Planning Inspectorate
Arolygiaeth Gynllunio

Gwyndod Power Station

Section 51 Advice Log
Version: 24 September 2026

This document comprises a record of the s51 advice that has been given by the Planning Inspectorate to the applicant Great British Energy – Nuclear 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 Planning Act 2008 (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 in connection with the application to the applicant
- regard to any s51 advice given in connection with the application to others

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

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Date of meeting	**Meeting overview**
24 September 2026	Project Update, covering: • Project Update • Consenting Strategy • Environmental matters • HRA matters • Other dependencies • Next Steps

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Gwyndod Power Station – Log of s51 advice given to the applicant		
Meeting date: 24 September 2026		
Topic	**s51 advice given**	**Applicant regard to s51 advice given**
Project Update	The Inspectorate asked the applicant how many reactors it intends to include within the scope of the proposed development and how it proposes to consult on the number of SMRs to be brought forward as part of the proposed development. The applicant advised that it expects the site is capable of accommodating between 3 and 6 units. The Inspectorate advised the applicant to ensure that its approach to consultation on the number of reactors is clearly explained and communicated through the consultation process. The applicant stated that the final number of SMRs will be detailed and assessed within the DCO application, with GBE-N messaging this through stakeholder engagement ahead of submission. The Inspectorate highlighted the seven-tonne weight restriction on the Menai Bridge and advised the applicant to consider any implications this may have for construction logistics and project delivery.	Demonstration of regard

	The Inspectorate asked whether the offsite manufacturing plant (located in Derby) which would manufacture some components of the proposed development has been constructed. The applicant confirmed that it has not; noting it would be consented and constructed separate from the Gwyndod project. The Inspectorate noted that the delivery programme for the manufacturing facility may have implications for the programme for the proposed development and advised the applicant to consider associated programme risks accordingly.	
Consenting Strategy	The Inspectorate advised that it may be beneficial to prepare a visual summary of issues that could affect the proposed development, for example in the form of a flowchart supported by RAG ratings. The Inspectorate advised that risks with the potential to affect the DCO programme should be identified, monitored and maintained within a RAG-rated risk register. The Inspectorate asked whether the applicant intended to enter into PADSS with relevant stakeholders. The applicant confirmed that it will be capturing this information but has not yet agreed on the format.	

	The Inspectorate advised that the PADSS template is useful as it includes mechanisms to explain and reach resolutions to issues that may arise. For example, what is the issue, how can it be solved and when a resolution is likely to be reached. The Inspectorate advised that the programme document should be updated as soon as reasonably practicable to ensure it remains an accurate reflection of the project's anticipated programme. The Inspectorate also requested that, where reasonably practicable, the applicant provide no less than three months' notice should it intend to move to a different service tier. The Inspectorate advised the applicant to include indicative dates for future project update meetings within the programme document. The Inspectorate advised that, should the applicant have concerns regarding the number of meetings available under its selected service tier, meetings should be prioritised for the discussion of key issues, risks and project milestones. The Inspectorate advised that under the standard tier, it’s environmental services team can attend a maximum of five evidence plan meetings as an observer. The	

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	Inspectorate advised that it would be most useful to use this resource for Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) matters or other issues likely to be prominent during the examination. The Inspectorate advised that it is helpful to keep the Inspectorate informed of the progression of discussions with stakeholders, and resolution or lack of resolution of key issues.	
Environmental matters	The applicant stated that it likely to bring forward preliminary works, via separate consents (e.g. TCPA application), which could include preliminary ecological clearance works. The Inspectorate advised that it must be clear what the applicant has used as the baseline in the environmental assessments in the Environmental Statement (ES), and that the ES describes all the environmental impacts of the proposed development. The Inspectorate asked how much reliance would be placed on information from the previous Wylfa Newydd proposals. The applicant advised that a largely fresh baseline is being developed, although some existing datasets, such as archaeological information, may be carried forward and built upon where appropriate.	

HRA matters	The Inspectorate asked about the applicant's intended approach to HRA issues and whether it anticipates requiring derogations. The applicant stated that it intendeds to follow the HRA process and avoid derogations where possible. The applicant stated that the proposed development has the potential to affect several European sites and that these effects will be assessed through the HRA process.	
Other dependencies	The Inspectorate sought clarification on the grid connection proposals. The applicant confirmed that the connection would be taken forward through a separate DCO and is currently in planning. The applicant noted that, although the connection remains some way down the queue, its status as a government project may provide opportunities to accelerate progress. The Inspectorate sought an update on engagement with NRW. The applicant explained that information to support the EP-RSA would be submitted with the DCO application, whilst applications for operational permits would be made following any grant of a DCO. The applicant advised that sufficient information should nevertheless be available at the application	

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	stage to demonstrate that there is no obvious impediment to the required permits being secured. The Inspectorate asked whether permitting issues that have traditionally affected larger nuclear reactor projects are expected to differ for Small Modular Reactors (SMRs). The applicant explained that the same management processes would apply in relation to matters such as fuel and waste management. While some aspects of the project may differ in scale, the applicant noted that many permitting considerations are not directly linked to reactor size, with substantial infrastructure requirements, including cooling systems, still anticipated. The Inspectorate advised that offshore ground investigation works are likely to require a separate Marine Licence application ahead of any DCO application. The Inspectorate asked whether the location of the offshore survey area had been identified, or whether this would be confirmed through the Scoping Report process. The applicant confirmed that it intends to include details of the proposed survey area within the Scoping Report, where possible.	

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	The Inspectorate sought clarification on proposals for construction logistics, worker accommodation and highway mitigation. The applicant explained that it is considering an off-site park and ride facility, logistics centre(s) and worker accommodation as part of the proposed development. The applicant noted that restrictions associated with the bridges to Anglesey have become a greater consideration and, unlike previous proposals, a mainland logistics centre is now being explored to help manage traffic and the movement of materials across the bridge. The applicant also advised that highway bypass schemes, which had previously been included within the DCO proposals, are now expected to be promoted separately under the TCPA route. The applicant explained that this approach is supported by Isle of Anglesey County Council and is intended to facilitate the timely delivery of critical mitigation measures.	
Next Steps	The Inspectorate advised that a further meeting ahead of consultation may be beneficial to discuss the applicant's proposed consultation approach. The Inspectorate advised the applicant to review relevant guidance before finalising	

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	any amendments to its proposed consultation approach. The Inspectorate requested that the applicant specify as soon as possible a month in which it intends to submit a Scoping Request. The Inspectorate advised that it intends to publish the project webpage by 19 November 2026 and asked whether the applicant was planning to launch its project website at the same time. The applicant confirmed that it intends to do so. The Inspectorate advised that, should the applicant elect to move to the enhanced service tier, an Inspector could review more draft documents in greater depth and provide comments in accordance with the relevant service arrangements.	
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Person s51 advice given to	**s51 advice given**	**Applicant regard to s51 advice given**
Name and/or organisation	Summary of s51 advice given and link to advice register	Applicant to complete

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