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Application for Development Consent for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects under the Planning Act 2008

* required information

Application Form

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* Do you have a reference number?

☒ Yes ☐ No

* Reference number

1. Applicant

* Organisation

Address

* Building number or name

* Street

* City or town

County or administrative
area

* Postcode

* Country

* Name of contact

* Telephone number

Fax number

* Email

2. Agent

* Are you an agent acting on behalf of the Applicant?

☒ Yes ☐ No

* Organisation

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Address

* Building number or name	Aldermay House
* Street	10-15 Queen Street
* City or town	London
County or administrative area	Greater London
* Postcode	EC4N 1TX
* Country	United Kingdom
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Fax number	
* Email	Louise.Rich@wsp.com

3. Fee

* State the arrangement for the application fee payment:

☐ BACS ☒ CHAPS ☐ Cheque

* Please provide payment reference details 45055LD008O7 (22 October 2019)

4. Confirming why the Planning Inspectorate should receive the application

* Brief statement to explain why this application is, or is to be treated as, a development for which development consent is required under the Planning Act 2008

Electricity Interconnectors are not specifically listed in the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the 'PA 2008') and are therefore not by default classified as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects ('NSIPs'). However, under Section 35(1) of the PA 2008, "[t]he Secretary of State may give a direction for development to be treated as development for which development consent is required". This is subject to the provisions of Sections 35 and 35ZA.

On 19 June 2018, the Applicant submitted a request for a direction pursuant to Section 35 to the SoS for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ('BEIS') for the Proposed Development to be treated as development for which development consent is required.

On 30 July 2018, the SoS directed that "the proposed Development, together with any development associated with it, is to be treated as development for which development consent is required". A copy of the Section 35 direction is appended to the Planning Statement (document reference 5.4) at Appendix 3 (document reference 5.4.3).

5. Non-technical description of the Proposed Development

* Brief non-technical description of the Proposed Development

AQUIND Interconnector (the 'Project') is an Interconnector with a nominal net capacity of 2,000 MW between Great Britain and France located off the coast of Portsmouth (marine) and between Portsmouth and Lovedean Substation (onshore). The components of the Project located within the UK and the UK Marine Area for which development consent is sought are referred to as the Proposed Development.

Chapter 3 (Description of the Proposed Development) (document reference 6.1.3) of the Environmental Statement

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('ES') contains a detailed description of the Proposed Development. In broad terms, it includes:

- The Marine Cable consisting of two HVDC Circuits from the boundary of the UK Exclusive Economic Zone ('EEZ') to the UK at Eastney in Portsmouth;
- Jointing of the HVDC Marine Cables and the HVDC Onshore Cables;
- The Onshore Cable consisting of two HVDC Circuits;
- A Converter Station and associated electrical and telecommunications infrastructure;
- HVAC Cables, and associated infrastructure connecting the Converter Station to the Great Britain electrical transmission network, the National Grid, at Lovedean Substation and;
- Fibre Optic Cable ('FOC') together with each of the HVDC and HVAC Circuits and associated infrastructure.

The Marine Components of the Proposed Development are all of that part below the Mean High Water Springs (MHWS). The Onshore Components of the Proposed Development are all of that part landward from the Mean Low Water Springs (MLWS).

6. Location or route of the Proposed Development



* Description of location of application site(s), or route of development (reference to appropriate plans)

The application site (the 'Site') is shown on the Site Location Plan (document reference 2.1) submitted with the Application. The Works Plans (document reference 2.4) show the Order Limits and, within these, where applicable, the Limits of Deviation ('LOD') for each works package.

The Onshore Cable Route stretches across the administrative boundaries of the following local authorities:

- Winchester City Council ('WCC')
- East Hampshire District Council ('EHDC')
- Havant Borough Council ('HBC')
- Portsmouth City Council ('PCC')
- Hampshire County Council ('HCC')

South Downs National Park ('SDNP'), administered by the South Downs National Park Authority ('SDNPA'), is located to the north-west of the proposed Converter Station. Due to the linear nature of the Proposed Development, the Onshore Components are located within a variety of different areas with varying land uses and physical characteristics. These are described in Chapter 2 of the Planning Statement (document reference 5.4).

