



## 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”.

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| <b>Project name</b>      | Sea Link  |
| <b>Date of request</b>   | 28 March 2025                                   |
| <b>Deadline for AOCR</b> | 11 April 2025                                   |
| <b>Return to</b>         | southeastanglialink@planninginspectorate.gov.uk |

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

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| <b>Local Authority</b> | Cambridgeshire 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> |     |
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| <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 - <i>Not compulsory</i> |  |
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| <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>                   |  |

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Dear Ms Harraway

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 55 Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the South East Anglia Link, Adequacy of Consultation request**

I am responding on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council to your email communication of 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025 regarding the above.

Having had regard to Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act, I am of the view that National Grid Electricity Transmission Ltd has carried out adequate pre-application consultation in accordance with the provisions as set out in Sections 42, 47 and 48.

The Applicant has correctly identified Cambridgeshire County Council as a neighbouring authority to be a Section 43 consultee of the statutory consultation and having read the Applicant's Consultation Report I am satisfied that they have undertaken a thorough and inclusive consultation program in support of the South East Anglia Link scheme. In this respect, Cambridgeshire County Council considers the Applicant's consultation to be adequate in line with Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Planning