

# Gate Burton Energy Park Consultation Report: Appendices

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# Introduction

## Purpose of the report

This Stage 1 non-statutory Consultation Feedback Report (CFR) has been produced by Camargue on behalf of Low Carbon. It presents the results of the Stage 1 non-statutory pre-application consultation that took place on the proposed Gate Burton Energy Park between 11 January and 18 February 2022.

This CFR sets out details of the consultation undertaken and provides a summary of the feedback received in relation to Gate Burton Energy Park from prescribed consultees and local communities. It presents Low Carbon's responses to the consultation feedback received, explaining how Low Carbon has had regard to this feedback.

It will inform the Consultation Report that is required to accompany the Development Consent Order (DCO) application produced for the scheme.

The document is provided for information only.

## About Low Carbon

Low Carbon is a market leading privately-owned UK investment and asset management company specialising in renewable energy. We specifically target investments in large-scale renewable energy projects, including solar, onshore wind, waste-to-energy, battery storage and other proven renewable energy technologies.

We have a proven track record in the deployment of more than £600 million capital into large scale renewable energy projects, financing, development and exit of more than 1GW clean energy projects, proprietary development of an international pipeline of more than 5GW – enough to power more than 1.3 million homes – and a leading portfolio of UK subsidy-free solar with more than 2GW in development.

Low Carbon is a certified B Corporation and is also the first SME to be welcomed as a member of the Corporate Leaders Group (CLG), a group which brings together businesses from a cross-section of UK industry to accelerate progress towards a low-carbon, sustainable economy.

Additionally, Low Carbon is an official Nominator for the Earthshot Prize launched by Prince William – one of the most prestigious global environment prizes in history, and a signatory to the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), demonstrating our commitment to including environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors in our investment decision making and asset ownership.

## Background to the project

In 2019, the UK committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050. However, as the publication of the Committee on Climate Change's (CCC) annual report in June 2021 made clear, our journey to net zero is not yet half complete. More renewable energy is needed to fast-track the transition away from fossil fuel electricity generation and the majority of renewable energy generation required needs to come from solar and wind.

In addition to small-scale solar development, such as the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels on buildings, large-scale solar development is essential if we are to deliver at the scale required. As highlighted in a recent study by Solar Energy UK<sup>1</sup>, we need to triple current solar capacity if we are to get to net zero by 2050.

Also highlighted in the same study, support for solar is strong, from both general members of the public and those who live near solar farms. This support has increased over time.

Furthermore, the recent sharp increases in energy prices has made more apparent than ever the need for the UK to invest in renewables to increase energy security and safeguard people against market volatility.

We are not the only developers to recognise the need for increased solar generation. There are proposals for similar schemes in the area – namely the Cottam Solar and West Burton Solar projects being developed by Island Green Power. Island Green Power is a separate developer that is distinct from Low Carbon but we are mindful of the proximity of these solar projects.

We are therefore already in contact with Island Green Power to share information and explore opportunities for coordination and cooperation, where possible. We believe this will reduce potential collective impacts to local communities and lead to more efficient ways of working as the projects are developed.

## **The project**

Low Carbon's proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park comprise the installation of solar PV panels and an on-site energy storage facility, plus infrastructure to connect the scheme to the transmission network or 'national grid'. This includes equipment such as inverters, transformers and switchgear.

It is being proposed as being built on land near Gate Burton, Lincolnshire, near the communities of Gate Burton, Knaith Park and Willingham-by-Stow.

Cottam substation, located approximately 4km to the southwest of the site in Nottinghamshire, would provide the connection point into the national grid.

The project is anticipated as having a generation capacity of around 500 megawatts (MW). This is equivalent to providing enough clean energy to power over 160,000 homes, while avoiding more than 100,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions every year. In this way, Gate Burton Energy Park would deliver a significant level of renewable energy generation and make a vital contribution to supporting the UK's transition to a low carbon energy system.

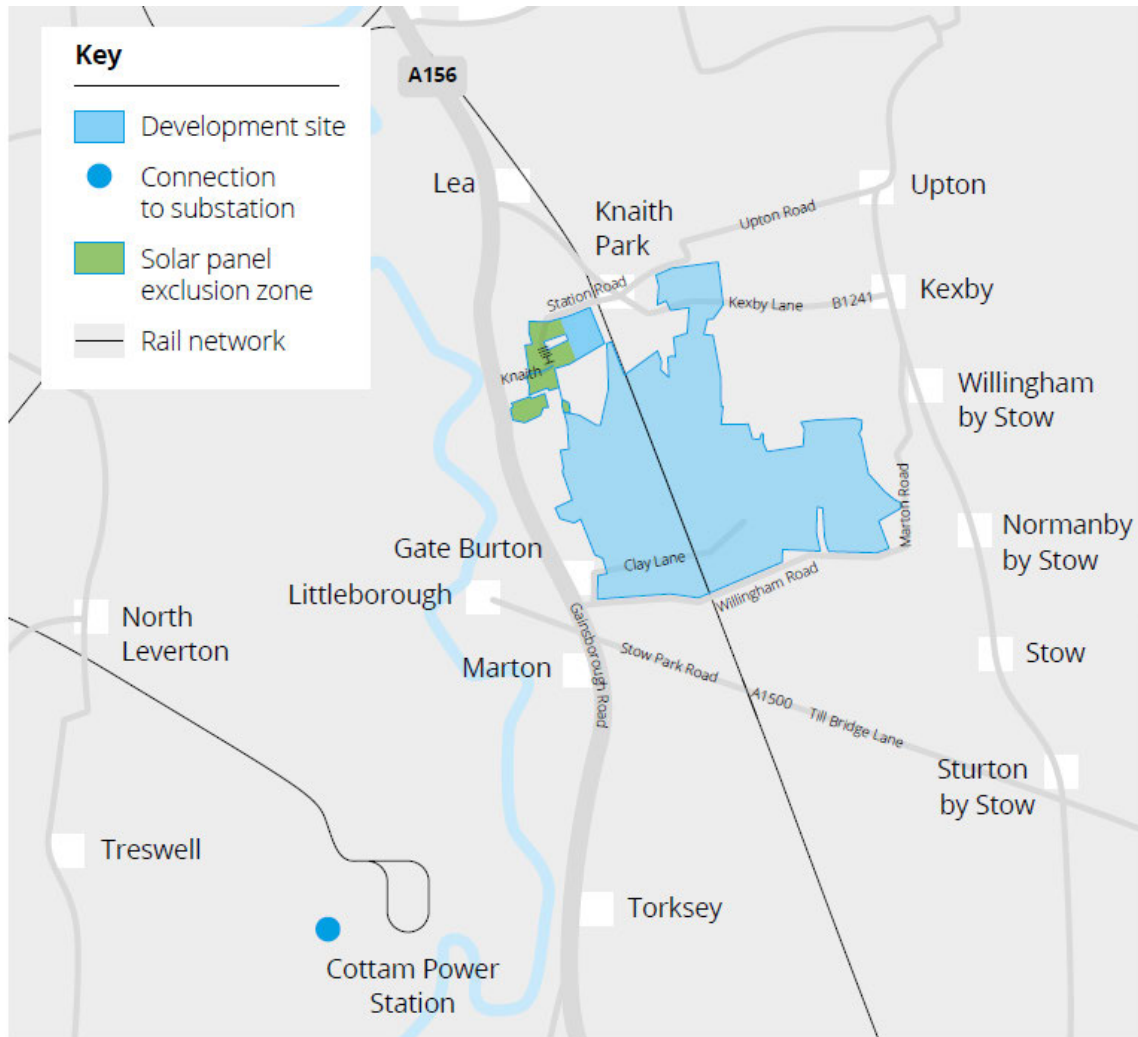
The on-site energy storage system has two main purposes; it allows electricity generated by the panels to be stored on site at times when demand is low, then exported at times of higher demand. It also provides an important balancing service for the national grid; it allows surplus electricity on the network to be stored when demand is low, helping to balance the frequency of the national grid. Both of these are aimed at increasing the security of energy supply.

A map of the proposed location of Gate Burton Energy Park and the grid connection point is presented below in **Figure 1**.

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**Figure 1: Proposed location of the site and the grid connection point**



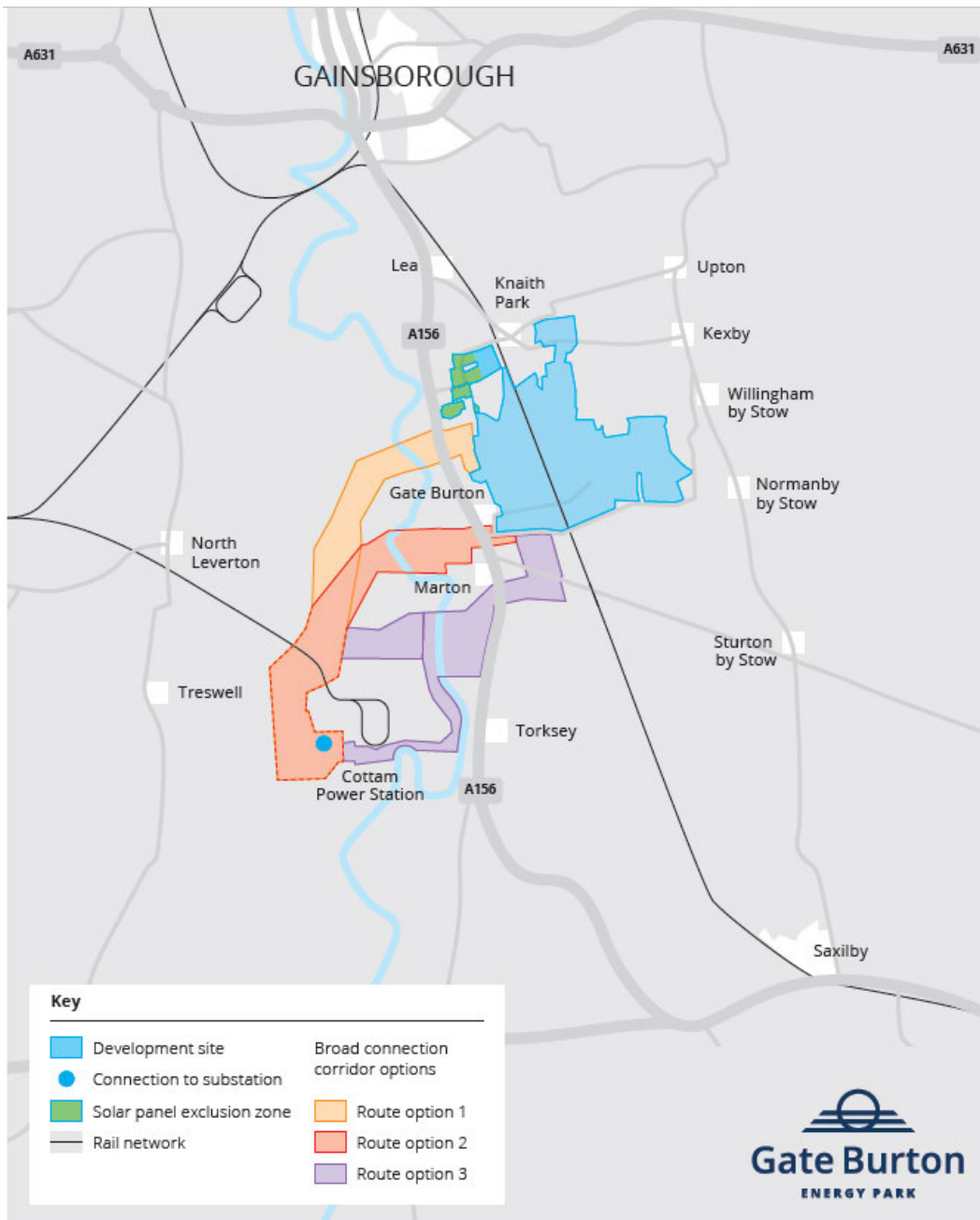
At the time of this initial non-statutory consultation, we have not yet finalised the design of the scheme but have established its principal components, which would include:

