



## 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>	One Earth Solar Farm
<b>Date of request</b>	27 February 2025
<b>Deadline for AOCR</b>	13 March 2025
<b>Return to</b>	Oneearthsolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

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

<b>Local Authority</b>	Lincolnshire County 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>	<p>The applicant conducted a period of non-statutory engagement which was held in Autumn 2023. LCC did not provide comments on this non-statutory consultation.</p> <p>A Member briefing was held in September 2023 to introduce the scheme to Lincolnshire County Councillors. This included consultation with local councillors affected by the project and the portfolio holder for planning.</p> <p>LCC responded to the EIA Scoping Opinion request from the Planning Inspectorate (December 2023) and also responded to the applicant on the statutory consultation (July 2024).</p> <p>The applicant commenced early engagement with LCC which has continued throughout the pre-application period. This engagement includes regular meetings with the planning lead (approximately once per month) and technical working groups with LCCs technical specialists including, heritage and archaeology, traffic and transport, ecology and jobs and skills. This engagement occurred up until the submission of the Development Consent Order.</p>
<b>S47 Duty to consult local authority</b>	<p>The applicant produced a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). The applicant consulted with LCC on the draft (February 2024) and final (April 2024) versions of the SoCC.</p> <p>The applicant held several public consultation events during the consultation period and offered various methods for responses to be received in accordance with the SoCC.</p>
<b>S48 Duty to publicise</b>	
<b>Any other comments</b>	<p>Lincolnshire County Council considers that the applicant has carried out adequate pre-application consultation in line with Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the 2008 Planning Act.</p>