

Date: 23 March 2026  
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**BY EMAIL**

For the attention of:  
Robert Cook  
Planning Inspectorate  
c/o QUADIENT  
69 Buckingham Avenue  
Slough  
SL1 4PN

Dear Robert,

**Application by East Pye Solar Ltd for an order granting development consent for the  
East Pye Solar project**

**Adequacy of Consultation**

Thank you for the notification of the above application for Development Consent. It is understood that the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) has until 03 April 2026 to determine whether to accept the application. During this time local authorities have until 23 March 2026 to submit a representation regarding the pre-application consultation. Please therefore accept this letter as a response from Suffolk County Council (SCC) to the Planning Inspectorate's request for comments on the adequacy of consultation undertaken by the applicant during pre-application stage.

For ease, I have completed the requested proforma and this can be found within appendix A.

It is understood that it is for the Planning Inspectorate to determine whether the applicant has complied with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) in order to accept the application. It is SCC's view that it has no reason to question that East Pye Solar Ltd have not complied with the statutory requirement set out in sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended).

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]  
Senior Planning Officer (NSIPs)  
Growth, Highways & Infrastructure  
Suffolk County Council

## Appendix A



The Planning Inspectorate  
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### 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>	East Pye Solar
<b>Date of request</b>	05 March 2026
<b>Deadline for AOCR</b>	23 March 2026
<b>Return to</b>	eastpyesolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

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

<b>Local Authority</b>	Suffolk 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 - *Not compulsory***

<b>S42 Duty to consult</b>	
<b>S47 Duty to consult local authority</b>	
<b>S48 Duty to publicise</b>	
<b>Any other comments</b>	