- Ground mounted solar PV panels and PV module mounting structures
- Supporting infrastructure, such as inverters, transformers and switchgear enabling electricity to be exported to the national grid
- An on-site energy storage system
- On-site cables connecting the solar PV modules and energy storage system to inverters and transformers
- On-site substation to export electricity from the energy park to the national grid
- Security fencing and closed-circuit television (CCTV)
- New planting around the site perimeter and within the solar PV area

Following initial appraisal work we identified three broad route corridor options within which a connection from the energy park to Cottam substation could be routed. These are presented below in **Figure 2**.



**Figure 2: Three broad route corridor options to connect Gate Burton Energy Park with Cottam substation, Nottinghamshire**



Further feasibility studies and options appraisals are underway to determine the exact routeing and installation method for the cable. We anticipate that the connection for the energy park would be installed using underground cables. This assumes the findings from environmental surveys determine that there are no localised issues on parts of the routes that could prevent underground excavation. The possibility of the connection using overhead lines therefore remains an option until these surveys are complete.

We are also considering an off-site substation as part of the design process to provide a connection point for generators to input power into the network.

A more detailed design of the scheme will be presented at the next stage of statutory consultation following findings from ongoing studies and analysis of the feedback we received through this non-statutory consultation.

## Approach to consultation

### Informing the approach

Low Carbon is committed to delivering responsible renewable energy projects. In part, this means ensuring that the communities living and working near our proposed projects have the chance to inform and potentially influence the development of our proposals from an early stage. This contributed to our decision to hold a stage of non-statutory community consultation.

We engaged with key stakeholders, giving them the opportunity to inform our approach. This included issuing communications in advance of the consultation to local MPs whose constituencies host, or are located adjacent to, the site proposed for Gate Burton Energy Park.

Letters were issued via email and post to Sir Edward Leigh MP (Gainsborough), Brendan Clarke-Smith MP (Bassetlaw) and Robert Jenrick MP (Newark) on 12 October 2021 to introduce Gate Burton Energy Park, offering to discuss the proposals and our plans.

An additional letter was sent via email and post on 16 December 2021 to give MPs notice of the forthcoming consultation.

Similar communications were issued to officers and/or elected members at relevant local authorities, parish councils and other key stakeholders. Full details are set out in the **Notification and publicity** section of this document.

As a result, we held pre-consultation briefings with key stakeholders, which explored the emerging plans for Gate Burton Energy Park and provided the opportunity to comment on the consultation strategy.

The schedule of pre-consultation briefings is set out below in **Table 1**.

In summary, we have notified key stakeholders of our planned activities ahead of each project milestone and provided opportunities to feed into the process throughout.

**Table 1: Dates of pre-consultation briefing meetings with political stakeholders**

<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>Meeting date</b>
West Lindsey District Council	14 October 2021
Lincolnshire County Council	20 October 2021
Nottinghamshire County Council	7 January 2022

### Overall approach

Our approach was to design a consultation that was accessible to everyone.

We adopted a digital-first approach, promoting virtual information platforms and feedback mechanisms. This enabled broad reach and instant access to our information, including recordings of our virtual events, providing flexibility to meet different working patterns and engage with a wider range of audiences across a large geographical area.

Crucially, it enabled those with disabilities, health and/or mobility difficulties who may not have been able to access information or attend our events otherwise to participate fully in the process.

It also safeguarded the consultation against Covid-19 insofar as changes to Government guidance could have prevented people from taking part in-person.

Recognising that digital platforms may not suit everyone's needs, we also held five in-person events where people could find out more about our proposals, speak to members of the project team and ask any questions. Feedback could also be provided offline, via hard copy feedback forms and freepost.

We ensured the information we provided was easy to understand, recognising that the current policy climate is complex and that large-scale solar development is relatively new.

## The consultation

### Consultation purpose

The purpose of this consultation was to introduce Low Carbon, present the emerging proposals and give local and/or interested people and stakeholders the opportunity to tell us what they think.

We sought to identify any wider potential local impacts of the scheme and any opportunities for supporting local schemes or projects to benefit communities closest to the project.

We anticipated the feedback would help refine our plans for building the scheme while ensuring we complete our project in the most sympathetic manner.

Engagement was sought at this initial stage of consultation to inform people about our proposals ahead of statutory consultation, anticipated as taking place in summer 2022.

### What we asked

To achieve this purpose, we asked for people's views and feedback on:

- What they considered to be the most important aspects of the development, such as ecology and wildlife or landscape and visual impact
- Suggestions for initiatives Low Carbon could explore to help facilitate or directly deliver wider benefits to the community and/or meet local needs
- Views on the broad route corridor options we had identified
- Views on the use of overhead or underground cables to facilitate the connection to Cottam power station
- Overall comments on our proposals or any other issues people felt we needed to be aware of
- General level of support for the proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park

We also collected the following data to help us understand any issues raised in more detail and to aid our analysis:

- Description of the respondent's interest in our proposals, such as being a local resident, business owner, statutory organisation, etc.
- Address and postcode
- Age range
- Whether the respondent attended a consultation event

To understand how to improve our consultation next time, we also asked:

- Overall comments on the consultation
- Suggestions for future stages of consultation
- How respondents found out about our consultation, e.g. social media, word of mouth, etc.
- How informative respondents found our consultation events

In gathering this information we had full regard to data protection.

## **When it took place**

The consultation ran for approximately six weeks from 11 January to 18 February 2022. We were keen to offer people the greatest opportunity to participate and therefore chose this period to avoid main school holidays, including the Christmas break and half term.

## Notification and publicity

The consultation was open to anyone and was widely publicised, via email, postcards, print and digital advertising and press releases.

### Notification

To notify key stakeholders, we issued direct communications by email and/or letter at various stages marking key milestones to:

- MPs who represent the immediate and neighbouring constituencies, wards and parishes to the site and cable route corridors
- Lead Officers, elected members and parish councils representing the immediate and neighbouring wards and parishes to the site and cable route corridors
- Parish councils in the immediate vicinity of the site and neighbouring areas

A full list of political stakeholders notified by email and/or letter is presented in **Appendix A**.

We also issued direct communications to:

- Near neighbours (mapped as those within immediate proximity to the site – see **Appendix B**)
- Web registrants (those who signed up to receive project updates)
- Poster venues (97 community facilities to which we sent posters advertising the consultation)

Between 12-13 October 2021, communications were issued introducing Gate Burton Energy Park and Low Carbon's plans for an initial public consultation in early 2022 to MPs, elected members, parish councils and near neighbours.

We followed this up on 16 December 2021 by issuing communications to confirm the dates for the initial public consultation. We also included web registrants at this time.

To announce the launch of the consultation, between 10-11 January we wrote by email and/or letter to:

- MPs
- Elected members and/or Lead Officers
- Parish councils
- Near neighbours
- Web registrants
- Poster venues

In addition, all those who had been identified through enquiries as having an interest in land (section 44) and a wide range of community and other non-statutory stakeholders were identified and notified of the consultation.

We also highlighted when the deadline to submit feedback was coming up. On 9 February 2022, we wrote to MPs, Lead Officers, parish councils and web registrants, encouraging people to submit their views before the consultation closed.

We wrote to the same stakeholders on 21 February 2022 when the consultation ended and offered MPs, Lead Officers, Elected members and parish councils a briefing on the feedback received.

## Publicity

To ensure that anyone who may have a view about our proposals knew about the consultation, we engaged in various promotional activities:

- To coincide with the launch of the consultation a promotional postcard (see **Appendix C**) was direct mailed to the 7,235 households and/or commercial businesses we identified as living in close proximity to the site and cable route corridors, referred to as the consultation zone (see **Appendix D**).
- A print advertisement (see **Appendix E**) was published in three regional publications. Collectively the circulation area covered and extended beyond the consultation zone, ensuring the advertisements reached those closest to the site as well as anyone further afield who may also have an interest in our proposals. The schedule of these adverts is set out below in **Table 2**. Evidence of these advertisements appearing in print can also be found in **Appendix E**.

**Table 2: Newspaper advertisement publication dates**

Newspaper	Advert 1	Advert 2
Lincolnshire Echo	Thursday 13 January 2022	Thursday 20 January 2022.
Retford Times	Thursday 13 January 2022	Thursday 20 January 2022.
Gainsborough Standard	Thursday 13 January 2022	Thursday 20 January 2022.

- A digital advertising campaign ran in *Lincolnshire World* (██████████) (see **Appendix E**) for two weeks between Thursday 13 January and Thursday 27 January, targeted to appear to people with an IP address in the consultation zone. The advertisement achieved 23,429 impressions, with 21 people clicking on the advertisement to find out more.
- A print and digital campaign ran in *Lincolnshire Life* (see **Appendix E**) to further widen the audience reached via media advertising. The print edition of *Lincolnshire Life* went on sale on Wednesday 26 January 2022 and the digital advert appeared online on ██████████ between 26 January and 22 February 2022. The advertisement achieved 7,898 impressions, with 25 people clicking on the advertisement to find out more.
- The advertisement appeared in *Lincolnshire Life*'s February edition. Having already held our first online event, we used the advertisement to promote the remaining consultation information events.
- Media releases were issued to numerous local, national and trade publications and local radio stations at various stages of the consultation, attracting coverage widely (see **Appendix F**), including on *BBC Radio Lincolnshire* on 11 February 2022. Details of the press releases issued are set out below in **Table 3**.



