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1 The Planning Act 2008 – section 55 Acceptance of Applications

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1.1 This draft section 55 checklist has been prepared by the Applicants having regard to Appendix 3 of the Planning Inspectorate’s Advice Note Six: Preparation and submission of application documents (The Planning Inspectorate, 2022). This checklist is intended to assist the Planning Inspectorate in completing the section 55 checklist by setting out where in the application the Applicants has provided the required information.

Section 55(2) Acceptance of Applications				
1	Within 28 days (starting day after receipt) the Planning Inspectorate must decide whether or not to accept the application for Examination.	Date received	28 day due date	Date of decision
Section 55(3) – the Planning Inspectorate may only accept an application if it concludes that:		Planning Inspectorate comments		
Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c): It is an application for an order granting development consent				
2	<p>Is the development a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project¹ (NSIP) (or does it form part of an NSIP); and does the application state on the face of it that it is an application for a Development Consent Order² (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008 (the 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> <p>If the development does not fall within the categories in ss14 to 30, has a direction been given by the Secretary of State under s35 of the PA2008 for the development to be treated as development for which development consent is required?</p>	<p>Following a request from the Applicants, on 4 October 2022 the Secretary of State issued a direction under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 Act that the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets should be treated as a development for which development consent is required (document references A1, A3 and J24).</p>		
3	Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)	Development consent order is required to authorise the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets in accordance with Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 Act.		

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)

Section 55(3)(e): The Applicant in relation to the application made has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure)		
4	<p>In accordance with the EIA Regulations³, 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>(a) A screening opinion was not requested.</p> <p>(b) The Applicants notified the Planning Inspectorate in writing of their intention to provide an Environmental Statement in respect of the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets in its letter dated 25 October 2022 (Annex E1.14.1, document reference E1.14).</p> <p>The Applicants submitted the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate on 28 October 2022 (Morgan OWL and Morecambe OWL, 2022).</p> <p>The Scoping Report was subsequently consulted on by the Planning Inspectorate and a Scoping Opinion was received on 08 December 2022 (document reference J25).</p>
5	<p>Have any Adequacy of Consultation Representations⁴ 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>No (correct at the time of submission, September 2024). The submitted Consultation Report (document reference E1) provides evidence and justification of how the Applicants complied with the duties under s42, s47 and s48.</p>

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

Section 42: Duty to consult		
Did the Applicant consult the applicable persons set out in s42 of the PA2008 about the proposed application?		
6	Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed ⁵ ?	Yes. The Applicants consulted all relevant persons prescribed by the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009. See section 4.2 of the Consultation Report that details the period of statutory consultation that was held between 12 October and 23 November 2023 (document reference E1). A full list of section 42 consultees is provided Annex E1.9.1 (document reference E1.9).
7	Section 42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation ⁶ ?	Yes. The Applicants consulted the Marine Management Organisation. See section 4.2 of the Consultation Report. A full list of section 42 consultees is included in Annex E1.9.1 (document reference E1.9).
8	Section 42(1)(b) each local authority within s43 ⁷ ?	Yes. The Applicants consulted with each local authority that is within section 43. A full list of consultees identified in accordance with section 42(1)(a) and (b) is included in Annex E1.9.1 (document reference E1.9).
9	Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?	N/A. The duty to consult the Greater London Authority only arises if the land to which the development relates is in Greater London.

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

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

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

		In the case of Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets, the Greater London Authority have not been consulted as no part of the development is within Greater London.
10	Section 42(1)(d) each person in one or more of s44 categories ⁸ ?	Yes. The Applicants consulted each person who is within one or more of the categories set out in section 44. See Section 4.2.4 of the Consultation Report (document reference E1) for further details.
Section 45: Timetable for s42 consultation		
11	Did the Applicant notify s42 consultees of the deadline for receipt of consultation responses; and if so was the deadline notified by the Applicant 28 days or more starting with the day after receipt of the consultation documents?	<p>Yes. The Applicants provided advance notice of statutory consultation to all s42 consultees on the 6 October 2023 via email. A copy of this notice is provided Annex E1.9.2 (document reference E1.9). This notification outlined where to view consultation documents, both on the website and in chosen locations. The notification also provided a deadline for the receipt of consultation responses A copy of the consultation materials is provided in Annex E1.8 (document reference E1.8).</p> <p>The Applicants provided consultees with 6 weeks to respond to the consultation materials (which is more than the statutory 28 day minimum as per section 45(2) of the 2008 Act). See section 4.2 of the Consultation Report for further details. The consultation period was from 12 October to 23 November 2023.</p> <p>After statutory consultation, the following additional periods of targeted statutory consultation were undertaken by the Applicants, including where new Persons with an interest in land (PWILs) were identified following refinement and amendments of the boundary of the onshore elements of the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets:</p>

