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Dear Sirs, Madams,

It is with regret I feel compelled to write with my displeasure regarding the current planning timeline of the Cottam Solar Project and the West Burton Solar project.

Such projects as these and their impact to the local area, local people, and collective impact on farming yield, particularly when seen in context with the other planned projects require and must have the true opinions from those it will be effecting most. Allowing the public to have time and opportunity it key. The process of having a day and keeping up with one project in addition to normal daily life is a challenge in itself. Not like Island Green Power who is bringing these projects, they have a huge advantage in having paid employees who spend their days following the steps, and for anyone trying to have a fair chance at opposition, we as individuals have to get our heads around it in our own time, without previous experience or expertise. Why would the planning process be made even more complicated to disadvantage the public to make it harder to ensure they get the chance to express their feelings of strong opposition to these projects, at the right time and to the right place. To make it easier, as the impact will be commutative, surely these should be considered together? If they're ready together, surely this makes sense?

If they are to be considered separately, they examining period should be reasonably spread, of at least 2-3 months.

I have to confess, trying to keep on top of one project is hard enough, this is a HUGE deal for people in this area and for the UK population who are keen to maintain food security. Why make it even harder for us?

I do hope the planning inspectorate will consider these sorts of things. I live in hope.

Best regards,  
Anna