

Green Hill Solar Farm- EN010170

Green Hill Solar Farm 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 (Green Hill Solar Farm 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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Programme Document

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 that it mostly covers the expected content as set out in the government's pre-application guidance at paragraph 10. However:

- more detail could have been provided regarding the Applicant's initial view of the main issues that they have identified at this stage for resolution and activities they will undertake to address those;
- the Applicant should include an initial identification of the risks involved at the pre-application stage (accepting this might change as the project progresses through pre-application in consultation with statutory bodies);
- while the Programme Document confirms that the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM) will be three months before the anticipated submission (currently anticipated for February 2025), a more precise date for submission of the AoCM and application would be required as soon as practicable;
- it would be helpful if the Programme Document could provide approximate timescales for project update meetings with the Inspectorate and list any future meetings with key stakeholders to enable those parties to deploy resources effectively; and
- the Applicant should ensure that its Programme Document is hosted and maintained on the Applicant's website as soon as practicable.