

Humber Hydrogen Pipeline

Section 51 Advice Log Version: 16 July 2026

This document comprises a record of the s51 advice that has been given by the Planning Inspectorate to the applicant (Humber Hydrogen Transmission System Ltd) 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.

Humber Hydrogen Pipeline – Applicant meeting index

Date of meeting	Meeting overview
18 March 2025	<u>Inception Meeting:</u> • 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 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).
05 March 2026	<u>Project Update Meeting:</u> • 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
16 July 2026	<u>Advice provided by email to the Applicant by the Inspectorate:</u> The Inspectorate provided advice to the applicant in relation to updates to our pre-application services and the legislation governing the development consent application process.

Humber Hydrogen Pipeline – Log of s51 advice given to the applicant

Meeting date: 18 March 2025

Topic	s51 advice given	Applicant regard to s51 advice given
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	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. 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.	

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	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. 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.	
Meeting date: 05 March 2026		
Topic	s51 advice given	Applicant regard to s51 advice given
Feedback on applicant's Programme Document	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: • Consider whether to provide additional detail to section 3 to reflect the pre-application tier service that the applicant has subscribed to, with justification, where applicable. • 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. The applicant is required to publish its updated Programme Document on its website as soon as practicable.	
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Scoping	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.	
Advice date: 16 July 2026		
Topic	s51 advice given	Applicant regard to s51 advice given
Amended legal framework	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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Humber Hydrogen Pipeline – Log of s51 advice given to others		
Person s51 advice given to	s51 advice given	Applicant regard to s51 advice given