⁸ Category 1: owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of land; Category 2: person interested in the land or has power to sell and convey the land or to release the land; Category 3: persons who would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim. There is no requirement on the Planning Inspectorate to check the accuracy of the list(s) provided or whether the Applicant has made diligent inquiry

		<p>Targeted statutory consultation - newly identified land interests 1 (24 November to 22 December 2023);</p> <p>Targeted statutory consultation - refinement of the onshore export cable corridor and newly identified land interests 2 (23 February to 24 March 2024);</p> <p>Targeted statutory consultation –PEIR email launch - external supplier technical issue (23 February to 24 March 2024);</p> <p>Targeted statutory consultation – newly identified land interests 3 (21 March 2024 to 18 April 2024);</p> <p>Targeted statutory consultation – newly identified land interests 4 (5 August 2024 – 4 September 2024);</p> <p>Targeted statutory consultation – newly identified land interests 5 (03 September 2024 to 02 October 2024); and</p> <p>Targeted statutory consultation – newly identified land interests 6 (14 September 2024 to 12 October 2024).</p> <p>All additional periods of targeted statutory consultation were a minimum of 28 days, with all correspondence notifying consultees of the deadline.</p> <p>Two targeted statutory consultations are currently underway, with a 28 day response period and the deadlines for receipt of feedback 2 October and 12 October 2024. Any feedback received during these consultations will be reviewed and responded to and an update will be provided following acceptance of the application.</p> <p>Full details of each the above is contained in section 4.3 of the Consultation Report (document reference E1).</p>
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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. A section 46 notification was sent by the Applicants to the Secretary of State for DESNZ and the Planning Inspectorate, containing the relevant consultation information on 11 October 2023 (See section 4.4 of the Consultation Report for further information (document reference E1) and (Annex E1.12.1, document reference E1.12). This notification was done the day before the consultation that commenced on 12 October 2023 and closed on 23 November 2023. The electronic documents included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • section 46 notification; • statutory consultation brochure; • statutory consultation feedback form; • the PEIR; • PEIR NTS; • draft DCO; • draft work plans; • SoCC; • statutory consultation poster; • consultation newsletter; • notices under sections 47 and 48; and • a copy of the section 42 letter. <p>A confirmation of receipt email was subsequently received by the Locum Senior Private Secretary to the Secretary of State (Annex E1.12.2, document reference E1.12). The Applicants received a letter back from the Planning Inspectorate on 11 October 2023 (Annex E1.12.3, document reference E1.12).</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. The Applicants prepared a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). See section 4.1 of the Consultation Report (document reference E1) and Annex of</p>

