

APPENDIX CRA

Consultation Compliance Checklist

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Appendix CRA: Compliance with Planning Act 2008

Statutory Provision	Statutory Requirement	Activity undertaken	Date undertaken
<p>42(1)(a)</p>	<p>The applicant must consult such persons as may be prescribed.</p>	<p>All prescribed consultees were written to at the commencement of the Statutory Consultation and provided with consultation documentation.</p> <p>Please see section 6 of the Consultation Report and Appendix CRP to the report.</p>	<p>26 October 2020</p>
<p>42(1)(b)</p>	<p>The applicant must consult each Local Authority that is within section 43(1).</p>	<p>Section 43 consultees were written to at the commencement of the Statutory Consultation and</p>	<p>26 October 2020</p>

		<p>provided with consultation documentation.</p> <p>Please see sections 6.4 to 6.8 of the Consultation Report.</p>	
42(1)(d)	<p>The applicant must consult each person who is within one or more of the categories set out in section 44.</p>	<p>Section 44 consultees were written to at the commencement of the Statutory Consultation and provided with consultation documentation.</p> <p>Please see sections 6.10 to 6.12 of the Consultation Report.</p> <p>Section 44 further consultation on amended boundary</p>	<p>26 October 2020</p> <p>14 June 2021</p>

		Please see section 9.5 of the Consultation Report	
45(1) & (2)	Section 42 consultees must be notified of the deadline for the receipt of their response. This deadline must not be earlier than 28 days beginning from the day after the consultation documents were received.	As set out in the covering letter and notices sent by email to the consultees the original deadline for the receipt of responses was 14 December 2020, allowing for a period of [49] days (beginning the day after the consultation documents were received) within which consultees were to respond, which is more than the minimum 28 days required.	Consultation commenced on 26 October 2020.
46(1) & (2)	The applicant must supply the Secretary of State with such	The Secretary of State was notified via PINS at the beginning	26 October 2020

	<p>information in relation to the proposed application as the applicant would supply to the Secretary of State for the purpose of complying with section 42 if the applicant were required by that section to consult the Secretary of State about the proposed application. This requirement must be complied with on or before commencing consultation under section 42.</p>	<p>stages of Statutory Consultation and provided with the same consultation documents as the section 42 consultees.</p> <p>Please see section 7 of the Consultation Report.</p>	
<p>47(1)</p>	<p>The applicant must prepare a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) setting out how they propose to consult people</p>	<p>A SoCC was prepared and published as described in sections 4.1 to 4.28 of the Consultation Report.</p>	<p>Final SoCC published on 23 October 2020.</p>

	in the vicinity about the proposed application.		
47(2)	The applicant must consult each local authority within section 43(1) about what is to be in the SoCC.	<p>Informal and formal consultation took place with Northamptonshire County Council and East Northants District Council on the draft SoCC.</p> <p>Please see sections 4.6 to 4.19 of the Consultation Report.</p>	<p>Informal consultation in relation to the SoCC began 22 June 2020.</p> <p>Formal consultation began 8 September 2020.</p>
47(3)	The deadline for the receipt by the applicant of a local authority's response to consultation regarding the SoCC is the end of the period of 28 days that begins	Northamptonshire County Council and East Northants District Council were formally consulted on the draft SoCC on 8 September 2020. A response	Response deadline of 6 October 2020.

	with the day after the day on which the local authority receives the consultation documents.	deadline of 6 October 2020 was given, allowing a period of [28] days (beginning with the day after the documents were received).	
47(5)	In preparing the SoCC, the applicant must have regard to any response to consultation under section 47(2) that is received by the applicant before the deadline imposed by section 47(3).	How the SoCC evolved in response to consultation is described in sections 4.6 to 4.19 of the Consultation Report.	22 June 2020 to 23 October 2020.
47(6)	Once the SoCC has been prepared, the applicant must:	The SoCC was made available for inspection by the public online, at public libraries and widely circulated to all Town and	23 October 2020