* Is the site a single site or a linear site?

- ☐ Single site ☒ Linear site

Start grid reference

* Easting

* Northing

Middle grid reference

* Easting

* Northing

End grid reference

* Easting

* Northing

* Document reference

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2.4 Works Plans

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7. Associated Development



* Associated Development is included within this application:

☒ Yes

☐ No

* Document reference

3.1 Draft Development Consent Order

* Document reference

3.2 Explanatory Memorandum

Remove this reference

Add another reference

8. a) Consultation Report



* Document reference

5.1 Consultation Report

* Document reference

5.1.1A – 5.1.7J Consultation Report
Appendices

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8. b) Copies of newspaper notices



* Document reference

5.1.4A Consultation Report Appendix 4A

Add another reference

9. Draft Development Consent Order



* Document reference

3.1 Draft Development Consent Order

Add another reference

10. Explanatory Memorandum



* Document reference

3.2 Explanatory Memorandum

Add another reference

11. Land Plan



* Document reference

2.2 Land Plans

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12. Works Plan

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* Document reference

2.4 Works Plans

Add another reference

13. Compulsory Acquisition of land or an interest in land or right over land

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* Issues are relevant for this application:

☒ Yes

☐ No

Statement of reasons
document reference

4.1 Statement of Reasons

Add another reference

Funding statement
document reference

4.2 Funding Statement

Add another reference

Book of Reference
document reference

4.3 Book of Reference

Add another reference

14. a) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

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* Environmental Statement (ES) required:

☒ Yes

☐ No

* ES Document Reference

6.1 Environmental Statement Volume 1 -
Main Text

* ES Document Reference

6.2 Environmental Statement Volume 2 -
Figures

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* ES Document Reference

6.3 Environmental Statement Volume 3 -
Technical Appendices

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* ES Document Reference

6.4 Environmental Statement Volume 4 -
Non-Technical Summary

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14. b) Screening Opinion/ Direction and Scoping Opinion/Direction



* Screening Opinion sought, or direction received:

☐ Yes ☒ No

* Scoping Opinion sought:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Document reference

6.3.5.3 Environmental Statement - Volume
3 - Appendix 5.3 - EIA Scoping Opinion

Add another reference

14. c) Publicity required under Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (or where the transitional provisions apply, Regulation 11 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009)



In addition to publishing the notice, a copy of the notice was sent to:

* the consultation bodies

☒ * Yes

* the persons notified to the Applicant in accordance with Regulation 11(1)(c) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (or where the transitional provisions apply, Regulation 9(1)(c) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009):

☒ Yes ☐ No, not applicable

15. European sites (to which Regulation 63 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 and/ or Regulation 28 of the Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 applies) or a Ramsar site



* Report required for this application:

☒ Yes ☐ No

* Document reference

6.8.1 Habitats Regulations Assessment
Report - Main Text

* Document reference

6.8.2 Habitats Regulations Assessment
Report - Figures

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* Document reference

6.8.3 Habitats Regulations Assessment
Report - Technical Appendices

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16. A plan, with accompanying information, identifying any statutory or non statutory sites or features of nature conservation, geological or landscape importance; habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features; and water bodies in a River Basin Management Plan - together with an assessment of any effects likely to be caused by the Proposed Development.

* Issues are relevant for this application:

☒ Yes

☐ No

* Document reference

6.1.3 Environmental Statement - Volume 1
- Chapter 3 Description of the Proposed
Development

* Document reference

6.2 Environmental Statement - Volume 2 -
Relevant Figure associated with Chapter
3: 6.2.3.13

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6.3 Environmental Statement - Volume 3 -
Appendices associated with Chapter 3:
6.3.3.1 - 6.3.3.8

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* Document reference

6.1.7 Environmental Statement - Volume 1
- Chapter 7 Marine Water and Sediment
Quality

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* Document reference

6.2 Environmental Statement - Volume 2 -
Relevant Figures associated with Chapter
7: 6.2.7.1

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6.3 Environmental Statement - Volume 3 -
Appendices associated with Chapter 7:
6.3.7.1 - 6.3.7.5

