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WEST BURTON SOLAR 1, 2 and 3

Following receipt of an email from the Examining Authority dated 11 October 2023 setting out the Revised draft Examination Timetable for the above I would like to point out that the dates set for the Hearings and Deadlines are still running correspondingly close to those of the other NSIPs currently in examination.

For example Cottam (Island Green Power) Hearing Timetable dates below :-

- Tuesday 5 December, 10:00am – Issue Specific Hearing 2 – Environmental Matters
- Tuesday 5 December, 2:00pm – Issue Specific Hearing 3 – Environmental Matters
- Wednesday 6 December, 10:00am – Issue Specific Hearing 4 – Environmental Matters
- Thursday 7 December, 1:00pm – Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1
- Thursday 7 December, 5:30pm – Open Floor Hearing 2
- Friday 9 December, 10:00am – Issue Specific Hearing 5 – Draft Development Consent Order

West Burton (Island Green Power) Timetable as per 11 October 2023 email from Examining Authority:-

- Wednesday 8 November, 3:00pm - Resumed Preliminary Meeting
- Wednesday, 8 November, 6:00pm – Open Floor Hearing 1
- Thursday, 9 November, 10:00am - Issue Specific Hearing 1
- Friday, 1 December - Publication by the ExA of First Written Questions (if required)
- Thursday, 7 December - Deadline 1A
- Friday, 15 December – Deadline 2

The draft Examination Timetables for the NSIPs currently under examination, ie Cottam, West Burton and Gate Burton, also include a series of numbered Deadlines for receipt of written submissions and I am still concerned I and other interested parties will not have time to adequately assess each scheme and make submissions, attend hearings and participate in the process. A greater period of time needs to be provided between each NSIPs examination timetable to help residents prepare and become involved.

Accessing the Aspen Suite, Hilton Doubletree, Brayford Wharf North, Lincoln for the West Burton meetings is difficult as I, and no doubt other people do not wish to pay costly car parking charges and consequently may not attend. In addition, this location is well away from the areas affected by these solar schemes and it would help if such meetings could be held, for example, at the Lincolnshire Showground where parking is free.

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