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Good evening

On Thursday, 10 August, 2023 I received, from the Planning Inspectorate an identical email 4 times timed at 13.08 into my Inbox 'Planning Act 2008 – Section 88 and 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rules 4, 6, 9 and 13' which preceded an email also into my Inbox timed at 13.16 both in respect of EN010132: West Burton Solar Project Updates – stating 'The notification of the Preliminary Meeting (rule 6 letter) has been published' alerting me (and other Interested Parties (IPs)) that the examination for **West Burton Solar** is starting on 7th September, immediately following the examination start of the **Cottam Solar Project** on 5th and 6th September.

I understood, having attended a preliminary meeting in July for the Gate Burton Energy Park Solar Project, EN01013, that the Inspectorate had previously stated that the 3 schemes (4 including Tillbridge Solar) totalling 10,000 acres, all proposed within a few miles of one another, could not be examined together and that the schemes would be examined independently on completely different timelines to enable interested parties to manage and read the vast amount of information and be able to make submissions accordingly.

I feel obliged to put in writing my concerns as follows and, as I trust many other IPs will be feeling, this is completely unacceptable and unfair that these two programmes are running concurrently :-

- i) I will not have enough time to adequately assess each scheme and make my submissions, to attend hearings and participate in the process.
- ii) The documentation from the Planning Inspectorate, so far on the Gate Burton Solar Project alone, has consumed more of my time and my life than I ever deemed possible with work, home and family commitments and to date has become all-consuming attempting to keep on top of the process let alone the two further Projects of West Burton and Cottam Solar and is causing me some [REDACTED] to say the least and concern from my family.
- iii) I feel this is both prejudicial to me and is adding further confusion to an already difficult to follow process and,
- iv) as both the West Burton and Cottam Solar Projects, are being put forward by the same developer, **Island Green Power**, that they are gaining an unfair advantage in this respect as this puts an inordinate and unconscionable amount of pressure on me as an IP (and again other IPs) to produce comprehensible and co-ordinated responses by the due dates that are already arising.
- v) If each development is to be considered separately a reasonable period between each, which I think is fair and reasonable, would be a gap of circa 6 months – can the Planning Inspectorate review this matter ? and,

- vi) as these two developments are from the same company, **Island Green Power**, and would be within a mile or two of each other totalling alone a colossal **5,532** acres, (engulfing my village and neighbouring villages on 3 sides) and they are now both ready to be examined, why can't they be examined as ONE ? Can this be reviewed by the Planning Inspectorate ?
- vii) Based on all of the above it would appear that public participation in this process is inconsequential to the Inspectorate and this is of concern.

I would welcome the Planning Inspectorates comments as a matter of some urgency please.

Yours sincerely

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