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Dear Sir.

I refer to your letter regarding Rule 6, that you are about to commence the examination for the West Burton and Cottam Solar projects. You previously stated that the schemes could NOT be examined together and would be done independently of each other on different time lines, to enable interested parties to manage the huge amounts of information and make submissions. And yet here we are only a short while later about to run the 2 projects concurrently. How can this be?

Do you really think you are allowing adequate time to assess each scheme as well as making submissions and attending hearings? Are you confusing the 2 projects and being prejudiced by this, therefore allowing Island Green Power an unfair advantage?

Surely each project should be considered separately with a reasonable period of time in between for all of the above reasons. Is public participation unimportant to the inspectorate as its already 'a done deal' and this is just going through the motions?

I really think that alot more consideration is given to all solar farms. They would be taking away not only the beauty of the countryside and the habitats of the wildlife that lives there but ruining valuable growing land for decades to come, let alone taking away many jobs from the countryside. Also making a few unscrupulous men rich before they move on to the next area and see what devastation they can cause.

I urge you to give deep consideration to the damage that this will do to this area and surrounding ones when we are covered in cheap Chinese solar panels. What's happened then to carbon reduction?

Yours sincerely
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