

Beacon Fen Energy Park – EN010151

Beacon Fen Energy Park Limited

Section 51 Advice Log

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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 Inspectorate to the applicant (Beacon Fen Energy Park Limited) and their consultants during the pre-application stage. It will be updated by the 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 Inspectorate's draft record of advice before it is published.

The applicant will use this Advice Log as the basis for demonstrating regard to section 51 advice within the application.

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Advice on the Programme Document

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Programme Document Feedback

The applicant supplied the Inspectorate with its initial Programme Document in line with the Expression of Interest process, after the publication of the 2024 Pre-application Prospectus. Having reviewed the document, the Inspectorate considers overall that it covers the expected content as set out in the government's pre-application guidance at paragraph 10, namely setting out expected programme timescales, the main issues and risks and related information on its pre-application activities. However, in updating its Programme Document, the applicant should:

- include whether the Programme Document has been shared with relevant local authorities, statutory consultees and others and whether they are content with the proposed programme;
- include dates for the consultation with relevant local authorities on its draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and publication of final SoCC, any Evidence Plan activities and anticipated project update meetings with the Inspectorate, and provide information about any other consents or permissions being sought;
- reasons why the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone is not being set three-months before the expected submission of the application in line with guidance and any effects on additional engagement that might be needed;
- whether the applicant will use an Issues Tracker and whether it will be shared with local authorities, statutory consultees and others, indicating whether these parties agree with the status of the issues raised and any possible mitigation.

It would also be helpful if the applicant could provide any details on the progress of developing its application documents and any issues arising. The updated Programme Document needs to be published on the applicant's website as soon as practicable and updated throughout the pre-application stage when needed.