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Cornwall Council	<i>The past, present and future uses of the site and surrounding areas should be described in sufficient detail to provide the context for analysis of the baseline and impact studies. The extent of the study area required around the site will vary according to the nature of the impact and its significance.</i>	Chapter 1: Introduction provides an overview of the existing site conditions. Further details on the existing baseline conditions are presented within each ES technical chapter (Chapters 6-19). Past site uses are only detailed where they are relevant for a specific technical assessment. For example, with respect to Ground Contamination, it is important to understand the historical site uses to identify the potential for ground contamination on site. Chapter 4: Proposed Development Description sets out how the site will operate once the proposed development is completed. The extent of the study area varies for each technical discipline and is outlined within the methodology section of Chapters 6-19.
Cornwall Council	The description of the project should consider the existing nature of the site, construction and operational phases and should include the following areas: - Physical characteristics of the site including size, existing site layout, land use requirements, site infrastructure and access arrangements; - A Site Waste Management Plan to identify the types and quantities of any waste that would be produced by the construction project, together with a consideration of how to re-use, recycle and recover any such and / or which if any wastes would require final disposal; - The construction programme, including duration and any phasing of the main construction activities; - Details of storage facilities and of plant/machinery or other structures required for these purposes.	This is addressed in Chapter 1: Introduction, Chapter 4: Proposed Development Description and Chapter 5: Demolition and Construction. A Site Waste Management Plan (SWMP) has been produced and appended to the ES (Technical Appendix 5.2 and 17.1).
Cornwall Council	The elements of the scheme that need planning permission should be set out. The procedure for	The proposed development and the site within the red line boundary has been assessed as a whole in the EIA,

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	obtaining other consents/regulatory assessments e.g. Appropriate Assessment should be explained.	as it is not possible to arbitrarily split assessments based on the CC and MMO jurisdiction boundaries. However, the Planning Statement sets out the elements of the proposed development that require planning permission. In addition, ES Chapter 1: Introduction summarises the position with respect to CC and MMO jurisdictions and other consents/regulatory assessments.
Cornwall Council	The method statement for the Environmental Report should set out: - The authorship of the document including a statement outlining the relevant expertise or qualifications of such experts; - The various elements of the Report e.g. Non-Technical Summary and assessments; - The timetable to the Report process; - The results of consultations with statutory consultees, interest groups and the public; - How the baseline conditions were assessed and impacts identified, the measurement of their significance and an outline of the evaluation methodology employed in the assessment. Details of the methodology used in the specialist studies, should be contained within the Background Reports.	The authorship of documents and relevant expertise is included within Appendix 1.2: Regulation 18(5)(b) statement. The structure of the ES (ES chapters and technical appendices) is outlined in Chapter 1: Introduction. A summary of consultation responses is provided here in addition to within Chapters 6-19 where relevant. The EIA Scoping Opinion comments received and additional consultation undertaken in respect of the individual environmental topics and technical assessments scoped into the EIA as technical assessment chapters are summarised and considered in each of the technical assessment chapters. ES Chapters 6-19 and technical reports scoped into the EIA outline the existing baseline and the adopted assessment methodology.
Cornwall Council	<i>The ES should set out the proposal in the policy context formed by the legal framework, regulations made under statute, statutory development plans, government circulars and policy guidance and published guidance from government departments and other statutory regulators. At the local level, the ES should describe the background of land use planning and environmental policies and their application in relation to the site and the surrounding area.</i> <i>Policies that form the overall context for a decision on the proposal should be described. Where policies set compliance standards or other statutory or non-statutory criteria, these should be identified. The detailed implications of these</i>	The purpose of the ES is not to address policy compliance. The Planning Statement submitted to accompany the planning application addresses policy compliance and demonstrates conformity with the development plan. Technical assessments reference specific policy and guidance where relevant.

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	<i>policies and others that relate to specific impacts should be considered when each impact is assessed.</i> <i>The development at this location should demonstrate conformity with the Development Plan. In this part of Cornwall this currently comprises the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies 2010-2030, Falmouth NDP, Climate Emergency DPD and full reference to the latest version of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).</i> <i>Other relevant guidance:</i> • Cornwall AONB Management Plan • Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Shoreline Management Plan • Planning for Coastal Change Chief Planning Officers Advice Note	
Cornwall Council	<i>The ES shall demonstrate that alternative options have been considered prior to proceeding with the current proposals, which should include a consideration of the 'do nothing' option.</i> <i>The Report should include a consideration of alternative options to the proposed site and an assessment of the potential viability for each of the proposals that have been considered. The Report should set out the justification for the chosen amount, layout, scale and height having regard to the above factors and the rationale / benefits.</i>	This is addressed within Chapter 3: Design Evolution and Alternatives.
Cornwall Council	<i>Identification of Issues and Impacts - This section should explain how environmental and amenity issues and potential impacts were identified and give a summary of the potential impacts assessed. This should be incorporated into the specific Chapters in the ES. The applicant should describe the scoping process and should also indicate which statutory consultees and other bodies were consulted and that full account has been taken of the points raised in this Scoping Opinion.</i>	The scoping process for the proposed development is described Chapter 2, with a summary of scoped in and out environmental topics provided. The scoping report is provided in Appendix 2.2. A summary of consultations is provided in Technical Appendix 2.5, in addition to within Chapters 6-19 where relevant. The EIA Scoping Opinion comments received and additional consultation undertaken in respect of the individual environmental topics and technical assessments scoped into the EIA as technical assessment chapters are summarised and considered in each of the technical assessment chapters.

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		ES Chapters 6-19 and technical reports scoped into the EIA outline the existing baseline and the adopted assessment methodology.
Cornwall Council	<i>It is expected that mitigation requirements will be described within each of the individual topic chapters of the Report. This should provide for a schedule of the mitigating measures proposed and a timetable for their implementation.</i>	A summary of mitigation is included within the ES concluding chapter, Residual Effects. This outlines any additional mitigation and when it will be delivered e.g. pre-construction, construction stage, operational stage.
Cornwall Council	<i>The ES should include an impact assessment to identify, describe and evaluate the effects that are likely to result from the proposed development in combination with other projects and activities that are being, have been or will be carried out. It should also consider the in-combination effects of the different predicted impacts.</i>	No cumulative schemes have been identified that fall within the cumulative scheme criteria as set out in the scoping report. See cumulative scheme section of this chapter.
Marine Management Organisation	<i>The ES should include an impact assessment to identify, describe and evaluate the effects that are likely to result from the project in combination with other projects and activities that are being, have been or will be carried out. The following types of projects should be included in such an assessment, (subject to available information):</i> <i>a. existing completed projects;</i> <i>b. approved but uncompleted projects;</i> <i>c. ongoing activities;</i> <i>d. plans or projects for which an application has been made and which are under consideration by the consenting authorities; and</i> <i>e. plans and projects which are reasonably foreseeable, i.e. projects for which an application has not yet been submitted, but which are likely to progress before completion of the development and for which sufficient information is available to assess the likelihood of cumulative and in-combination effects.</i>	No cumulative schemes have been identified that fall within the cumulative scheme criteria as set out in the scoping report. See cumulative scheme section of this chapter. It should be noted that the updated Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations, 2017 removed the reference to 'reasonably foreseeable schemes' in favour of 'existing and/or approved' development and this is considered to be best practice. The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended) state that an Environmental Statement must include consideration of 'the cumulation of effects with other existing or approved projects'. However, a review of Marine Case Management System (MCMS) did not identify any schemes currently at screening or scoping stage which meet the cumulative scheme criteria as set out in the scoping report.