

# Walpole Flexible Generation

**Programme Document** 

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# **Document Control**

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### **Summary:**

The purpose of this document is to show the main steps that the project team anticipates taking during the preparation of a future application for development consent. This document will be kept up-to-date and maintained throughout the preapplication stage. A public version of the Programme Document will be published on the applicant's website (Walpoleflexgen.co.uk).

Updates to the Programme Document will be notified to the Planning Inspectorate and relevant statutory bodies, local authorities and other interested stakeholders.



## **High Level Programme:**

	2025				2026				2027				2028
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Engagement with Statutory Consultees and Local Authorities >	Introductory meetings with statutory consultees and Local Authorities. Including meetings to facilitate production of the SoCC.					Meetings with stakeholders to progress Statements of Common Ground. Statutory consultation progressed.				Refinement of Statements of Common Ground with stakeholders.			
Project Stage >	Initial Assessments					Drafting DCO <sup>1</sup> and PEI <sup>2</sup>				Preparation of Application and completion of assessment work			
Scoping Submission								1	1				1
PINS Scoping Opinion													
Consult Local Authorities on SoCC <sup>3</sup>													
Statutory Consultation ————————————————————————————————————													
DCO Application Submission													

- 1: Development Consent Order (DCO): A Development Consent Order is a statutory instrument which provides development consent for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects under the 2008 Planning Act. Applications for such a consent is made to the Planning Inspectorate, who consider such applications and makes a recommendation to the Secretary of State, who will ultimately decide on whether development consent should be granted.
- 2: Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI): Preliminary Environmental Information required for consultation bodies to develop an informed view of the likely significant environmental effects of the development
- 3: Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC): The SoCC is produced by the Applicant to establish the way it will consult with the local community at the Preapplication stage.

#### **Main Issues and Activities**

The project is at an early stage and an initial assessment of main issues will not be complete until our Scoping Request document has been prepared (see previous page). The main matters raised will be shared with the Planning Inspectorate following discussions with stakeholders including programme and approach to resolution.

#### **Other Matters**

- No financial support agreements are in place between the applicant and stakeholders. Such agreements may be progressed in the future.
- No risks to the achievement of the pre-application stage have yet been identified. A Risk Register will be established for the project to identify and track potential risks to achievement of the pre-application stage. These risks will be reviewed internally by the project team and progressed with external stakeholders where necessary.
- Once the SoCC has been finalised (see previous pages) activities specified within this programme document will be cross referenced to the contents of the SoCC as appropriate.
- Meetings with the planning inspectorate will take place to discuss project progress and programme. These meetings will take place in advance of important stages for the project, such as but not limited to:
  - In advance of Scoping;
  - o Before Statutory Consultation; and
  - o In advance of submission of application.
- Ongoing non-statutory engagement activities / consultations will take place with local communities and stakeholders between Scoping and Statutory Consultation.