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This document has been written in line with the requirements of the RAPID Gate 2 Guidance and to comply with the regulatory process pursuant to United Utilities' statutory duties. The information presented relates to material or data which is still in the course of completion. Should the solution presented in this document be taken forward, United Utilities will be subject to the statutory duties pursuant to the necessary consenting process, including environmental assessment and consultation as required. This document should be read with those duties in mind.

**Planning Assessments**

Desk based assessments have been undertaken to identify any planning and other environmental consent constraints and requirements for each sub- option. These will be taken into consideration as part of the design process for Gate 3 in order to ensure successful delivery of the proposed development from a planning perspective and within the required timeframes.

An overall risk rating has been assigned to each sub-option to assist with solution development and programming. This risk rating takes into consideration all aspects of the planning and consenting process in relation to the nature and complexity of the proposed development

The need for an EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) has been assigned a separate risk rating as if required this will have a significant impact on the programme.

The table below details the justification for each risk rating assigned to the overall risk and the EIA risk:

	<b>High</b>	<b>Medium/Moderate</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Overall Risk Rating</b>	Significant planning constraints/requirements with potentially long lead in times, with a high risk to project timeframes, e.g highly sensitive scheme, with complex consenting and extensive stakeholder engagement requirements, advance surveys or consents required and/or advanced site preparation required within seasonal constraints. Significant risk of conflict with environmental, third party and/or customer constraints. Applicable agreements, permissions or regulatory consents will be challenging to obtain. To enable successful delivery of the project there will be a need for multiple/complex activities including stakeholder/public engagement, consent applications, land access/acquisition, surveys, assessment and mitigation.	A moderate degree of planning constraints/requirements with some risk to project timeframes. Lead in times required for ecology, landscape and planning requirements. Applicable agreements, permissions or regulatory consents may be challenging to obtain. To enable successful delivery of the project there will be a need for activities which may include stakeholder/public engagement, consent applications, land access/acquisition, surveys, assessment and mitigation.	Planning constraints/requirements identified but which can be managed through specialist resource and BAU processes within the proposed project timeframes. Some limited potential for conflict with environmental, third party and/or customer constraints. Applicable agreements, permissions or regulatory consents are likely to be necessary but relatively straightforward.

<p><b>EIA Risk Rating</b></p>	<p>Screening opinion required from the Local Authority as the threshold(s) set out within Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)) 2017 Regulations are exceeded. The potential for significant temporary and permanent effects of the development on social, economic and environmental factors, in relation to the selection criteria set out within Schedule 3, is considered to be high and therefore the risk of the development requiring an EIA is high.</p>	<p>Screening opinion required from the Local Authority as the threshold(s) set out within Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)) 2017 Regulations are exceeded. The potential for significant temporary and permanent effects of the development on social, economic and environmental factors, in relation to the selection criteria set out within Schedule 3, is considered to be moderate and therefore the risk of the development requiring an EIA is moderate.</p>	<p>Screening opinion required from the Local Authority as the threshold(s) set out within Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)) 2017 Regulations are exceeded. The potential for significant temporary and permanent effects of the development on social, economic and environmental factors, in relation to the selection criteria set out within Schedule 3, is considered to be low and therefore the risk of the development requiring an EIA is low.</p>
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