



## Adequacy of Consultation Representation Proforma

Under *Section 55(4)(b) of the Planning Act 2008* (as amended) (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>	Beacon Fen Energy Park
<b>Date of request</b>	9 April 2025
<b>Deadline for AOCR</b>	23 April 2025
<b>Return to</b>	BeaconFen@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

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

<b>Local Authority</b>	North Kesteven 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.*

<b>Assessment of Compliance - Required</b>	
<b>S42 Duty to consult</b>	Yes
<b>S47 Duty to consult local authority</b>	Yes
<b>S48 Duty to publicise</b>	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>	
<b>S42 Duty to consult</b>	
<b>S47 Duty to consult local authority</b>	Should this be titled 'S47 Duty to consult local community'?
<b>S48 Duty to publicise</b>	
<b>Any other comments</b>	<p>The Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM) is not available on the PINS website. There is a document labelled as such but upon opening, it is Appendix 1 of the AoCM.</p> <p>The Council made representations at AoCM stage to the effect that our meetings with the developer at pre-application stage had been somewhat sporadic. We raised three specific issues around the lack of engagement over the A17 access route, the reluctance to engage in discussions over providing additional footpaths through the site and concerns over the approach to the flood risk sequential test. Comments made by the Council at PEIR stage had not been followed through with additional pre-application engagement but were to be left to the Consultation Report.</p> <p>We can report that the applicant did undertake further meetings with the Council on these topics though the detailed information provided was limited. It is noted that Appendix 7.8 of the Consultation Report includes information on how the applicant has addressed the matters raised by respondents to the S42 consultation, including the Council. This will be assessed in the Council's Local Impact Report and Written Representations.</p>