

Strategic Sites Accelerator : Sift 1 Guidance and Questions

To help you prepare before entering the application portal, we have set out the Sift 1 questions below. We recommend reviewing these and gathering the relevant information before starting, as the questionnaire must be completed in one sitting and should take approximately **20 minutes**.

Sites that progress beyond Sift 1 will be invited to complete Sift 2, where further information will be requested.

What is the name of the site?

Enter the formal or most widely used name for the site or development project. You can provide the site coordinates next.

Provide the site's longitude and latitude coordinates

Use the format [longitude], [latitude]. For example, 51.49947934503444, -0.12487446373247961. You can copy and paste the site's longitude and latitude coordinates from Google Maps (opens in new tab).

Briefly describe the proposed development

Describe what is proposed for the site and the economic activity or investment it would support. Include any notes on development strategy, barriers and intended tenants.

Which Industrial Strategy sector best aligns with the site's investment proposition?

Select the sector that offers the closest alignment. If the proposition aligns with more than one of the 8 sectors, you can select additional sectors later.

Select any additional industrial strategy sectors which align with the site's proposition

Select any additional sectors from the same options

Who are the landowners?

Enter the name of the freehold and long-leasehold owners. You can answer this question more than once if there are multiple owners.

Who is the developer?

Enter the name of the appointed or proposed development partner. Enter N/A if a partner has not been proposed or appointed. You can answer this question more than once if there are multiple partners.

What is the current planning status?

Choose the option which is most applicable to the current planning status of your project.

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- Allocation only
- Scheme development/Pre-application
- LDO (Local Development Order) - In progress
- LDO - Consented
- Consented - Outline (not implemented)
- Consented - Hybrid (not implemented)
- Consented - Full (not implemented)
- Consented - Outline (on site)
- Consented - Hybrid (on site)
- Consented - Full (on site)
- Planning In Principle (Scotland only)
- Unknown

When was this planning status achieved?

If planning consent has not yet been secured, enter 01/01/1900. This will be treated as 'no planning consent'.

What is the planning reference number?

Enter the relevant planning reference number. If planning consent has not been secured, or is unknown, enter N/A.

Do you know when the construction phase is scheduled to start?

Yes or No

When will construction start?

Enter the date on which construction works are expected to commence. If you do not know the exact date, enter the first day of the anticipated month.

How much finance are you requesting?

Enter the total SSA finance being sought from government in £ millions. For example, enter 9.5 for £9,500,000.

What type of finance are you seeking?

Give an indication of the type of finance being sought. For example, debt or equity finance.

What finance options have already been explored?

Describe the private financing avenues explored prior to submitting to the SSA programme. If none have been explored, enter N/A.

What is the expected total development cost?

Enter the total development cost for the full scheme, in £ millions. If the exact figure is unknown provide a best estimate.

When do you expect SSA financing to first be able to be deployed?

Select the earliest financial year in which SSA financing could begin to be deployed. For example, if financing can be deployed in September 2027, select 2027/2028.

- 2026/2027
- 2027/2028
- 2028/2029
- Later
- Unknown

When is the earliest that you expect the government to see a financial return on its investment?

Select from these options:

- Before 2030
- Between 2030 and 2035
- After 2035

Who is the lead contact? Provide a name, job role and organisation

The lead contact will receive updates about this site submission and the wider programme.

What is the lead contact's email address?

What is the lead contact's phone number? (optional)