

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

Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) Strategic Matters

Date: 09 September 2026

Venue: Allia Future Business Centre Peterborough, Peterborough Conference Room, Peterborough United Football Club, London Road, Peterborough, PE2 8AN and MS Teams

Action points

No	Agenda item and Party	Action	Deadline
1	Item 4 - to Applicant	Provide clarification note confirming whether agricultural land would be restored to its original agricultural land classification grade, how this would be secured and what the implications for productivity if restoration isn't possible following decommissioning.	D1
2	Item 4 - to Applicant	Provide clarification note confirming the use of water for extinguishment of fires on project infrastructure.	D1
3	Item 4 - to Applicant	Provide details of the site selection process to aid examination of the proposals having regard to National Policy Statement (NPS) EN-1 paragraph 4.3.15, including reference to policies protecting best and most versatile and application of the Sequential Test for flooding.	D1
4	Item 4 - to NGET	Issues with respect to siting of pylons, length of overhead lines between pylons, and height of pylons/overhead line. Provide further details of these potential issues and where along the grid connection route they would occur.	D1
5	Item 5 - to Applicant	Provide a figure that combines sheet 3 of Figure 2-6: Solar Development Area and Inter-Array Connections Illustrative Construction Layout Plan [APP-078] and sheet 9 of Figure 2-7: Grid Connection Route Illustrative Construction Layout [APP-079] with specific regard to the locations of the construction compounds associated with these sheets.	D1

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6	Item 7 – to Applicant	Confirm and signpost the latest flood risk modelling on which the assessment is based in the revised flood risk assessment (and any future iterations).	D1
7	Item 7 – to Applicant	Provide an explanation in writing of how the modelled Flood Zone 3a is the 'default' Flood Zone 2 at the site.	D1
8	Item 7- to Applicant	Provide detailed evidence of how the sequential approach has been applied to the layout and design of the project (construction and operation).	D2
9	Item 7 - to Applicant	Provide a Draft Emergency Plan illustrating safe access and escape routes (for both construction and operation), developed in consultation with the relevant consultees and with reference to NPS EN-1 paragraphs 5.8.15, and 5.8.33 to 5.8.36.	D2
10	Item 7- to Applicant	Provide a draft water resource strategy/ plan taking into consideration the comments made by Anglian Water Services and the Environment Agency. This should include reference to NPS EN-1 paragraphs 5.16.9 and 5.16.17.	D2
11	Item 9 - to Applicant	Provide clarification note regarding the community fund. To include justification for why proposed fund sits outside of the examination, how the fund would be secured, which parties have been consulted with and how the proposed figure was calculated.	D1