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Dear sir

I am writing on behalf of Brampton Meeting, at reading of The Planning Inspectorate's intention to start the examination of the Cottam Solar Project on the 5th September, immediately before the examination start of the West Burton Solar Project on the 7th September.

We had been advised by The Planning Inspectorate that the examinations for the four NSIP's in the West Lindsey District would be separated in timetabling to allow interested parties to manage the large amount of information, make the many submissions, meet deadlines, attend hearings and attempt to understand the implications of these proposed schemes for themselves and their communities. This is unreasonable - or, more cynically, perhaps it is a strategy to make engagement more difficult!

The recent publishing of the 7th September for the Preliminary Meeting for the Cottam Solar Project, along with West Burton Solar Project examination beginning the same week, are not acceptable for our village or for other parties affected by the four NSIP's in the West Lindsey District.

We urge the Planning Inspectorate to re-assess the timings of these meetings and take into account our needs. To not do so, seems prejudicial and will lead to interested parties being displaced and removed from the process. The inspectorate seem to miss the point that this consultation exercise is alienating ordinary people who will be personally affected by these proposals.

In addition, this arrangement of dates also seems contradictory on The Planning Inspectorate's behalf in that, it has stated that the four projects, Gate Burton, Cottam Solar, West Burton Solar and Tillbridge Solar, were to be examined independently and that logistics of arranging them collectively would not be possible. This new development of published dates for the West Burton and Cottam Solar Project's, undermines The

Planning Inspectorate's position in this regard.

I await your response and will communicate that to our village.

Sent from my iPad