**Table 3: List of media releases issued to local, national and trade publications**

<b>Date issued</b>	<b>Title of media release</b>	<b>Summary</b>
12 October 2021	Low Carbon confirms plans to develop a new solar energy park in Lincolnshire	Confirms Low Carbon's plans for Gate Burton Energy Park and an initial public consultation in early 2022.
21 December 2021	Low Carbon set to consult on emerging proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park in the new year	Confirms the dates of the initial stage of public consultation.
11 January 2022	Low Carbon launches consultation on proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park	Confirms the launch of the initial stage of public consultation.
8 February 2022	Final call for local people to have their say on Gate Burton Energy Park	Encourages people to submit their feedback before the upcoming deadline.
21 February 2022	Low Carbon considers responses to initial consultation on Gate Burton Energy Park proposals	Confirms the initial stage of public consultation has closed.

## Making information available

### Consultation materials

Our suite of consultation materials provided varying degrees of technical detail to cater for all audiences. In all materials, we ensured information was accessible and supplemented with images and diagrams to enable people to visualise the proposals clearly.

We adopted a digital-first approach, prompting people to use our virtual platforms in the first instance. Additionally, we posted hard copies of documents to people upon request.

Details of our consultation materials are presented below in **Table 4**.

**Table 4: List of consultation materials**

Material	Description
Website: [REDACTED] (see <b>Appendix G</b> )	Providing information about Gate Burton Energy Park proposals, ways to provide feedback and a feature to register for project updates. Over the course of the consultation, the website received over 1,000 visits from 931 unique users.
Interactive map (within <b>Appendix G</b> )	Primarily a tool for providing feedback. Also provided means of showing specific postcodes in relation to the proposed site and cable route corridors.
Consultation information booklet (see <b>Appendix H</b> )	Providing high level information about the proposals and how to take part in the consultation, supported by images and diagrams.
Indicative concept masterplan (see <b>Appendix I</b> )	An indicative map of the proposed site and its different elements, such as solar panel zones and field boundaries.

The website also hosted technical documents including the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Report.

### Consultation events

Our series of events enabled people to find out more about the proposals, speak to members of the project team from different disciplines and ask questions.

To maximise opportunities to take part, we held both in-person and online events. This meant people who were unable to attend an in-person event had other opportunities to take part, including by watching recordings of the online events via the website. We also held our events on different days and times, making sure that events were not always held during typical work days and/or hours.

Venues were chosen based on proximity to the site and their suitability in terms of the facilities offered, including disabled access and parking.

We timed the events to take place two weeks after consultation launch to provide people with an appropriate amount of notice to attend. We also timed the events programme to finish two weeks before consultation closed, to give people who attended time to feedback their thoughts.

Our events were well attended with a total of 214 attendees.

Details of each event are set out in the **Table 5** below. Pictures from in-person events are available in **Appendix J**.

**Table 5: Schedule of consultation events**

<b>Date (2022)</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
Tues 25 January	18:30 - 20:00	Online	15
Weds 26 January	14:30 - 20:00	Knaith Park Village Hall, DN21 5ET	52
Thurs 27 January	14:30 - 20:00	North Leverton Methodist Chapel, DN22 0AB	17
Tues 1 February	14:30 - 20:00	Treswell Village Hall, DN22 0EG	24
Thurs 3 February	12:30 - 17:00	Willingham Village Hall, DN21 5JZ	35
Sat 5 February	10:30 - 14:00	Marion & Gate Burton Village Hall, DN21 5AR	58
Tues 8 February	18:30 - 20:00	Online	13

We provided consultation materials at the events, including:

- Large-scale display panels (see **Appendix K**) containing key information from the consultation information booklet
- A2 copies of each map on the website (see **Appendix L**)
- Consultation information booklets (see **Appendix H**) and postcards (see **Appendix C**)
- Feedback forms (see **Appendix M**)
- An overview of Low Carbon (see **Appendix N**).

## **Briefings and home visits**

Throughout the consultation we welcomed the opportunity to brief stakeholders, offering both in-person and virtual appointments.

Upon request, members of the project team met with those living closest to the site to review the impacts of the scheme on residents.

A timeline of briefings and home visits during the consultation is set out in **Table 6** below.

Since the close of the consultation, we have continued to engage with a variety of stakeholders through briefings and home visits.

**Table 6: Timeline of briefings and home visits made during the consultation**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Organisation/individual</b>	<b>Format</b>
24 January 2022	Parish council briefing	Knaith Parish Council	In-person
26 January 2022	Near neighbour briefing	Near neighbour	In-person
1 February 2022	Near neighbour briefing	Near neighbour	In-person
2 February 2022	Near neighbour briefing	Near neighbour	In-person
7 February 2022	Parish council briefing	North Leverton with Hablesthorpe Parish Council	In-person
7 February 2022	Parish council briefing	Marton and Gate Burton Parish Council	In-person
7 February 2022	Interest group briefing	Lincolnshire Community Foundation - Sue Fortune	In-person
7 February 2022	Near neighbour briefing	Near neighbour	In-person

### **Enquiries and information**

The Community Relations team was available to provide information or assist with any questions throughout the consultation period via:

- Email: [info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](mailto:info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk)
- Freephone: 0800 860 6259
- Freepost: FREEPOST GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK

These contact details were widely publicised through our promotional activities and appeared in consultation materials.

## Technical engagement

Alongside public consultation the project team has undertaken extensive technical engagement with stakeholders, in particular regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and EIA Scoping. A summary of this engagement is set out below in **Table 7**.

This ongoing engagement has, to date, focused largely on statutory consultees and host local authorities through which the proposed route corridors pass.

The purpose of this engagement has been to:

- Update stakeholders on the project;
- Provide an overview of the scheme;
- Provide specific details on the cable route corridor options, including the possibility of either underground or overhead cables to establish a connection into Cottam Power Station;
- Establish a protocol for ongoing technical engagement on key topics;
- Request data and evidence to support the assessment of the proposed scheme; and
- Begin to discuss survey and assessment methodologies and help to inform the EIA.

Engagement will remain ongoing through the EIA stage providing an opportunity for the Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) and statutory consultees to comment on the emerging assessments for each of the key topics. Where required, Planning Performance Agreements (or similar) are being set up to provide a formal basis for ongoing conversations.

**Table 7: Schedule of technical engagement with stakeholders**

Date	Topic	Attendees
2 November 2021	Introductory Meeting with Planning Inspectorate	Planning Inspectorate, AECOM, Low Carbon and Pinsent Masons
8 December 2021	Archaeological Introductory meeting	Lincolnshire County Council, AECOM and Low Carbon
15 February 2022	Archaeological and Heritage Update	Lincolnshire County Council, Historic England, AECOM and Low Carbon
17 February 2022	Archaeological and Heritage Update	Bassetlaw District Council, AECOM and Low Carbon
1 March 2022	Archaeological and Heritage Update	Lincolnshire County Council, AECOM and Low Carbon
1 March 2022	Landscape viewpoint discussion	Lincolnshire County Council, West Lindsey District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council
3 March 2022	PINS Update meeting	Planning Inspectorate, AECOM, Low Carbon, Camargue and Pinsent Masons
7 March 2022	Heritage Update	Historic England, Low Carbon and AECOM

22 March 2022	Transport Scoping discussion	Lincolnshire County Council, Nottinghamshire Council, Bassetlaw Borough Council, AECOM and Low Carbon
11 April 2022	Noise Monitoring discussions	West Lindsey District Council, Low Carbon and AECOM
27 April 2022	Natural England Discretionary Advice	Natural England, AECOM and Low Carbon
29 April 2022	PINS Update meeting	Planning Inspectorate, AECOM, Low Carbon, Camargue and Pinsent Masons
18 May 2022	Waste and Minerals discussion	Lincolnshire County Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Low Carbon and AECOM
24 May 2022	PINS Update meeting	Planning Inspectorate, AECOM, Low Carbon, Camargue and Pinsent Masons
14 June 2022	Arboricultural Discussion	Lincolnshire County Council, West Lindsey District Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Bassetlaw District Council, Low Carbon and AECOM

## Feedback mechanisms



### How consultees could respond

Respondents could complete a response through one of the response channels set out in **Table 8**.

All consultation materials including the website clearly stated that responses were required by the consultation deadline.

We did however receive and accept responses submitted after consultation closed. Informal feedback was collected and collated for review separately as part of our ongoing engagement work to inform the evolution of our proposals.

**Table 8: List of feedback mechanisms**

Feedback method	Details
Interactive map (within <b>Appendix G</b> )	Drop a pin on a map with feedback, known as ConsultOnline, accessed via:  
Digital feedback form (within <b>Appendix G</b> )	Fill in and submit the response online via the project website
Hard copy feedback form (see <b>Appendix M</b> )	Fill in and submit the response via post
Freepost	Post the consultation form or comments to the consultation freepost address: FREEPOST GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK
E-mail	E-mail comments or a completed response form to <a href="mailto:info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk">info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk</a>

### Number of responses received

In total, 77 responses were received between 11 January and 18 February 2022. This included 68 from the local community and seven from prescribed stakeholders.

The feedback comprised:

- 30 emails
- 6 ConsultOnline submissions
- 21 digital feedback forms
- 20 hard copy feedback forms

## Data processing and analysis

The analyst team undertook an initial review of all feedback received and developed a coding framework that reflected the broad themes and issues raised, which were identified as:

- Environment
- Traffic and access
- Heritage and archaeology
- Location of the site
- Cable routeing
- Landscape and visual impact
- Impact on the local community
- Technology
- Consultation
- Community benefits

Upon receipt, all responses were logged with a unique identification number and reviewed against this framework. Please see **Feedback received by topic – Prescribed Consultees and Local Communities (pp.20-22)**.

Themed summaries of feedback were provided to the Low Carbon technical team alongside full consultation responses to enable them to have regard to consultation feedback in further developing our proposals.

A table that presents the key issues raised by the public and stakeholders, and how Low Carbon has had regard to these comments can be found in the section: **Response to feedback received (pp.25-50)**. All personal data received as part of the consultation was processed in accordance with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018.



## **Feedback received by topic – Prescribed Consultees and Local Communities**

Seven prescribed consultees – stakeholders who Low Carbon is required to consult under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 – submitted feedback to the consultation, including:

- Sir Edward Leigh MP (Gainsborough)
- Councillor Roger Patterson (Scampton Ward)
- Councillor James Naish (Sturton Ward)
- Councillor Jessie Milne (Lea Ward)
- Marton & Gate Burton Parish Council
- Willingham by Stow Parish Council
- Knaith Parish Council

Additionally, a range of members of the community provided feedback to the consultation, including local residents and business owners.

Summaries of the key issues raised by topic are provided below.

A table outlining in full each issue, individual questions raised, and Low Carbon's response can be found in **Response to feedback received (pp.25-50)**.

### **Environment**

Concerns included the cumulative impact of Gate Burton Energy Park alongside nearby solar projects on local wildlife and habitats (specifically the impact of perimeter fencing on the movement of wildlife), the potential loss of agricultural land for food production, local flood risk, potential noise pollution from the site, soil quality and erosion, and potential impact of cleaning of solar panels.

