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Our ref: 558999
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Dear [REDACTED]

NSIP Reference Name / Code: Meridian Solar Farm Project - 558999
Interested Party reference: TBC

Title: Natural England's Written Representations

Examining Authority's submission deadline: 22 September 2026

Natural England (NE) is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England's full detailed comments on this application can be found in our Relevant Representations (**RR-140**), which were 'front-loaded' to ease engagement through examination. As a result, the contents of this letter are intended to summarise any updates to our advice, without repetition of the advice already provided.

Ongoing engagement between NE & the Applicant:

Since the submission of our Relevant Representations, Natural England have been in contact with the applicant via bi-weekly catch up calls. NE also attended a Soils & BMV land Meeting, alongside LCC, to discuss the soils related matters raised in our relevant representations.

Summary of Updated Advice:

A full update regarding all points raised in NE's Relevant Representations can be found in the 'Risk and Issues Log', submitted alongside this letter. It is our intention that the Risk and Issues Log can continue to be updated and submitted to your authority at relevant deadlines, to maintain a clear record of issues tracking throughout examination. NE will also continue to engage with the applicant to develop their Statement of Common Ground.

As yet, Natural England's advice remains as stated in our Relevant Representations (RR). Discussions are ongoing with the applicant on all of the Amber and Yellow issues¹ set out in our RR; it is expected that various updates and further information will be submitted at Deadline 1 for our review. Natural England will provide further advice on these updates at deadline 2.

For any further advice on this consultation please contact consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

¹ As defined in our Relevant Representations: [RR-140](#).

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