	<p>(za) make the SoCC available for inspection by the public in a way that is reasonably convenient for people living in the vicinity,</p> <p>(a) publish in a newspaper circulating in the vicinity, a notice stating where and when the SoCC can be inspected; and</p> <p>(b) publish the SoCC in such manner as may be prescribed.</p>	<p>Parish Councils and Parish Meetings within a 10 kilometre radius of the ENRMF as well as to elected representatives at all levels, the Liaison Group and those on the Register of Stakeholders. Full details of the publication of the SoCC can be found at Sections 4.20 to 4.28 of the Consultation Report.</p> <p>The SoCC was publicised in a public notice in the Stamford Mercury on 23 October 2020.</p>	
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<p>47(7)</p>	<p>The applicant must carry out consultation in accordance with the proposals set out in the SoCC.</p>	<p>Statutory consultation was carried out in accordance with the proposals set out in the relevant SoCC.</p>	<p>Statutory consultation from 26 October 2020 to 14 December 2020.</p> <p>Augean undertook to accept further comments until 15 February 2021.</p>
<p>48</p>	<p>The applicant must publicise the proposed application in the manner prescribed in regulation 4 of the Applications</p>	<p>Section 48 notices containing the required information and advertising the intention to apply for a DCO were placed in The Times, London Gazette and the</p>	<p>The Times: 23 October 2020 London Gazette: 23 October 2020 Stamford Mercury: 23 October 2020 and 30 October 2020.</p>

	Regulations. Provision must be made to include a deadline for receipt by the applicant of responses to this publicity.	Stamford Mercury. The deadline for responses of 14 December 2020 was included in these notices. Please see section 8 of the Consultation Report and Appendix CRT of the report.	
49	The applicant must have regard to any relevant responses received to consultation and publicity as set out in sections 42, 47 and 48 within any imposed deadline.	The Consultation Report Section 10 details how regard has been given to responses to the consultation and publicity. This is further detailed in Appendix CRO, and CRR	
50(3)	The applicant must have regard to any guidance under this	This is addressed in the following sections of this Appendix.	

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Appendix CRA: PINS Advice Notes

Advice Note Fourteen	Activity undertaken
<p>The Consultation Report must explain how the Applicant has complied with the pre-application consultation requirements set down in the PA2008; in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="237 643 1055 751">• The requirement to consult with prescribed consultees (section 42);<li data-bbox="237 802 1055 911">• the requirement to consult with the community (section 47);<li data-bbox="237 962 1032 1070">• the requirement to publicise the proposed application (section 48); and<li data-bbox="237 1121 1099 1230">• the requirement to have regard to consultation responses (section 49).	<p>Sections 4 to 9 of the Consultation Report provide an account of statutory consultation under sections 42, 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act, and summaries of the relevant responses to consultation. and Account taken of responses received.can be found in Appendices CRO and CRR</p>

<p>The report should also explain non-statutory consultation that takes place outside the requirements of the PA2008 so that the Secretary of State is given an understanding of all the consultation activity relevant to a particular project.</p>	<p>Where consultation has been non-statutory or informal this has been made clear.</p>
<p>Introductory text should provide an overview including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary of the consultation activities undertaken; and • a table or timeline summarising both statutory and non-statutory consultation in chronological order. 	<p>An Executive Summary is included as part of the Consultation Report. A diary of all statutory and non-statutory consultation activities in chronological order is shown at Appendix CRB</p>
<p>The report should include a list of all persons and bodies that were consulted.</p>	<p>A table of all Section 42, section 43 and section 44 consultees are shown at Appendix CRP</p>
<p>The Secretary of State needs to be satisfied that the Applicant has complied with the Statement of Community Consultation</p>	<p>Informal and formal consultation with the relevant Local Authorities in relation to the SoCC is described in sections 4.6 to 4.14 of the Consultation Report.</p>

<p>(SoCC) preparation process. Evidence should be submitted as part of the Consultation Report which shows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which local authorities were consulted about the content of the draft SoCC; • what the local authorities' comments were; • confirmation that the local authorities were given 28 days to provide their comments; and • a description about how the Applicant had regard to the local authorities' comments. 	<p>The initial draft of the SoCC and consultation correspondence with the local authorities is shown at Appendix CRC. The consultation draft of the SoCC and a copy of the amended section of the SoCC following Covid-19 restrictions being implemented is at CRE</p>
<p>Copies of the published SoCC notice as it appeared in the local press.</p>	<p>The published version of the SoCC can be found at Appendix CRF and the published Section 47 notice can be found at Appendix CRT.</p>
<p>Online inspection of the documents were introduced as secondary legislation (the Infrastructure Planning Publication and Notification of Applications etc(Coronavirus))</p>	<p>This is considered in Section 4 – 4.22 – 4.27</p>