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* Document reference

6.1.8 Environmental Statement - Volume 1
- Chapter 8 Intertidal and Benthic Habitats

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* Document reference 6.2 Environmental Statement - Volume 2 - Relevant Figures associated with Chapter 8: 6.2.8.1; 6.2.8.2; 6.2.8.3; 6.2.8.4; 6.2.8.5; 6.2.8.7; 6.2.8.8

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* Document reference 6.3 Environmental Statement - Volume 3 - Appendices associated with Chapter 8: 6.3.8.1 - 6.3.8.5

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* Document reference 6.1.9 Environmental Statement - Volume 1 - Chapter 9 Fish and Shellfish

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* Document reference 6.2 Environmental Statement - Volume 2 - Relevant Figures associated with Chapter 9: 6.2.9.1; 6.2.9.2; 6.2.9.3; 6.2.9.4; 6.2.9.5; 6.2.9.7; 6.2.9.7

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* Document reference 6.3 Environmental Statement - Volume 3 - Appendices associated with Chapter 9: 6.3.9.1 - 6.3.9.2

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* Document reference 6.1.10 Environmental Statement - Volume 1 - Chapter 10 Marine Mammals and Basking Sharks

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* Document reference 6.2 Environmental Statement - Volume 2 - Relevant Figures associated with Chapter 10: 6.2.10.1

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* Document reference 6.3 Environmental Statement - Volume 3 - Appendices associated with Chapter 10: 6.3.10.1 - 6.3.10.2

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* Document reference	6.1.11 Environmental Statement - Volume 1 - Chapter 11 Marine Ornithology	Remove this reference
* Document reference	6.2 Environmental Statement - Volume 2 - Relevant Figures associated with Chapter 11: 6.2.11.1; 6.2.11.2	Remove this reference
* Document reference	6.3 Environmental Statement - Volume 3 - Appendices associated with Chapter 11: 6.3.11.1 - 6.3.11.2	Remove this reference
* Document reference	6.1.15 Environmental Statement - Volume 1 - Chapter 15 Landscape and Visual Amenity	Remove this reference
* Document reference	6.2 Environmental Statement - Volume 2 - Relevant Figures associated with Chapter 15: 6.2.15.1; 6.2.15.2; 6.2.15.3; 6.2.15.4; 6.2.15.5; 6.2.15.6; 6.2.15.7; 6.2.15.8; 6.2.15.38; 6.2.15.39; 6.2.15.40; 6.2.15.41; 6.2.15.42; 6.2.15.43	Remove this reference
* Document reference	6.3 Environmental Statement - Volume 3 - Appendices associated with Chapter 15: 6.3.15.1 - 6.3.15.10	Remove this reference
* Document reference	6.1.16 Environmental Statement - Volume 1 - Chapter 16 Onshore Ecology	Remove this reference
* Document reference	6.2 Environmental Statement - Volume 2 - Relevant Figures associated with Chapter 16: 6.2.16.1; 6.2.16.2; 6.2.16.3; 6.2.16.4	Remove this reference

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* Document reference 6.3 Environmental Statement - Volume 3 -
Appendices associated with Chapter 16:
6.3.16.1 - 6.3.16.16

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* Document reference 6.1.17 Environmental Statement - Volume
1 - Chapter 17 Soils and Agricultural Land
Use

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* Document reference 6.2 Environmental Statement - Volume 2 -
Relevant Figures associated with Chapter
17: 6.2.17.2

Remove this reference

* Document reference 6.3 Environmental Statement - Volume 3 -
Appendices associated with Chapter 17:
6.3.17.1 - 6.3.17.4

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* Document reference 6.1.18 Environmental Statement - Volume
1 - Chapter 18 Ground Conditions

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* Document reference 6.2 Environmental Statement - Volume 2 -
Relevant Figures associated with Chapter
18: 6.2.18.1; 6.2.18.2; 6.2.18.3; 6.2.18.4;
6.2.18.5

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* Document reference 6.3 Environmental Statement - Volume 3 -
Appendices associated with Chapter 18:
6.3.18.1 - 6.3.18.3

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* Document reference 6.1.19 Environmental Statement - Volume
1 - Chapter 19 Groundwater

