

Humber Hydrogen Pipeline - EN0710006 Humber Hydrogen Transmission System Ltd

Section 51 Advice Log Version: 05 March 2026

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 Planning Inspectorate to the applicant (Humber Hydrogen Transmission System Ltd) and their consultants during the pre-application stage. It will be updated by The Planning 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 Planning Inspectorate's draft record of advice before it is published.

The applicant will use this advice log as the basis for demonstrating regard to s51 advice within the application.

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Date of meeting	Meeting overview
18 March 2025	<p><u>Inception Meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed development • Consenting programme and introduction to the pre-application programme document • Early engagement with statutory bodies and local authorities, and other stakeholder engagement to date • Environmental constraints and issues • Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) scoping and environmental surveys • Land and rights: Scope of compulsory acquisition etc powers sought and potential constraints and issues • Consultation (statutory and non-statutory) • Pre-application service offer • Next steps <p>A meeting note is available for this meeting on the Find a National Infrastructure Project website and this can be viewed at: View meeting note (PDF, 99KB).</p>
05 March 2026	<p><u>Project Update Meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates (and introduction) to project team • Programme • Section 35 Direction • Marine Licence • Scoping Report • Surveys • Outcome of Non-Statutory Consultation and Engagement • Any other business

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Inception Meeting Note	A meeting note is available for this Inception Meeting on the Find a National Infrastructure Project Website and this can be viewed at: View meeting note (PDF, 99KB).
Crown Land	The applicant confirmed that there is Crown Land within the proposed Order Limits and the Inspectorate advised on the importance of early engagement with The Crown Estate relating to this matter.
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and environmental surveys	<p>Wintering bird surveys commenced in Quarter 3 2024 and are due to be completed in April 2025. Further wintering bird surveys are being scoped and are expected to progress in 2026 subject to discussions with Natural England.</p> <p>The Inspectorate advised the applicant to engage early with Natural England to work towards agreement on the scope and extent of the wintering bird surveys.</p>
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) scoping	The applicant confirmed that the project description was in its initial draft and other chapters of the Scoping Report will be progressed in early 2026 with submission planned for Q2 2026. The Inspectorate advised the applicant to set up charging schedules with relevant bodies prior to scoping.
Find a National Infrastructure Project website project page launch	<p>The Inspectorate advised the applicant that it will launch the project page on the Find a National Infrastructure Project website once the applicant's website is live.</p> <p>The applicant is to launch their website and confirm to the Inspectorate that this has happened and that the project page on the Find a National Infrastructure Project website can be published.</p>
Topic	Meeting date: 05 March 2026
Feedback on applicant's Programme Document	<p>The applicant supplied the Inspectorate with a copy of its Programme Document in line with the 2024 Pre-application Prospectus, as updated to 05 March 2026, which set out a draft programme timetable. The Inspectorate advised that the applicant should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider whether to provide additional detail to section 3 to reflect the pre-application tier service that

	<p>the applicant has subscribed to, with justification, where applicable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider including a statement identifying any supplementary components listed in the annex to the Prospectus that the applicant intends to develop. • Update the programme to provide clarity where possible on exact timescales for activities identified in the document. It is noted that quarters are stated where more imminent activities could be narrowed down to anticipated month. This would help the Inspectorate and stakeholders with resource planning and organising in line with the programme of the applicant. <p>The applicant is required to publish its updated Programme Document on its website as soon as practicable.</p>
Scoping	<p>The Inspectorate advised the applicant to provide a GIS shapefile of the proposed development red line boundary at least 10 working days in advance of submission of a scoping request. It confirmed that the Inspectorate will not commence work on the scoping opinion if fee invoice payments are outstanding.</p>