### **Traffic and access**

Concerns were raised regarding the potential loss of footpaths and byways, vehicle access, Rights of Way, safety on local roads, the condition of local roads and suitability for construction traffic, the impact on walkers and horse riders and the impact of increasing visitors to the site. One respondent asked how Low Carbon would address the poorly maintained roads.

### **Heritage and archaeology**

One concern was raised regarding potential impact on Gate Burton Hall. Concerns were also raised regarding local sensitive sites including a Roman Causeway at Littleborough.

### **Location of the site**

Concerns were raised regarding compliance with national planning policy and local development plans, plus a suggestion that a Community Impact Zone should be created as a buffer between the development and nearby communities. Concerns were also raised about the suitability of the farmland for large-scale solar development, insofar as there are existing vacant industrial sites elsewhere.

Additional concerns included the proximity of the project to residential properties, the cumulative impact alongside nearby solar projects, the density of the project, a local network of underground fuel pipes, impact on local livestock from flooding and the potential impact on the Red Arrows.

It was also suggested that the project would be better suited to non-food producing land, a brownfield or industrial site or on the Nottingham side where it could connect to Cottam.

Suggestions were made to locate the project nearer to the electricity network with alternative sites suggested at West Burton, High Marnham, Cottam, Burton the Bole Ings Ash Disposal Site.

### **Cable routeing**

Suggestions included avoiding the villages of Marton & Gate Burton, alongside local sensitive sites including Roman and Viking settlements, the cemetery, fuel lines, fuel storage tanks and flood defence banks. Comments indicated a preference for undergrounding cables, particularly near to Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and sensitive areas. One respondent asked whether the same cable routes would be used for both Low Carbon and Island Green Power's proposals.

### **Landscape and visual impact**

Concerns were raised regarding the general negative impact on the local landscape and views from nearby hamlets, villages and residential properties, particularly when considered alongside other nearby solar projects. There were worries that the project is not in keeping the local landscape and could affect Lincolnshire's 'Big Skies'. A concern was also raised regarding the potential impact on tourism jobs in the area.

The scale of the project was raised as a concern, with suggestions to mitigate the impact on the landscape including a buffer zone between Willingham Road to Marton and planting trees and hedging, particularly to Heynings Close and Heynings Court.

### **Impact on the local community**

Concerns were raised about the scale of the project, cumulative impact and the impact on agricultural land and nearby villages. Concerns were also raised regarding the impact on local property values and the impact on the general health and wellbeing of nearby communities. One consultee asked whether surrounding communities would benefit financially from the development.

### **Technology**

Concerns were raised regarding the efficiency of solar panels, the size of batteries and the storage capacity of batteries, particularly in winter. Some questioned the safety of the solar panels, the fire risk from lithium batteries and the processes required to recycle solar batteries and panels. Suggested alternative technologies included tidal power from the River Trent, fitting solar panels to the roofs of existing public buildings, small modular nuclear reactors and a water turbine in a new canal cut across Marton Bend.

Numerous respondents asked for clarification on how the technology proposed works.

## Consultation

Concern was raised about the ability for questions to be answered at consultation events, routing detail on maps presented, information on wildlife access, information on the ecological impact and on cumulative impact. It was suggested that future consultation events should also include information on flood risk, traffic movements, noise levels, cumulative impact, ecological surveys and site parameters.

Other concerns included the promotion of consultation events, the quality of information presented and knowledge of staff. A positive comment praised the high quality of the consultation.

One respondent asked for Low Carbon to state what changes it had made to proposals as a result of this consultation at the next consultation. Another asked for the next round of consultation to be open to all sectors of the community.

### **Suggestions for initiatives Low Carbon could explore to help facilitate or directly deliver wider benefits to the community and/or meet local needs included:**

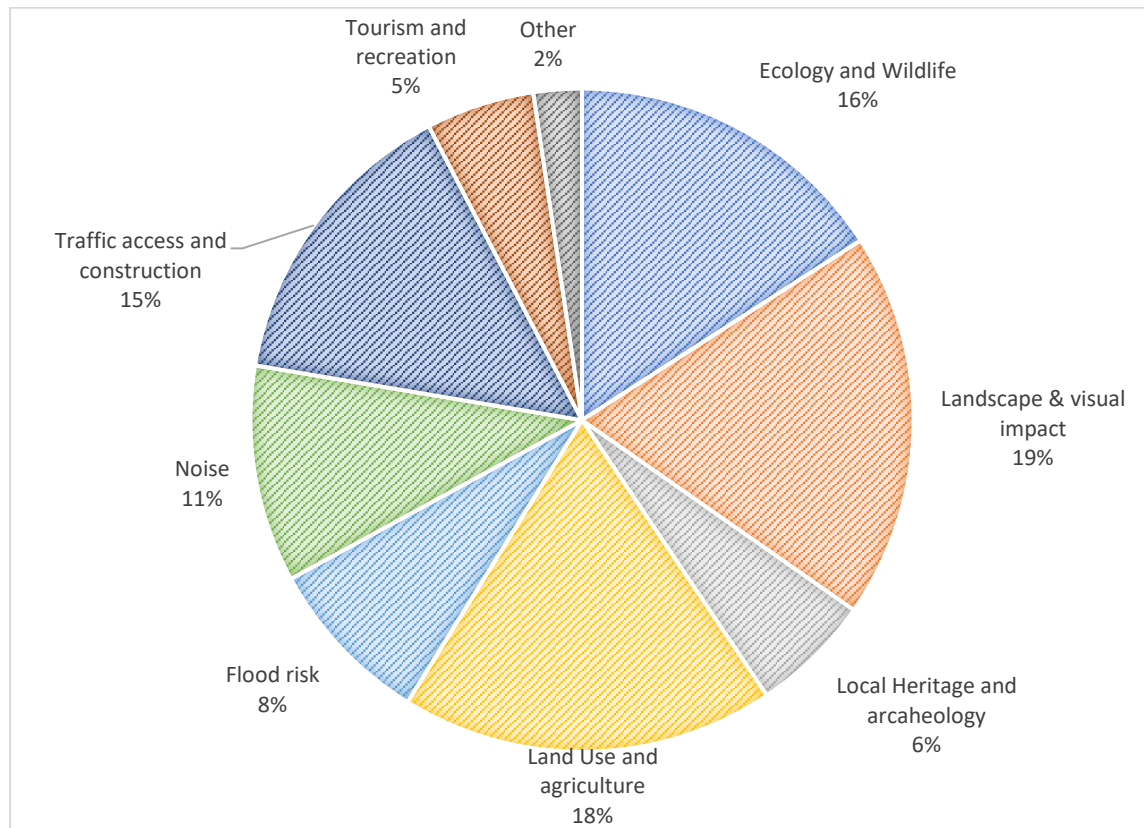
- Traffic calming measures
- Community broadband support
- Village Hall improvements
- Upgrade and increase Public Rights of Way (with specific locations suggested)
- Community solar panel initiatives
- A recreation area/sports field in Knaith Park
- Zero tariff electrical supply for local residents
- Help the village to swap from oil to air source heat pumps
- Update village hall and sports facilities for Marton and Gate Burton village
- Create a 2-year-old unit to provide affordable childcare and allow parents to access job opportunities
- Create a garden for local groups at Marton Village Hall and a playground/exercise trail in the school grounds
- Allow The Marton Academy to access the Community Fund, when it becomes available
- An education programme and centre for local schools, and information boards and tours to explain the project to visitors
- Development of a woodland/wildlife area at the end of Littleborough Land, Marton
- Offer solar EV charging points for local residents and businesses
- Provide high quality local habitats for wildlife, for example wildflower meadows
- Collaborate with the Henry Smith Charity and Risholme Agricultural College to promote community regeneration through land regeneration.
- Collaborate with Lincoln Prison, Sport England and the Conservation Volunteers to encourage physical activity through the project
- A nature/walking/running area – e.g. Parkrun
- Create a footpath into the village from the farm on Willington Road to complete a circular walk
- Create a community hub, either buy the Stag pub and fund the landlord or replace/improve the village hall
- Free solar panels for the Knaith Park community hall
- Provision of outside gym equipment
- Provisions of covered bus stops
- Connect the local villages to the main power grid
- Financially support local residents to install noise reducing measures in their home
- Consider the integration of beekeeping with holistic grazing and solar energy generation
- Create an interpretation centre for visitors
- Education in Regenerative Agriculture and links to Riseholme Agricultural College of Lincoln University and the Lincolnshire Agricultural Showground.

## Additional feedback received

Those who responded via feedback forms (online and hard copy) were asked which aspects of Gate Burton Energy Park they considered most important. Respondents were asked to select from a range of issues and tick the corresponding boxes.

The aspect that people considered most important was landscape and visual impact. The comparative importance of each aspect is presented below in **Figure 3**.

**Figure 3: “What aspects of the proposed Gate Burton Energy Park are most important to you?(tick box)”**

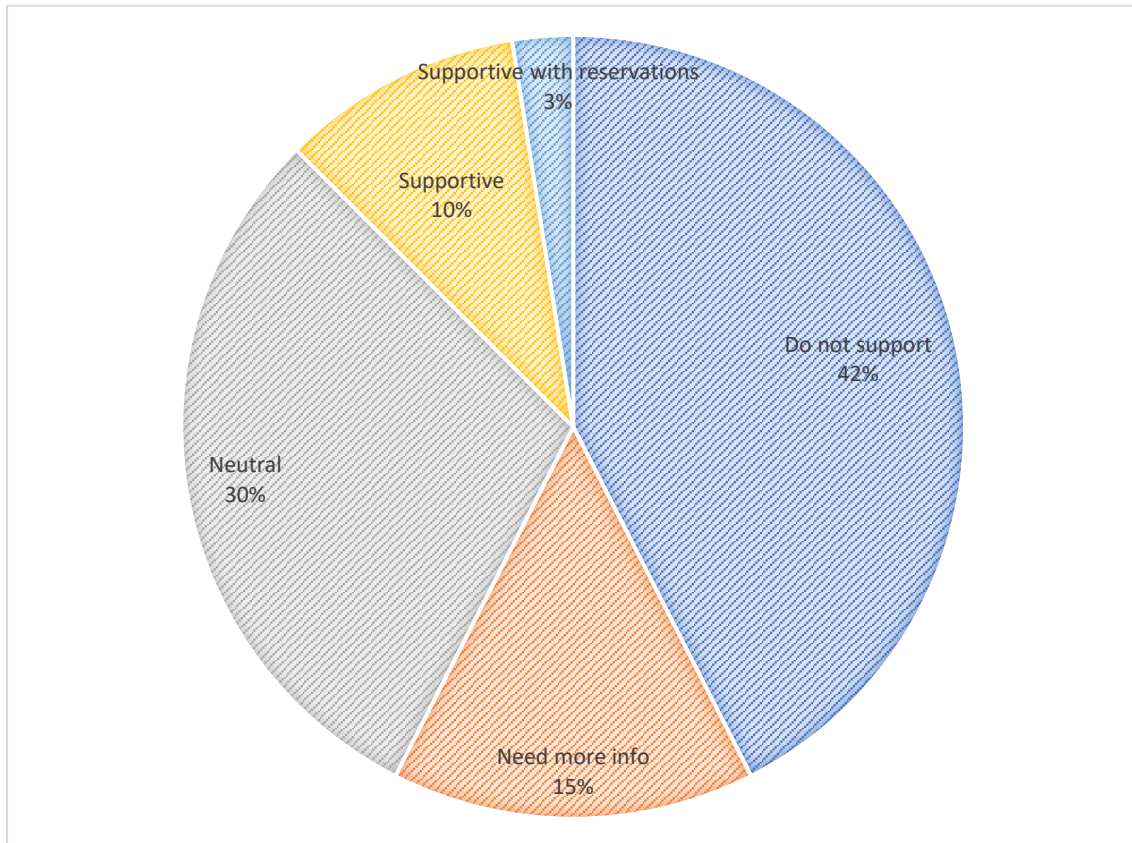


Those who responded via feedback forms were also asked about their general level of support for Gate Burton Energy Park. Respondents were asked to tick the box that best described their level of support for the project.

