter 6: Project Description EN010147/APP/6.3
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
p)	Any of the documents prescribed by Regulation 6 of the APFP Regulations:	N	q)	Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	Planning Support Statement (PSS) including Green Belt Case EN010147/APP/7.1  Existing Site Plan (OS base/LIDAr) EN010147/APP/7.2  Proposed Development

				<p>EN010147/APP/7.3</p> <p>Operational Development Areas Plans EN010147/APP/7.3.2</p> <p>Landscape, Ecology &amp; Amenities Layer Plans EN010147/APP/7.3.3</p> <p>Temporary Facilities Plans EN010147/APP/7.3.4</p> <p>Site Compound plans and elevations EN010147/APP/7.3.6</p> <p>HDD Compound plans and elevations EN010147/APP/7.3.7</p> <p>Crossing Schedules EN010147/APP/7.3.9</p> <p>Site Construction Compound Accesses</p>
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				<p>EN010147/APP/7.3.1</p> <p>Outline Code of Construction Practice (inc Outline Dust Management, Outline Soil Management, Outline Public Rights of Way Management Strategy, Outline Site Resources and Waste Management Plan, Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan)</p> <p>EN010147/APP/7.6.1</p> <p>Outline Operational Management Plan</p> <p>EN010147/APP/7.6.2</p> <p>Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan</p> <p>EN010147/APP/7.6.3</p> <p>Outline Decommissioning Plan</p> <p>EN010147/APP/7.6.4</p> <p>Outline Written Scheme of Investigation</p> <p>EN010147/APP/7.6.5</p>
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				Outline Layout and Design Principles EN010147/APP/7.7
	Are they of a satisfactory standard?			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?			
31	In accordance with Regulation 5(2)(g) of the APFP Regulations, 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)?	Yes. A Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report is provided within the appendix document reference EN010147/APP/6.5.		
32	In accordance with Regulation 5(2)(r) of the APFP Regulations, if requested by the Planning Inspectorate, have two paper copies of the application form and other supporting documents and plans been provided?			



33	Has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance'?	Yes.  The Applicant has had regard to the statutory guidance contained within 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance' when preparing this application, as such it is of a standard considered satisfactory by the Secretary of State.
34	<b>Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)</b>	
<b>The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended)</b>		
<b>Pre-application fee</b>		
35	<p>Were all pre-application fees paid before the application was made?</p> <p>Pre-application services for which a fee can be charged is defined in Regulation 2A(8) and includes services listed within Schedule 1 of the Fees Regulations 2010. Fees for pre-application services apply to all proposed applications, from the inception meeting. These fees must be paid within 28 days of the invoice. If the applicant fails to pay the fee within 28 days, the Planning Inspectorate will not provide the applicant with any further pre-application services or take any further steps in relation to the proposed application.</p>	N/A
<b>Fees to accompany an application</b>		
36	Was the fee paid at the same time that the application was made?	A fee of £8,796 was paid by BACS transfer to the Planning Inspectorate on 14 October 2024, prior to the application being made.

<p>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</p>	
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Role	Electronic signature	Date
Case Manager		
Acceptance Inspector		

