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To Whom It May Concern,

Please find attached Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust's response to application H22-0566-26. Just as a note, this development falls within the scheme boundary of the grid connection corridor for the Meridian Solar project, which is currently at the pre-examination stage with the planning inspectorate.

Please let me know if you have any queries.

Best Regards,

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13th July 2026

RESPONSE TO H22-0566-26: Erection of a free range egg laying unit including egg packing and storage building, feed silos and associated infrastructure at Land East of Delgate Bank, Weston.

Dear Mark Niland,

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust wishes to make the following **comments** on this application.

We are concerned about the increasing number of poultry units across Lincolnshire, and their impacts on the environment. With increasingly numerous proposed application, we strongly recommend that a cumulative impact assessment of poultry waste disposal should be undertaken. As a case point, we refer to the successful 2025 River Action case against Shropshire Council in the River Severn catchment, which was on the basis of a failure to assess cumulative impacts of an intensive livestock unit in the area, along with a failure to assess indirect environmental impacts. We also refer to the March 2025 High Court ruling that the classification of chicken manure by Herefordshire County Council as a “waste material” requiring a waste management plan was lawful, and acknowledged that nutrient run-off of phosphorus and nitrogen can lead to eutrophication of watercourses, causing significant ecological harm.

Additionally, The Wildlife Trusts’ recent report quantifying poultry production in the UK calculated that Lincolnshire has around 23 million chickens at any one time. This is however an estimate, as the data does not exist to monitor poultry numbers, meaning that the extent of the environmental ramifications are not known. The applicant states that *“It should be noted that the spreading of poultry manure from this unit does not represent an addition of nutrients to the land beyond what would otherwise be applied.”* Whilst we are pleased that poultry manure will not be applied in addition to artificial fertiliser, the potential variability of nutrient content within poultry manure means it is difficult to quantify the concentrations being applied to the land, and without a waste management plan the potential effects of this cannot be understood. The site is near Moulton Mere drain, and with the chickens being free range there is potential for runoff of waste into the watercourse. With many new poultry units being built in East Lindsey, we reiterate our strong recommendation that a cumulative impact assessment of poultry waste disposal should be undertaken by the council, and that data on the number of chickens within Lincolnshire is recorded. We would also like to see a waste management plan with this application to show how manure will be applied to the land.

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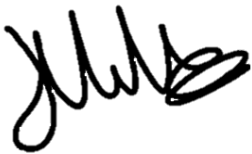


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In addition, the Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) metric currently shows that moderate condition woodland will be created on site. The BNG report states that protective fencing will be installed around the woodland to protect from damage, although the woodland appears to be within the ranging area. If the woodland is located within the chicken ranging area, it will be unable to reach moderate condition, and should be listed as poor.

The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust hopes these comments are helpful at this stage and welcomes further discussion relating to the points covered. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or need clarification regarding the comments provided.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louisa Williams', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Louisa Williams
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