

Calderdale Energy Park

Section 51 Advice Log Version: 26 January 2026

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 Planning Inspectorate to the applicant (Calderdale Wind Farm Limited) and their consultants during the pre-application stage. It will be updated by The Planning 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 Planning Inspectorate's draft record of advice before it is published.

The applicant will use this advice log as the basis for demonstrating regard to s51 advice within the application.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT UPDATES TO OUR PRE-APPLICATION SERVICES

Following a 6-month review of our services, our Pre-application Prospectus has been updated: [2024 Pre-application Prospectus](#). The update log at the bottom of the page summarises the changes and clarifications that have been applied.

As an applicant with a live project at the pre-application stage of the process, please familiarise yourself with the update and consider how it might affect your pre-application programme and interaction with our services.

Please note in particular:

- the establishment of land and rights negotiations tracking as a primary service feature – this means it is now expected for **all applicants** to develop and share a land and right negotiations tracker in 1 of 2 available templates, irrespective of the service tier they have subscribed to
- clarified expectations of applicants when preparing to interact with the Inspectorate at meetings – including clarified rights for the Inspectorate to delay or refuse service where pre-meeting expectations are not upheld e.g. an updated programme document or issues tracker is not provided, on time, to inform a meeting agenda

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Topic	Meeting date: 26 January 2026
<p>General Project Update - Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)</p>	<p>The Planning Inspectorate noted from the issues tracker that bespoke mitigation and compensation measures for the Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA), as well as some of the environmental surveys may not be completed/agreed with statutory consultees by the DCO application submission date. The applicant confirmed it is working through survey requirements for HRA compensation land.</p> <p>The Inspectorate advised the applicant that incomplete surveys or any queries relating to the baseline or methodology can result in time taken to resolve during examination and introduce additional complexity. The Inspectorate advised that survey work is fully integrated into the project timeline and that the applicant continues to progress these matters, seeking as much agreement as possible in advance of submission.</p> <p>The applicant stated that it intended to reach agreement with Natural England and aim to have this completed before submission.</p>
<p>Update on next round of consultation</p>	<p>The Inspectorate noted that the Stop Calderdale Group submitted multiple submissions of the same content during scoping.</p> <p>The applicant stated that it had engagement with the Stop Calderdale Group.</p> <p>The Inspectorate advised that if required that the applicant work with the case team to encourage participation in a meaningful manner.</p> <p>The Inspectorate encouraged positive collaboration and engagement with the action group and any other participants.</p> <p>The Inspectorate reminded the applicant that before statutory consultation starts the Section 46 notice is to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate to be published.</p>
<p>DCO Schedule</p>	<p>The applicant confirmed that the Development Consent Order (DCO) anticipated submission date is November 2026.</p> <p>The Inspectorate advised that if the submission date is pushed back to avoid submitting close to Christmas to ensure that all stakeholders have sufficient opportunity to</p>

	<p>comment. The Inspectorate asked that it is kept updated on the anticipated submission date.</p> <p>The Inspectorate noted that the applicant’s proposed timeline doesn’t show when the draft documents will be submitted. The applicant stated that its intention is not to submit draft documents as although it can recognise the benefit of the review of draft documents prior to submission, it has an experienced team who are familiar with the DCO process and is therefore unlikely to be producing draft documents prior to submission.</p> <p>The Inspectorate advised that it would be preferable for the Inspectorate to see a draft or skeleton DCO prior to submission due to the nature of the project and period since last an Onshore Windfarm project had been submitted.</p> <p>The applicant asked that this is something that the Inspectorate and the applicant can discuss in future meetings.</p>
<p>Stakeholder Engagement including LPA engagement and PPAs</p>	<p>The applicant queried on whether the Inspectorate offer advice sessions or can attend multi-party meetings with local authorities. The Inspectorate advised that the Suffolk County Council webpage is a useful resource for local authorities and host authorities to understand more about working on Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. The Planning Inspectorate has also published a series of advice pages that are intended to inform applicants, consultees, the public and others about a range of process matters in relation to the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). The Calderdale Energy Park Case Team can also provide advice on the process.</p> <p>The applicant stated that there has been an offer of workshops for local authorities as well as signposting to advice pages.</p>
<p>Programme</p>	<p>The applicant informed the inspectorate that the Programme Document is to be updated to reflect the latest design updates of the project.</p> <p>The Inspectorate advised that once the Programme Document is updated to check that the Planning Inspectorate’s project webpage reflects the latest position of the project.</p> <p>The Inspectorate advised that it is useful to include key issues in the applicants Programme Document.</p> <p>The Inspectorate advised that a detailed issues tracker is submitted prior to submission regarding Statement of Common Ground, to identify potential issues that could occur in examination if the project is accepted.</p>

