



## 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”.

<b>Project name</b>	Tween Bridge Solar Farm
<b>Date of request</b>	28 August 2025
<b>Deadline for AOCR</b>	11 September 2025
<b>Return to</b>	tweenbridge@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

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

<b>Local Authority</b>	City of Doncaster 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.*

<b>Assessment of Compliance - Required</b>	
<b>S42 Duty to consult</b>	Yes (if there was no statutory requirement to consult on the change we understand to have been made since the original submission, further comments are provided below)
<b>S47 Duty to consult local authority</b>	Yes (if there was no statutory requirement to consult on the change we understand to have been made since the original submission, further comments are provided below)
<b>S48 Duty to publicise</b>	Yes (if there was no statutory requirement to consult on the change



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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.*

**Please see “any other comments” section below, and associated attachments.**



Additional Comments - <i>Not compulsory</i>	
<b>S42 Duty to consult</b>	
<b>S47 Duty to consult local authority</b>	
<b>S48 Duty to publicise</b>	



<b>Any other comments</b>	<p><u>Previous Comments in respect of earlier (withdrawn) application remain applicable, and are reinforced by most recent events, as follows:</u></p> <p>City of Doncaster Council wishes to put on record that it has repeatedly raised significant concerns with the Applicant that consultation with the Council has been minimal, effectively only ensuring the minimum is achieved in terms of legal compliance. The Council has expressed its disappointment regarding this approach and has relayed its concern that this lack of meaningful engagement appears to be dictated by the Applicant's determination to meet a self-imposed and accelerated deadline for submission for Examination rather than as a tangible opportunity to positively shape the project.</p> <p>A copy of the Council's response to the Applicant's Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Report dated 26 June 2025 is provided in full for completeness.</p> <p><u>Additionally:</u></p> <p>This is further emphasised by the approach the Applicant has adopted since the original submission was made (and subsequently withdrawn).</p> <p>In this respect, CDC would like to take the opportunity to put on record that following the withdrawal of the original application, the Council sought to further engage with the Applicant by requesting information on the reasons for this. The Applicant only advised that Area F was to be omitted from the Order limits, but provided no further information or clarification on this, or the rationale for it. CDC is significantly concerned that this change has not been subject to any consultation whatsoever. Moreover, this means that the local community has not had the opportunity to understand the submitted scheme and how it might impact them, and the Council has not had any opportunity to view this from a technical perspective.</p> <p>This further demonstrates a complete lack of willingness on the part of the Applicant to engage with any affected parties in a meaningful way and the Council would ultimately question whether this meant the Applicant had actually fulfilled their statutory duties.</p> <p>A copy of the email exchange between the Council and the Applicant dated 18/19 August 2025 is also provided.</p>
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