<p>(Amendment) Regulations 2020) providing temporary flexibility for consultation and publicity requirements for DCOs</p>	
<p>Where more than one SoCC was prepared for a project, eg where a SoCC was subject to one or more updates, the updated SoCC or SoCCs should be included together with a narrative about why the preceding SoCC was reviewed and updated.</p>	<p>How the SoCC evolved is described in sections 4.6 to 4.19 of the Consultation Report. The initial draft of the SoCC, the consultation draft of the SoCC and the changes made in response to Covid-19, and the publication version of the SoCC can be found in Appendices CRC, CRE and CRF respectively. Consultation correspondence on the SoCC can be found at Appendix CRE including changes and consultation in response to Covid-19.</p>
<p>Where there are any inconsistencies between the SoCC and the consultation carried out this should be clearly explained and justified.</p>	<p>There were no inconsistencies from the published SoCC and the consultation that was undertaken.</p>
<p>A scanned copy of the s48 notice as it appeared in the local and national newspapers and journals, clearly showing the publication's name and date of publication.</p>	<p>Copies of the section 48 notices can be found at Appendix CRT. The section 48 publicity is described in section 8 of the Consultation Report.</p>

<p>A description of where the notice was published, and confirmation of the time period given for responses should be included in the report.</p>	
<p>Applicants should provide confirmation that the s48 notice was sent to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) consultation bodies at the same time as the notice was published.</p>	<p>Compliance with Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure EIA Regulations 2017 is set out in sections 8.10 to 8.12 of the Consultation Report.</p>
<p>Any consultation not carried out under the provisions of the PA2008 should be clearly indicated and identified separately.</p>	<p>Where consultation has been non-statutory or informal this has been made clear.</p>
<p>If targeted consultation takes place, please explain the nature and purpose of the consultation. For example, if it was geographically focused what consultees were included and the rationale for the geographic extent of the consultation.</p>	<p>The geographic extent and rationale of the consultation area is described in sections 3.10 to 3.12 of the Consultation Report and shown at Figure 1.</p>
<p>Consultation undertaken as part of the EIA process is separate to that required under the PA2008 eg statutory consultation on a Scoping Report following a Scoping Request to the Secretary of State.</p>	<p>This is addressed in section 5 of the Consultation Report.</p>

<p>A summary of the individual responses received should be provided and categorised in an appropriate way.</p> <p>The summary of the responses should identify comments that are relevant (directly or indirectly) to changes made to the project during the Pre-application stage. For example, changes to siting, route, design, form or scale of the scheme itself, or to mitigation or compensatory measures proposed.</p> <p>It is also necessary to explain why responses have led to no change, including where responses have been received after deadlines set by the Applicant.</p>	<p>Responses to the section 42 consultation can be found at Appendix CRR and responses to the section 47 responses can be found at Appendix CRO. These show the replies from the applicant to the issues raised and how they have been taken in to account. Both cover the period of consultation from 26 October 2020 to 14 December and also the extended period for receipt of responses to 15 February 2021.</p>
<p>If virtual consultation methods were planned, then this should be reflected in the SoCC. In the usual way, the relevant local authorities will have been consulted about this and their feedback reported in the Consultation Report.</p>	<p>Further consultation and amendments to the SoCC took place as a result of Covid-19 and the need for online exhibitions and supporting interactive opportunities. This is detailed at sections 4.15 to 4.18 of the Consultation Report</p>

<p>Where virtual consultation methods were deployed as a reaction to external circumstances then it is important that the views of the relevant local authorities are captured in the Consultation Report.</p>	
<p>In general, where virtual consultation methods are planned then the SoCC should explain any mitigation measures put in place for digitally disadvantaged members of the community eg the use of telephone surgeries.</p>	<p>Ways to engage through non-digital methods is addressed in sections 4.51 to 4.55 of the Consultation Report. This included a hard-copy exhibition pack that can be viewed at Appendix CRL</p>
<p>Applicants must ensure that the Consultation Report complies with data protection legislation eg personal data of individuals is treated appropriately. This may include redaction of personal data, sensitive/special category data and/or obtaining informed consent from the individuals concerned as appropriate.</p>	<p>All correspondence and responses have been fully redacted to ensure confidentiality of addresses and contact details.</p>

Appendix CRA: DCLG (now MHCLG) Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process

