

Section 55 Acceptance of Applications Checklist

Appendix 3 of Advice Note Six: Preparation and submission of application documents

M25 junction 28 Improvements Section 55 Acceptance of Applications Checklist

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Section 55(2) Acceptance of Applications							
1 Within 28 days (starting day after receipt) the Planning		Date received	28-day due date	Date of decision			
	Inspectorate must decide whether or not to accept the application for Examination.	27 May 2020	24 June 2020	24 June 2020			
	ction 55(3) – the Planning Inspectorate may only ept an application if it concludes that:		Planning Inspector	ate comments			
Sec	ction 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c): It is an application for	an order granting o	levelopment consent				
2	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 set out in Schedule 1 of the Draft DCO (Doc 3.1) in development falling within the categories in s14 of the PA2008. The development the construction of a highway and satisfies Section 22 of the PA2008; including 22 (3)(b), and 22(3)(c). This is consistent with the summary provided in Section 4 of the Application Forn 1.3) which states that the application is for an NSIP.						

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)

	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.
	ction 55(3)(e): The Applicant in relation to the application cedure)	ication made has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application
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 10 November 2017 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 3 December 2018. A copy of the notification letter is provided at Appendix A of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).
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 duties under s42, s47 and s48?	Yes There are 17 host and neighbouring authorities, of which 9 responded to the Planning Inspectorate's invitation to make an Adequacy of Consultation Representation (AoCR). All 9 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: • Thurrock Borough Council ('A' authority)

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

		Southend-on-Sea Borough Council ('A' authority)
		Chelmsford City Council ('A 'authority)
		London Borough of Havering ('B')
		Brentwood Borough Council ('B' authority)
		Essex County Council ('C' authority')
		London Borough of Waltham Forest ('D' authority)
		London Borough of Barking and Dagenham ('D' authority)
		Hertfordshire County Council ('D' authority)
		All AoCRs received have been carefully considered and are available to view on the National Infrastructure Planning website. Please look under the 'documents' tab and navigate to Acceptance, Adequacy of Consultation Representation
Sec	ction 42: Duty to consult	
Did	the Applicant consult the applicable persons set out in s42	2 of the PA2008 about the proposed application?
6	Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed ⁵ ?	Yes
		The Applicant has provided a list of persons consulted under s42(1)(a) on 3 December 2018 at Appendix C2 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).
7	Section 42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation ⁶ ?	N/A
8	Section 42(1)(b) each local authority within s43 ⁷ ?	Yes

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

Table 5.5.2, in paragraph 5.5.4, of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) lists the relevant local authorities that were identified and consulted under s43 and s42(1)(b) on 3 December 2018.

The host 'B' authorities were consulted:

Brentwood Borough Council

London Borough of Havering

The host 'C' authority was consulted:

• Essex County Council

The boundary 'A' authorities were consulted:

- Basildon District Council
- Chelmsford City Council
- Epping Forest District Council
- Medway Council
- Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
- Thurrock Borough Council

The boundary 'D' authorities were consulted:

- Cambridgeshire County Council
- London Borough of Enfield
- Hertfordshire County Council
- London Borough of Barking and Dagenham
- London Borough of Bexley
- London Borough of Redbridge
- Suffolk Borough Council
- London Borough of Waltham Forest

9	Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?	Yes, The GLA was sent a notification on 30 November 2018.			
10 Section 42(1)(d) each person in one or more of s44		Yes			
	categories ⁸ ?	Paragraph 5.8.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) states that all persons identified under s42(1)(d) were notified of the consultation on 30 November 2018.			
		Paragraph 5.6 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) summarises 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 Section 4.6 of the Statement of Reasons (Doc 4.1).			
		The Applicant's Book of Reference (Doc 4.3) lists the persons consulted under s42(1)(d).			
Sec	Section 45: Timetable for s42 consultation				
11	Did the Applicant notify s42 consultees of the	Yes			
	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?	The Inspectorate notes that a sample of the letter sent to the s42 consultees has not been provided. Paragraph 5.2.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) states that s42 consultation would commence on 3 December 2018 until 28 January 2019, which provides more than the required minimum of time for receipt of responses.			
		Appendix C11 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) provides copies of s42 responses to consultation; several state the date of the letter (30 November 2018) eg C11.5. Additionally, copies of emails responding to Highways England show the statutory consultation dates, in the subject heading, as 3 December 2018 to 28 January 2019 eg C11.11.			
Sec	tion 46: Duty to notify the Planning Inspectorate	of proposed application			
12	Did the Applicant supply information to notify the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application;	Yes			