43 per cent described themselves as ‘Supportive’, ‘Supportive with reservations’ or ‘Neutral’. 42 per cent of people responded with “Do not support” and 15 per cent responded with “Need more information to form an opinion”.

The full break down of respondents’ level of support is presented below in **Figure 4**.

**Figure 4: “What are your views on our proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park at this early stage in the development process? (tick box)”**



## Response to feedback received

This section outlines Low Carbon's response to issues raised in the consultation.


Topic Environment	Area:	
Feedback	Consultee	Low Carbon's response
<p>Concern about the cumulative impact considering other nearby schemes, particularly on the environment, agricultural land used for food production and local area in general.</p> <p>Similarly, concern about the loss of agricultural land for food production in relation to the carbon cost of importing more food into the area to compensate. Request for more information about how Low Carbon would offset this land loss and about what would happen to the land at the end of the project.</p>	<p>Prescribed consultee</p> <hr/> <p>Local community</p>	<p>We are in contact with Island Green Power to share information and explore opportunities for coordination and cooperation, where possible. We believe that this will reduce potential collective impacts to local communities and lead to more efficient ways of working as the projects are developed.</p> <p>From the beginning, our plans for the project have included any necessary and appropriate environmental mitigation and enhancement measures to ensure the scheme treads as lightly as possible on the local area.</p> <p>There is always a balance to be found when new development comes forward, with many factors and impacts to consider, including balancing the need for clean energy and food. Due to its proposed location, Gate Burton Energy Park will utilise land that could be used for food production. However, the land take involved is minimal in the context of food production across Lincolnshire and allows clean energy to be generated at greater scale and efficiency than rooftop alternatives.</p> <p>Rooftops provide an obvious and natural location for siting solar panels, and this is something we gladly support. However, there are constraints that slow or, in some cases, prevent rolling out rooftop solar at scale. We categorise these constraints into three separate areas, including physical, legal and scalability. The cost of solar for rooftops is also significantly higher compared to that of ground-mounted systems; an additional cost which is passed on to consumers through our energy bills when the electricity is sold on the market. Ultimately however, we are facing a climate emergency which makes it necessary to deploy renewable energy at scale. Simply put, this cannot be achieved by solar development on rooftops or brownfield sites alone. To make a</p>

		<p>meaningful impact, solar farms must form the backbone of this approach.</p> <p>Furthermore, it is a common misconception that when the life cycle of a solar farm comes to end, that the land becomes 'brownfield'. We are aiming to develop a scheme with a lifespan of approximately 50-60 years. If consent is granted, the permissions will therefore be temporary. When this time has lapsed, the land will revert to its original use – in the case of Gate Burton Energy Park this would be agricultural. The land will not be classified as having been previously developed.</p>
<p>Concern about the impact on wildlife, including potential loss of habitat and green spaces. Specific concerns were raised about the potential impact on skylarks, owls, egrets, otters, bats, barn owls, tawny owls, butterflies, herons, lapwings, grey partridge deer, muntjac, rabbits, hares, fox, bees, buzzards, insects, kites, woodcock, grey partridge, geese, green woodpecker, great and lesser spotted woodpeckers, egrets kingfishers, pheasant and partridge nesting grounds, local starling murmuration feeding.</p>	<p>Prescribed consultee</p>	<p>With appropriate land management, solar farms have the potential to support wildlife and make a significant contribution to biodiversity targets – not least because once construction is complete and the solar farm is operational, sites are secured and subject to very little disturbance from humans and machinery. Solar farms help to reduce the intensity of the land's use. They often attract a variety of wildlife which thrives in the diverse habitat.</p>
	<p>Local community</p>	<p>A raft of ecological studies are being conducted. The findings from which inform our final application for development consent which will need to demonstrate that our proposed development will protect and enhance existing habitats.</p> <p>Low Carbon is committed to enhancing the existing biodiversity within the boundary of the land available for the project. We are required to demonstrate a biodiversity net gain of 10 per cent as a minimum on the site. Surveys are still being undertaken by ecologists to determine the native species and habitats.</p>
	<p>Local community</p>	<p>Measures to enhance the existing biodiversity could include providing new habitats, connecting and enhancing existing habitats, new planting of hedgerows and woodland, seeding of wildflower and new grassland and the introduction of grazing.</p> <p>Furthermore, Gate Burton Energy Park is being planned in such a way as to maintain wildlife corridors for local wildlife migration. Our Indicative Concept Masterplan shows where areas of existing woodland are being</p>

		incorporated as fundamental parts of the design. We are looking to maintain local hedgerows wherever possible, and will be planting additional greenery across the site. More information is available in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) on our website [REDACTED]
Concern that covering land with roads, houses, solar panels and buildings needs to be offset with green growth to capture carbon.	Local community	The potential impact of Gate Burton Energy Park on carbon sequestration has been considered in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), Volume 1, Chapter 6: Climate Change. The PEIR is available on our website [REDACTED]
Request for a timeline for the results of the ecology survey.	Local community	Ecological surveys are currently ongoing. The findings will be included within the Environmental Statement (ES) which will form part of the DCO application. We expect to submit this later in 2022.
Request for information about rewilding, with a suggestion to enable hedging to act as wildlife corridors. Request to use perimeter borders for wildflower meadows, long grass and hedges which would be allowed to grow to encourage small mammals and owl populations.	Prescribed consultee	Our solar farms include biodiversity enhancements such as pasture-mix grassland planting or the planting of wildflowers. They also include the provision of new hedge and tree planting providing both screening and new habitats.
Concerns about wildlife access and movement, particularly in light of plans for perimeter fencing, with a specific concern that preventing access the site will cause wildlife to be diverted onto highways. Request for confirmation that the fencing would not exclude animals, particularly hedgehogs and amphibians.	Local community	<p>Gate Burton Energy Park is being planned in such a way as to maintain wildlife corridors for local wildlife migration. Our Indicative Concept Masterplan shows where areas of existing woodland are being incorporated as fundamental parts of the design. We are looking to maintain local hedgerows wherever possible, and will be planting additional greenery across the site.</p> <p>Solar farms actually help to reduce the intensity of the land's use. They often attract a variety of wildlife which thrives in the diverse habitat, and species commonly found within our solar farms include; invertebrates, nesting birds, reptiles, Great Crested Newts, butterflies and bees.</p> <p>A raft of ecological studies are being conducted, the findings from which will be included with, and inform, our final application for development consent. These will need to demonstrate that our proposed development will protect and enhance existing habitats. More information will be available in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)</p>



		published at statutory consultation in summer 2022.
Concern landowners/farmers have no choice in whether their land is used.	Prescribed consultee	<p>We have option agreements with relevant landowners for the proposed Gate Burton Energy Park site whereby, subject to consent being granted for our scheme, 60 year leases will be put in place. These have been agreed with those landowners who have agreed to hosting a development.</p> <p>We will be negotiating similar option agreements with the landowners and tenants for the route corridor, once this has been identified.</p> <p>Not all landowners are interested in hosting a development. Compulsory purchase orders may be required by the Development Consent Order (DCO) process in some cases. However, Low Carbon's preference is to reach agreement with landowners directly and is committed to working with stakeholders to hear their views on the proposals.</p>
Concern about flooding, both as an existing and future risk. Specific requests for information on the impact of this along Kexby Lane (Woodside) and Knaith Park End and on current drainage systems for local homes.	Prescribed consultee	The site for our proposed Gate Burton Energy Park was carefully selected through our development process, the starting point for which is trying to establish a viable location to connect to the grid network. This is one of the biggest challenges we face. Once a viable connection has been established, a filtering process is then applied to exclude, where possible, sensitive planning constraints such as higher risk flood zones.
	Local community	We are aware that land to the west of Gate Burton/immediately to the east of the River Trent lies within flood zones 2 or 3. This severely restricts potential development in this area and will have a material impact on the design of the scheme we propose for this site. The planning process also requires a sequential approach to the siting of development in relation to flood zones. The focus should be on lower risk zones in the first instance, which this proposal follows.

		Our proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park will include technical plans relating to drainage and flooding risk, with reference to particular known local flooding spots. We and our consultants have met with residents on Kexby Lane (Woodside, May Cottage and No. 7) and Nursery House (Marton Lane) to understand existing flooding issues and to inform the drainage strategy for Gate Burton Energy Park.
Concern about access for dredging around the course of the Upper Witham and that the river is running at full level capacity during heavy or prolonged rainfall and the project could impact ability of the dyke to function.	Local community	The solar panels will be set back from watercourses to provide a maintenance strip, or buffer zone, in line with requirements set out by the relevant authority depending on the watercourse type.
Concern about impact on livestock welfare from a water dyke along Kexby Lane which is prone to overflow.	Local community	The fields to the north and south of Kexby Lane that are in the vicinity of the proposed site are used for arable farming. Evidence from Google Earth and historical satellite imagery confirms this has been the case for the past 20 years. The effect on livestock welfare is therefore not considered beyond that.
Concern about noise from equipment and wind through the equipment, concern about connecting to the grid with airbreakers at night, and a suggestion to consider sound baffles and woodland screening to mitigate noise.	Local community	As part of our work to develop our proposals for the solar energy park, we are carrying out a range of surveys to ensure the levels of noise produced by the equipment onsite is within an acceptable range and a full noise impact assessment will be included as part of our application for development consent.
Concern about potential impact on soil quality, specifically about erosion, low level radiation to bacteria and soil fatigue. Suggestion to have a fallow period to help restore the soil and request to consider the beneficial water infiltration properties of restoring the bio-carbon "soil sponge" through regenerative agriculture.	Prescribed consultee	We have undertaken an Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) survey as part of our technical and environmental assessments for Gate Burton Energy Park. A summary of the findings can be found in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), Volume 1, Chapter 12: Socio-Economics and Land Use. The PEIR is available on our website 
	Local community	This survey also will be submitted as part of the Environmental Statement which will form part of the DCO application. We expect to submit this later in 2022.  Low Carbon has planned to leave the land fallow for the lifetime of the energy park, giving it time to rest and regenerate while also encouraging nature to flourish.

