

## **EN010163 - Steeple Renewables Project Renewable Energy Solutions (RES)**

### **Section 51 Advice Log Version: 20 November 2024**

There is a statutory duty under [section 51 \(s51\) of the Planning Act 2008](#) for the Planning Inspectorate to record the advice that it gives in relation to an application or potential application, and to make this publicly available.

This document comprises a record of the advice that has been provided by the Inspectorate to the applicant Renewable Energy Solutions (RES) and their consultants during the pre-application stage. It will be updated by the Inspectorate after every interaction with the applicant during which s51 has been provided. The applicant will always be given the opportunity to comment on the Inspectorate's draft record of advice before it is published.

The applicant will use this Advice Log as the basis for demonstrating regard to section 51 advice within the application.

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Programme Document feedback	<p>The applicant supplied the Inspectorate with its initial Programme Document in line with the Expression of Interest process, after the publication of the 2024 Pre-application Prospectus. Having reviewed the document, the Inspectorate notes that it follows the expected content structure as set out in the government's pre-application guidance at paragraph 10. However, in updating its Programme Document, the applicant should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• set out the main issues for resolution and the progress made against these to date</li> <li>• set out the identified risks to achievement of the pre-application stage and the process by which these risks are tracked and managed</li> <li>• include whether the local authorities, statutory consultees and others are content with the proposed programme</li> <li>• provide a more defined timescale for when it will produce and share its Issues Tracker and in so doing, indicate whether local authorities, statutory consultees and others agree with the status of the issues raised and any possible mitigation</li> <li>• include clear dates or defined timescales (month rather than quarters) in its programme timetable for the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (expected to be scheduled three months before the submission of the application), consultation period with local authorities on the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), publishing the SoCC, any expected project update meetings with the Planning Inspectorate, and any timescales for obtaining other consents or permissions (if required)</li> <li>• progress with any Planning Performance Agreements with relevant Local Authorities or statutory undertakers.</li> </ul> <p>It would also be helpful if the Programme Document explained how the design approach will be managed and communicated during pre-application as well as any relevant information about the development of the draft DCO and Explanatory Memorandum. The applicant will need to publish its updated Programme Document on its website as soon as practicable.</p>

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