



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	Whitestone Solar Farm
Date of request	11 June 2026
Deadline for AOCR	25 June 2026
Return to	whitestonesolarfarm@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

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

Local Authority	Sheffield City 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	<p>Sheffield City Council is identified as a relevant authority under 42(1)(b) of the PA 2008. We are a type “A” (neighbouring Local Authority) under section 43(2)(b) of the Act. This is acknowledged by the applicant in their Consultation Report, Table 6.2 “Relevant Local Authorities for Consultation under s42(1)(b).</p> <p>However, Sheffield City Council has no record of being consulted on the proposal under the terms of the Act. We only have record of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A “Request for consultation over Indirect Effects to Setting and supporting visualisations” (sent on 13th October 2025), in specific relation to a Draft Environmental Statement being prepared by Environmental Resources Management Limited (ERM) on behalf of Whitestone Net Zero Limited. We consider this to be separate to the requirement to consult Sheffield City Council under S42 of the Act.• Consultation request from the Planning Inspectorate (24 April 2025) regarding an Environmental Statement (ES) Scoping Opinion. <p>It should also be noted that there is no response from Sheffield City Council under Appendix E 1.2 (Feedback from s42(1)(b) and applicant responses) of the Consultation Report.</p>
S47 Duty to consult local authority	<p>Section 47(2) of the Act requires the applicant to consult each local authority identified in section 43(1) about what is to be in the statement of community consultation. Similar to the point raised under s42, Sheffield City Council has no record of consultation under this section of the Act.</p> <p>It should also be noted that there is no response from Sheffield City Council under Appendix F (Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Report) of the Consultation Report.</p>
S48 Duty to publicise	No comments
Any other comments	These comments only relate to compliance with the above sections of the Planning Act, Sheffield City Council may provide further comment on the proposals at the appropriate time.