Thurrock Power Limited



Regulation 8 of The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010

Notice of proposed changes to an accepted Development Consent Order

Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant

An application for development consent ('the DCO application') was submitted by Thurrock Power Limited to the Secretary of State, c/o the Planning Inspectorate, on 27 May 2020 and was accepted for examination on 24 June 2020. The reference number applied to the DCO application is EN010092. This notice concerns changes to that application which are sought by Thurrock Power Limited.

Notice is hereby given that Thurrock Power Limited ('the Applicant') of 1st Floor, 145 Kensington Church Street, London, W8 7LP has made an application to amend the DCO application as made, including changes to the areas of land which would be subject to powers of compulsory acquisition ('the Application').

The Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant Development

The DCO application is for an order which would authorise the construction, operation and decommissioning of a gas fired flexible electricity generation plant and battery storage facility in Thurrock, Essex ('the Proposed Development'). The DCO application involves EIA development.

The Proposed Development consists of: reciprocating gas engines with net electrical output totalling 600 MW, batteries with net electrical output of 150 MW and storage capacity of up to 600 MW, associated electrical and control equipment, creation of temporary and permanent private access routes for construction and access in operation including a causeway for the delivery of abnormal indivisible loads by barge, a gas pipeline connection to the gas national transmission system, an electrical export connection via underground cables to the immediately adjacent National Grid Tilbury Substation, and habitat creation or enhancement for protected species translocation and biodiversity gain.

The development consent order ('DCO') would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Proposed Development.

The Application to amend the DCO application

The Applicant has requested the following changes to the DCO:

- An amendment to the access arrangements for oversized abnormal indivisible loads which requires additional land, a new work and a new sub-work to be added to the land affected by the DCO.
- A revision to the Book of Reference to include the interests of the Port of Tilbury London Limited (PoTLL) not yet shown on the Land Register but as advised by the Port. This change does not affect the area of land affected but amends the category of interests held to correctly note the interest now held by PoTLL which would be affected by the DCO.

The amendments to the land affected by compulsory acquisition as a result of the changes sought are:

Plot 01/04 has now been split over two separate sheets reducing the area of Plot 01/04 as listed in the Book of Reference. The area of land which has been removed from plot 01/04 is now included in new plot 05/04 which has been enlarged to the south from the original boundary of plot 01/04 to accommodate a new junction and access road. New rights are sought over 8926.38 square metres of land being public road (Fort Road), private road (Power Station Approach Road, Fort Road), north of Tilbury Power Station, Tilbury and marked as plot 05/04.

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- The addition of new rights over 174.52 square metres of land being hardstanding at Tilbury Power Substation, Tilbury and marked as plot 01/33.
- The addition of new rights over 70.20 square metres of land being grassland, trees and shrubbery at Tilbury Power Substation, Tilbury and marked as plot 01/34.
- The addition of new rights over 370.98 square metres of land being hardstanding and overhead transmission lines, at Tilbury Power Substation, Tilbury and marked as plot 01/35.
- The addition of new rights over 229.15 square metres of land being hardstanding, drain and overhead transmission lines, south of Tilbury Power Substation, Tilbury and marked as plot 01/36.
- The addition of new rights over 3127.85 square metres of land being grassland, hardstanding, trees, shrubbery, drain and overhead transmission lines, south of Tilbury Power Substation, Tilbury and marked as plot 01/37.
- The addition of permanent acquisition of 557.46 square metres of land being grassland, east of Fort Road, Tilbury and marked as plot 05/05. This land is special category land being Common Land. It is proposed to treat this in the same manner as the other Common Land affected by the project as there is scope within the currently proposed replacement land to replace this as well as there is overprovision of replacement land.
- The addition of temporary rights over 364.79 square metres of land being grassland and highway verge, east of Fort Road, West Tilbury and marked as plot 05/06.
- The addition of new rights over 856.34 square metres of land being hardstanding and grassland, east of Fort Road, West Tilbury and marked as plot 05/07.
- The addition of temporary rights over 1994.24 square metres of land being public highway (Fort Road) and highway verge, West Tilbury and marked as plot 05/08.

The land affected by compulsory acquisition is shown on the land plans accompanying the Application. Plots 01/01, 01/02 and 01/03 are no longer used as plot numbers because the Sheet Frames have been updated due to the addition of areas of land and those plots are therefore now located on a different sheet. For the avoidance of doubt the land previously contained within these plots numbers has not been removed and is included in new plots 05/01, 05/02 and 05/03 respectively. There is no change to the size of or rights sought in those plots, this is purely a numbering change.

The compensation for the additional land proposed to be subject to compulsory acquisition has been allowed for by the Applicant in the budget for the Proposed Development, further details of which are contained in the supplemental funding statement.

Copies of the Application Documents

Copies of the proposed changes, the revised draft Development Consent Order, land plans identifying the additional land and land affected by the provision, a supplemental Book of Reference and a Statement of Reasons setting out why the land is required and further details of how the acquisition of the land is to be funded are available to view electronically and download, free of charge, on the Inspectorate's project website:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/thurrock-flexible-generation-plant

and in the 'Documents' section of the Applicant's website:

http://thurrockpower.co.uk

If you require alternative methods for inspection of the application documents, please telephone the applicant on: 0207 186 0580 or email: contact@thurrockpower.co.uk.

We will consider your request and are able to provide guidance on using the project website, provide a USB stick containing the application documents free of charge, and/or offer free loan of the application documents on an electronic document reader during the period for making Representations (see below). Loaned electronic document readers will be delivered to your chosen address by courier arranged by the Applicant and collected after 5 June 2021.

The Applicant would normally make available at least one location for viewing the Application documents in the vicinity of the application site. However, due to the current COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic and the UK Government's advice relating to health and safety, we are unable to provide hard copy documents to view at

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a deposit location in the locality of the Proposed Development site. The Applicant notes that the Government has issued guidance that a website is a 'place' for the purposes of inspecting documents across all planning regimes. We therefore strongly encourage you to take advantage of the electronic methods of viewing the application documents set out above.

Hard copies of the application documents can be requested but will be subject to a maximum charge of £500 for each copy. Requests for electronic or hard copy documents can be made in the following ways:

Email: contact@thurrockpower.co.uk

Telephone: 0207 186 0580

The application documents will be available for inspection until 5 June 2021.

Making Representations about the Application

Any person may make representations (including giving notice of any interest in, comment on, or objection to the Application) by registering with the Inspectorate as an Interested Party. All representations must be made using the Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form, and give the grounds on which it is made. The form can be accessed and completed on-line using the following web address:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/thurrock-flexible-generation-plant

If you are unable to complete a registration form online and would like to register your interest, please call the Inspectorate helpline on: 0303 444 5000, quoting the name of the Application and Inspectorate reference: EN010092.

All representations must include details of the maker's name, address and telephone number, along with an outline of the points intended to be made at the examination stage.

Please ensure that you quote reference EN010092 in all correspondence with the Inspectorate about the Application.

Please note that Representations must be received by the Inspectorate by 23.59 on 5 June 2021.

All representations submitted will be published on the Inspectorate's website and will be subject to their privacy policy, which can be viewed at: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/help/privacy-and-cookie/.

It should be noted that the Inspectorate is reviewing its procedures due to the coronavirus outbreak, so please monitor their website for periodic updates. You can sign up for updates using the 'sign up' link on the website.

Further information about the Application can be obtained from the Applicant using the following contact details:

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