



## 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>	Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park
<b>Date of request</b>	Tuesday 1 July 2025
<b>Deadline for AOCR</b>	Tuesday 15 July 2025
<b>Return to</b>	<a href="mailto:GreatNorthRoadSolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk">GreatNorthRoadSolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk</a>

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

<b>Local Authority</b>	Melton Borough 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 / No
<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>Melton Borough Council was consulted on Phase two (9<sup>th</sup> January 2025). A response was submitted on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February. This does not appear on document 'GNR_5.1.11_Section 42 Applicant Response Table'</p> <p>The comment was as follows: <i>Our only concern relates to the visual impact to prominent assets at the North and Northwest of our Borough that are facing the Vale of Belvoir (and consequently the proposal). These include, for example, Belvoir Castle. Given the location (valley) and scale of the proposal, we would expect appropriate visual mitigation in order to protect the historic environment and natural assets in our Borough and, from the information in the booklet, it is not clear if these features have been taken into consideration in your landscaping mitigation.</i></p>
<b>S47 Duty to consult local authority</b>	<p>Isn't this the duty for community consultation, rather than the duty to consult local authorities? We cannot confirm if the information as given in the supplementary documents is accurate or not.</p>
<b>S48 Duty to publicise</b>	
<b>Any other comments</b>	