



Meeting note

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Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

Statutory Consultation

The Applicant confirmed to the Inspectorate that they are currently halfway through their Statutory Consultation, which had begun on 26 October 2022 and ends on 12 December 2022. The Applicant explained how the Statutory Consultation included both community and web events.

The Applicant confirmed that the feedback received to date during the Statutory Consultation was overall positive, with high engagement with local communities. The Applicant explained that there had been a failure to deliver brochures to several properties in one local area, which had been brought to their attention by a resident.

The Inspectorate raised a concern that as the Applicant had recently identified this issue, affected residents may not have the minimum 28-day notice to comment on the Proposed Development. The Applicant confirmed this would not be the case, with work on-going to ensure information was delivered to the affected addresses to would allow at least 30 days for those people to comment if they wished. The Inspectorate advised that the Applicant should capture this issue in the consultation report.

The applicant informed the Inspectorate that they continue to have regular meetings with the local authority.

Draft DCO

The Applicant confirmed that they aim to submit the DCO by the end of Q3 2023. However, this may be subject to change.

Additionally, the Applicant clarified that close contact with developers for the construction of nearby solar farms under the Town and Country Planning Act had taken place and they were aware the other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects in the host and neighbouring counties.

Next steps

The Applicant and the Inspectorate discussed arranging a project update meeting in February 2023 and a meeting for a discussion on the DCO for March or April 2023.

The Inspectorate enquired about the Applicant's approach to the drafting of the DCO, the Inspectorate being aware that recent draft DCO submissions for road schemes had proposed new approaches. The Applicant advised that the approach had yet to be finalised but could provide an update at a future meeting.

