

# South East Strategic Reservoir (SESRO) – WA010005

## Thames Water Utilities Limited

### Section 51 Advice Log

### Version: 14 January 2025

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 (Thames Water Utilities 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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31 October 2024	This advice was sent by email only for feedback on the Programme document.

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Feedback on Programme document

Following a review of the submitted Programme/Supporting Document (attached) please see the advice below:

- 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 and share with Local Authorities, Statutory consultees etc.
- Please add any targeted consultation dates to Programme Document. (If any)
- It would be helpful if the timeframes for the submission of the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AOCM), draft document review are added to the Programme document.
- An Issues Tracker should be maintained and shared with Local Authorities, Statutory consultees etc.
- 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 (see below as outline advice).

For further guidance of the Pre-Application process including what the programme document should contain I refer you to the following link:

[Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects - GOV.UK](#)

	<p>As this project will be advancing through The Standard service tier the Planning Inspectorate can provide up to 6 Project update meetings per annum, and it would be useful if potential timings were provided in the Programme document, to effectively resource in advance.</p> <p>The key milestones are outlined below (if not already undertaken) -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Inception Meeting</i></li> <li>• <i>Post-Scoping, pre-section 42 consultation meeting</i></li> <li>• Post-section 42 consultation</li> <li>• Draft documents feedback meeting</li> <li>• Pre-Adequacy of Consultation Milestone</li> <li>• Pre-submission meeting</li> </ul>
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