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6.2 Environmental Statement - Volume 2 -
Relevant Figures associated with Chapter
19: 6.2.19.1; 6.2.19.2; 6.2.19.4

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6.3 Environmental Statement - Volume 3 -
Appendices associated with Chapter 19:
6.3.19.1 - 6.3.19.4

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* Document reference

6.1.20 Environmental Statement - Volume
1 - Chapter 20 Surface Water Resources
and Flood Risk

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* Document reference

6.2 Environmental Statement - Volume 2 -
Relevant Figures associated with Chapter
20: 6.2.20.3

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* Document reference

6.3 Environmental Statement - Volume 3 -
Appendices associated with Chapter 20:
6.3.20.1 - 6.3.20.6

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* Document reference

2.12 Hedgegrow and Tree Preservation
Order Plans

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* Document reference

6.8.1 Habitats Regulations Assessment
Report - Volume 1 - Main Text

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* Document reference

6.8.2 Habitats Regulations Assessment
Report - Volume 2 - Figures: 6.8.2.4.1;
6.8.2.4.2; 6.8.2.4.3; 6.8.2.4.4; 6.8.2.4.5;
6.8.2.4.6; 6.8.2.4.7; 6.8.2.4.8; 6.8.2.8.1

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* Document reference

6.8.3 Habitats Regulations Assessment
Report - Volume 3 - Technical
Appendices: 6.8.3.1 - 6.8.3.4

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Add another reference

17. A plan, with accompanying information, identifying any statutory or non statutory sites or features of the historic environment such as scheduled monuments, World Heritage sites, listed buildings and other historic structures, archaeological sites and registered battlefields, together with an assessment of any effects likely to be caused by the Proposed Development



* Issues are relevant for this application:

☒ Yes

☐ No

* Document reference

6.1.3 Environmental Statement - Volume 1
- Chapter 3 Description of the Proposed
Development

* Document reference

6.2 Environmental Statement - Volume 2 -
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3: 6.2.3.13

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6.3 Environmental Statement - Volume 3 -
Appendices associated with Chapter 3:
6.3.3.1 - 6.3.3.8

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6.1.14 Environmental Statement - Volume
1 - Chapter 14 Marine Archaeology

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* Document reference

6.2 Environmental Statement - Volume 2 -
Relevant Figures associated with Chapter
14: 6.2.14.2; 6.2.14.3; 6.2.14.4; 6.2.14.5

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6.3 Environmental Statement - Volume 3 -
Appendices associated with Chapter 14:
6.3.14.1 - 6.3.14.4

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6.1.21 Environmental Statement - Volume 1 - Chapter 21 Heritage and Archaeology

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* Document reference

6.2 Environmental Statement - Volume 2 - Relevant Figures associated with Chapter 21: 6.2.21.1; 6.2.21.2

Remove this reference

* Document reference

6.3 Environmental Statement - Volume 3 - Appendices associated with Chapter 21: 6.3.21.1 - 6.3.21.7

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18. Flood Risk Assessment



* Flood Risk Assessment required:

☒ Yes

☐ No

* Document reference

6.3.20.4 Environmental Statement - Volume 3 - Appendix 20.4 - Flood Risk Assessment

Add another reference

19. Matters set out in section 79(1) (statutory nuisances etc) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990



* Statement required for this application:

☒ Yes

☐ No

* Document reference

5.3 Statutory Nuisance Statement

Add another reference

20. A plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land



* Issues are relevant for this application:

☒ Yes

☐ No

* Document reference

2.3 Crown Land Plans

Add another reference

21. A plan identifying new or altered means of access, stopping up of streets or any diversions, extinguishments or creation or rights of way or public rights of navigation



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* Issues are relevant for this application:

☒ Yes ☐ No

* Document reference

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22. Additional information for specific types of infrastructure ?

* Additional information is required to be submitted in accordance with Regulation 6 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009:

☐ Yes ☒ No

23. Any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the proposal for which development consent is sought, and any other documents, reports or information to support the application ?

