

Ossian Transmission Infrastructure – EN0210006

Ossian Wind 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 (Ossian Transmission Infrastructure) 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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Date of meeting	Meeting overview
09 December 2024	Inception Meeting
29 May 2025	• Activity Update • Project and Programme Document • Environmental Surveys • Consultation and ETG's • PEIR • Invoicing • Transboundary Consultation • Regulation 11 consultees • Planning and Infrastructure Bill

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Topic	Meeting date: 29 May 2025
Scheme Overview /Programme Document/ Updates	The applicant advised that the project programme was slowing as a result of uncertainties on grid connection and so the submission date was now likely to be 2027 instead of 2026. The applicant advised this would be updated in their programme document as soon as they had a better idea of timescales. The Inspectorate advised the applicant to keep them updated with any changes at the earliest opportunity and to ensure that the Programme Document be updated accordingly. Any updated programme document must also reflect the applicants anticipated timeframes to resource time with the Inspectorate for Project Update Meetings and/or Evidence Plan Meetings.
Section 42 / ETG's	The applicant advised it had consulted with a number of parties and organisations in ETGs (Expert Topic Groups) that were not listed on the Inspectorate's Regulation 11 list supplied at scoping and sought clarity from the Inspectorate on their exclusion from the list. The Inspectorate explained that Regulation 11 list is compiled based on the details of the proposed development supplied by the applicant at scoping. The Inspectorate uses the tests in the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended) to compile the list. Where a consultation body may not have been consulted through this process, however, the Inspectorate advised that this did not restrict the applicant from contacting organisations outside of the list to obtain their opinions.
Points of Clarification	The applicant enquired as to when the transboundary screening would take place. The Inspectorate explained that transboundary screening is carried at pre-application (usually following issue of a scoping opinion) and following acceptance of an application. The Inspectorate directed the applicant to the National Infrastructure website and its advice pages which outlines the process. The applicant will be notified when the screening has been completed and it will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning page for the project.
Planning Bill	The applicant raised a point regarding the Planning Infrastructure Bill and whether the Inspectorate had any further information at this stage. The Inspectorate advised they were monitoring this and how it may affect the NSIP

	process, and any changes would be communicated to applicants in good time.
Good Design & Design Principles	The applicant enquired at which stage of the project they should consult the Design Council to obtain their thoughts on the project design. The Planning Inspectorate advised that the Design Council was not on its list of consultation bodies so any decision when to consult them would be down to the applicant. The Inspectorate also directed the applicant towards their Design Advice Pages. Post-meeting note: The Inspectorate later signposted the applicant to the 'Achieving good design in Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects' webinar which was hosted by the Inspectorate in December 2024.
Future Meetings /Project Update Meetings/ Programme Documents	The Inspectorate requested that when future iterations of the Programme Document were shared with statutory consultees, that the applicant copied in the project mailbox. It was also requested that the applicant provides a tracked changes version of any new Programme Document to the Inspectorate, alongside a clean version. The Inspectorate reminded the applicant that under the 'standard' level of service, that it was permitted to have 6 project update meetings within the 12 month period from December 2024 and 5 evidence plan meetings within this timeframe. When arranging such meetings, they should provide a minimum of 6 weeks notice to assist with resourcing. In the lead up, agendas, slides and any further supporting information should be provided a minimum of a week in advance. The applicant acknowledged that they would be requesting feedback on draft application documents and the Inspectorate noted that this should also be reflected within any updated Programme Document.

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Topic	Advice (Email) October 2025
Pre-application Prospectus	The Inspectorate has advised that, following a six-month review, the Pre-application Prospectus has been updated. Applicants with live projects at the pre-application stage should familiarise themselves with the revised document and consider any implications for their engagement with the Inspectorate. Key updates include: • The establishment of land and rights negotiations tracking as a core service feature. All applicants are now expected to develop and share a tracker using one of two standard templates, regardless of service tier. • Clarified expectations for applicants ahead of meetings with the Inspectorate. This includes confirmation that the Inspectorate may delay or refuse service where pre-meeting requirements, such as the timely submission of an updated programme or issues tracker, are not met.