

Technical Appendix 1.1: ISEP (Formerly IEMA) Quality Mark Checklist

Table 1.1: IEMA Quality Mark Check	
EIA Commitment and ES Review Criteria	
EIA Commitment 1: Regulatory Compliance ¹	
a) Does the ES, in the light of the project being assessed, identify, describe and assess effects on:	✓
- Human Beings	✓
- Fauna & Flora	✓
- Soil	✓
- Water	✓
- Air	✓
- Climate	✓
- Landscape	✓
- Cultural Heritage	✓
- Material Assets	✓
b) Does the ES attempt to set out the interaction between the factors set out under criteria 1.a)?	✓
c) Does the ES contain a clear section, or sections, providing a description of the project comprising information on the site, design and size of the project?	✓
d) Does the ES contain a section, or sections, that describe the likely significant effects of the proposed project on the environment?	✓
e) Does the ES contain a clear section, or sections, that provide a description of the measures envisaged in order to avoid, reduce and, if possible, remedy significant adverse effects?	✓
f) Does the ES contain a clear section, or sections, that provides the data required to identify and assess the main effects which the project is likely to have on the environment?	✓
g) Does the ES contain a section, or sections, that outline the main alternatives studied by the developer and an indication of the main reasons for his choice, taking into account the environmental effects?	✓
h) Has a Non-Technical Summary been produced containing an outline of the information mentioned in 1c) to 1h)?	✓
EIA Commitment 4: EIA Context	
A) Scoping	
i) Has the ES clearly stated what effects will be addressed and how this decision was reached?	✓
ii) Are the main environmental concerns and their locations, where relevant, clearly identified with an explanation of the risks posed from the project? Including relevant environmental issues beyond the boundary of the proposal?	✓
iii) Does the ES identify the environmental issues that will not be assessed and explain why they are not being considered further?	✓

¹ A number of the criteria under this Commitment cover similar issues to criteria set out in the other three Commitments, below. Where this occurs IEMA recognise that there will inevitably be some overlap between the criteria. However, the assessment of the criteria under this Commitment is focussed on the presence or absence of the issue, whereas the assessment of similar criteria, within the other three Commitments, will focus on the quality of the consideration of the issue in question.

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iv) Is the sub-topic scope undertaken in relation to each of the topics included in the EIA appropriate and focussed	✓
B) Alternatives, including iterative design	
i) Does the ES set out the main alternatives that were considered at different points during the development of the proposal?	✓
ii) Are the main reasons for the selection of the proposal over distinct alternatives and design iterations easily identifiable?	✓
iii) Does the ES clearly indicate how the EIA process, environmental issues and consultee responses influenced the iterative design process that led to the proposed project?	✓
EIA Commitment 5: EIA Content	
A) Baseline	
i) Does the ES describe the current condition of those aspects of the environment that are likely to be significantly affected by the development?	✓
ii) Is the sensitivity / importance of the baseline environment clearly evaluated?	✓
iii) Are limitations in the baseline information identified and clearly set out?	✓
B) Assessment	
i) Are the methods for establishing the magnitude of impacts on the receiving environment clearly defined?	✓
ii) Does the ES set out a generic methodology for the assessment and evaluation of significance OR clearly explain and justify a specific method for each environmental issue?	✓
iii) Does the assessment of significance consider the impact's deviation from the established baseline condition? (e.g. the sensitivity of the environment, the extent to which the impact is reversible, etc.).	✓
iv) Does the ES identify the significance of impacts that would be anticipated to remain following the successful implementation of any mitigation set out in the ES?	✓
vii) Does the ES give appropriate prominence to both positive and negative effects relative to their significance?	✓
C) Environmental Management	
i) Does the ES describe the measures proposed to be implemented to avoid, reduce, and if possible, remedy significant adverse impacts of the proposed development?	✓
ii) Is an indication of the effectiveness of the stated mitigation measures provided?	✓
iii) Are details provided related to any management plans that the ES indicates should be implemented to deliver the mitigation measures and/or monitor the environmental impact of the project?	✓
iv) Does the ES identify the general groups who will be responsible for the follow-up programme?	✓

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EIA Commitment 6: EIA Communication	
<i>A) Consultation</i>	
i) Does the description of any consultation include details of those who were contacted, including statutory and non-statutory consultees, and the public?	✓
ii) Does the main text of the ES provide a summary of the main issues raised by consultees?	✓
iii) Does the ES set out if any of the issues raised by consultees will not be dealt with in the ES?	✓
If so is clear justification set out as to why the issue has been scoped out?	✓
<i>B) ES Quality</i>	
i) Does the ES provide appropriate illustrations through the use of maps and/or diagrams? In particular this should cover:	
- the location of the site, site layout and boundary,	✓
- operational appearance,	✓
- main environmental receptors and	✓
- impacts displayed in a visual format where appropriate.	✓
ii) Is the area of proposed land clearly described and indicated on an appropriate map or diagram?	✓
iii) Are the anticipated timescales of construction, operation and (where appropriate) decommissioning of the proposal clearly set out in the main text?	✓
iv) Is the information in the ES presented in a manner in which a non-specialist would be able to logically identify information they were seeking?	✓
v) Are technical terms kept to a minimum, with a glossary provided?	✓
<i>C) Non-Technical Summary (NTS)</i>	
i) Does the NTS provide sufficient information for the non-specialist reader to understand the main environmental impacts of the proposal without reference to the main ES?	✓
ii) Are maps and diagrams included in the NTS that, at a minimum, illustrate the location of the application site, the footprint of the proposed development, and the location of relevant key features?	✓
iii) Is it clear that the NTS was made available as a separate, stand-alone document to facilitate a wider readership?	✓



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