

Eastern Green Link 5

Section 51 Advice Log Version: 24 July 2026

This document comprises a record of the s51 advice that has been given by the Planning Inspectorate to the applicant National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) Plc 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.

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23 October 2025	Updated Pre-Application Prospectus
09 December 2025	EIA Update Environmental Outcome Report (EOR) Scoping Opinion Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) and Principal Areas of Disagreement (PADS) Planning Policies Any Other Business (AOB)
16 July 2026	Advice in relation to amendments to the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008)

Eastern Green Link 5 – Log of s51 given to the applicant

23 October 2025

Topic	s51 advice given	Applicant regard to s51 advice given
Pre-application prospectus	The Inspectorate has advised that, 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 summaries the changes and clarifications that have been applied. Applicants 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 rights negotiations tracker in 1 of 2 available templates, irrespective of the service tier they have subscribed to	

	Clarified expectations of the 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 update programme document or issues tracker is not provided, on time, to inform meeting agenda.	
09 December 2025		
Topic	s51 advice given	Applicant regard to s51 advice given
EIA Update	The applicant stated that they will be using relevant survey data from the Grimsby to Walpole and Eastern Green Link 3 and 4 projects where applicable, to inform the Eastern Green Link 5 application, in addition to site specific surveys. The Inspectorate advised that the dates of when each survey was undertaken should be clearly stated within the Environmental Statement. The applicant agreed to this.	
Environmental Outcomes Report (EOR)	The applicant asked The Inspectorate if it had any updates in relation to the EOR. The Inspectorate confirmed that they had not received any further updates on the matter. The applicant appreciated that Eastern Green Link 3 and 4 are ahead of the	

	Eastern Green Link 5 programme, however they are conscious that they may need to integrate the EOR framework into the application. The Inspectorate appreciated the forward thinking, however, could not advise at the time.	
Scoping Opinion	The applicant queried why only some of Natural England's (NE) consultation response comments were taken forward into the main body of the adopted Scoping Opinion. The Inspectorate clarified that some of NE's comments did not apply to the EIA process and that generally only selected consultee comments are directly referred to in the main Scoping Opinion section.	
Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) and Principal Areas of Disagreement (PADS)	The applicant confirmed they will be using an issues tracker for each key stakeholder that is involved in the project. The Inspectorate asked about how the issues tracker will evolve as the project develops. The applicant confirmed that the issues tracker is to be shared with each related stakeholder as it develops in order to make discussions with the parties more effective. The objective being to resolve issues raised and secure agreement in the DCO with an appropriate mechanism. The Inspectorate advised that the applicant ensure that overlapping issues be monitored	

	and if necessary, sign-post relevant issues or matters, so readers can easily follow which issues relate to the relevant stakeholders. The applicant highlighted the trackers allow sifting by issue, topic and project phase allowing easy access to this information for comparison. e. The applicant also explained it would be preparing a statement of commonality which will allow an overview of common issues raised.	
Planning Policies	The applicant showed The Inspectorate the national and regional plans that may affect the project going forward. They confirmed they were aware that the local authorities may change or update the plans, and regular meetings were being held with the authorities to regularly discuss the plans. The Inspectorate noted that Local Authorities would be required to issue Local Impact Reports, which would outline planning policies and if the applicant was holding regular meetings with these authorities, it would be advisable to understand the relevant policies to take into consideration. It would be expected that these policies be addressed within the Planning Statement.	

Any Other Business (AOB)	The applicant confirmed to the Inspectorate that it had service level agreements in place for both onshore and offshore stakeholders. The Inspectorate asked the applicant if the draft Development Consent order (dDCO) had any interactions between the dDCOs of Eastern Green Link 3 and 4, and Grimsby to Walpole. The applicant confirmed that there likely would be, so the dDCO would be drafted so that the project could proceed independently should either or both of the other projects not be consented. The applicant is discussing drafting options with the teams for the other projects. The Inspectorate noted that the applicant should continue to be mindful of these projects and to consider any cumulative effects or overlapping matters that might impact either of the schemes.	
16 July 2026		
Topic	s51 advice given	Applicant regard to s51 advice given
Advice in relation to amendments to the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008)	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 16 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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