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Deadline 1: Environment Agency Written Representation
Meridian Solar Farm

Dear Madam ,

Following our Relevant Representation (RR) [RR-047] dated 02/07/2026 we continue to engage with the Applicant and their consultants on the flood modelling and breach modelling and associated Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) for the Proposed Development (meeting 15/07/2026 and subsequent review of modelling outputs). These documents are being refined in the light of our comments but at the time of writing the FRA and supporting modelling are not ready to be signed off.

We have also had engagement (meeting held 07/09/2026) with the applicant regarding the concerns we raised in our RR concerning fluvial geomorphology and the potential use of culverts and we await review of revised documents to be submitted at Deadline 1.

Our current position is reflected in the interim Statement of Common Ground (SoCG), as agreed with, and to be submitted by, the applicant at Deadline 1.

Please see Appendix 1: Summary of Environment Agency position below which provides more details on our progress towards overcoming each RR issue.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1 Summary of Environment Agency Position

Subject	Work package	Scope	Method and Assumptions	Results of Assessment	Mitigation / Enhancements	Requirement	Relevant Representation
DCO							EA1, EA2, EA3, EA4, EA5, EA6
Ecology & Fisheries	ES Chapter 9 – Ecology and Biodiversity						EA24, EA25, EA26, EA27, EA28, EA29, EA30
Water Resources	Water Supply Assessment & Strategy						
Flood Risk	Flood Risk Assessment						EA7, EA8, EA9, EA10, EA11, EA12, EA13, EA14,
	Hydraulic modelling						EA15, EA16, EA17, EA18, EA19, EA20
Water Quality	ES Chapter 11 – Hydrology and Flood Risk						EA35, EA36

	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan					13	EA22, EA23, EA33, EA34, EA38, EA39, EA40
	Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan					14	EA23, EA40, EA42, EA43, EA44
	Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan						EA23
	Outline drainage strategy					11	EA37
	Water Environment Regulations Compliance/WFD						EA41
	Outline Battery Safety Management Plan					6	EA43, EA44
Groundwater & Contaminated Land	Ground Conditions Assessment						EA21
Geomorphology	Water Environment Regulations Compliance/WFD						EA31, EA32,