



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	Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project
Date of request	29 May 2026
Deadline for AOCR	12 June 2026
Return to	HampshireWaterProject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

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

Local Authority	Hampshire 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
S47 Duty to consult local community	Yes
S48 Duty to publicise	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>	
S42 Duty to consult	<p>Hampshire County Council has reviewed the applicant's Consultation Report (May 2026).</p> <p>The County Council is a 'relevant Section 43(1) local authority', as listed (Category C), and was consulted on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statutory Summer 2024 Consultation• Statutory Spring 2025 Consultation• Statutory Autumn 2025 Targeted Consultation (by letter) (see below)• Statutory Spring 2026 Targeted Consultations (by letter) <p>The County Council will not comment on whether these duties have been met with regard to other interested parties or other authorities.</p>
S47 Duty to consult local community	<p>Hampshire County Council was consulted on the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) Mar-April 2024 (s47(2)).</p> <p>Hampshire County Council has reviewed the applicant's Consultation Report (May 2026) and it has no evidence contrary to section 9.5 and 10.5 (Section 47 consultation), regarding the duty to consult the local community.</p> <p>The County Council will not comment on whether these duties have been met with regard to other interested parties or other authorities.</p>
S48 Duty to publicise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statutory Summer 2024 Consultation.• Statutory Spring 2025 Consultation (including design refinements) <p>The County Council can confirm that it was formally consulted via a Section 48 notification on these statutory consultations, which included the PEIR, and responded formally to both.</p> <p>Hampshire County Council has reviewed the applicant's Consultation Report (May 2026) and has no evidence contrary to the publicity activity set out in sections 9.6 and 10.6 of the Report.</p> <p>The County Council will not comment on whether these duties have been met with regard to other interested parties or other authorities.</p>



Any other comments	<p>The County Council has reviewed the Consultation Report Annex 1 – Consultation Compliance Checklist and has no further comments about compliance.</p> <p>For completeness, the County Council would like to highlight potential issues with the Autumn 2025 Targeted Consultation (Appendix H). Letter shown in H.3 (including reference to accompanying information sheets) was not received physically or electronically in September 2025 by the planning team. This is not to say the letter was not sent by post.</p> <p>As a result, it is shown in the tables in H.9 that no comments were provided by Hampshire County Council on the eight design refinements.</p> <p>Page 66 of the Consultation Report Annex 1 states: “Consultation was undertaken with those whose land was directly affected or had a property interest”. The letter dated 10 September 2025 shown in H.3 (appendix H) states: “I am now writing regarding our Autumn 2025 Targeted Consultation in your capacity as a local authority, and as a Highway Authority with an interest in land that may be affected by the Project”.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the reason why the County Council was targeted for this consultation, the Highway Authority did not formally respond to this targeted consultation. The County Council is not concerned about this.</p>
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