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FAO: Naoual Margoum (Case Officer)
6 October 2026

Dear Ms Margoum,

Planning Act 2008 – Application for a Development Consent Order for the Meridian Solar Farm (Ref. EN010169) – Deadline 2 Submission

This letter is drafted to accompany the Deadline 2 submission from Meridian Solar Farm Limited ('the Applicant'). In its Rule 8 Letter [PD-008], the Examining Authority ('the ExA') has requested the following information of relevance to the Applicant to be submitted at Deadline 2:

- Comments on Written Representations;
- Comments on Local Impact Reports; and
- Comments on any other information or submission received by Deadline 1.

Comments on Written Representations

A total of 29 Written Representations were submitted by Interested Parties (IPs) at Deadline 1. The **Applicant's Comments on Written Representations** (Doc Ref. 8.32) sets out the Applicant's response to the matters raised.

In some cases, the Applicant has previously responded to these points within the **Relevant Representations Report** [REP1-047]. Where this is the case, and no new or different points are made, the Applicant has cross-referred to the relevant section of the report rather than reproducing the response in full. Likewise, where matters are already covered within a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with an IP, the Applicant has not reproduced those responses, and has cross-referenced to the relevant SoCG.

Comments on Local Impact Reports

Local Impact Reports were received from South Holland District Council and Lincolnshire County Council at Deadline 1. The **Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports** (Doc Ref. 8.33) provides the Applicant's response to the matters raised.

In some cases, the Applicant has previously responded to these points within the **Relevant Representations Report** [REP1-047]. Where this is the case, and no new or different points are made, the Applicant has cross-referred to the relevant section of the report rather than reproducing the response in full. Likewise, where matters are already covered within a Statement of Common Ground with a local authority, the Applicant has not reproduced those responses, and has cross-referenced to the relevant SoCG.

Comments on any other information or submission received by Deadline 1

The Applicant has provided a number of new and updated documents in response to actions arising from ISH1 [EV3-008] and to further engagement with stakeholders, including requests for updates made through the representations received to date.

As a result, the Applicant has produced or updated the following documents:

- **ES Figure 12-3: Public Rights of Way and National Cycle Network** (Doc Ref. 6.2 Rev 1);
- **Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan – Appendix A: Outline Flood Emergency Response Plan** (Doc Ref. 7.10);
- **Outline Battery Safety Management Plan** (Doc Ref. 7.18 Rev 1);
- **Historic Farmsteads Group Value Assessment** (Doc Ref. 8.34);
- **Post ISH1 Note: Strategic Site Selection** (Doc Ref. 8.35);
- **Post ISH1 Note: Sequential and Exception Tests** (Doc Ref. 8.36); and
- **Water Supply Strategy** (Doc Ref. 8.37).

Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs)

The Applicant has submitted updated SoCGs at Deadline 2 with the following parties:

- **Statement of Common Ground with Environment Agency** (Doc Ref. 8.12 Rev 1); and
- **Statement of Common Ground with Historic England** (Doc Ref. 8.14 Rev 1).

The **Statement of Commonality** (Doc Ref. 8.9 Rev 1) has been updated to summarise the latest status of matters, organised thematically by stakeholder.

Submission of updated and additional documents

The Applicant has submitted a number of new and updated application documents at Deadline 2 in response outstanding actions from ISH1 and to further engagement with stakeholders.

The table below sets out the updated and new documents submitted for ease of reference, including the reason for submission. The **Navigation Document** (Doc Ref. 1.4 Rev 3) provides a comprehensive list of all new and updated to documents throughout the examination stage, including the reason for submission.

Updated or Additional Document	Document Title and Reference	Reason for Submission
Updated	**Navigation Document** (Doc Ref. 1.4 Rev 3) (Clean and tracked change versions supplied)	To update references to documents referred to within this submission.
Updated	**ES Figure 12-3: Public Rights of Way and National Cycle Network** (Doc Ref. 6.2 Rev 1)	Updated in response to Lincolnshire County Council's (LCC) Local Impact Report comments to identify MacMillan Way long-distance route and label the National Cycle Network routes that have been considered within **ES Chapter 12: Landscape and Visual** [APP-063].
New	**Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan – Appendix A: Outline Flood Emergency Response Plan** (Doc Ref. 7.10)	The provision of an emergency plan was requested by the ExA at ISH1 as part of the post-hearing actions [EV3-008].
Updated	**Outline Battery Safety Management Plan** (Doc Ref. 7.18 Rev 1) (Clean and tracked change versions supplied)	Updated to respond to comments raised by the Environment Agency in its relevant representation and LCC in its Local Impact

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		Report, as well as to reflect the most recently agreed positions in other solar and BESS DCOs.
Updated	**Statement of Commonality** (Doc Ref. 8.9 Rev 1) (Clean and tracked change versions supplied)	To reflect the updated positions with the SoCGs submitted at Deadline 2.
Updated	**Statement of Common Ground with Environment Agency** (Doc Ref. 8.12 Rev 1) (Clean and tracked change versions supplied)	To reflect the updated position on matters discussed with the Environment Agency since Deadline 1.
Updated	**Statement of Common Ground with Historic England** (Doc Ref. 8.14 Rev 1) (Clean and tracked change versions supplied)	To reflect the updated position on matters discussed with Historic England since Deadline 1.
New	**Applicant's Comments on Written Representations** (Doc Ref. 8.32)	To provide a response to the matters raised in the Written Representations, as requested by the ExA at Deadline 2 as per the Rule 8 Letter [PD-008].
New	**Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Reports** (Doc Ref. 8.33)	To provide a response to the matters raised in the Local Impact Reports, as requested by the ExA at Deadline 2 as per the Rule 8 Letter [PD-008].
New	**Historic Farmsteads Group Value Assessment** (Doc Ref. 8.34)	Assessment produced at the request of LCC in its relevant representation and Local Impact Report.
New	**Post ISH1 Note: Strategic Site Selection** (Doc Ref. 8.35)	As requested by the ExA as part of the post-hearing actions [EV3-008].
New	**Post ISH1 Note: Sequential and Exception Tests** (Doc Ref. 8.36)	As requested by the ExA as part of the post-hearing actions [EV3-008].
New	**Water Supply Strategy** (Doc Ref. 8.37)	As requested by the ExA as part of the post-hearing actions [EV3-008].

The Applicant trusts that the above is helpful and would be grateful for the ExA's confirmation as to whether the approach set out above would be acceptable. Should the ExA require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact [redacted] at [redacted] or +[redacted]

Kind regards,

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