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The Applicant
Lincolnshire County Council
South Holland District Council

Our Ref: EN010169
Date: 31 July 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

Application by Meridian Solar Farm Limited for an order granting development consent for the Meridian Solar Farm project

Planning Act 2008 – section 89(3)

Procedural decision

We are writing to inform you that the Examining Authority (ExA) has made a procedural decision to request the submission of further Statements of common ground (SoCG) including principal areas of disagreement summary statements and statement of commonality between the applicant and the following parties:

- Lincolnshire County Council
- South Holland District Council

Where a particular SoCG cannot be agreed between the parties by **deadline 1** (Tuesday 22 September 2026 in the draft timetable), or if any local authority position needs to be signed off at a higher level, draft versions of that SoCG are requested to be submitted by the applicant to **deadline 1**. The position of the relevant interested parties should then be confirmed in the course of the examination. The draft examination timetable makes provision for updated SoCGs to be submitted at various deadlines with final versions by deadline 8. The content of SoCGs will help to inform the ExA about the need to hold any issue specific hearings during the examination, and to enable the ExA and the applicant to give notice of such hearings in advance of them taking place.

Further information regarding the aims, purpose and content of a SoCG can be found in Part 2 of [Annex F of our Rule 6 letter](#) dated 23 July 2026.

If you have any queries on these matters, please do not hesitate to contact our office using the contact details at the head of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Cassini

Helen Cassini
Lead panel member for the Examining Authority

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