Guidance on the pre-application process	Activity
<p>16. The Planning Act regime provides the ability to anyone interested in or affected by a major infrastructure proposal to both object in-principle to a proposed scheme and at the same time suggest amendments to designout unwelcome features of a proposal. Engaging in a developer’s preapplication consultation including for example offering constructive mitigations to reduce a scheme’s impact on the local community, does not per se undermine any submission on the principle of whether or not development consent should be granted.</p>	<p>Sections 4 to 9 of the Consultation Report provide an account of statutory consultation under sections 42, 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act, and summaries of the relevant responses to consultation and account taken of responses received.</p>
<p>18. Early involvement of local communities, local authorities and statutory consultees can bring about significant benefits for all parties, by:</p>	<p>Sections 4 to 9 of the Consultation Report provide an account of statutory consultation under sections 42, 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act, and summaries of the relevant responses to consultation and account taken of responses received.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • helping the applicant identify and resolve issues at the earliest stage, which can reduce the overall risk to the project further down the line as it becomes more difficult to make changes once an application has been submitted; • enabling members of the public to influence proposed projects, feedback on potential options, and encouraging the community to help shape the proposal to maximise local benefits and minimise any downsides; • helping local people understand the potential nature and local impact of the proposed project, with the potential to dispel misapprehensions at an early stage; • enabling applicants to obtain important information about the economic, social and environmental impacts of a scheme from consultees, which can help rule out unsuitable options; 	<p>Section 4 of the Consultation Report in particular sets out how local communities were engaged with and informed about the process.</p> <p>Opportunities for discussion and comment were available throughout the consultation period by telephone, email, via the company website or by letter to provide the maximum opportunity for feedback.</p> <p>How the project can deliver the objectives of the local community regarding connectivity between the woodland areas and other ecological enhancements is reported in Section 10 of the Consultation Report</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enabling potential mitigating measures to be considered and, if appropriate, built into the project before an application is submitted; and • identifying ways in which the project could, without significant costs to promoters, support wider strategic or local objectives. 	
<p>54. In consulting on project proposals, an inclusive approach is needed to ensure that different groups have the opportunity to participate and are not disadvantaged in the process.</p> <p>Applicants should use a range of methods and techniques to ensure that they access all sections of the community in question. Local authorities will be able to provide advice on what works best in terms of consulting their local communities given their experience of carrying out consultations in their area.</p>	<p>The range of consultation methods, channels and materials is listed at 3.18 of the Consultation Report.</p> <p>Further consultation and amendments to the SoCC took place as a result of Covid-19 and the need for online exhibitions and supporting interactive opportunities. This is detailed at sections 4.15 to 4.18 of the Consultation Report.</p> <p>Ways to engage through non-digital methods is addressed in sections 4.51 to 4.55 of the Consultation Report. This included</p>

	a hard-copy exhibition pack that can be viewed at Appendix CRL.
<p>55. Applicants must set out clearly what is being consulted on. They must be careful to make it clear to local communities what is settled and why, and what remains to be decided, so that expectations of local communities are properly managed. Applicants could prepare a short document specifically for local communities, summarising the project proposals and outlining the matters on which the view of the local community is sought. This can describe core elements of the project and explain what the potential benefits and impacts may be. Such documents should be written in clear, accessible, and non-technical language. Applicants should consider making it available in formats appropriate to the needs of people with disabilities if requested. There may be cases where documents may need to be bilingual (for example, Welsh and English in some</p>	<p>As set out in sections 4.29 to 4.59 of the Consultation Report a range of methods were used to communicate with the local community in an accessible and understandable way both online and in hard-copy. It was made known that material in differing format (such as Welsh language) would be considered on request.</p>

<p>areas), but it is not the policy of the Government to encourage documents to be translated into non-native languages.</p>	
<p>78. Applicants are required under section 37 of the Planning Act to produce a consultation report alongside their application, which details how they have complied with the consultation requirements set out in the Act.</p>	<p>A Consultation Report has been submitted the details the consultation that has been undertaken. Section 10 of the Consultation Report demonstrates how the application has been influenced by the consultation.</p>

80. Therefore, the consultation report should:

- provide a general description of the consultation process undertaken, which can helpfully include a timeline;
- set out specifically what the applicant has done in compliance with the requirements of the Planning Act, relevant secondary legislation, this guidance, and any relevant policies, guidance or advice published by Government or the Inspectorate;
- set out how the applicant has taken account of any response to consultation with local authorities on what should be in the applicant's statement of community consultation;
- set out a summary of relevant responses to consultation (but not a complete list of responses);
- provide a description of how the application was informed and influenced by those responses, outlining any changes made as a result and showing how significant relevant

The content of the Consultation Report reflects all of these criteria.

