

KGSP Annex 07 – SoCC Compliance Table

SoCC Pledge	Applicant action
<p>Prepare and submit a Consultation Report as part of the DCO application that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides details of the local community feedback received during non-statutory and statutory stages of consultation • Explains how KGSL has had regard to the feedback received • Demonstrates how KGSL has complied with consultation requirements of the Planning Act 2008. 	<p>KGSL has prepared and submitted this Report, structured in a way that demonstrates the methods used by the Applicant to consult with the community, details the responses received and demonstrates how KGSL has had regard to the relevant responses.</p> <p>This section on compliance, and various references to the Act at relevant junctures throughout the Report, seek to detail how the Applicant has complied with the requirements of the Act.</p>
<p>To carry out consultation as described in the SoCC.</p>	<p>This chart seeks to demonstrate how KGSL has carried out consultation in accordance with information in the SoCC.</p>
<p>To consult with CWCC and HBC on the contents of the SoCC and have regard to the responses received.</p>	<p>KGSL informally consulted CWCC and HBC on the SoCC, as well as carrying out a 28-day statutory consultation on the draft SoCC with CWCC, HBC and, due to the proximity of the site to the authority’s boundary, CEC. Responses from the authorities did not raise any points for consideration.</p>
<p>Requirement to carry out an EIA and prepare an ES to be submitted as part of the DCO application.</p>	<p>KGSL has carried out an EIA and will submit an ES as part of the DCO. Information from the ES, and how the environmental assessments were shaped as a result of consultation, is contained in this</p>

	Report.
To make consultation documents available to view at www.kgsp.co.uk	The Applicant created a dedicated 'Library' page on the Project website, containing download links to KGSP documentation.
To publish a PEIR, providing the results of KGSL's preliminary assessments as part of the statutory consultation phase.	KGSL published the PEIR upon commencement of the statutory consultation on the PEIR. The document was made available to view by the public and was issued to consultees in accordance with Section 42 of the Act.
Provide copies of the PEIR direct to Section 42 consultees, including CWCC, HBC and CEC.	Hard copies of the PEIR, as well as consultation materials published at the launch of statutory consultation, were sent to the local authorities. Electronic copies of the PEIR and supporting consultation materials were sent to Section 42 consultees, including those with an interest in the land identified under Section 44 of the Act.
Publish an ICR following non-statutory consultation.	The ICR was published and made available to view at consultation events and available to download from the KGSP website.
To note all comments received about the principle of the development and address the need for such provision in the submitted DCO.	KGSL has noted comments received in respect of the need to increase the UK's capacity for gas storage and the need to increase this capacity is set out in the National Policy Statement EN-4.
Notify the SoS in accordance with Section 46 of the Act.	The Applicant notified the SoS upon launch of the statutory consultation, providing consultation materials and a covering letter in accordance with the Act. The letter can be found in Annex 13.
Undertake consultation on the	Consultation under Section 42 and 47 was

<p>application under Section 42 and Section 47 of the Act concurrently, alongside Section 48 publicity.</p>	<p>launched at the same time, with deadlines for responses to be submitted clearly identified on letters to consultees. The Applicant placed Section 48 publicity in local and national media titles, further details of which can be found earlier in this chapter.</p>
<p>To consult with communities, groups and individuals that live in, work in or use the area or are likely to be affected by the proposed development, as well as statutory consultees.</p>	<p>KGSL provided details of the groups of consultees as appendices to the SoCC. Further details of the scope and how KGSL consulted with each can be found in the subsequent entries to this table.</p>
<p>To consult with identified consultation bodies.</p>	<p>The Applicant included an appended list of ‘consultation bodies’ to the SoCC which demonstrated which prescribed consultees KGSL would contact as part of the statutory consultation. KGSL issued prescribed consultees with a copy of the PEIR and consultation materials.</p>
<p>To consult with community stakeholders.</p>	<p>The Applicant included an appended list of ‘community stakeholders’ to the SoCC. As part of the consultation, KGSL issued covering letters and KGSP newsletters to the identified groups in order to encourage participation in the consultation.</p>
<p>To consult with local residents living in proximity to the proposed development.</p>	<p>KGSL describes in this chapter the measures used to consult with those living in the vicinity of the site, including sending KGSP newsletters directly to residents in Consultation Zone A and publicising consultation events to the wider community.</p>

