



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	Norwich to Tilbury Project
Date of request	01 September 2025
Deadline for AOCR	15 September 2025
Return to	NorwichToTilbury@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

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

Local Authority	East Suffolk 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	Section 42 requires consultation with Local Planning Authorities (LPAs), which has been carried out.
S47 Duty to consult local authority	Section 47 requires consultation with the local community in accordance with the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), which has also been undertaken.
S48 Duty to publicise	Section 48 requires the applicant to publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner, which has been fulfilled.
Any other comments	Although these statutory obligations have been satisfied, we wish to strongly emphasise that the quality and effectiveness of engagement could, and should, be significantly improved. We encourage a more meaningful and transparent approach to consultation to ensure local communities and stakeholders are better informed and able to contribute constructively.