<p>responses will be addressed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• provide an explanation as to why responses advising on major changes to a project were not followed, including advice from statutory consultees on impacts;• where the applicant has not followed the advice of the local authority or not complied with this guidance or any relevant Advice Note published by the Inspectorate, provide an explanation for the action taken or not taken; and• be expressed in terms sufficient to enable the Secretary of State to understand fully how the consultation process has been undertaken and significant effects addressed. However, it need not include full technical explanations of these matters.	
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Appendix CRA: Statement of Community Consultation Compliance

Section	Commitment	Response
<p>9. How we will consult</p>	<p>Augean intends for the consultation to be transparent, inclusive and accessible to those most likely to be affected by the Proposed Development. Throughout the pre-application consultation period there will be opportunities for discussion and comment on the proposals. Comments can be made throughout the consultation process, to Augean by telephone, email, via the company website or by letter in order to provide the maximum opportunity for feedback on the proposals.</p>	<p>The consultation was conducted in a manner that allowed access to high quality information with inbuilt opportunities for discussion online, by telephone by email or by letter. It was made clear that comments on the application were welcome through any of the above channels. These arrangements were set out in the public information leaflet that is shown at Appendix CRH (4.2.8).</p>
	<p>Augean had hoped to be able to consult with the local community by arranging for them to have the opportunity to attend a series of face to face events. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the need to take account of present restrictions and future uncertainties regarding what further</p>	<p>This change was discussed with NCC, ENDC and KCLG. This is described in section 4 of the Consultation Report at 4.15 to 4.18.</p>

	<p>public health advice might be applicable during the consultation period, and how that might affect public events, it is no longer possible to be confident that we can hold suitably safe physical public exhibitions or an open day at present. The planned consultation arrangements will provide equivalent or better opportunities to conventional methods of consultation and will enable the local community to access information about the Proposed Development, to ask questions and receive answers from the Augean professional team and to be able to comment on the application. Although many of these opportunities are based on digital technology every effort will be made to ensure that those without access to digital methods of engagement are given other alternative options to access, question and respond to information.</p>	
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	<p>The range of methods will ensure that the local community will be able to access the consultation information. If anyone is unable to access the information for any reason, Augean will work directly with that person to find a solution and provide access to the information.</p>	<p>Appendix CRZ (4.2.26) demonstrates the responsiveness by Augean to telephone enquiries asking for help to access information online or to request the hard copy exhibition pack for those unable to use digital technology. Information in other formats was not requested but it was made clear that it would be considered in the public information leaflet.</p>
	<p>The statutory consultation will take place from 26 October 2020 until 14 December 2020.</p>	<p>The statutory consultation did take place from 26 October 2020 until 14 December 2020. Augean also undertook to accept any comments until 15 February 2021.</p>
	<p>Augean will seek to identify future opportunities for face to face events once Covid-19 restrictions are relaxed. All such events will be widely publicised to the local community when available.</p>	<p>Augean has advertised on the front page of the latest edition of the Community Newsletter, that is widely circulated in the local area, that it intends to hold an Open Day at some point in the Autumn 2021. See Appendix CRX (4.2.24). We consider that at this point there may be greater public confidence in attending face to face events,</p>

		but this will be subject to any further Government restrictions being in place.
	Based on the level and nature of interest shown during and before the statutory consultation Augean will continue to engage with interested parties throughout the DCO determination process and beyond. The means of engagement will be determined from responses received but will include continued commitment to the Community Liaison Group, periodic newsletters and annual open days.	The Consultation Diary at Appendix CRB (4.2.2) demonstrates the ongoing dialogue with consultees. Ongoing engagement is described in section 9 of the Consultation Report at 9.6 to 9.23.
9. How we will consult - Information	Public Information Leaflet Augean will deliver a public information leaflet which will explain the Proposed Development to all homes and businesses within the consultation area. The leaflet will be further distributed to other key stakeholders including the Liaison Group members, elected representatives at all	The circulation of the public information leaflet is described in section 4 of the Consultation Report at 4.37 to 4.41.

	<p>levels as well as special interest groups, local community groups and organisations such as schools, faith groups and local health and welfare facilities. The leaflet will detail sources of further information and an invitation to participate in the consultation with details of how to access information, ask questions and make responses.</p>	
	<p>Posters</p> <p>Posters advertising the consultation with details of how to participate will be displayed in local venues and locations within the consultation area.</p>	<p>The circulation of the posters is described in section 4 of the Consultation Report at 4.42.</p>
	<p>Newspaper advertisements</p> <p>Augean will publish statutory notices in the Stamford Mercury which is circulated as a hard copy paper and is published electronically giving details about how to access the consultation opportunities.</p>	<p>The section 47 notice was published in the Stamford Mercury on 23 October 2020. The section 48 notice was published on the 23 October 2020 in The Times, London Gazette and the Stamford Mercury. The section 48 notice was published for a second consecutive week in the</p>

