

Hynet North West Hydrogen Pipeline – EN060006

Cadent Gas 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 Cadent Gas 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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Date of meeting	Meeting overview
13 January 2022	<p><u>Inception Meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Project • Proposed Development and Associated Development • Project Timescales • Approach to Statutory and Non-Statutory Consultation • Compulsory Acquisition and s53 applications • Contacts and follow up <p>A meeting note is available for this meeting on the National Infrastructure Planning Website and this can be viewed at: View meeting note (PDF, 112KB).</p>
20 June 2022	<p><u>Project Update Meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping Update • Section 35 Direction Request Update • Statutory Consultation • Land Referencing • Compulsory Acquisition • Environmental Outcome Reports (EORs). <p>A meeting note is available for this meeting on the National Infrastructure Planning Website and this can be viewed at: View meeting note (PDF, 165KB).</p>
31 March 2023	<p><u>Project Update Meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Update • Statutory Consultation Response • Further Targeted Consultation • Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Approach • Environmental survey update • Land Rights Strategy • Draft Documentation Review • Enhanced Planning Inspectorate Application Service <p>A meeting note is available for this meeting on the National Infrastructure Planning Website and</p>

	<p>this can be viewed at: View meeting note (PDF, 119KB).</p>
4 July 2023	<p><u>Project Update Meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Update • Early Adopters Programme • Any other Business – Timing and Approach to future meetings <p>A meeting note is available for this meeting on the National Infrastructure Planning Website and this can be viewed at: View meeting note (PDF, 132KB).</p>
19 September 2023	<p><u>Project Update Meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Adopters Programme • Issues Tracking • Pre-application Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statements (PADSS) • Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) Template • Programme • Specific decisions/ follow-up required <p>A meeting note is available for this meeting on the National Infrastructure Planning Website and this can be viewed at: View meeting note (PDF, 146KB).</p>
18 January 2024	<p><u>Project Update Meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project and Programme Updates • Early Adopters Programme • Post Meeting Note <p>A meeting note is available for this meeting on the National Infrastructure Planning Website and this can be viewed at: View meeting note (PDF, 146KB).</p>
25 September 2024	<p><u>Project Update Meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project and Programme Update • Statutory Consultation • PINS Enhanced Tier <p>A meeting note is available for this meeting on the National Infrastructure Planning Website and this can be viewed at: View meeting note (PDF, 76KB).</p>

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Project Update Meeting

- Update on Statutory Consultation
- Landowner Engagement
- Adequacy of Consultation Document
- Draft documents
- Enhanced Tier activities

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Consultation Report	The Applicant updated on its second Statutory consultation that it had consulted various landowners, statutory consultees, and local authorities. It had received substantial feedback, which is currently under review. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to clearly specify the documents made available during each consultation stages and to ensure that all the consultation activities are comprehensively documented in the Consultation Report.
Landowner engagement	The Applicant updated that it had received requests from some of the landowners for changes to the route. Examples included where apparatus would be located in the highway as well as more specific issues such as near Eaton Lane, which will be removed from the primary plan and designated for emergency use only during the construction period. The Inspectorate advised engaging with the landowners early in the process, and finalise a route taking potential alternatives into consideration, to seek to avoid applications for changes to the project after it has been formally submitted for examination.
Environmental Statement (ES)	The Inspectorate advised that the consideration of alternatives should be incorporated into the ES Chapters.
Protective Provisions agreements	The Inspectorate emphasised the importance of finalising Protective Provisions agreements prior to the submission of the application.
Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM) document	The Applicant informed the Inspectorate of its plan to submit the AoCM document in early January 2025, potentially followed by a targeted consultation. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to consider submitting the AoCM document after the targeted consultation has been completed (if held), in order to allow the Inspectorate to consider the entire pre-application undertaken by the Applicant.
Draft Documents	The Applicant informed its plan to submit the draft documents for Inspectorate's review in January 2025. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to consider providing the draft Explanatory Memorandum to accompany the draft Development Consent Order. The Inspectorate also advised to consider submitting the draft documents after the targeted consultation had completed (if held), to ensure that the Inspectorate is reviewing final versions of documents. The Inspectorate advised that it cannot review aspect chapters of the ES, however, in line with the new service it can review

	drafting associated with key issues and/ or novel approaches within the draft Environmental Statement such as GHG issues as mentioned by the Applicant.
Enhanced Tier activities	The Applicant inquired about the scope of enhanced tier activities and what they encompass. The Inspectorate advised that the list of additional components that an applicant can engage for the enhanced service is set out in the pre-application prospectus . As such, the service the Applicant should review the prospectus and advise the Inspectorate as soon as possible about what component(s) it wishes to pursue. The Inspectorate further advised that the Policy Compliance Document may be a useful document to be reviewed.
Good Design Advice	The Inspectorate informed the Applicant that the Good Design Advice has recently been published and advised to demonstrate to have regard to it in the design evolution report when submitting its application. The Inspectorate advised that the linear advice page is likely to be published in the New Year.
Green Belt	The Applicant confirmed that some of the site is located on Green Belt (GB). The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to carefully consider the impacts, both during construction and operation, to ensure that any potential harm to the GB is minimised, such as landscape scarring. The Applicant also needs to demonstrate why it considers that very special circumstances exist to justify the project being located on GB. The Inspectorate advised that this matter is likely to be probed by any Examining Authority in due course, in addition to landscape effects.
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