



Project development & planning services

Independent planning advice for the renewable energy sector

Services

OST offers a range of development & planning services including:

- Site assessment (including technical)
- Pre-application
- Planning application and statements
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and related services
- Planning due diligence
- Design, technical & planning drawings

OST provides independent planning advice in all sectors of the development industry, with particular focus on the renewable energy sector.

An Edif ERA company, OST is an award winning, independent global engineering consultancy, specialising in investment support and technical advisory services for the renewable energy market and offering a complete package of services to investors, lenders, IPPs and developers.

For critical industries and environments world-wide, Edif ERA provides engineering and consultancy services to reduce risk, optimise performance and enhance capability, giving our customers the confidence to build successful operations.

We have undertaken extensive works on renewable energy projects from conception through the development and planning process, to design, construction monitoring and management, and through to project technical asset management and plant optimisation.

We offer a full suite of development services required to achieve planning approval and receive a grid connection offer for renewable energy projects, to the point where a project can be considered viable for contract tendering and achieve status as a bankable project.

An inherent advantage is gained through engaging us in your project development process since, in addition to managing the planning process, we also undertake the design of a project and produce all the necessary technical drawings required for planning.

Our typical services include:

- Due diligence
- Technical advisory
- Construction monitoring
- Project management
- Performance optimisation
- Analysis
- Feasibility
- Technical component reviews
- Planning
- Environmental & social services
- Commercial advisory
- Asset management
- Energy management

We can offer the following services:

Site assessment

At the first stage in the development of a project we will review a proposed site from a technical, planning and environmental perspective to identify site constraints and risks. Based on this we will develop an appropriate project design / layout and calculate the potential MW capacity and yield.

Planning

Our team of planners are highly experienced in undertaking successful major planning applications for large-scale solar, energy storage and biomass projects, and manage the entire planning process for our clients including:

- Pre-application discussions with the Local Planning Authority
- Preparation and management of the Planning Application
- Preparation of all technical & planning drawings
- Planning statements
- Design and Access Statements
- Public consultation, exhibitions & Statements of Community Involvement
- Representation at planning committee
- Discharge of planning conditions
- Appeal representation

Environmental services

Our environmental services include:

- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening opinion
- EIA scoping opinion
- Production of Environmental Statements
- Environmental Statement reviews

We can also coordinate other consultants, experts in their particular discipline, to assist in the production of specialist assessments including ecology, landscape, transport, archaeology, heritage and noise studies.

Planning due diligence

Once all development and planning has been completed and the project is seeking funding, the next step in the project life cycle is to employ a Technical Advisor such as OST to undertake detailed due diligence for the lenders.

As part of our technical due diligence, we take on all the necessary due diligence related to planning in order to review conditions applied and ensure that these are being appropriately managed.



Westwood Solar Farm, Nottinghamshire

Sun & Soil appointed OST to act as planning consultant for their solar farm development pipeline of 14 projects. Our scope of work included:

- Review of potential sites
- Identifying planning risks
- Undertaking pre-application discussions with local planning authorities
- Preparing and submitting all planning applications
- Public consultations
- Representation at planning committee meetings

OST had a **95% success rate** for planning approval across the Sun & Soil portfolio.