

I wish to make 2 points.

Firstly, I appreciate that the ExA suspended the Preliminary Meeting for the West Burton NSIP due to concerns over timetable clashes between this and the other adjacent solar NSIPs in West Lindsay. However, the new timetable re-introduces the same issue. For example, the week commencing 20th November requires local residents to respond to deadlines for the Gate Burton (20th Nov), Cottam (21st Nov) and West Burton (24 Nov) NSIPs. As these schemes are in close proximity, most local residents will wish to respond to all 3 consultations, as well as 2 other NSIPs at the Pre-Application stage, and 1 sub NSIP solar application. As each application makes a slightly different case, and makes different claims over the disputed benefits they will bring, local residents cannot make a generic response to the schemes. I request that the Preliminary Meeting is delayed until the Gate Burton and Cottam NSIPs are completed.

Secondly, I request that future hearings are held near to the proposed scheme and not in Lincoln. There are suitable venues in and around Gainsborough that could accommodate hearings.