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**Your Reference**  
EN010131

**Our Reference**  
60664324

Dear Ms Guest

## **PROPOSED GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK**

### **PLANNING ACT 2008 SECTION 46: DUTY TO NOTIFY SECRETARY OF STATE OF PROPOSED APPLICATION**

I write on behalf of Gate Burton Energy Park Limited (the “Applicant”) to notify the Secretary of State in accordance with section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the “Act”), of our intention to submit a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) application to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to authorise the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of the proposed Gate Burton Energy Park. The Applicant intends to make this application in Q4 2022.

We have previously provided notification pursuant to Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that the Scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA development”), as defined by those regulations, accordingly an Environmental Statement will be submitted as part of our DCO application.

The submission of the application will follow a period of statutory pre-application consultation carried out pursuant to sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Act, the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 (the “APFP Regulations”), and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The statutory consultation will commence on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 and end on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022, a period of 44 days.

#### **Summary of the Scheme**

The Gate Burton Energy Park will comprise the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic (PV) array generating facility and energy storage facility with a total capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW) with an export connection to the National Grid via a connection corridor to Cottam substation (“The Scheme”).

The Application is for the proposed Gate Burton Energy Park on farmland south east of Gainsborough and to the east of the A156 at Gate Burton and to the west of the B1241 at Willingham by Stow (the “Site”). The Application comprises of the ‘Solar and Energy Storage Park’ and a grid cable connection corridor to National Grid’s 400kv Cottam substation which is located to the SW of the Site in Nottinghamshire covering an area of approximately 1,426 hectares (ha) (“the DCO Site”). Of the DCO Site, around 80% is likely to be used for the location of the PV Arrays, with other areas being used for the Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), substation, underground cabling, access tracks, some ancillary buildings as well as areas of landscaping and biodiversity enhancement.

The Scheme’s main proposals in summary are:

- Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels;
- Battery energy storage system;
- Associated energy infrastructure (e.g. power conversion stations and cabling) and ancillary works;
- On-site substation; and
- A grid cable connection corridor to National Grid’s 400kV Cottam substation located in Nottinghamshire.

In addition, any necessary rights and powers will be sought to ensure delivery of the Scheme, including compulsory acquisition of land or an interest in or right over land and temporary use powers and, if required, powers to apply and/or disapply legislation relevant to the Scheme.

### **Consultation documents**

The full set of consultation documents is listed below and will be made available from 22 June 2022 to 5 August 2022 on the Scheme's website at <https://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk/downloads/>.

- Consultation postcard
- Document navigation booklet
- Project Information booklet
- Feedback form
- Plans and Map of the Scheme
- Non-Technical Summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report<sup>1</sup>
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report
- Statement of Community Consultation

The consultation information will be supplied, primarily, via the Scheme's website: <https://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk/downloads/>.

Each covering letter sets out how the consultation information has been supplied to that consultee. We are providing this information in an electronic form to minimise the provision of paper or electronic documentation which has to be physically handled. However, hard copies of documentation is available at the document inspection locations and available upon request. Further details are set out in the section 48 notice.

All notices associated with this Statutory Consultation have been sent to arrive as a minimum the day before the start of the consultation period (i.e. 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022).

Section 46 of the Act requires the Applicant to send to the Secretary of State the information that it intends to provide to consultees under section 42 of the Act, on or before commencing section 42 consultation. In accordance with section 46 of the Act, the following information is being sent to the section 42 consultees identified:

- A template covering letter sent to those consultees pursuant to:
  - S42(1)(a) consultees (prescribed consultees)
  - S42(1)(b) consultees (host authorities)
  - S42(1)(b) consultees (neighbouring authorities)
  - S42(1)(d) consultees (Category 1 and 2 land interests)
- A Project Information Booklet which provides a summary of the proposals we are consulting on and details of how people can take part in the consultation;
- A Project Feedback Form which may be used to provide feedback on the proposals; and
- A Consultation Postcard announcing consultation launch which was distributed to addresses within the core consultation zone.
- Notice of the proposed application which is being publicised in accordance with section 48 of the Act and pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.
- Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report accompanied by a Non-Technical Summary.
- Plans and Map of the Scheme.
- Statement of Community Consultation.

PDF copies of the covering letters, S48 notice template together with the Project Information Booklet will be provided electronically to the Secretary of State prior to the start of consultation. Copies of all other material are available from our website.

If the Secretary of States requires the material in an alternative form please do not hesitate to contact us.

Consultation materials will be available at a series of public events, at document inspection locations and on our website at [www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk/documents](http://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk/documents). We will also offer consultees the opportunity to join

question / answer online events with experts from the consultation team able to respond during the webinar. Further details of the consultation arrangements can be found in the section 48 notice.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us on [infor@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](mailto:infor@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk) or 0800 860 6259.

We would be grateful if you could please acknowledge that this section 46 notice has been received as a record of compliance.

Yours sincerely,



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On behalf of Gate Burton Energy Park Limited

