

Green Hill Solar Farm - EN010170

Green Hill Solar Farm Limited

Section 51 Advice Log

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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 (Green Hill Solar Farm Limited) 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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Topic	Meeting date: 30 October 2024
Inspectorate comments on the Programme Document.	<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 considers that it mostly covers the expected content as set out in the government's pre-application guidance at paragraph 10. However:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more detail could have been provided regarding the Applicant's initial view of the main issues that they have identified at this stage for resolution and activities they will undertake to address those; • the Applicant should include an initial identification of the risks involved at the pre-application stage (accepting this might change as the project progresses through pre-application in consultation with statutory bodies); • while the Programme Document confirms that the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM) will be three months before the anticipated submission (currently anticipated for February 2025), a more precise date for submission of the AoCM and application would be required as soon as practicable; • it would be helpful if the Programme Document could provide approximate timescales for project update meetings with the Inspectorate and list any future meetings with key stakeholders to enable those parties to deploy resources effectively; and • the Applicant should ensure that its Programme Document is hosted and maintained on the Applicant's website as soon as practicable.
February 2025	Advice on the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM)
General	It is expected that the views of local authorities on the adequacy of consultation are included in the AoCM.
General	It is unclear whether the Marine Management Organisation and the Greater London Authority have been consulted or whether the applicant is of the view that consultation is not applicable. The applicant is advised to ensure that all relevant statutory consultees are consulted, and where the applicant has considered it unnecessary to include a specific statutory consultee, to provide an explanation as to why.

General	It is expected that the applicant includes information that the applicant notified the Inspectorate of the proposed application and that this was done on or before commencing consultation under section 42.
Paragraph 3.4.3	It would be helpful if an explanation of how section 44 category 3 persons were identified and a brief explanation of the applicant's ongoing commitment to due diligence in relation to identification of persons with an interest in land could be provided in the AoCM.
Section 5	The applicant is reminded to demonstrate the regard given to consultation responses under section 49 in its Consultation Report.