



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	The Droves Solar Farm
Date of request	20 November 2025
Deadline for AOCR	04 December 2025
Return to	Thedrovessolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

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

Local Authority	Norfolk 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.

Assessment of Compliance - Required	
S42 Duty to consult	Yes / No
S47 Duty to consult local authority	Yes / No
S48 Duty to publicise	Yes / No

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	The County Council's response in relation to the Duties under s.42 and s.47 relates to the consultation undertaken by the applicant with Norfolk County Council, albeit the County Council is not aware of any reasons to consider that the duties have not been complied with in relation to any other local authority.
S47 Duty to consult local authority	The County Council's response in relation to the Duties under s.42 and s.47 relates to the consultation undertaken by the applicant with Norfolk County Council, albeit the County Council is not aware of any reasons to consider that the duties have not been complied with in relation to any other local authority.
S48 Duty to publicise	
Any other comments	While County Council considers that the statutory consultation processes have been adequately undertaken by the applicant it has been disappointed by the lack of a more structured/formal non-statutory consultation undertaken prior to the publication and consultation on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (s.42 of the 2008 Planning Act).