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I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my concerns regarding the separate planning processes for the two adjacent solar farm projects, Cottam and West Burton and the other 2 also being considered, in our community. I believe it is essential that these projects be considered together rather than independently. The benefits of such a joint consideration are numerous, including the efficient use of resources, better environmental assessment, and a more comprehensive approach to community impact.

It is clear that these solar farm projects share geographical proximity, and any decision made regarding one project is likely to impact the other. By evaluating these projects jointly, we can avoid redundant assessments and streamline the planning process, thus saving valuable time and resources for both the developers and the relevant regulatory bodies and members of the local community.

Furthermore, a comprehensive evaluation of the environmental impact of these projects, when considered together, would provide a more accurate assessment of potential consequences. The cumulative effects on local wildlife, soil quality, water sources, and other ecological factors should be thoroughly examined. Approaching these projects separately may lead to a fragmented understanding of the potential environmental risks and hamper the effectiveness of mitigation measures.

Additionally, considering the community impact of both projects in unison allows for a more holistic assessment of factors such as visual aesthetics, noise levels, traffic patterns, and overall land use. By doing so, we can ensure that the collective benefits to our community are maximized, and any potential challenges are appropriately addressed.

I strongly urge you to encourage the relevant authorities to evaluate these adjacent solar farm projects together. This approach aligns with the principles of efficient resource utilization, comprehensive environmental assessment, and a community-focused perspective. It will ultimately result in a more well-informed and balanced decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that your commitment to our community's well-being will guide your actions in this important issue.

Kind regard

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