

Eastern Green Link 3 and Eastern Green Link 4 EN0210003

National Grid Electricity Transmission

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 (National Grid Electricity Transmission) 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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<p>Email containing feedback on Programme Document</p>	<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 satisfactorily covers the expected content as set out in the government's pre-application guidance at paragraph 10, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “the date the applicant intends to submit their application • a comprehensive timetable of the applicant’s pre-application process, the main events with dates and milestones demonstrating how the pre-application process will be completed (using the maximum target of 2 years as a benchmark) • the applicant’s view on the main issues for resolution and activities they will undertake to address those • the applicant’s proposals for engaging with statutory consultees and local authorities during the pre-application period and any intended financial support agreements, such as Planning Performance Agreements (PPAs) • the applicant’s identification of risks to achievement of the pre-application stage and the process by which these risks are tracked and managed • cross references to the SoCC required by section 47 of the Planning Act”. <p>The Programme Document provides enough detail about the proposed development, timetable and activities for the pre-application process, as well as the applicant’s approach to engagement with statutory consultees and other parties. It would be helpful, despite the application being at an early stage, if the applicant provided a clearer estimate for which quarter in 2026 the application is currently intended to be submitted in. It would also be helpful if the applicant included a better indication of activities that will be undertaken to track and manage risks in the next iteration of its document.</p>
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