		the Consultation Report (document reference E1.6) for further details, including the SoCC as published.
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>Yes. The Applicants identified six host local authorities (as defined in section 43(b)) which it had a duty to consult on the draft SoCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fylde Council; • Preston City Council; • South Ribble Borough Council; • Blackpool Council; • Lancashire County Council; and • West Lancashire Council. <p>The draft SoCC (Annex E1.6.2, document reference E1.6) was the subject of a formal consultation from 21 July to 21 August 2023, allowing 29 days for local authorities to provide their comments (commencing on Monday 24 July 2023). See section 4.1.3 of Consultation Report (document reference E1) for further details.</p>
15	Has the Applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	Yes. Section 4.1 and Table 4.1 of the Consultation Report (document reference E1) sets out the responses received from local authorities set out in the response to 14 above, which the Applicants had a duty to consult on the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and how the Applicants had regard in the finalisation of the SoCC.
16	Has the SoCC been made available for inspection in a way that is reasonably convenient for people living in the vicinity of the land; and has a notice been published in a newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the land which states where and when the SoCC can be inspected?	<p>Yes. As required by section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008, the published SoCC (Annex E1.6.1, document reference E1.6) was made available for inspection by the public to view from 5 October to 23 November 2023 in the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freckleton Library, Preston Old Road, Freckleton, PR4 1PB; • Kirkham Library, Station Road, Kirkham, PR4 2HD; • St Annes Library, 254 Clifton Drive South, Lytham St Annes, FY8 1NR; • Lytham Library, Dicconson Terrace, Lytham St Annes, FY8 5JY; • Ansdell Library, 59 Commonsides, Ansdell, Lytham St Annes, FY8 4DJ;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penwortham Town Council and Community Centre, Kingsfold Drive, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 9EQ; and • Henry Bloom Noble Library, 8 Duke Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 2AY. <p>Newspaper notices (statutory section 47 notices) were published stating where and when the SoCC could be inspected. These appeared in the Blackpool Gazette, Lytham St Annes Express and Lancashire Evening Post on 5 October 2023 and the Isle of Man Courier on 6 October 2023. Copies of these notices as they appeared in print are available in Annex E1.6.3 (document reference E1.6).</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?	Yes. Section 7 of the SoCC outlines that the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets is EIA development and how the Applicants intended to publicise and consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). Copies of the PEIR were made available on the Transmission Assets website. Annex E1.6 presents the published SoCC (document reference E1.6).
18	Has the Applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC?	Yes. The Applicants have set out in section 4.1.13 of the Consultation Report (document reference E1) how it has complied with the obligations set out in the SoCC.
Section 48: Duty to publicise the proposed application		
19	Did the Applicant publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner set out in Regulation 4(2) of the APFP Regulations?	Yes. The Applicants prepared and published a section 48 notice in the manner prescribed by Regulation 4 of the Infrastructure Planning: (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (Infrastructure APFP Regs 2009). See section 4.5.3 of the Consultation Report and Annex E1.13.1 (document

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

		reference E1.13) that provides a copy of the notice, a map of notice locations and copies of notices as they appeared in print.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; padding: 5px;"> Newspaper(s) Date </div>		
a)	<p>for at least two successive weeks in one or more local newspapers circulating in the vicinity in which the Proposed Development would be situated;</p>	<p>The SoCC was publicised through a public notice in the following newspapers circulating in the vicinity of the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms:</p> <p>Transmission Assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleetwood Weekly News – 11 October 2023 • Blackpool Gazette - 12 October 2023 • Lancashire Evening Post - 12 October 2023 • Lytham St Anne’s Express – 12 October 2023 • Isle of Man Courier - 13 October 2023 • Fleetwood Weekly News – 18 October 2023 • Blackpool Gazette – 19 October 2023 • Lancashire Evening Post – 19 October 2023 • Lytham St Annes Express - 19 October 2023 • Isle of Man Courier – 20 October 2023 <p>These notices, as they appeared <i>in situ</i>, are shown in Annex E1.13.1 (document reference E1.13).</p> <p>The section 48 notice was first published in the Fleetwood Weekly News on 11 October 2023 and Blackpool Gazette, Lancashire Evening Post and Lytham St Annes Express on 12 October 2023.</p>

		Details on the further notices that appeared in the press between 12 and 20 October, to coincide with the start of the section 42 and 47 consultation period on 12 October 2023, is set out in section 4.5.3 of the Consultation Report (document reference E1).			
b)	once in a national newspaper;	The SoCC was publicised through a public notice in The Guardian, 19 October 2023. This notice, as it appeared <i>in situ</i> , are shown in Annex E1.13.1 (document reference E1.13).	19 October 2023		
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	The SoCC was publicised through a public notice in the London Gazette on the 19 October 2023. This notice, as it appeared <i>in situ</i> , are shown in Annex E1.13.1 (document reference E1.13).	19 October 2023		
d)	where the proposed application relates to offshore development – (i) once in Lloyds List; and (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal?	The SoCC was publicised through a public notice in the Lloyd’s List and the Fishing News on the 19 October 2023. These notices, as they appeared <i>in situ</i> , are shown in Annex E1.13.1 (document reference E1.13).	19 October 2023		
20	Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in Regulation 4(3) of APFP Regulations?	Yes – see section 48 notice provided in Annex E1.13 to the Consultation Report (document reference E1.13).			
	Information	Paragraph	Information	Paragraph	
a)	the name and address of the Applicant.	See section 48 notice provided in Annex E1.13 to the Consultation	b)	a statement that the Applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Secretary of State	See section 48 notice Annex E1.13 (document

