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From: Helen Mitchell <[REDACTED]@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: 15 August 2023 21:10
To: West Burton Solar Project
Cc: Cottam Solar Project
Subject: West Burton Solar Project examination running concurrently with Cottam Solar Project

Categories: Deadline

IP reference 20038477

On Thursday 10th August I received an email from NI Mail Distribution twice, both identical copies, regarding the West Burton Solar Project Planning Act 2008 - Section 88 and 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 - Rules 4,6, 9 and 13, informing me that the examination for West Burton Solar is starting on 7th September, immediately following the examination start date of the Cottam Solar Project on 5th and 6th September.

I was of the understanding that the Inspectorate had previously stated that the 4 schemes in my area (Gate Burton, West Burton, Cottam and Tillbridge) 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 am completely overwhelmed by the number of deadlines, documents, meetings and updates for these projects, which are incredibly difficult to keep track of as the dates are all running concurrently. I feel confused about what is happening when, and it is almost a full time job trying to keep abreast of when submissions need to be made and for which project. Yet again this latest meeting on the 7th September is a Thursday morning when many people are likely to be at work.

I feel this whole process gives an unfair advantage to Green Island Power, the developer of both West Burton and Cottam, as interested parties like myself only have limited time in which to compose detailed responses to multiple projects. If these projects are to be examined at the same time why can't they be examined together as one project? I feel as if this is being made as difficult as possible for the public who wish to object or have an input on these projects.

Your comments would be appreciated.

Regards,
Helen Mitchell

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25/03/2023

To: Helen Mitchell >

You are registered to have your say about Cottam Solar Project



The Planning Inspectorate
Yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio

Dear Helen Mitchell,

Thank you for registering to have your say about the Gate Burton Energy Park

Your registration identification number is: [20037016](#)

We will contact you if we need more information about the comments you provided in the registration form.

How and when to submit further comments:

You can submit further comments at



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How is the planning inspectorate effectively compiling all of the information on both projects with so many deadlines running at the same time?

When looking back through my emails looking for my Cottam unique reference number I found two emails (shown in the attached screenshots) which say the name of one project in the email subject header and a different project in the body of the email, ie. Cottam in the subject line, but West Burton in the email text and vice versa. The planning inspectorate email system also seems to be confused as to which project it is confirming my responses for! And I am not sure which unique reference number is for which project!

The deadline to make a submission for Cottam is the 22nd August, which is the same date as the open floor hearing for the Gate Burton, project of which I am also an interested party. It is asking a lot of people to provide comments and prepare for meetings on both projects by the same date.

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