Suggestion to commit to an integrative agro-eco system approach to land management.	Local community	<p>Agri-voltaics is still in its relative infancy, particularly in the UK. There are advantages and disadvantages to deploying more complex systems but they are currently not viable at scale.</p> <p>However, sheep grazing is a well-established practice on solar farms in the UK. This is the preferred use of the grassland within the site, with the addition of beehives to support pollinators and produce honey.</p> <p>The project lifetime is 60 years, during which the use and management of the land underneath and between the panels will be kept under review. Other opportunities and preferences may emerge. The development should respond to those changes wherever possible.</p>
Request for consideration of local pollinators and a request for information on who would look after the bees and sell the honey.	Prescribed consultee	<p>With appropriate land management, solar farms have the potential to support wildlife and make a significant contribution to biodiversity targets – not least because once construction is complete and the solar farm is operational, sites are secured and subject to very little disturbance from humans and machinery.</p> <p>Solar farms actually help to reduce the intensity of the land's use. They often attract a variety of wildlife which thrives in the diverse habitat, and species commonly found within our solar farms include; nesting birds, reptiles, great crested newts, butterflies and bees.</p> <p>Low Carbon is committed to promoting beekeeping and providing suitable apiaries that are accessible for beekeepers. For Gate Burton Energy Park, we will offer local beekeepers the opportunity to locate apiaries on site.</p>
Request to confirm whether trees can be cut to make way for the solar panels.	Prescribed consultee	<p>Gate Burton is being planned in such a way as to minimise the visual impact locally. This means we are making use of the existing trees and hedgerows wherever possible. We are also planning to plant additional hedgerows, trees, and shrubbery to enhance this existing</p>

		network. Any loss of trees as a result of the scheme will be avoided, where possible.
Request for information about location of the battery storage units, whether they would cause any noise pollution and whether provisions would be made to prevent toxic leakage should there be a battery failure.	Prescribed consultee	As part of developing our proposals for the solar energy park, we are carrying out a range of surveys to ensure the levels of noise produced by the equipment onsite is within an acceptable range and a full noise impact assessment will be included as part of our application for development consent.  Gate Burton Energy Park will include on-site battery storage. Pollution control measures will be outlined in the Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan, which will be submitted as part of the DCO Application. We expect to submit this later in 2022.
	Local community	
Request for community climate change initiatives as part of the development.	Prescribed consultee	This is something we are reviewing as part of our work on offering community benefits. We believe those communities closest to the proposed energy park will benefit from it – with these communities being best-placed to recommend what a ‘community benefit’ should be.
Request for information about the operation and maintenance of solar panels, including specific questions about washing the panels and potential pollution caused by this.	Prescribed consultee	Solar panels are monitored remotely for performance. It is possible to see individual cells becoming faulty within a single panel, which alerts the operations and maintenance team to investigate.  Based on our existing solar farms, most of our sites are cleaned on average every four years. We use only distilled water to clean our solar panels, which does not contain chemicals. The water is then discharged to the ground.
	Local community	
Request for information about construction management regarding waste and pollution.	Prescribed consultee	Construction activities will be managed as per the control measures contained in the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). A Framework CEMP will be submitted as part of the DCO Application. We expect to submit this later in 2022.
Request to replace the proposed fencing around the panels with hedgerow.	Prescribed consultee	Our projects typically have two metre high deer fencing around the perimeter, as part of our security measures.  In addition, our solar farms include the provision of new hedge and tree planting providing both screening and new habitats.
Request for information about how the land underneath the panels will be used, for example, for grazing.	Prescribed consultee	Our solar farms are designed to be used for grazing. They sit approximately 90cm above the ground, allowing sheep to pass beneath the panels and letting more light filter to the ground.

		Other uses for the grassland include grass cuts for silage, or wildflower meadows, for instance. Additionally, greater grassland cover (as opposed to arable cropping) helps to reduce top-soil loss and reduces organic matter in the soil being released as carbon dioxide.
Request for information about the end of life of the site at the end of the 60 year lease.	Prescribed consultee	It is a common misconception that when the life cycle of a solar farm comes to end, that the land becomes 'brownfield'.  We are aiming to develop a scheme with a lifespan of approximately 50-60 years. If consent is granted, the permissions will therefore be temporary. When this time has lapsed, the land will revert to its original use – in the case of Gate Burton Energy Park this would be agricultural. The land will not be classified as having been previously developed.
Request to install solar panels on existing houses as an alternative to this proposal.	Prescribed consultee	In addition to small-scale solar development, such as the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels on buildings, large-scale solar development is essential if we are to deliver at the scale required. As highlighted by a recent study by Solar Energy UK, we need to triple current solar capacity if we are to get to net zero by 2050.
Request for information about whether the solar panels cause any issues for planes in terms of glint and glare, and whether Low Carbon has contacted the Ministry of Defence (MOD) about low flying aircraft. The impact on the Red Arrows that use the airspace about the proposed site was specifically mentioned.	Prescribed consultee	Solar panels are designed to absorb light and not to reflect it, which limits the risk of glint and glare.
	Local community	Testament to this fact is the installation of solar panels at Gatwick Airport, alongside major roads and beside car race tracks.
<b>Topic Area: Traffic and access</b>		
Feedback	Consultee	Low Carbon's response
Concern about loss of Public Rights of Way.	Prescribed consultee	Low Carbon is committed to minimising the impact of the Gate Burton Energy Park proposals on existing Public Rights of Way. This forms part of our technical work as we prepare the planning application.

	Local community	There is currently one single Public Right of Way across the entire land the site comprises. However, in our initial engagement period we have been made aware of interest for additional permissive rights of way forming part of the project, including for walking, horse riding and even the possibility of a running loop. This is something we are reviewing as part of our work on offering community benefit.
Concern about the impact of introducing public footpaths and school groups visiting the project.	Local community	Further to this first stage of consultation having taken place we are looking at how, subject to health and safety compliance and relevant landowner permissions, suggestions to introduce permissive rights of way can be incorporated, while considering any potential local impacts, as we continue to refine the scheme design.  Visits by schools will be occasional and generally a coach at a time. We do not predict significant traffic as a result of this.
Request for information about the measures in place to ensure no disruption during construction.  Concern local roads are not suitable for construction traffic and that vehicle access onto the site is poor.  Concerns raised about traffic management both regarding number and speed of vehicles.  Issues raised include flagging that the A1500 is already a busy road, pothole issues, local roads are small, in poor condition and not suitable for heavy plant/construction traffic (with specific areas and local roads flagged), other roads flagged as regularly used by horse riders and pedestrians.	Prescribed consultee  Local community	Construction impacts will be carefully planned and managed as part of the technical submission for the planning application. Appropriate controls and all planning and Health and Safety processes will be followed, including a comprehensive and detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP). This will have more details about the exact routes used.  We anticipate building a haul road off one of the main roads. This will be a separate road for our construction traffic and will enable us to minimise the number of construction vehicles using the local road network.  More information about our plans will be available at the next stage of consultation.
Request to ensure communities are communicated with in advance of road delays and local disruption, with concerns expressed that the	Local community	Construction impacts will be carefully planned and managed as part of the technical submission for the planning application. Appropriate controls and all planning and Health and Safety processes will be followed, including a comprehensive and detailed

construction process will be antisocial to communities.		<p>Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP). This will be included as part of the DCO application, which we expect to submit later in 2022, and will have more details about the exact routes proposed.</p> <p>Our current approach to managing construction is to provide programme updates via the project website. We will also have a freephone number to call for updates to ensure people can find out what is happening and contact us with any concerns. There may also be direct mailings through the post, periodically, or for specific parts of the construction process.</p>
Concern expressed that solar glare could be hazardous to drivers.	Local community	<p>There will be no hazard to drivers. Solar panels are designed to absorb light and not to reflect it, which limits the risk of glint and glare.</p> <p>Testament to this fact is the installation of solar panels at Gatwick Airport, alongside major roads and beside car race tracks.</p>
<b>Topic Area: Heritage and archaeology</b>		
Feedback	Consultee	Low Carbon's response
Concern about impact on Gate Burton Hall.	Prescribed consultee	A detailed heritage assessment is being undertaken to identify potential effects on all aspects of the historic environment. This includes potential effects on the setting of listed buildings such as Gate Burton Hall. The scheme design includes embedded mitigation specifically aimed at reducing potential impacts on Gate Burton Hall and its non-designated park. The results of the assessment, including how any potential effects on the historic environment and Gate Burton Hall, will be submitted as part of the DCO application. We expect to submit this later in 2022.
Concern about a possible 'Roman Causeway' across the bed of the river at Littleborough.	Local community	The detailed heritage assessment currently being undertaken has revealed a significant number of Roman sites across the study area, including a crossing point over the Trent at Littleborough. However, Gate Burton Energy Park will not impact this crossing point or the scheduled Segelocum Roman town on the west bank of The Trent.
<b>Topic Area: Location of the site</b>		
Feedback	Consultee	Low Carbon's response

<p>Concern that the project goes against policy LP17, LP19 and LP23 and Part B of the Central Lincolnshire Plan.</p>	<p>Prescribed consultee</p>	<p>Low Carbon is aware of the relevance of these policies and is considering them as part of the application process.</p> <p>We will provide details of our compliance with national and local policies, including whether there is any conflict, as part of the DCO application documentation later in 2022.</p> <p>However, we do not at this stage consider there is significant conflict with the policy requirements.</p>
<p>Request for Community Impact Zones (CIZs) to provide a buffer between the development and communities.</p>	<p>Prescribed consultee</p>	<p>It is unclear what a Community Impact Zone in this context.</p> <p>However, as part of the design process, Low Carbon will give due consideration to appropriate landscape and ecological buffering.</p>
<p>Questions regarding the choice of the site, with concerns raised about its proximity to residential properties. Suggestions that existing industrial sites would be preferable or that non-agricultural/ non-food producing land would be more appropriate for development.</p> <p>Suggestion to site the project near to existing electricity infrastructure. Request to consider alternative sites, including West Burton, High Mornham Power Station, Cottam (including marsh land), Cottam Burton Power Station, High Marsham Power Station and ash tips at Bole Ings.</p>	<p>Prescribed consultee</p> <p>Local community</p>	<p>We consider a range of factors when evaluating land available to deliver a utility-scale clean energy scheme, including planning and environmental factors such as existing use and quality of land, as well as any designations and constraints. However one of the factors ultimately informing site choice when looking at potential locations is available capacity on the local grid.</p> <p>In the instance of Gate Burton Energy Park, the decommissioning of Cottam and West Burton coal-fired power stations means there is capacity available on the local grid network to accommodate new energy developments connecting in. By utilising existing electricity infrastructure rather than build new this also means we can reduce the potential impacts of the solar energy park.</p> <p>There is always a balance to be found when new development comes forward, with many factors and impacts to consider, including balancing the need for clean energy and low carbon food. Due to its proposed location, Gate Burton Energy Park will utilise land that could be used for food production. However, the land take involved is minimal in the context of food production across Lincolnshire and allows clean energy to be generated at greater scale and efficiency than rooftop alternatives.</p>



