

## Meeting note

<b>Project name</b>	Temple Oak Renewable Energy Park
<b>File reference</b>	EN010126
<b>Status</b>	<b>Final</b>
<b>Author</b>	The Planning Inspectorate
<b>Date</b>	09 November 2023
<b>Meeting with</b>	Ridge Clean Energy Ltd.
<b>Venue</b>	Microsoft Teams
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Project Update Meeting
<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees

### Summary of key points discussed, and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

### Landowner Engagement

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that good progress has been made with license agreements for landowners along the proposed cabling route corridor. The Applicant detailed positive engagement with the Crown Estate, a key landowner in the Proposed Development, and confirmed they are happy to progress to the next steps with license agreements.

### Grid Connection Update

The Applicant has already secured a bilateral, embedded generation connection and has been liaising with the grid companies to discuss further technical work to determine the cable size, whether it is a dual or single circuit, and the size of the trench.

### Programme Update

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that it has been following the progression of other Solar Farms of National Significance currently having their DCO applications examined. The Inspectorate recommended that the Applicant review the Examining Authority's written questions, of those projects, which may provide insight on their proposal.

The Applicant aims to submit their revised red line boundary and Scoping Report in Q1 2024 and are aware of the need to give PINS two weeks notice prior to submission. The Inspectorate informed that, if the Applicant intends to submit draft application

documents for review, it takes six to eight weeks to complete and recommended factoring this into their project timeline. The Applicant aims to submit their Development Consent Order (DCO) application in Q1 2025.

### **Specific decisions/ follow-up required?**

The following actions were agreed:

- The Applicant to send the revised red line boundary and Scoping Report in Q1 2024.
- The Inspectorate to arrange the next project update meeting for the end of January 2024.