		Report (document reference E1.13).			reference E1.13).
c)	a statement as to whether the application is EIA development	See section 48 notice provided in Annex E1.13 to the Consultation Report (document reference E1.13).	d)	a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the Proposed Development	See section 48 notice provided in Annex E1.13 to the Consultation Report (document reference E1.13).
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	See section 48 notice provided in Annex E1.13 to the Consultation Report (document reference E1.13).	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection on the website	See section 48 notice provided in Annex E1.13 to the Consultation Report (document reference E1.13).
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	See section 48 notice provided in Annex E1.13 to the	h)	details of how to respond to the publicity	See section 48 notice provided in Annex E1.13

		Consultation Report (document reference E1.13).			to the Consultation Report (document reference E1.13).
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	See section 48 notice provided in Annex E1.13 to the Consultation Report (document reference E1.13).			
	Are there any observations in respect of the s48 notice provided above?				
21	No observations.				
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 section 48 notice was sent to the section 42 consultees listed in the Consultation Report (document reference E1) and detailed in Annex E1.13 (document reference E1.13).			
s49: Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity					
23	Has the Applicant had regard to any relevant responses to the s42, s47 and s48 consultation?	Yes. The Applicants has had regard to all relevant responses to consultation in accordance with sections 42, 47 and 48. Details can be found in section 4.7 of the			

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

		Consultation Report (document reference E1), providing an overview of the consultation responses and key issues raised, and a description of how the Applicants had regard to feedback received. This is fully detailed in Annex E1.16 of the Consultation Report (document reference E1.16).
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 ?	On 30 April 2024, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities published six guidance notes for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. One of these guidance notes, 'Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (April 2024)' supersedes the previous guidance note 'Planning Act 2008: guidance on the pre-application process for major infrastructure projects'. The Applicants have had regard to the new guidance notes in preparing this Application. All activities carried out by the Applicants prior to 30 April 2024 were undertaken with reference to the now superseded guidance. The Applicants have not identified any material discrepancies in their approach as compared to the new guidance. The Applicants' consideration of the guidance is outlined in section 2 of the Consultation Report (document reference E1).
25	Summary: Section 55(3)(e)	The Applicants has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure) of the Planning Act 2008.
s55(3)(f) and s55(5A): The application (including accompaniments) achieves a satisfactory standard having regard to the extent to which it complies with section 37(3) (form and contents of application) and with any standards set under section 37(5) and follows any applicable guidance under section 37(4)		
26	Is it made in the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2 of the APFP Regulations, and does it include:	Yes, please refer to the Application Form submitted to the Planning Inspectorate which includes a brief statement which explains why the application falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate and a brief statement that clearly identifies the

11 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"> a brief statement which explains why it falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate; and a brief statement that clearly identifies the location of the application site, or the route if it is a linear scheme? 	location of the application site and route of the proposed scheme (document reference A3).			
27	Is it accompanied by a Consultation Report?	A Consultation Report (document reference E1) is included in the application, with numerous Annexes that are detailed in Table 1.1 of the Consultation Report and listed within the Application Guide (document reference A4).			
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, for all plans which have three or more sheets, an index sheet is provided to outline the relationship between different sheets.			
29	Is it accompanied by the documents and information set out in APFP Regulation 5(2)?	Yes, please see below for where the documents and information are located.			
	Information Document	Information Document			
a)	Where applicable, the Environmental Statement required under the EIA Regulations ¹³ and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	Yes. Application document references: Non-Technical Summary (document reference F1) Environmental Statement Volume 1 (Introductory Chapters, Annexes and Figures) (document references F1.1 to F1.6)	b)	The draft Development Consent Order (DCO)	Yes, Draft Development Consent Order including Draft Deemed Marine Licences (document reference C1).

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

	Environmental Statement Volume 2 (Offshore Chapters, Annexes and Figures)) (document references F2.1 to F2.10)			
	Environmental Statement Volume 3 (Onshore Chapters, Annexes and Figures)) (document references F3.1 to F3.12)			
	Environmental Statement Volume 4 (Offshore and Onshore Combined Chapters, Annexes and Figures) (document references F4.1 to F4.4)			
	Scoping Opinion (document reference J25)			
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			
c)	An Explanatory Memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of provisions in the draft DCO	Yes, Explanatory Memorandum (document reference C2).	d)	Where applicable, a Book of Reference (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Yes, Book of Reference (document reference D3).
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?
e)	A copy of any Flood Risk Assessment	Yes, Flood Risk Assessment (document reference F3.2.3).	f)	A statement whether the proposal engages one or more of the matters set out in section 79(1) of the
				Yes, see the submitted Statutory Nuisance Statement (document reference J29).