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

	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?	The Applicant gave notice under s46 on 29 November 2018, which was before the beginning of s42 consultation. A copy of the s46 notification letter is provided at Appendix C1 of the Consultation		
Sec	tion 47: Duty to consult local community	Report (Doc 5.1).		
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 A copy of the final SoCC is provided at Appendix D6 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).		
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 The Applicant sent the draft SoCC to Brentwood Borough Council, London Borough of Havering ('B Authority'), Essex County Council ('C' authority) and the Greater London Authority on 5 October 2018 and set a deadline of 4 November 2018 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?	Paragraph 6.2.11 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) provides a summary of the consultation response from London Borough of Havering in respect of the draft SoCC and demonstrates how the Applicant had regard to their content. Only one suggestion was made to provide a better-quality map which the Applicant amended for the final SoCC. The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the Applicant had regard to the responses received when preparing 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?	Yes The final SoCC was made available at 14 locations, including the following, which are reasonably convenient having regard to the location of the Proposed Development: Romsford Central Library Brentwood Library Chelmsford Library		

		A notice stating when and where the final SoCC could be inspected was published in:
		 Brentwood Gazette on 5 December 2018 Romford Recorder on 7 December 2018
		The published SoCC notice, provided at Appendix C6 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) states where and when the final SoCC was available to inspect.
17	Does the SoCC set out whether the development is	Yes
	EIA development ⁹ ; and does it set out how the Applicant intends to publicise and consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information?	On page 2 of the final SoCC at Appendix D6 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) sets out that the development is EIA development and sets out how the Applicant intended to publicise and consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information.
18	Has the Applicant carried out the consultation in	Yes
	accordance with the SoCC?	Table 6.3.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) sets out how the community consultation was carried out in line with the final SoCC.
		Table 6.3.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) sets out how the Applicant has complied with the commitments set out in the final SoCC.
		Appendices C4, C5, C6, C7, E4, of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) provide evidence that the commitments within the final SoCC have been carried out.
		Although the Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the Applicant has carried out the consultation in line with the final SoCC, the following observations have been noted with regards to certain commitments:
		 SoCC stated that additional adverts would include details of the consultation events, however, it was shortened, and the website address was provided instead. A copy of the notice is provided at Appendix D7 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)

Section 48: Duty to publicise the proposed application

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 $^{^9}$ Regulation 12 of the 2017 EIA Regulations, or where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies, Regulation 10 of the 2009 EIA Regulations

19	Did the Applicant publicise the proposed application in	Yes					
	the prescribed manner set out in Regulation 4(2) of the APFP Regulations?	Paragraph 7.7.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) states:					
	7 Transfer of the control of the con	"A notice advertising the Applicant's intention to apply for a DCO in respect of the Scheme was published in accordance with Section 48 of the PA2008 and Regulation of the APFP Regulations."					
		Table 7.7.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) provides the r of s48 publicity as follows:	newspapers and dates				
		* The Guardian, 3 December 2018					
		* The London Gazette, 3 December 2018					
		* Romford Recorder, 7 and 14 December 2018					
		* Brentwood Gazette, 5 and 12 December 2018					
		Clippings of the published notices set out below are provided at Appendix C7 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) :					
		Newspaper(s)	Date				
a)	for at least two successive weeks in one or more local newspapers circulating in the vicinity in which the	Romford Recorder Group	7 and 14 December 2018				
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a) b)	newspapers circulating in the vicinity in which the	Romford Recorder Group	7 and 14 December 2018 5 and 12 December				
	newspapers circulating in the vicinity in which the Proposed Development would be situated;	Romford Recorder Group Brentwood Gazette/ Mid-Essex	7 and 14 December 2018 5 and 12 December 2018				
b)	newspapers circulating in the vicinity in which the Proposed Development would be situated; once in a national newspaper; once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is	Romford Recorder Group Brentwood Gazette/ Mid-Essex Guardian	7 and 14 December 2018 5 and 12 December 2018 3 December 2018				
b) c)	newspapers circulating in the vicinity in which the Proposed Development would be situated; once in a national newspaper; once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and where the proposed application relates to offshore	 Romford Recorder Group Brentwood Gazette/ Mid-Essex Guardian Table 7.7.1 states this was published 	7 and 14 December 2018 5 and 12 December 2018 3 December 2018 3 December 2018				

Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in Regulation 4(3) of APFP Regulations?

