



Meeting note

Project name	Tillbridge Solar Project
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Meeting with	Tillbridge Solar Limited
Venue	Microsoft Teams
Meeting objectives	Project Update Meeting
Circulation	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.

Statutory Consultation

Tillbridge Solar Limited (the Applicant) explained that they have delayed the start of their statutory consultation from the 9 May to the 30 May 2023 as a response to comments from West Lindsey District Council on the draft SoCC. The Applicant explained that this was to accommodate the potential implications of local elections, where all WLDC Members are up for re-election in the May local elections. It was confirmed that the statutory consultation will run until 11 July 2023.

Survey Work

The Inspectorate queried if the Applicant had completed all the survey work to finalise their Preliminary Environment Information Report (PEIR). The Applicant explained that most surveys were completed for the Principal Site with some ecological surveys continuing during the summer. It was confirmed that trial trenching on the Principal Site had commenced with the programme to run until September for the whole scheme, including the Cable Route Corridor. The Inspectorate asked whether difficulties in access land on the principal site had been resolved from the previous meeting. The Applicant confirmed that it had now obtained a voluntary agreement from the final landowner to enable access for surveys to be completed.

The Inspectorate asked how the Applicant had considered the survey work undertaken by the other three NSIP solar projects in the locality. The Applicant confirmed that it was

collaborating with the other developers with respect to survey work undertaken. It was confirmed by the Applicant that following the reviews of existing survey data, the project team would then identify whether any additional surveys were required for the cable route corridor.

The Applicant also confirmed that it anticipates that all surveys will be completed, and the results will be included in the ES at the point of submission. This would be reviewed as the Scheme progresses in relation to programme.

Programme

The Applicant confirmed that submission is still expected in Q4 2023.

The Inspectorate offered the Applicant its Draft Documents review service, if needed. The Applicant acknowledged this offer and said it would consider this in relation to the project programme.

AOB

The Inspectorate asked if the project had received the invitation to the NSIP Reform Early Adopters Programme; the Applicant confirmed that they had and would respond in accordance with the timeframes given.