Provide a brief description of any other plans, drawings and sections that are being submitted with this application

2.1 Site Location Plan - identifies the location of the Proposed Development in its wider context (for information only)

2.6 Converter Station and Telecommunications Buildings Parameter Plans - show location options for and the parameters within which the Converter Station will be located, including the maximum height and width of the Converter Station

2.7 Indicative Converter Station Area Layout Plans - illustrative plans that show an indicative layout for the Converter Station and Converter Station Area

2.8 Indicative Converter Station Elevations - illustrative plans that show indicative elevations and sections for the Converter Station

2.9 Indicative Telecommunications Buildings Elevations and Floor Plans - illustrative plans that show indicative elevations for the Telecommunications Building(s) and associated floor plans

2.10 Indicative Optical Regeneration Station(s) Elevations and Floor Plans - illustrative plans that show an indicative elevation and floor plans for the Optical Regeneration Station(s) ('ORSs')

2.11 Optical Regeneration Station(s) Parameter Plan - shows the location and parameters for the ORSs as set out in Requirement 5 of the dDCO

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Document reference	2.10 Indicative Optical Regeneration Station(s) Elevations and Floor Plans
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Document reference	2.11 Optical Regeneration Station(s) Parameter Plan
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Provide a brief description of any other documents considered necessary to support the application

1.1 Application Cover Letter - provides a brief overview of the Proposed Development and an introduction to the Application

1.2 Application Guide - provides an overview of the Application and includes explanation of each Application document; it also explains how to navigate the Application

1.3 Application Document Tracker - sets out the status and revision number of the documents submitted by the Applicant, and will be updated throughout the examination where documents are updated or new documents are submitted

1.5 Section 55 Checklist - provides a schedule of compliance to evidence how the Application fulfils the conditions for acceptance required under Section 55 of the PA 2008

1.6 Electronic Application Index - provides a list of all Application documents, including electronic file names, document reference numbers and document authors for all Application documents

1.7 Glossary - provides definitions of technical terms and explanations of abbreviations contained within the Application documents

5.4 Planning Statement (including Appendices 5.4.1 - 5.4.5) - demonstrates how the Proposed Development accords with relevant planning policy and legislation, in particular the Overarching National Policy Statement ('NPS') for Energy EN-1

5.5 Design and Access Statement - provides information in respect of the design evolution of the Converter Station and Converter Station Area in particular

5.6 Needs and Benefits Report - demonstrates the needs case for the Project from the UK perspective

6.5 Marine Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan - sets out good management practices and the overarching principles for environmental management associated with the Proposed Development within Marine Cable Corridor

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6.6 Mitigation Schedule - sets out the mitigation controls and other best practice measures identified in the ES and identifies the means by which those controls and measures will be secured

6.7 Letter of No Impediment - has been issued to the Applicant by Natural England ('NE') on 4 November 2019 and relates to a draft badger mitigation licence application in association with the Proposed Development

6.9 Onshore Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan - sets out good management practices and the overarching principles for environmental management of the onshore construction of the Proposed Development.

6.10 Outline Landscape and Biodiversity Strategy - outlines the management and enhancement objectives and associated landscape prescriptions for the Converter Station Area and Landfall, as well as providing background context and links to the overall Design Principles

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Document reference	1.6 Electronic Application Index
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Document reference	1.7 Glossary
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Document reference	5.4 Planning Statement (including Appendices 5.4.1 - 5.4.5)
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Document reference	5.5 Design and Access Statement
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Document reference	5.6 Needs and Benefits Report
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Provide a brief description of any other information provided that is in support of the application, but which has not been explicitly required

Document reference

24. Other consents/ licences required under other legislation



* Other consents/ licences are required:

☒ Yes ☐ No

* Provide a list of consents/licences

You must cite the document references as appropriate

* Document reference

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25. Declaration



I declare to the best of my knowledge that the information given in this form and enclosed maps, plans and other documents are true.

Please note there is a requirement for one hard copy of the form to be signed. Please ensure that when you submit you include at least one signed copy. Further copies do not require the hand written signature.

Signature

(For and on behalf of the Applicant)

* Name

LOUISE RICH

(In block letters)

* Date

14 / 11 / 2019
dd mm yyyy

* Organisation

WSP UK Limited

* Position within the organisation

Technical Director