

H2East Pipeline: Humber to Nottinghamshire

Section 51 Advice Log Version: 25 August 2026

This document comprises a record of the s51 advice that has been given by the Planning Inspectorate to the applicant (Cadent Gas) 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
16 June 2026	Agenda points as follows: • Project update • Consultation approach overview • Key themes from consultation • Other stakeholder engagement • Environment and surveys update • Lands update
15 July 2026	Email advice - Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025

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Meeting date: 16 June 2026

Topic	s51 advice given	Applicant regard to s51 advice given
Section 35 Direction	The Inspectorate asked the applicant to provide a copy of the section 35 request and direction made by the Secretary of State as soon as practicable, so that the documents could be published on the project webpage of the Inspectorate's website. In answer to a question from the Inspectorate, the applicant was content with the description of associated development being sought in the s35 Direction but would revisit any substantive issues on what may (or may not) constitute associated development at future meetings, where necessary. Additionally, the applicant added that while the submission of the application would likely be in 2028, it would be reviewing the government's hydrogen strategy as soon as it is published and would liaise on any adjusted programme timeline where needed.	

Consultation approach overview	The applicant provided an update on its consultation approach and overview of its recent consultation activities. The applicant explained that there was general support for the scheme but issues around ecology were raised and were currently being addressed. In answer to a question from the Inspectorate, the applicant added that it was considering cumulative effects with other major developments such as Great North Road Solar and how to avoid overlaps with such schemes. The applicant added that the development and discussions of draft protective provisions with statutory undertakers were well advanced.	
Environment and surveys update	The applicant gave an update on their environmental surveys following the publication of the Inspectorate's Scoping Opinion, where approaches on the scope of surveys needed to assess visual impacts and minerals extraction were being considered. The applicant added that it was also reviewing the scope and need for surveys on Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) following feedback from Natural England.	

Meeting date: 15 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 15 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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Person s51 advice given to	s51 advice given	Applicant regard to s51 advice given