			Environmental Protection Act 1990 (statutory nuisances) and if so how the Applicant proposes to mitigate or limit them	
	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)	Yes, Statement of Reasons (document reference D2) and Funding Statement (document reference D1).	i) A Land Plan identifying:- the land required for, or affected by, the Proposed Development; where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of Compulsory Acquisition or any rights to use land; any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights; and any special category land and replacement land	Yes, see the following plans: Indicative Extent of Marine Licences and Grid Coordinates (document reference B4) Offshore Order Limits Plan (document reference B5) Onshore and Intertidal Order Limits Plan (document reference B6) Land Plan – Onshore (document reference B10) Crown Land - Onshore and Offshore (document reference B19) Special Category Land – Onshore (document reference B20)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	

j)	<p>A Works Plan showing, in relation to existing features:-</p> <p>the proposed location or (for a linear scheme) the proposed route and alignment of the development and works; and</p> <p>the limits within which the development and works may be carried out and any limits of deviation provided for in the draft DCO</p>	<p>Yes, see the following plans:</p> <p>Works Plans - Onshore and Offshore (document reference B7)</p> <p>Works Plans - Onshore and Intertidal (document reference B8)</p> <p>Works Plans – Offshore (document reference B9)</p>	k)	<p>Where applicable, a plan identifying any new or altered means of access, stopping up of streets or roads or any diversions, extinguishments or creation of rights of way or public rights of navigation</p>	<p>Yes, see the following plans:</p> <p>Access to Works Plan (document reference B11)</p> <p>Street Works Plan (document reference B12)</p> <p>Public Rights of Way Plan (document reference B13)</p>
Is this of a satisfactory standard?				Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
l)	<p>Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:-</p> <p>any statutory/ non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation eg sites of geological/ landscape importance;</p> <p>habitats of protected species, important</p>	<p>Yes, see the following documents:</p> <p>HRA Stage 1 Screening Report (document reference E3)</p> <p>Information to Support an Appropriate Assessment report has been produced (document reference E2.1 to E2.3)</p> <p>Stage 1 Marine Conservation Zone Assessment (document reference E4)</p> <p>ES Volume 3, Annex 2.1: Water Framework Directive surface and</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</p>	<p>Yes, see the following plans and documents:</p> <p>Onshore Historic or Scheduled Monument Sites Plan (document reference B16)</p> <p>Offshore Historic Environment Plan (document reference B17)</p> <p>Volume 2, Chapter 8: Marine archaeology of the Environmental Statement (document reference F2.8)</p>

	<p>habitats or other diversity features; and</p> <p>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>groundwater assessment (document reference F3.2.1)</p> <p>Please also see the following plans:</p> <p>Onshore Statutory and Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Sites (document reference B14)</p> <p>Offshore Statutory and Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Sites (document reference B15)</p> <p>Tree Preservation Order and Hedgerow Plan (document reference B18)</p>		<p>structures likely to be caused by the Proposed Development</p>	<p>ES Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic environment of the Environmental Statement (document reference F3.5)</p>
	<p>Is this of a satisfactory standard?</p>			<p>Is this of a satisfactory standard?</p>	
<p>n)</p>	<p>Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land</p>	<p>Yes, see the following plan:</p> <p>Crown Land - Onshore and Offshore (document reference B19)</p>	<p>o)</p>	<p>Any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the development consent proposal showing details of design, external appearance, and the preferred layout of buildings/ structures, drainage, surface water management, means of vehicular and pedestrian access, any car parking and landscaping</p>	<p>Yes, see the following plans and documents:</p> <p>Location plan(s) (Onshore and offshore) (document reference B1)</p> <p>Location plan(s) (Onshore) (document reference B2)</p> <p>Location plan(s) (Offshore) (document reference B3)</p> <p>Outline Design Principles (document reference J10)</p> <p>Indicative elements for Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms:</p>

				Transmission Assets are also presented within Volume 1, Chapter 3: Project Description of the Environmental Statement (document reference F1.3). Volume 1, Chapter 3: Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives of the Environmental Statement (document reference F1.4).
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	
p)	Any of the documents prescribed by Regulation 6 of the APFP Regulations:	Yes, see the following two documents: Regulation 6(1)(b)(i) - Cable Statement (document reference J23) Regulation 6(1)(b)(ii) - Safety Zone Statement (document reference J33)	q)	Any other documents considered necessary to support the application
				Yes, see the following documents: Application letter (document reference A1) Application form (document reference A3) Application guide (document reference A4) Consultation Report and annexes (document references E1- E1.16) Stage 1 Marine Conservation Zone Assessment (document reference E4) Technical Engagement Plan (document reference E5) Outline Code of Construction Practice (document reference J1) Outline Communications Plan (document reference J1.1)