		Stamford Mercury on 30 October 2020. Copies of these notices are available in Appendix CRT (4.2.20)
	<p>Community publications</p> <p>Wherever possible Augean will request that details of the consultation and any future specific events are published in local community and parish magazines.</p>	Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, community publications were suspended in order to prevent transmission of the virus. However, many of the parish councils publicised the consultation through social media channels. This is described in section 4, 4.44 and these methods of publicising the consultation where accessible are at Appendix CRI (4.2.9).
	<p>News media</p> <p>Augean will issue news releases about the consultation and any future specific consultation events to local print and broadcast news media to further raise awareness of the Proposed Development in the local community.</p>	News media relations are shown at section 4, 4.60 to 4.69. Copies of statements and news media coverage are shown at Appendices CRM (4.2.13) and CRN (4.2.14).
	<p>Social media</p>	Many of the parish councils publicised the consultation through social media channels.

	<p>Augean will use its social media platforms to further advertise the consultation and any future specific events and availability of consultation documentation.</p>	
	<p>Newsletters</p> <p>Augean regularly publishes a community newsletter that is widely distributed to the local community and made available on the Augean website. Advance notice of the Proposed Development has been promoted through this publication and any opportunities to engage in future specific events will be promoted through this publication.</p>	<p>All editions of the newsletter are available on the company website. Recent editions including the latest Summer 2021 edition can be seen at Appendix CRX (4.2.24).</p>
	<p>Electronic newsletters</p> <p>These are primarily distributed to those on the Register of Stakeholders; a database of subscribers who wish to be kept updated about Augean and any opportunities to engage with the company, and will be used to promote any</p>	<p>Please see Appendix CRY (4.2.25) for copies of the electronic newsletters.</p>

	<p>specific future events or other opportunities to engage with the company as well as signposting the availability of consultation documentation or explaining more complex aspects of the Proposed Development in detailed topic sheets.</p>	
<p>9. How we will consult - Engagement</p>	<p>Exhibitions</p> <p>The exhibition materials: exhibition boards, supporting documents; factsheets and comments sheets will be made available online via the company website www.augeanplc.com. A hard copy exhibition pack will be made available in response to requests by email, post or telephone for those unable to access online materials. The contact details to request a pack are available at the end of this document.</p>	<p>The exhibitions were made available online and in hard copy. This is described in section 4 of the Consultation Report from 4.45 to 4.56.</p> <p>Evidence of the exhibition is available at Appendix CRJ (4.2.10), Appendix CRK (4.2.11) and Appendix CRL (4.2.12).</p>

Opportunities for explanation and responses to questions about the Proposed Development from the project team will be made available. The online exhibition will incorporate a facility to ask questions and receive answers about the Proposed Development from the Augean professional team. For those unable to access digital technology there will be the opportunity to request a response to questions via telephone or post.

Members of the local community will be offered the opportunity to attend online topic specific presentations which will be organised subject to interest expressed.

Augean would like the views, opinions and comments of the local community to influence aspects of the project that are still to be determined and are not fixed by technical necessity, legislation or national or local policy. Comments can be submitted online, by email or by post. Augean will

	<p>use the responses received to help consider any changes that should be made to the Proposed Development before finalising the application.</p>	
	<p>Open Day</p> <p>Subject to being able to do so based on further Government advice, a site Open Day will be held at ENRMF during Spring 2021 for any members of the public wishing to discuss the proposals and view the site. This will be promoted nearer the time by the circulation of a flyer and advertisements in the local news media.</p>	<p>Augean has advertised on the front page of the latest edition of the Community Newsletter, that is widely circulated in the local area, that it intends to hold an Open Day at some point in the Autumn 2021. See Appendix CRX (4.2.24). We consider that at this point there may be greater public confidence in attending face to face events, but this will be subject to any further Government restrictions being in place.</p>
	<p>Open Door site visits</p> <p>Augean usually operates an open door policy at ENRMF to enable anyone wishing to visit the site to see how a modern, highly engineered landfill facility and treatment</p>	<p>ENRMF has an Open Door policy under normal circumstances. This opportunity will resume once all Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. The local community will be informed when this opportunity is available once more.</p>

	<p>facilities operates. Due to current Covid-19 restrictions this is not possible at the present time but subject to further Government advice it is hoped that this can be resumed. Augean will inform parish Councils and those on the Register of Stakeholders or via the company newsletter when this opportunity is available once more.</p>	
	<p>Website</p> <p>The website www.augeanplc.com/enrmf-planning/ will be used as an accessible method for engaging with the consultation for people who may have difficulty attending any of the events in person, as well as being a resource for all the documentation for the Proposed Development. The website will contain all the materials presented at the consultation opportunities and online feedback forms.</p>	<p>The company website is an important hub for access to documentation for planning applications. The dedicated consultation website will be refreshed with information about the final application.</p>

