

NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FORUM 2025

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Ahead of the [Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project Forum 2025, taking place on 26-27 February](#).

Some of the speakers shares their advice for promoters developing their application.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO DEVELOPERS DEVELOPING THEIR NSIP APPLICATION?

- Engage with LPA's and communities early and regularly.
- Although government is trying to speed up the process, make sure there is sufficient time between each stage to consider and address issues raised.
- Account for local factors 'one size doesn't' fit all'
- Be realistic and open in communicating the potential impacts and how you will seek to mitigate
- Consider 'legacy', what will you leave behind?

WHAT CHALLENGES ARE MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FACING? HOW CAN THESE BE OVERCOME?

Complexity of the planning process and the need to deliver projects at pace.

Obtain good quality advice when preparing applications, to avoid delays further along.

Early engagement with LPA's, Statutory Consultees and communities and seek to resolve issues early, outside of the examination.

Communities feel they are taking the pain of development for little gain and therefore object.

Demonstrate community engagement and benefits both financial and practical.

WHAT FURTHER SUPPORT IS NEEDED TO INCREASE CERTAINTY FOR NSIPS?

- Additional resources for consultees to enable them to fully engage in the process.
- Relationship building with other developers and stakeholders particularly in areas that are seeing high numbers of infrastructure projects, so that the full scale of impacts cumulatively can be better understood and enable project co-ordination.
- Designated development zones/areas for certain development types for example onshore wind, at a local/regional level.

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WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO DEVELOPERS DEVELOPING THEIR NSIP APPLICATION?

Engage with Statutory Bodies as early as possible – understanding issues and discussing solutions and opportunities early will save a huge amount of time (and cost) in the long run.

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The UK is embarking on possibly the most ambitious programme of growth in a generation while we're feeling the effects of a changing climate and nature loss – consider how your project can help reduce these impacts, and how you might need to adapt to future climate impacts.

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As a Statutory Body we aim to be able to support sustainable growth – with the right posts and expertise to respond to projects efficiently and effectively. Lack of forward programme makes it difficult to assure this – the incredible value of sharing programmes (with health warnings fully understood – i.e. that they are likely to change) early with Statutory Bodies cannot be underestimated.

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