

Arrow Valley Solar Section 51 Advice Log Version: 20 July 2026

This document comprises a record of the s51 advice that has been given by the Planning Inspectorate to the applicant Arrow Valley Solar Limited during the pre-application stage. It will be updated by the Planning Inspectorate after every interaction with the applicant within which s51 advice has been given.

The applicant will always be given the opportunity to comment on the Planning Inspectorate's draft record of the s51 advice given before it is published on the relevant project page on the [Find a National Infrastructure Project website](#).

The role of the advice log at the acceptance stage

Section 55(4) of the PA2008 requires the Planning Inspectorate to consider, amongst other things, the extent to which the applicant has had regard to the s51 advice given by the Planning Inspectorate in connection with the application when deciding if the application can be accepted for examination. Section 51 advice includes:

- advice given about applying for an order granting development consent
- advice given about making representations about an application for an order granting development consent

The applicant will use this advice log as the tool for demonstrating:

- regard to the s51 advice given to the applicant by the Planning Inspectorate
- regard to any s51 advice given to others by the Planning Inspectorate

The applicant will submit a final version of this advice log which demonstrates regard to all s51 given by the Planning Inspectorate at the pre-application stage as part of the application.

Arrow Valley Solar – Applicant meeting index

Date of meeting	Meeting overview
<u>24 February 2026</u>	<u>Inception Meeting</u> • Consenting programme and issue resolution • Preparation for examination • EIA scoping • Stakeholder engagement • Design evolution and application documentation • Consultation • Land and rights tracker • Risks and issue resolution • Programme Document • Application documentation
<u>20 July 2026</u>	• Email advice - Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025

Arrow Valley Solar – Log of s51 given to the applicant

Meeting date: 24 February 2026

Topic	s51 advice given	Applicant regard to s51 advice given
Consenting programme and issue resolution	The Inspectorate advised the applicant to maintain and regularly update its Issues Tracker throughout pre-application. The applicant was advised to engage with statutory parties as early as possible to agree the scope of surveys, assessments and mitigation. The Inspectorate explained that this would assist in understanding issue resolution before submission and identifying whether any further section 51 advice is required.	
Preparation for examination	The Inspectorate advised the applicant to review issues arising in current solar examinations and the types of questions being asked by Examining Authorities. The Inspectorate advised that this would assist in planning pre-application activities and preparing the application.	
EIA scoping	The Inspectorate stressed the importance of receiving the GIS shapefile at least 10 working days before submission of the scoping request.	
Stakeholder engagement	The Inspectorate reiterated the importance of clear and effective early engagement to ensure that interested	

	parties, including members of the public unfamiliar with the process, are appropriately informed as the project progresses.	
Design evolution and application documentation	The Inspectorate advised the applicant to clearly demonstrate the evolution of the design of the proposed development within its application documents, such as a Design Approach Document. The Inspectorate advised that the applicant should explain how design principles, national policy, consultation responses, place-based considerations and mitigation have influenced the design process. The Inspectorate emphasised that a transparent design process would be important during examination.	
Consultation	The Inspectorate advised that the applicant should clearly explain what is being consulted on, why consultation is taking place and when further information will become available, particularly where questions cannot yet be fully answered.	
Land and rights tracker	The Inspectorate advised the applicant to aim to provide a detailed Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker by the next project update meeting, although it noted this was less critical than the Issues Tracker.	
Risks and issue resolution	The Inspectorate advised that, to support an efficient examination process, the applicant should seek to resolve the main issues arising from the proposed development as far as reasonably possible before submission. The Inspectorate explained that this would reduce unresolved	

	issues and minimise the need for change requests later in the consenting process.	
Programme Document	The Inspectorate advised that the applicant should include its view of the main issues identified at this stage and the activities proposed to address them within the Programme Document. The applicant was also advised to identify project risks and explain how those risks would be monitored and managed.	
Application documentation	The Inspectorate advised that it would be useful for the applicant to indicate within the Programme Document whether it intends to submit a Design Approach Document and a Policy Compliance Document with the application.	
Email advice regarding Planning and Infrastructure Act: 20 July 2026		
Topic	s51 advice given	Applicant regard to s51 advice given
Email Advice - Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025	In light of the amended legal framework which will be introduced from 24 July 2026 by the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025, the Planning Inspectorate issued written advice to the applicant on 20 July 2026 requesting for: evidence within the submitted application in relation to duties under s46 and s48 of the PA2008 to be provided as an appendix to any engagement summary document that the applicant may choose to submit or, where the applicant chooses not to	

	submit such a document, as a discrete document titled 'Section 46 and section 48 information' evidence within the submitted application in relation to new s55(4)(e) of the PA2008 to be provided in a submission version of this expanded advice log template	
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Arrow Valley Solar – Log of s51 advice given to others		
Person s51 advice given to	s51 advice given	Applicant regard to s51 advice given