Yes

The published s48 notice, supplied at **Appendix C7** of the **Consultation Report (Doc 5.1)**, contains the required information as set out below:

	Information	Paragraph		Information	Paragraph	
a)	the name and address of the Applicant.	Yes	b)	a statement that the Applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Secretary of State	Yes	
c)	a statement as to whether the application is EIA development	Yes	d)	a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the Proposed Development	Yes	
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 at the places (including at least one address in the vicinity of the Proposed Development) and times set out in the notice	Yes	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection	Yes	
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	Yes	h)	details of how to respond to the publicity	Yes	
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	Yes				
21	Are there any observations in respect of the s48	8 notice provided	above	e?		
	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 stated in paragraph 7.7.2 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1).			
s49	: Duty to take account of responses to consultation	on and publicity			
	Has the Applicant had regard to any relevant responses to the s42, s47 and s48 consultation?	Yes Section 5.12, Section 7.14 and Annex E6 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) sets out how the Applicant had regard to the consultation responses received; including whether or not responses led to changes to the application.			
		The actions informed by the consultation responses appear to be reflected in the fina 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.			
Gui	dance about pre-application procedure				
24	To what extent has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Guidance on	Paragraph 1.1.22 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) states that the Applicant has taken into consideration all relevant statutory and other guidance.			
	the pre-application process'11?	Having reviewed the application, the Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the Applicant has identified and had regard to the relevant statutory guidance.			
25	Summary: Section 55(3)(e)	The Applicant has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure) of the PA2008.			
to v	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			

Regulation 13 of the 2017 EIA Regulations, or where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies, Regulation 11 of the 2009 EIA Regulations
 The Planning Inspectorate must have regard to the extent to which the Applicant has had regard to guidance issued under s50

27	 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? Is it accompanied by a Consultation Report?		Section 4 of the Application Form (Doc 1.3) explains why the development falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate. 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. A Location Plan (Doc 2.1) has been provided. Yes The application is accompanied by a Consultation Report (Doc 5.1). and Consultation Report Appendices (Docs 5.1 A-G).			
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			
29	Is it accompanied by the doc set out in APFP Regulation (and information required by locations within the applicat	APFP Regulation 5(2) are set out in the ion as listed below:
	Information	Document			Information	Document
a)	Where applicable, the Environmental Statement required under the EIA Regulations ¹³ and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	Environmental Statement – 6.4) Scoping Report and Scop Opinion (Doc 6.10) Scoping Opinion Respon 6.3) - ES Appendix 1.1	oing	b)	The draft Development Consent Order (DCO)	Draft Development Consent Order (Doc 3.1)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes (with minor discrepa	ncies as		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes

Regulation 5(4) of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009
The 2017 EIA Regulations, or where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies, the 2009 EIA Regulations

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 (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition)	Book of Reference (Doc 4.3)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
e)	A copy of any Flood Risk Assessment	Flood Risk Assessment (Doc 6.6)	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 6.5) Nuisances are also discussed in the following ES chapters: Dust and fumes – Air Quality (ES Chapter 5) Light – Landscape and Visual (ES Chapter 9) Noise – Noise and Vibration (ES Chapter 6)
	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 Reasons (Doc 4.1) Funding Statement (Doc 4.2)	i)	A Land Plan identifying:- (i) the land required for, or affected by, the Proposed Development; (ii) where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of Compulsory	Land Plans (Doc 2.2) Special Category Land Plans (Doc 2.11)

	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		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
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	Work Plans (Doc 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	Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans (Doc 2.4)
	(ii) the limits within which the development and works may be carried out and any limits of deviation provided for in the draft DCO				
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes (with minor discrepancies as noted in Box 30)		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes

- I) Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:-
 - (i) any statutory/ nonstatutory sites or features of nature conservation eg sites of geological/ 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 assessment of any effects on such sites, features, habitats or bodies likely to be caused by the Proposed Development (i) Biodiversity Sites and Features Plan (Doc 2.9)

ES Chapter 7 (biodiversity) figures (Doc 6.2, Chapter 7).

Habitats Regulation Assessment (Doc 6.9)

Outline CEMP (Doc 7.2)

Assessment of features identified in figures found within ES Chapter 7 - Biodiversity

(ii) Biodiversity Sites and Features Plan (Doc 2.9)

ES Chapter 7 (biodiversity) figures (Doc 6.2, Chapter 7).

