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Dear Sir/Madam,

Lincolnshire County Council IP Ref. F94E6834D
Procedural Deadline A response
Meridian Solar Farm EN010169

With reference to the Examining Authority's Rule 6 letter for the Meridian Solar Farm Project dated 23 July 2026, and the invitation for written submissions on how the application is to be examined, the Council wish to make the following comments.

Firstly, in respect of the draft Examination timetable at Annex D, the Council notes that the period between publication of the ExA's second written questions (ExQ2) (Friday 18th December) and Deadline 5 for receipt of responses to those questions (Thursday 07 January 2027) is only 11 working days and falls at a time when there is likely to be more limited staff availability, owing to existing and potential leave commitments over the Christmas period.

Given this situation, the Council respectfully requests whether there is the option to bring forward the ExQ2 publication by 1 week (to Friday 11 December), thereby allowing a slightly longer period for responses to be prepared to achieve the Deadline 5 date, which we suggest remains unchanged.

Secondly, this letter confirms that the Council intends to have three representatives at the first Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) scheduled for Wednesday 9th September 2026, namely:

- [REDACTED] – Infrastructure Manager, LCC
- [REDACTED] – Principal Infrastructure Officer – LCC
- [REDACTED] – Counsel on behalf of LCC, Landmark Chambers

The Event Participation Form has been completed accordingly.

We look forward to working with the Examining Authority and all other parties in due course.

Yours faithfully,

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On Behalf of

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Head of Planning