	<p>Additional opportunities</p> <p>Augean may hold additional events if considered beneficial in order to enable the local community to gain a greater understanding of the Proposed Development and to help them respond to the consultation effectively. If Augean decides to do this notice of any additional events will be given as soon as possible and with adequate time before the date of the event.</p>	<p>Consideration will be given to holding Engineering Days, Workshops or Presentations dependent on the level of interest shown.</p>
<p>10. Who we will consult with</p>	<p>The consultation process has been designed to engage with those local communities who may be affected by the Proposed Development within the proposed consultation area, shown at Appendix 1. This is the same area that was previously identified for the consultation regarding the existing DCO. We have refined the consultation area into Zone A and Zone B.</p>	<p>The consultation zones are described in more detail in section 3 of the Consultation Report, 3.10 to 3.15.</p>

	<p>Augean will inform communities beyond Zone B about the Proposed Development and consultation through local newspaper advertisements, news media, social media and the company website.</p>	<p>The section 47 notice was published in the Stamford Mercury on 23 October 2020. The section 48 notice was published on the 23 October 2020 in The Times, London Gazette and the Stamford Mercury. The section 48 notice was published for a second consecutive week in the Stamford Mercury on 30 October 2020. Copies of these notices are available in Appendix CRT (4.2.20).</p> <p>News media relations are shown at section 4, 4.60 to 4.69. Copies of statements and news media coverage are shown at Appendices CRM (4.2.13) and CRN (4.2.14).</p>
	<p>Augean will provide information about the Proposed Development and consultation events to all elected representatives (Parish, District and County Councillors and Members of Parliament).</p>	<p>Elected representatives at all levels were sent consultation material and information. Please see Appendix CRG (4.2.7) for a full list.</p>

	<p>Augean welcome the participation of those who work in or visit the consultation area and will take account of their views.</p>	<p>The views of those who work in or visit the area were taken into account. This is reflected in the different locations of respondents to the consultation which are recorded in Appendix CRO (4.2.17).</p>
	<p>We have engaged with the relevant local authorities, Northamptonshire County Council and East Northants District Council about the make-up of their communities, including whether people in the area might have particular needs or requirements, whether the authority has identified any groups that it knows to be 'seldom heard' and we have discussed and agreed with them the techniques that might be appropriate to overcome barriers to communication and participation in consultation.</p>	<p>The views of the Local Authorities and their advice regarding the consultation is described in section 4, 4.1 to 4.19.</p>
	<p>Recognising that some people may find it difficult to access the information including people who may need to isolate,</p>	<p>Augean's response to further restrictions being put in place is described in section 4, 4.15 to 4.18.</p>

	<p>socially distance or shield themselves due to Covid-19 requests for materials to be made available in formats appropriate to the needs of those people or those with disabilities or in other languages will be considered on request by contacting Augean by telephone or email.</p>	<p>Information in other formats was not requested but it was made clear that it would be considered in the public information leaflet.</p>
<p>11. Consultation Documentation</p>	<p>Consultation documents will be available for inspection at the public exhibitions, in the document inspection locations detailed at the end of this document and on the Augean website at https://www.augeanplc.com/enrmf-planning/ during the statutory consultation period. The consultation documents will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PEIR: containing an overview of the nature and scale of the Proposed Development and an initial assessment of the likely significant environmental effects and proposed mitigation. • PEIR NTS: a non-technical summary of the 	<p>Cover emails and attached copies of the public information leaflet (PIL), NTS, Section 48 notice and the SoCC were emailed together with an internet link to the PEIR, its Figures and Appendices, were sent to all Town and Parish Councils and Parish Meetings within Zone A and Zone B and their elected representatives at all levels.</p> <p>The PIL gave details of how the documents could be accessed through the company website, the consultation website or how documents could be seen at Oundle and</p>

	<p>information in the PEIR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project leaflet: a non-technical summary of the Proposed Development • The SoCC • Section 48 notice: a copy of the notice published in local and national newspapers advertising Augean’s intention to submit a DCO application for the Proposed Development as required by Section 48 of the 2008 Planning Act (as amended). 	<p>Stamford libraries and how access to the documents could be made by arrangement through the ENRMF site.</p>
<p>12. Consultation Responses</p>	<p>There will be a six- week opportunity to respond to the consultation which may be extended to take account of any Covid-19 restrictions that might be in place. Consultation responses should be submitted to Augean by the end of 14 December 2020. Augean will consider consultation responses received after this date wherever possible. There will be further opportunities to provide comments on the</p>	<p>The formal statutory consultation took place from 26 October 2020 until 14 December 2020. Augean also undertook to accept and consider any comments until 15 February 2021.</p>