		In addition, an Alternative Sites Assessment report will be submitted as part of the DCO application, which sets out Low Carbon's consideration to these alternative sites. We expect to submit the DCO application later in 2022.
Request for confirmation as to the site boundary and whether this will change, with a concern that the project is too condensed and could be further spread out.	Prescribed consultee	The current red line boundary for the site will not increase. We may reduce the area used for panels, with screening and planting being incorporated into the final design to reduce visual impact as well as provide environmental enhancement areas and buffer zones. This would sit within the existing site boundary.
	Local community	
Concern that the project encroaches on Kexby Lane and Knaith Park, with suggestion that development is scaled back in fields in that area.	Local community	Appropriate mitigation will be incorporated into the scheme design, such as additional hedgerow planting and increasing the height of existing hedgerow to 3m.
Concern about network of underground fuel and oil pipes that restrict local development.	Local community	All existing utility infrastructure will be mapped, and easements and safe working distances respected. Formal crossing agreements may be required. This will be undertaken as part of the development process.
Request that consideration is given to the impact of 39 properties consented at Marton village on the A1500 opposite the school.	Local community	Residential properties in the surrounding area of the site proposed for Gate Burton Energy Park will be considered as part of the cumulative assessment presented in the Environmental Statement.
<b>Topic Area: Cable routeing</b>		
Feedback	Consultee	Low Carbon's response
Preference stated for underground rather than overground connections, particularly when near to sensitive sites and SSSIs, with requests to confirm which approach will be taken.	Prescribed consultee	The project is assessing both the use of overhead lines and underground cable to make the connection to National Grid's substation at Cottam Power Station. We are currently conducting preliminary environmental studies to identify and refine the search area for potential route corridors an electrical connection from the energy park into the substation could take. Alongside feedback received in this initial consultation, these studies will feed into the assessment for how the connection is constructed.
	Local community	
Request for information about whether Low Carbon will be	Local community	We are in contact with Island Green Power to share information and explore opportunities for

using the same cable routes as Island Green Power to Cottam.		<p>coordination and cooperation, where possible. We believe that this will reduce potential collective impacts to local communities and lead to more efficient ways of working as the projects are developed. This could, where possible, include shared cable routes.</p> <p>More details about the cable route corridor option Low Carbon will take forward will be presented at our next stage of consultation.</p>
Concern about impact near sensitive sites including Roman and Viking settlements, fuel pipelines and storage tanks, the cemetery, and flood defence banks. Request to avoid sensitive areas such as those where fuel pipelines and storage tanks exist.		<p>The site for our proposed Gate Burton Energy Park was carefully selected through our development process to avoid technical constraints such as existing pipelines.</p>
	Local community	<p>A detailed heritage assessment is being undertaken to identify potential effects on both previously recorded and potential archaeological deposits. Where possible, the grid connection route will be designed to avoid significant archaeological deposits. Where this is not possible, appropriate mitigation, such as archaeological excavation and recording, will be undertaken.</p>
Request for information about the grid connection agreement.	Prescribed consultee	<p>We have secured a connection agreement with National Grid for the electricity generated by Gate Burton Energy Park to be exported into the electricity transmission system (the national grid) via its existing Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire.</p>
<b>Topic Area: Landscape and visual impact</b>		
Feedback	Consultee	Low Carbon's response
Concern the project will have a general negative impact on the landscape in terms of the cumulative effect of Gate Burton Energy Park, the loss of views and the impact for surrounding residential properties.	Prescribed consultee	<p>It is important for a project such as Gate Burton Energy Park to sit well in the landscape. The development process includes spending time locally on-site to assess this aspect.</p> <p>We are in contact with Island Green Power to share information and explore opportunities for coordination and cooperation, where possible. We believe that this will reduce potential collective impacts to local communities.</p> <p>The final design and layout of the site will evolve in response to the findings from all the</p>

	Local community	<p>environmental and technical studies we are undertaking to determine the most appropriate areas for development. Our studies will help us identify those areas that are the least visually prominent, those that are free of restrictive planning designations and those areas that can be most appropriately assimilated and screened within the local landscape.</p> <p>This information, together with feedback submitted through consultation, will be taken into consideration to help shape the final layout for the site and determine specifically where the solar panels are located.</p> <p>Gate Burton is being planned in such a way as to minimise the visual impact locally. This means we are making use of the existing trees and hedgerows wherever possible. We are also planning to plant additional hedgerows, trees, and shrubbery to enhance this existing network.</p>
Concern about the scale of the project, particularly given proximity to village landscape, and the importance of the visual link between villages and the countryside.	Prescribed consultee	Please refer to previous answer.
	Local community	
Concern about where the panels and associated equipment will be visible from. Request for confirmation as to whether the panels would be visible from the road. Request to consider a buffer zone to screen from roads, particularly between Willingham Road to Marton, and to mitigate visual impact with trees and hedging, particularly to Heynings Close and Heynings Court.	Local community	<p>Gate Burton is being planned in such a way as to minimise the visual impact locally. This means we are making use of the existing trees and hedgerows wherever possible. We are also planning to strengthen existing hedgerows, plant additional hedgerows, trees, and shrubbery to enhance this existing network, as indicated in the Environment Masterplan. This will be reviewed during the preparation of the Environmental Statement.</p> <p>Furthermore, studies are ongoing to minimise the visual impact of scheme, with screening and planting being incorporated into the final design as well as provide environmental enhancement areas and buffer zones.</p>
Request for information about the outlook and skyline – particularly in view of Lincolnshire’s ‘Big Skies’.	Prescribed consultee	We will provide further detail about our landscaping plans at our next stage of consultation.
<b>Topic Area: Impact on the local community</b>		

Feedback	Consultee	Low Carbon's response
Concern about the scale of the project.	Local community	In addition to small-scale solar development, such as the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels on buildings, large-scale solar development is essential if we are to deliver at the scale required to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050. As highlighted by a recent study by Solar Energy UK, we need to triple current solar capacity if we are to get to net zero by 2050.
Request for coordination with other local solar projects to minimise cumulative impact and disruption. Concerns were raised regarding the cumulative impact with specific reference to Willingham, Stow, Sturton, Marton and Gate Burton.	Prescribed consultee	We are in contact with Island Green Power to share information and explore opportunities for coordination and cooperation, where possible.
	Local community	We believe that this will reduce potential collective impacts to local communities and lead to more efficient ways of working as the projects are developed. This could, where possible, include shared cable routes, aligning project development programmes, and sharing relevant feedback from local stakeholders and the community to improve all projects.
Concern the project will have a general negative impact on local communities and that there will be limited community benefit.	Prescribed consultee	This non-statutory stage of consultation invited suggestions for local projects and initiatives we could support or deliver to benefit those communities closest to the project.
	Local community	Feedback to this consultation is now being used to refine the design of the scheme so that it is sensitive to and respects the concerns of local communities.
Concern about the impact on health and wellbeing.	Prescribed consultee	Solar power is one of the safest sources of energy and we do not anticipate any negative health impacts from the scheme.  All electric appliances emit electric and magnetic fields (EMF). Solar panel arrays emit EMF in the same extremely low frequency ranges as electrical appliances and wiring found in most houses and buildings.

	Local community	<p>The average daily background exposure to magnetic fields is estimated to be around one mG (milligauss – the unit used to measure magnetic field strength) but can vary considerably depending on each person’s individual exposure to EMF from household electrical devices and wiring.</p> <p>The lowest exposure level that has been potentially associated with a health effect is three mG. Measurements at three commercial PV arrays in Massachusetts demonstrated that their contributions to off-site EMF exposures were low (less than 0.5 mG at the site boundary), which is consistent with the drop off of EMF strength based on distance from the source (2015, Clean Energy Results).</p> <p>More information on EMF can be found [REDACTED]</p>
Concern regarding specifically the impact on Gainsborough and villages along the river Trent.	Prescribed consultee	These receptors will be considered by the relevant technical disciplines as part of the Environment Statement, which will be submitted as part of the DCO application. We expect to submit the DCO application later in 2022.
Concern regarding the impact on property values. Specific locations named include between the Gate Burton site and the Torksey/Green Island project. Request for Low Carbon to pay the difference in any negative impact.	Prescribed consultee	<p>In 2014, CEBR and Renewable UK conducted a [REDACTED] of over one million homes in the UK to analyse the effect of wind farms on house prices. It found that onshore wind farms had no impact on the value of residential properties within a 5km radius.</p> <p>Given solar panels are less obtrusive than wind turbines, we are confident that local property prices will not be affected by our proposed development.</p>
	Local community	
Concern regarding job losses, including through impact on local tourism. Preference stated for a mix of green technologies that create more jobs for local residents, including a request for information about whether this project will be providing employment for local people either during or after construction.	Prescribed consultee	<p>Is it Low Carbon’s preference to employ locally, where viable.</p> <p>We estimate that we will need, on average, 400 full-time workers on site each day during the construction period. This is based on activities required and will therefore fluctuate – at certain times, it may be higher or lower than 400 employees.</p> <p>Based on work travel statistics, an estimated 228 full-time employees could be local residents.</p>
	Local community	

		<p>We expect an employment loss of 1.5 permanent jobs as a result of the scheme. However, Gate Burton Energy Park will generate 14 full-time employees, generating an uplift of 13 permanent full-time employees.</p> <p>It should be noted that employment in the green energy sector is highly qualified, offering salaries above the national average and growing at a faster rate than other energy sectors (such as oil and gas).</p> <p>There is no evidence to suggest that renewable energy parks have a negative impact on tourism. A study released by the South West Research Company in 2013, commissioned by Good Energy, to undertake an independent research study into the attitude of visitors to Cornwall towards wind and solar farms in the county found that the vast majority of visitors had a positive attitude towards renewable energy (80%) with just 6% having a negative attitude towards it. Overall, the report found that just 2% of visitors are less likely to visit the county again in the future as a result of the presence of wind and solar farms. However, 4% of visitors are more likely to visit, which is likely to be as a result of those who find the developments attractive and, more importantly, those that consider the county to be a more positive place as a result.</p>
Request for confirmation about community funding/mitigation for local projects/improvements.	Prescribed consultee	<p>In our initial engagement period we asked for feedback on possible community schemes we could support. This is something we are reviewing as part of our work on offering community benefit. We believe those communities closest to the proposed energy park should benefit from it – with these communities being best-placed to recommend what a ‘community benefit’ should be.</p> <p>We will be providing further information about our developing plans for community benefit at the next consultation.</p>
<b>Topic Area: Technology</b>		
Feedback	Consultee	Low Carbon’s response
Request for consideration of alternative technologies including Small Modular Reactors, tidal via River Trent,	Local community	Our proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park do not preclude other forms of energy generation from coming forward. The scale of renewable energy needed to achieve net zero carbon

