



**Millbrook Power Limited**

**Notice under Section 56 Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 9 The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009**

**Notice of acceptance of an application for a Development Consent Order for the Millbrook Gas Fired Generating Station Order**

**Planning Inspectorate reference: EN010068**

1. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy ("Secretary of State") has accepted an application for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") made by Millbrook Power Limited ("MPL") of Drax Power Station, Drax, Selby, North Yorkshire, YO8 8PH under the Planning Act 2008 (the "Application"). The Application was submitted to the Secretary of State (via the Planning Inspectorate) on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 and accepted for examination on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The reference number applied by the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, to the Application is EN010068.
2. The Application seeks consent for the construction, operation and maintenance of an up to 299 Megawatts (MW) gas fired peaking power generation plant and associated electrical and gas connections on land at the former clay extraction pit, Rookery South, Stewartby, Bedfordshire, England (the Project).
3. The Project would comprise the following elements:
  - a new Power Generation Plant in the form of an Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT) peaking power generating station, fuelled by natural gas with a rated electrical output of up to 299 MW. This is the output of the generating station as a whole, measured at the terminals of the generating equipment. The Power Generation Plant comprises:
    - generating equipment including one Gas Turbine Generator with one exhaust gas flue stack and Balance of Plant (together referred to as the "Generating Equipment"), which are located within the "Generating Equipment Site";
    - a new purpose built access road from Green Lane to the Generating Equipment Site (the 'Access Road' or the "Short Access Road");
    - a temporary construction compound required during construction only (the "Laydown Area").
  - a new underground gas pipeline connection, approximately 1.8 km in length (the "Pipeline") to bring natural gas to the Generating Equipment from the National Transmission System (the "Gas Connection"). The Gas Connection also incorporates an Above Ground Installation (AGI) at the point of connection to the National Transmission System; and
  - a new electrical connection to export power from the Generating Equipment to the National Grid Electricity Transmission System (NETS) (the "Electrical Connection"), comprising an underground double circuit Tee-in. This would require one new tower (which will replace an existing tower and be located in the existing Grendon – Sundon transmission route corridor, thereby resulting in no net additional towers). The Electrical Connection also includes two Sealing End Compounds (SECs), one located on each side of the existing transmission line, and both circuits would then be connected via underground cables approximately 500 m in length to a new substation (the "Substation").
4. The Generating Equipment, Access Road and Laydown Area are together known as the "Power Generation Plant" and are located within the "Power Generation Plant Site". The Power Generation Plant Site is approximately 12.5 ha in area.
5. The Power Generation Plant, Gas Connection, and Electrical Connection, together with all access requirements are referred to as the "Project". The land upon which the Project would be developed, or which would be required in order to facilitate the development of the Project, is referred to as the "Project Site". The Project Site is approximately 48 ha in area.
6. The DCO will, if granted, authorise the construction, operation and maintenance of the Project and would, amongst other things, make provision for the following:
  - a) The compulsory acquisition by MPL of land and rights over land including the power to create new rights and impose restrictive covenants over land, required for the Project and the power to take possession of and use land temporarily for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining the Project;
  - b) The suspension or extinguishment of private rights or restrictive covenants over land required for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Project;
  - c) Tree and hedge removal along the routes of the Electrical Connection and the Gas Connection;
  - d) Landscaping and ecological mitigation works;
  - e) Alterations to the public highway network and the construction of temporary and permanent accesses to the Project as described in the Application;
  - f) The temporary stopping up or management of the public highway and public rights of way and street works as described in the Application; and

- g) The application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project as described in the Application.

### Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

7. Due to its nature and size, the Project is classified as EIA development under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (EIA Regulations 2009). This means that the Proposed Development constitutes development for which an Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") is required. The Application is therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement. It should be noted that the Project falls under the EIA Regulations 2009 regime and not the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations 2017) regime. This is because a scoping opinion was requested from the Secretary of State under the EIA Regulations 2009 before the commencement of the EIA Regulations 2017. This means that, in accordance with the transitional arrangements at Regulation 37 of the EIA Regulations 2017, the EIA Regulations 2009 will continue to apply to the Project.

### Copies of the Application

8. A copy of the Application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps (including the draft Development Consent Order and the Environmental Statement) are available until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 for inspection free of charge at the following places:

Locations	Opening Times
<b>Marston Vale Forest Centre</b> Station Road, Marston Moretaine, Bedford, MK43 0PR	Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm Sat & Sun 10am – 5pm  Except for the following dates: 27 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 10am – 4pm  Closed bank holidays.
<b>Central Bedfordshire Council Office</b> Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, Bedfordshire, SG17 5TQ	Mon – Thurs 8.30am – 5pm Fri 8.30am – 4pm  Closed weekends and bank holidays.
<b>Bedford Borough Council's Customer Service Centre</b> 2 Horne Lane, Bedford, MK40 1RA	Mon – Thurs 9am – 5pm Fri 9am – 4.45pm  Closed weekends and bank holidays.

9. The Application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps are also available to view online through the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/millbrook-power/>
10. Copies of the Application form and the accompanying documents, plans and maps, including the Environmental Statement, may be purchased from MPL by using the contact details at the end of this notice. A paper copy of the full suite of Application documents can be obtained for a reasonable copying charge up to a maximum of £500 for the full suite of Documents. Alternatively, an electronic copy of the full suite of Application documents on CD-ROM can be obtained for £25. Copies of individual documents are also available on request and a charge may apply.

### Making representations about the Project

11. Any representations (giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Application) must be made on the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form which can be accessed and completed online by following the relevant link: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/millbrook-power/>
12. If you would like to request a hard copy of the Planning Inspectorate Registration and Relevant Representation Form, please telephone 0303 444 5000. Completed forms should be sent to The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure Directorate, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN. The Planning Inspectorate reference for the Application (EN010068) should be quoted in any correspondence.
13. The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Notice 8.2: How to register to participate in an Examination, provides further guidance on how to register and make a relevant representation (December 2016) and can be accessed via the following link: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes>
14. Please note that representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by **11.59pm on Friday 19th January 2018**. All representations will be made public by the Planning Inspectorate.

Further information about the Project may be obtained from MPL:

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Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017