

Peartree Hill Solar Farm – EN010157
**RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage
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 (RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage 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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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 involved, the approach to engaging with consultees and progress made on Planning Performance Agreements, 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 period with relevant local authorities for obtaining comments on the applicant's draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), any targeted consultation expected, any Evidence Plan activities, and anticipated project update meetings with the Inspectorate;
- provide information about any other consents or permissions being sought;
- whether the applicant will use an Issues Tracker and whether it will be shared with local authorities, statutory consultees and others for their views on the status of the issues raised and 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.