<p>To consult with local businesses situated in proximity to the proposed development.</p>	<p>The Applicant ensured that any direct mailshots of newsletters encompassed business as well as residential properties. KGSL also informed and engaged with the relevant Chambers of Commerce.</p>
<p>To consult with the general public and anyone who expresses an interest in the proposals.</p>	<p>The Applicant has detailed in this chapter the measures in place to publicise and encourage participation in the consultation. This included the provision of dedicated contact channels, including Freephone Information Line, email address and Freepost address.</p>
<p>Engage with time limited individuals (identified hard to reach group).</p>	<p>KGSL held Information Days from 2pm-8pm across five days, to ensure members of the public could partake outside of normal working hours. KGSL also made feedback forms available to complete and submit online, with consultation materials available to download from the KGSP website.</p>
<p>Engage with older people (identified hard to reach group).</p>	<p>The Applicant chose venues for the Information Days that were accessible and convenient for those living in the vicinity of the development. KGSL also offered face-to-face meetings with consultees with mobility difficulties. KGSL used traditional methods, such as newspaper advertising and posters, to raise awareness of the KGSP as well as online consultation methods.</p>
<p>Engage with people with disabilities (identified hard to reach group)</p>	<p>Information Days were held in local venues that were accessible. The Applicant did not receive any requests for materials to be produced in other formats, such as larger text or for assistance with travel to and from venues.</p>

Engage with farmers/agricultural workers (identified hard to reach group)	Farmers were invited to a meeting to discuss the KGSP, whilst the Applicant held several face-to-face meetings with landowners and farmers during the consultation period.
Engage with people on low incomes (identified hard to reach group)	The Applicant held consultation events in venues within the nearest communities to the proposed areas of development to reduce the need to travel. Communication channels, such as the Information Line and Freepost address, were also free of charge for users. This meant respondents would not suffer expense whilst engaging with the Applicant.
Engage with young people (identified hard to reach group)	As online tools can be effective amongst the younger generation, the Applicant ensured that all consultation material was made available to download from the KGSP website and that an online feedback form could be completed. KGSL also wrote to local schools, colleges, universities and youth organisations as part of its agreed community stakeholder list.
Engage with transient groups (identified hard to reach group)	The Applicant aimed to raise awareness to a wider audience – including transient groups – by publicising consultation events using posters, seeking media coverage and placing advertisements in local newspapers. The Applicant also wrote to local businesses and asked tenant farmers to inform their staff of the KGSP and consultation.
Engage with people who socialise in the area (identified hard to reach group)	KGSL used posters, media advertising and letters to stakeholder groups to engage with this group, as well as publicising details of the KGSP online.

	<p>The wide variety of businesses and stakeholder groups contacted was aimed at encouraging participation in the consultation from all those who had an interest in the KGSP, not just those who lived in the vicinity of the site.</p>
<p>For consultation to be most intense in the area identified as Zone A.</p>	<p>KGSL issued newsletters to all business and residential addresses within Zone A upon launch of the consultation. Prescribed consultees and other identified community stakeholders were also contacted directly and the Information Days were held either in or in the vicinity of Zone A.</p>
<p>To consult with the wider population and those identified in Zone B.</p>	<p>The Applicant communicated via elected representatives and key stakeholder groups, as well as raising the profile of the consultation in media advertising.</p>
<p>Hold public exhibitions as part of statutory consultation.</p>	<p>Information Days, open to the public and publicised through consultation materials, were held at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lostock Community Centre • Byley Village Hall • Lach Dennis Village Hall • Whitley Village Hall • Pavilions Club, Runcorn
<p>To produce consultation materials and use a range of methods to encourage and facilitate responses.</p>	<p>KGSL utilised all of the methods contained in the published SoCC including newsletters; media materials; website; Stakeholder Workshop; meetings.</p>
<p>To make available methods by which consultees could submit feedback and responses.</p>	<p>The methods stated in the SoCC were made available throughout the statutory consultation, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard copy feedback form

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online feedback form • Freepost address • Freephone Information Line • Email • Website
<p>To make consultation materials available and accessible for people living and working in the area.</p>	<p>The Applicant made hard copies of the consultation materials, including the PEIR and Non-Technical Summary, and these were available to view at the following local venues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northwich Library • CWCC, Wyvern House • HBC, Runcorn Town Hall • Halton Direct Link <p>All consultation materials were available to view at the Information Days and were made available to download directly for the dedicated KGSP website. Materials were also sent directly to consultees.</p>