

Chesterfield to Willington – EN0210001

National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) Plc

Section 51 Advice Log

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This document comprises a record of the advice that has been provided by the Inspectorate to the applicant (National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) Plc) 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

Good demonstration of compliance with the Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects Guidance. The Applicant will be aware that one of the mandatory components of the new pre-application service (for all service tiers), as set out in the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-application Prospectus, is demonstrating regard to advice. As such this should be clearly reflected in the application documents.

The Applicant must ensure that the Programme Document (PD) is hosted and maintained on the Applicant's website

Whilst the PD sets out that the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) will be developed ahead of Statutory Consultation, it would be helpful if the dates were listed in the table setting out the submission timeframe.

Whilst the Inspectorate acknowledges that key milestones are sometime in the future i.e. statutory consultation in Q4 2025, draft document review in Q2 2026, and submission in Q4 2026, it would be helpful if these timeframes could be narrowed, and the updated PD published, in due course.

It is not clear from the PD whether the Applicant has allowed time for a further period of targeted/full consultation, after the statutory consultation has been undertaken. Given the linear nature of the project the Inspectorate advises the Applicant to consider whether a further consultation period prior to submission would be necessary and if so, add possible timescales to the PD.

It would be helpful if the PD could provide approximate timescales for future project update meetings with the Inspectorate. It would also be helpful to list any meetings with key stakeholders to enable those parties to deploy resources effectively.