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To the Planning Inspector:

Re: West Burton and Cottam Solar Farm Applications

Thank you for my recent emails which gave me cause for concern....

My understanding was that the Inspectorate had previously said that the schemes could not be examined together, and that the schemes would be examined independently on completely different timelines to enable interested parties to understand the vast amounts of data and to make appropriate submissions.

It looks as though the two schemes, West Burton and Cottam are running concurrently on 5th, 6th and 7th of September.

If both schemes are ready why can't they be examined as a single entity?...or is it simply that the Planning Inspectorate are aiming at public exclusion whilst giving the schemes an unfair advantage by creating confusion and prejudice?

If public participation is to be encouraged, and each development is to be considered separately then a gap of at least three months between hearings might allow the public to participate in a more informed way.

I hope you are able to take my comments into consideration.

Yours Sincerely

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