	<p>application once it has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.</p>	
	<p>Augean will consider all consultation responses received when finalising the details of the Proposed Development.</p>	<p>How Augean has considered the responses received is detailed in section 10 of the Consultation Report.</p>
	<p>There will be several ways in which the local community can respond to the consultation:</p> <p>Hard copy feedback form which will be included in the exhibition pack available on request or to download from the website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online feedback form which will be available on the website. • By email or letter. • Oral feedback in person or by telephone where necessary if other methods of communication are not available and circumstances would prevent a 	<p>Responses were received by email, through the feedback form on the consultation website and by letter, although all methods of response described were available.</p>

	<p>response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses via social media will not be accepted. 	
	<p>Following the consultation period, as part of the DCO application a Consultation Report will be prepared and submitted to PINS which will set out the consultation opportunities which have been provided, list the issues raised during the consultation and explain Augean's response to them. The responses received or extracts from them may be published with personal details redacted.</p>	<p>The Consultation Report is document 4.1 of this application of which this forms part of an appendix.</p>
<p>13. Further information sources and contact details</p>	<p>Website</p> <p>The Augean website https://www.augeanplc.com/enrmf-planning/ will be regularly updated with the latest news about the Proposed Development and will provide free of charge access to all consultation documents including the PEIR which can be downloaded. As further project</p>	<p>The website, email and telephone helpline were available as sources of information and contact prior to and during the consultation and will continue to do so.</p>

	<p>documentation becomes available, we will ensure that it is made accessible.</p> <p>Email</p> <p>Augean has a project email:</p> <p>ENRMF@augeanconsultation.co.uk which can be used to contact the company for further information.</p> <p>Telephone Helpline</p> <p>Augean has a Telephone Helpline: 01904 654989 for the Proposed Development. Members of the public are invited to use it if they have any queries on the DCO application or associated events.</p>	
	<p>Kings Cliffe Local Liaison Group</p> <p>Augean is an active participant in the Kings Cliffe Local Liaison Group, a committee run by Northamptonshire</p>	<p>It has been agreed that there will be more frequent meetings of the KCLG while there is heightened interest in</p>

	<p>County Council and whose members are drawn from local parish councils and East Northants District Council as well as the Environment Agency. Its purpose is to act as a link between the company and local communities to discuss operational matters as well as issues arising from planning/DCO applications. The group meets periodically, and minutes of the meetings can be read on the company website.</p>	<p>the site from both members of the group and the communities that they represent.</p>
	<p>Register of Stakeholders</p> <p>To improve and speed up the dissemination of information and to advise on further events and activities, which may be of interest to people, Augean has established a Register of Stakeholders, which has been developed from existing contacts with whom we have already corresponded by email. This will enable the company to contact those on the Register by email at short notice. Those attending the</p>	<p>The Register of Stakeholder has 156 subscribers. This has and will continue to be a valuable conduit of communication. From our experience we have had a very low level of people unsubscribing this method of contact.</p>

	<p>consultation events and those who contact us via the website or by post will be invited to join the Register. At all stages it will be possible to unsubscribe from this method of contact if people no longer wish to receive emails. Careful notice will be taken of stakeholders who cannot be contacted by email and information will be provided by post if preferred. Augean is compliant with current Data Protection regulations.</p>	
	<p>Document inspection locations</p> <p>The consultation documents will be available at the following normally publicly accessible locations if the facilities are open and able to receive visitors due to Covid-19 restrictions:</p> <p>Oundle Public Library Glaphorn Road</p>	<p>Section 8 of the Consultation Reports sets out how documents were made available for inspection. This and the special arrangements that came into force due to the Covid-19 pandemic are described at 8.4 to 8.9.</p>

	<p>Oundle</p> <p>PE8 4JA</p> <p>Stamford Public Library</p> <p>High Street</p> <p>Stamford</p> <p>Lincolnshire</p> <p>PE9 2BB</p>	
	<p>They can also be provided on request from ENRMF@augeanconsultation.co.uk or by contacting the telephone helpline 01904 654989. Requests for materials in formats appropriate to the needs of people with accessibility issues, disabilities or in other languages will be considered on request.</p>	<p>There were no requests to see a hard copy of the documents although a copy had been prepared for this eventuality. Information in other formats was not requested but it was made clear in the public information leaflet that it would be considered .</p>