



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	Meridian Solar Farm
Date of request	23 March 2026
Deadline for AOCR	06 April 2026
Return to	meridiansolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

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

Local Authority	Boston 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.

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	It is acknowledged that Boston Borough Council was identified as a Category 'A' authority (a neighbouring local authority) under Section 43 of the PA2008. Consequently, they were formally consulted under Section 42(1)(b) as a statutory consultee during the Stage Two statutory consultation.
S47 Duty to consult local authority	
S48 Duty to publicise	
Any other comments	Whilst Boston is a neighbouring authority we would question the level of engagement that occurred with the council throughout the process.