



Adequacy of Consultation Representation Proforma

Under *Section 55(4)(b) of the Planning Act 2008* (PA2008) the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, must take any adequacy of consultation representation (AoCR) received from a local authority consultee into account when deciding whether to accept an application for development consent, and this will be published should the application be accepted for examination.

An AoCR is defined in s55(5) in PA2008 as “a representation about whether the applicant complied, in relation to that proposed application, with the applicant’s duties under sections 42, 47 and 48”.

Project name	East Park Energy
Date of request	8 October 2025
Deadline for AOCR	22 October 2025
Return to	EastParkEnergyProject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Please complete the proforma outlining your AoCR on the above NSIP.

Local Authority	Huntingdonshire District Council
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In the opinion of the local authority, has the applicant complied with the legislative requirements listed below?

Please note that this is specifically about the statutory consultation(s) undertaken.

Assessment of Compliance - Required	
S42 Duty to consult	Yes
S47 Duty to consult local authority	Yes
S48 Duty to publicise	Yes

If you would like to give more detail on any of the above, please do so below.

Please keep it as succinct as possible and refer to facts and evidence related to consultation, rather than the merits of the application.



Additional comments - <i>Not compulsory</i>	
S42 Duty to consult	
S47 Duty to consult local authority	
S48 Duty to publicise	
Any other comments	See accompanying letter dated 20 th October 2025

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PINS Ref: EN010141

20th October 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

**PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED) SECTION 55 – ADEQUACY OF CONSULTATION
RESPONSE
APPLICATION BY BROCKWELL STORAGE AND SOLAR FOR AN ORDER GRANTING
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR EAST PARK ENERGY**

Under section 55 of the Planning Act 2008, certain local authorities must be consulted about whether an applicant has complied with their duties under sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Act.

The Planning Inspectorate's ("PINS") letter of 8th October 2025 notified Huntingdonshire District Council ("the Council") of the submission of the application for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") by BSSL Cambsbed 1 Limited ("the Applicant") for the East Park Energy project. The letter invites the Council to submit a representation relating to the adequacy of the Applicant's pre-application consultation.

For the avoidance of doubt this response constitutes the representation from Huntingdonshire District Council only.

I can confirm that the Cabinet of Huntingdonshire District Council formally considered the East Park Energy project in its role as a statutory consultee and host authority at its meeting held on 10th September 2024. The Cabinet delegated authority to the Chief Planning Officer, in consultation with the Leader and Executive Councillor for Planning to take all associated action necessary in the interests of the efficient and timely conduct of the Council's compliance with the above DCO.

The letter from PINS has invited the Authorities to advise whether the Applicant has complied, in relation to the application, with the following duties under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008):

1. Duty to consult – PA2008 – section 42
Section 42 requires consultation with certain persons specified in the Act and prescribed in regulations.
2. Duty to consult the local community – PA2008 – section 47

Section 47 requires applicants to prepare a “Statement of Community Consultation” (SoCC) in consultation with relevant Local Authorities which sets out how the Applicant intends to consult the local community on its proposals. The Applicant must then publish the SoCC and undertake statutory consultation in accordance with it.

3. Duty to publicise – PA2008 – section 48

Section 48 requires that details of the statutory consultation be publicised via a series of notices in the local and national press.

1. Duty to consult - PA2008 – section 42

Regarding this application, the Applicant must consult the following on the proposed application:

- Such persons as may be prescribed

As defined in Regulation 3, the Applicant consulted all prescribed and Schedule 1 of the Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure Regulations 2009, as amended by the Infrastructure Planning (Prescribed Consultees and Interested Parties etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 and further consulted with non-prescribed consultees. A list of all consultees is provided in the Consultation report.

- Each local authority that is within Section 43

The Applicant has provided a list of the local authorities consulted on the project as identified within Section 43. The following local authorities (classified from A to D) were consulted upon:

- Huntingdonshire District Council
- Bedford Borough Council
- Cambridgeshire County Council

- Each person who is within one or more of the categories set out in Section 44

The Applicant consulted each person who is within one or more of the categories set out in Section 44 of the 2008 Act and these have been provided in the list of all consultees within the Consultation report.

2. Duty to consult the local community - PA2008 – section 47

This section requires the Applicant to prepare and publish a statement setting out how it proposes to consult local people about the proposed application.

The Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”) was published by the Applicant to the Council on 24 September 2024. Prior to the publication of the SoCC, the Applicant consulted the host local authorities (Huntingdonshire District Council, Bedford Borough Council and Cambridgeshire County Council) on the contents of draft SoCC on 16th January 2024, with a request that any response was submitted by 6th February 2024 and again on 26th April 2024, with any comments requested to be submitted by 29th May 2024. The Consultation Report sets out the applicant’s response to Huntingdonshire District Council’s comments.

Applicant’s non-statutory consultation:

A five-week non-statutory public consultation took place between 17 October and 21 November 2023 providing an early opportunity for feedback when plans for the scheme were at a formative stage.

The applicant has set out in the Consultation report that the non-statutory consultation was advertised through a number of means: newsletter mailing to 1,492 residential and business

addresses, letter/email notifications to elected representatives, MPs, parishes, statutory consultees, landowners, social media, press releases and an advert in the local newspaper (Hunts Post).

Applicant's statutory consultation:

A five-week statutory public consultation took place between 24 September and 29 October 2024. The consultation presented the developed design of the Scheme, including changes made since the non-statutory consultation.

The applicant has set out in the Consultation report that the statutory consultation was advertised through a number of means: newsletter mailing to 1,606 residential and business addresses, letter/email notifications to elected representatives, MPs, parishes, statutory consultees, non-prescribed consultees, social media, local press releases and advert in the local newspaper (Hunts Post) as well as notices in national newspapers (The Guardian and London Gazette).

The Applicant held four face-to-face public exhibitions in Keysoe, Hail Weston and Little Staughton, along with a day of bookable one-to-one meetings in Pertenhall. Outside of these events, dedicated contact channels continued to be available for those who had questions about the Scheme or needed to get in contact with the project team.

3. Duty to publicise - PA2008 – section 48

This section outlines that the Applicant must publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner.

The Consultation Report provided by the Applicant contains notices that were published in the following:

- Hunts Post (18th September 2024)
- The London Gazette (24th September 2024)
- The Guardian (24th September 2024)

Conclusion

Huntingdonshire District Council considers that BSSL Cambsbed 1 Limited has carried out adequate pre-application consultation in line with Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you. Should you wish to discuss this matter further then please contact Lucy Pateman by email: [REDACTED]@huntingdonshire.gov.uk.

Yours Sincerely,

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