ES Chapter 7 Appendices:

7.3 – Phase 1 Habitat

7.5 - River Corridor

7.7 - Aquatic

7.9 - Great Crested Newts

7.10 - Reptile

7.11 - Breeding Bird and Barn Owl

7.12 - Bat

7.13 - Dormouse

7.14 - Badger (confidential)

7.15 - Otter and Water Vole

Outline CEMP (Doc 7.2)

Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying any statutory/ non-statutory sites or features of the historic environment, (eq 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**

Historic Environment Sites and Features Plans (Doc 2.10)

ES Chapter 9 (landscape and visual) Figure (Doc 6.2, Chapter 9)

ES Chapter 11 (cultural heritage) Figures (Doc 6.2, chapter 11)

ES Chapter 11 Appendix 11.2 Archaeological Desk Based Assessment (Doc 6.3, Appendix 11.2)

Assessment of features identified in the figures found within ES Chapter 9 and 11

		Assessment of features identified in figures found within ES Chapter 7 - Biodiversity (iii) Biodiversity Sites and Features Plan (Doc 2.9) ES Chapter 8 (road drainage and the water environment) Figures (Doc 6.2, Chapter 8)			
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes	0)	Is this of a satisfactory standard?	Yes
n)	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land	Crown Land Plans (Doc 2.5)		Any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the development consent proposal showing details of design, external appearance, and the preferred layout of buildings/ structures, drainage, surface water management, means of vehicular and pedestrian access, any car parking and landscaping	Location plan (Doc 2.1) Speed Limits and Traffic Regulations Plans (Doc 2.6) Scheme Layout Plans (Doc 2.7) Preliminary environmental design drawings (Doc 6.2, Figure 2.2)
	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:	Engineering Drawings and Sections (Doc 2.8)	q)	Any other documents considered necessary to support the application	NA

		Are they of a satisfactory standard?	Yes		Are they of a satisfactory standard?		
	30	Are there any observations in respect of the documents provided at Box 29 (a) to (q) above?					
		a) The landscape and visual assessment for the ES (ES Chapter 9) (Doc 6.1) is supported by Figure 9.7 (Doc 6.2) which shows the viewpoint location plan for photographs taken from the chosen viewpoints. These photographs show the existing landscape in Figure 9.8 (Sheets 1-6, Doc 6.2) . No photomontages have been included in the documents submitted to show 3D visualisations of the proposed scheme as seen from the chosen viewpoints.					
		a) & p) The realignments to the existing River Ingrebourne and Weald Brook are shown in the scheme layout plans (Doc 2.7 Sheets 1-4), but there are no 3D visual representations of what these alterations to the existing landscape would appear like from any chosen viewpoints. The Inspectorate notes that the River Ingrebourne and Weald Brooks realignments are depicted in the Preliminary Environmental Drawings (ES Figure 2.2.), the Work Plans (Doc 2.3) (Work no. 23A, 23B and 23C), and within the cross sections B-B, K-K and N-N of the Engineering Drawings and Sections (Doc 2.8) as 2D drawings.					
		There is evidence of embankments and in particular deposit of surplus construction material at the Work Plans (Doc 2.3) and in the Engineering Drawings and Sections (Doc 2.8) and preliminary environmental design and scheme layout plans. However, no other visual representations are presented.					
		j) Work Plans (Doc 2.3)					
		Work No. 30 is depicted on Sheet 1 as an Electric Line Diversion but continued on Sheet 3 with different lettered markings to the					
		 corresponding symbol in the Legend. It is not clear which works are applied to the land parcels surrounding the environmental mitigation area between Maylands Golf Course and the M25. 					
		Further information will be issued on these points.					
-	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		Yes			
				A Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) No Significant Effects Report (Doc 6.9) is provided as part of the application.			
		affected by the Proposed Development, together with sufficient information that will enable the Secretary of State to make an appropriate assessment of the	The HRA Report identifies relevant European sites and the likely effects on those sites is considered that the information provided in the report is adequate for acceptance.				
State to make an appropriate accessment of the			Note: The Eventinian Authority will be able to advance during the Eventination. This				

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

	implications for the site if required by Regulation 48(1)? ¹⁴	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.			
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.			
33	Has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance	Yes			
	'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance', and has this regard led to the application being prepared to a standard that the Planning Inspectorate	Paragraph 3.1 of the Covering letter (Doc 1.2) explains how the Applicant has had regard to statutory guidance on the form of the application.			
	considers satisfactory?	The Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the Applicant has demonstrated regard to the guidance principles.			
34	Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)	The Planning Inspectorate concludes that the application (including accompaniments) has been prepared to a standard that it considers satisfactory.			
		In respect of the discrepancies identified in Box 30 of this checklist, to help facilitate an efficient and effective examination of the application further information may be provided to the Applicant in conjunction with the decision to accept the application.			
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 May 2020 before the application was made.			

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

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

Role	Electronic signature	Date
Case Manager	Dee Allen	24 June 2020
Acceptance Inspector	Lesley Coffey	24 June 2020