



The Planning  
Inspectorate

## Meeting Note

<b>Project name</b>	Sunnica Energy Farm
<b>File reference</b>	EN010106
<b>Status</b>	<b>Final</b>
<b>Author</b>	The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate)
<b>Date</b>	10 September 2019
<b>Meeting with</b>	Sunnica Ltd (the Applicant)
<b>Venue</b>	Teleconference
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Section 53 authorisation request application(s)
<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees

### Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) can rely.

### Project Update

The Applicant sought advice on the process of potentially requesting Section 53 authorisation(s) for the right to enter third party land in connection with a proposed application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) (Sunnica Energy Farm). The Inspectorate highlighted a number of advisory documents available on the Inspectorate website relating to the process and advised that there is no prescribed statutory timeframe within which the Inspectorate must determine the request for authorisation. However, experience to date indicates that s53 authorisation requests take several months to determine, from the date of receipt of the authorisation request(s). The Applicant advised the Inspectorate that following the discussion they would consider the potential for s53 requests further and arrange a further meeting to discuss once more information was available.