				<p>Outline Dust Management Plan (document reference J1.2)</p> <p>Outline Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (document reference J1.3)</p> <p>Outline Pollution Prevention Plan (document reference J1.4)</p> <p>Outline Public Rights of Way Management Strategy (document reference J1.5)</p> <p>Outline Site Waste Management Plan (document reference J1.6)</p> <p>Outline Soil Management Plan (document reference J1.7)</p> <p>Outline Spillage and Emergency Response Plan (document reference J1.8)</p> <p>Outline Surface Water and Groundwater Management Plan (document reference J1.9)</p> <p>Outline Construction Fencing Plan (document reference J1.10)</p> <p>Outline Construction Artificial Light Emissions Management Plan (document reference J1.11)</p> <p>Outline Biosecurity Protocol (document reference J1.12)</p>
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				<p>Outline Bentonite Breakout Plan (document reference J1.13)</p> <p>Outline Contaminated Land and Groundwater Discovery Strategy (document reference J1.14)</p> <p>Outline Landscape Management Plan (document reference J2)</p> <p>Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Strategy (document reference J4)</p> <p>Outline Ecological Management Plan (document reference J6)</p> <p>Outline Highways Access Management Plan (document reference J8)</p> <p>Outline Onshore and Intertidal Written Scheme of Investigation (document reference J9)</p> <p>Outline Offshore Written Scheme of Investigation and Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries (document reference J11)</p> <p>Marine Enhancement Statement (document reference J12)</p> <p>Outline Fisheries Liaison and Coexistence Plan (document reference J13)</p> <p>Outline Cable Burial Risk Assessment (document reference J14)</p>
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				<p>Outline Offshore Cable Specification and Installation Plan (document reference J15)</p> <p>Measures to minimise disturbance to marine mammals and rafting birds from vessels (document reference J16)</p> <p>Outline Offshore Written Scheme of Investigation and Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries (document reference J17)</p> <p>Outline Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol (document reference J18)</p> <p>Outline Offshore Operations and Maintenance Plan (document reference J19)</p> <p>Offshore In Principle Monitoring Plan (document reference J20)</p> <p>Outline Vessel Traffic Management Plan (document reference J21)</p> <p>Dredging and disposal – site characterisation plan (document reference J22)</p> <p>National Policy Statement Tracker (document reference J26)</p> <p>Consents and Licences Required Under Other Legislation (document reference J27)</p>
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				Planning Statement (document reference J28, J28.1-J28.3) Hierarchy of Management Plans (document reference J30) Outline Employment and Skills Plan (document reference J31)
	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?			
	No.			
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	Yes, a Habitats Regulations Assessment Stage 1 Screening Report has been produced (document reference E3); and an Information to Support an Appropriate Assessment report has been produced (document reference E2.1 to E2.3) provided.		
32	If requested by the Planning Inspectorate, two paper copies of the application form and other supporting documents and plans ¹⁵	N/A at this stage.		
33	Has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance', and has this regard led to the	On 30 April 2024 the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities published six guidance notes for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. One		

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

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

	<p>application being prepared to a standard that the Planning Inspectorate considers satisfactory?</p>	<p>of these guidance notes, 'Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (April 2024)' supersedes the previous guidance note 'Planning Act 2008: guidance on the pre-application process for major infrastructure projects'. All activities carried out by the Applicants prior to 30 April 2024 were undertaken with reference to the now superseded guidance. The Applicants have not identified any material discrepancies in their approach as compared to the new guidance.</p> <p>Please refer to the following documents:</p> <p>Consultation Report (document reference E1)</p> <p>Volume 1, Chapter 2: Policy and legislation context of the Environmental Statement (document reference F1.2)</p> <p>Volume 1, Chapter 3: Project Description of the Environmental Statement (document reference F1.3)</p> <p>Land Plan - Onshore (document reference B10)</p> <p>Works Plans - Onshore and Offshore (document reference B7)</p> <p>Works Plans - Onshore and Intertidal (document reference B8)</p> <p>Works Plans – Offshore (document reference B19)</p>
34	<p>Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)</p>	<p>The application 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).</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 project paid the fee by BACS on 9 September 2024 with the reference "EN022028 Morgan and Morecambe OWFTA".

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