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Subject: Unfair NSIP timetable
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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

I received my rule 6 letter today for the West Burton Solar Project.

Could you please explain to me why the examination timetable runs almost in parallel to the supposedly separate Cottam Solar Project, also by Island Green Power.

Are these, quite rightfully now being treated as one project?

These two applications were submitted many weeks apart, but are now to be examined at the same time, but by different Examining Authorities.

If they are still to be examined separately, then why were we advised that the 4 solar NSIPs that are proposed within a few miles of each other. West Burton, Cottam, Gate Burton and Tillbridge would have staggered examinations to enable fair community participation.

The message received today has been a real kick in the teeth and signals that local engagement is not considered important in this process.

This issue needs to be addressed as it is clearly unfair to expect the public to engage fully on multiple NSIPs without breathing space between hearings and deadlines.

6 months between each Examination to allow full participation would be fair, and is not a lot to ask?

One NSIP is difficult enough to get involved with but four at once would be impossible for most and is therefore undeniably wrong.

Please reconsider this timetable. Or as all four are all linked together, examine them as one?

Kind regards,

Simon Skelton.