<p>using Cromwell Weir to power all of Newark and a canal cut across Marton bend for a water turbine.</p>		<p>emissions by 2050 is so great that we need a variety of technologies. It is less of a choice between solar and other technologies – rather, we need more of all clean and viable sources of renewable energy.</p>
<p>Concerns about the safety of solar panels and lithium batteries, including their fire risk.</p>	<p>Local community</p>	<p>Lithium based batteries are likely to be used for Gate Burton Energy Park. This technology is the basis for the vast majority of battery storage projects in the UK and beyond.</p> <p>The cells within the batteries are designed to be contained in the rare event of failure and sit within a wider containerised package providing added protection. All battery manufacturers have inherent electrical and fire suppression systems that are activated in the event of an emergency and each module has a Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system to keep the batteries at the correct temperature during operation.</p> <p>The UK government has widely recognised the use of this technology across its energy strategy, which acknowledges the safety and practicality of battery storage use across the UK. Health &amp; Safety at these sites is of paramount importance, with multiple procedures and design features put in place to combat hazards.</p>
<p>Suggestion to fit solar panels to the roof of existing public buildings and offer greater incentives for home owners as an alternative to this project.</p>	<p>Local community</p>	<p>Rooftops provide an obvious and natural location for siting solar panels, and this is something we gladly support.</p> <p>However, there are constraints that slow or, in some cases, prevent rolling out rooftop solar at scale. We categorise these constraints into three separate areas, including physical, legal and scalability.</p> <p>The cost of solar for rooftops is also significantly higher compared to that of ground-mounted systems; an additional cost which is passed on to consumers through our energy bills when the electricity is sold on the market.</p> <p>Ultimately however, we are facing a climate emergency which makes it necessary to deploy renewable energy at scale. Simply put, this cannot be achieved by solar development on rooftops or brownfield sites alone. To make a meaningful impact, solar farms must form the backbone of this approach.</p>

		<p>We have received numerous suggestions relating to homeowner incentives for initiatives Low Carbon could explore to help facilitate or directly deliver wider benefits to the community and/or meet local needs. This is something we are reviewing as part of our work on offering community benefit.</p>
<p>Concern about storage time of one hour, particularly in winter.</p>	<p>Prescribed consultee</p>	<p>The specific design details of the battery system used for Gate Burton Energy Park will be decided after we submit the Development Consent Order (DCO) application, subject to consent.</p> <p>At this point, we have not yet made any decisions on the size of the battery system.</p> <p>However, as an example of how the battery system could work, a 1MWh battery can deliver 1MW of power for one hour, or 0.5MW of power for two hours, and so on.</p>
<p>Concern about the size of the batteries.</p>	<p>Prescribed consultee</p>	<p>At this stage no detailed design has been undertaken for the batteries and compound. It is currently subject to maximum design parameters but the final design may be smaller.</p>
<p>Concerns about the solar panels only being 27% effective.</p>	<p>Prescribed consultee</p>	<p>The efficiency of solar panels currently varies from around 18% to 25%, although the technology is improving. Efficiency is a measure of how effective panels are at converting light to power, therefore they will never truly reach 100%. This is also true of other means of generating energy. Nuclear plants being built now have between 34%-39% thermal efficiency, for example.</p>
<p>Concern about possible harmful by-products from solar panel recycling.</p>	<p>Local community</p>	<p>The operational life of Gate Burton Energy Park solar farm is expected to be at least 60 years. At decommissioning, we will look into ways to recycle material from solar panels wherever possible. The recycling facilities also commit to managing the small percentage of waste properly to ensure this process does not release harmful by-products.</p>
<p>Request for clarification about the reasoning for the exclusion zone.</p>	<p>Prescribed consultee</p>	<p>There are a number of exclusion zones within the preliminary masterplan. These cover a variety of considerations such as ecology and heritage. As the scheme reaches its final form, all exclusions areas will be defined fully.</p>
<p>Request to explain how the energy stored in the park is produced.</p>	<p>Local community</p>	<p>The solar photovoltaic (PV) panels convert the sun's energy into DC electrical power. In other words, the solar panels convert sunlight into electricity.</p>



Request to explain whether the connection to Cottam power station is to push energy into the grid, or to charge the power storage.	Local community	<p>The electricity generated by the energy park is expected to be exported into the national grid at Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire.</p> <p>Gate Burton Energy Park has the potential to generate around 500 megawatts (MW) of electricity. This is enough clean energy to power over 160,000 homes and avoid more than 100,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions every year.</p>
Request for information about whether the panels are going to be touching the ground.	Local community	The panels will sit roughly 90cm above the ground.
Request for information about how long a might panel last.	Local community	The operational life of Gate Burton Energy Park is expected to be at least 60 years. It could be much longer depending on the condition of equipment. Once decommissioned, the panels and other associated technology will be removed from the site for recycling and disposal.
Request that the project will employ British labour, material and manufacturing facilities where possible.	Local community	<p>Many of the products and materials required to build the energy park are readily available and produced in the UK, so as far as possible Low Carbon would look to source materials in the UK.</p> <p>Around 80 per cent of solar panels deployed worldwide are currently manufactured in Asia, however, the volume of panels being manufactured in Europe is increasing.</p> <p>Gate Burton Energy Park is still at an early stage in the planning process. Based on our current projected programme, subject to consent being granted, we anticipate construction would start no sooner than 2025. Until we reach the point at which we can start the procurement process the exact origin of where the materials and products required is unable to be confirmed.</p>
<b>Topic Consultation</b>	<b>Area:</b>	
Feedback	Consultee	Low Carbon's response

<p>Concern that information was not available at consultation, particularly in relation to cumulative impact of nearby schemes, maps not showing proposed cable routes or location of battery storage units, lack of detail about the ecological and wildlife impact of the development, and concern that questions could not be answered by staff at public meetings. Requests for specific information to be made available at future consultation events including a flood risk analysis, traffic movement data, noise level simulations, cumulative impact, ecological survey data, satellite view of site parameters.</p>	<p>Prescribed consultee</p>	<p>The purpose of this non-statutory consultation was to introduce Low Carbon, present the emerging proposals and give local and/or interested people and stakeholders the opportunity to tell us what they think.</p> <p>Following initial appraisal work we identified three broad route corridor options within which a connection from the energy park to Cottam substation could be routed. These were presented at the first round of consultation. Further feasibility studies and options appraisals are underway to determine the exact routeing and installation method for the cable.</p> <p>We anticipate having more details on this at our next stage of consultation.</p> <p>At the time of this initial non-statutory consultation, we have not yet finalised the design of the scheme. We expect to ask for your views on the specific location of equipment required for the energy park at our second stage of consultation.</p> <p>Environmental assessments remain ongoing. We will carry out a second statutory stage of consultation later this year when we will share our detailed proposals for the solar energy park and its connection into the national grid – including environmental information, construction impacts and comprehensive Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP).</p>
<p>Concern raised about the promotion of local events and quality of the presentation given.</p>	<p>Prescribed consultee</p>	<p>Low Carbon went beyond industry best practice and standards in promoting the consultation events and making information available.</p> <p>To ensure that anyone who may have a view about our proposals knew about the consultation, we engaged in various promotional activities. These included direct mailing a promotional postcard to the 7,235 households and/or commercial businesses in the consultation zone, print and online advertisements, local media coverage, and engagement with community representatives.</p> <p>Low Carbon also provided a wide range of consultation materials at in-person events, including consultation information booklets and large-scale maps. For online events, members of the project team gave presentations on different aspects of the proposals, covering</p>

		<p>similar information to that provided in the consultation information booklet.</p> <p>We acknowledge that at the time of the initial non-statutory consultation, we had not yet finalised the design of the scheme. However, Low Carbon ensured that members of the project team from different disciplines attended both in-person and online events to be able to answer a wide range of questions.</p>
Request to work with local Parish Councils, local community groups and schools to understand needs and provide support and funding.	Local community	<p>As part of our first stage of consultation, we invited suggestions for initiatives Low Carbon could explore to help facilitate or directly deliver wider benefits to the community and/or meet local needs.</p> <p>We thank everyone for their suggestions. This is something we are reviewing as part of our work on offering community benefits. We believe those communities closest to the proposed energy park should benefit from it – with these communities being best-placed to recommend what a ‘community benefit’ should be.</p>
Request for site visit for local residents.	Local community	<p>Throughout the consultation we welcomed the opportunity to brief stakeholders, offering both in-person and virtual appointments.</p> <p>Upon request, members of the project team met with those living closest to the site to review the impacts of the scheme on residents.</p> <p>Since the close of the consultation, we have continued to engage with local residents through home visits.</p>
Request for clarification about who Low Carbon are.	Local community	<p>Low Carbon is a leading, privately-owned UK investment and asset management company specialising in renewable energy. We were founded with the aim of having a lasting and positive impact on climate change. In practice, this means responsible and innovative investments into large-scale renewable energy projects, a commitment to protecting the earth’s natural resources, and dedication to creating a low-carbon future for all. To this end, we have established our own target of achieving net zero by 2030.</p> <p>In 2021 we formed a strategic partnership with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual) to build a leading global renewable energy Independent Power Producer (IPP) targeting 20GW of renewable</p>

		<p>energy capacity by 2030. Our ambition is to transform the global energy sector from fossil fuel based to zero-carbon.</p> <p>Low Carbon is a certified B Corporation and is also the first SME to be welcomed as a member of the Corporate Leaders Group (CLG), a group which brings together businesses from a cross-section of UK industry to accelerate progress towards a low-carbon, sustainable economy.</p> <p>Additionally, Low Carbon is an official Nominator for the Earthshot Prize launched by Prince William – one of the most prestigious global environment prizes in history, and a signatory to the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), demonstrating our commitment to including environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors in our investment decision making and asset ownership.</p>
Request that the next consultation provides an update on what changes are being made to the proposals as a result of the initial consultation.	Local community	We will carry out a second statutory stage of consultation later this year when we will share our detailed proposals for the solar energy park and its connection into the national grid – including environmental information. How Low Carbon has responded to the feedback submitted to the first stage of consultation and the changes being made as a result is contained within this report.
Request that the next stage of the consultation includes open discussion of the project with all sectors of the community, including landowners, authorities and all other concerned agencies.	Local community	<p>The first stage of consultation was open to anyone and was widely publicised, via email, postcards, print and digital advertising and press releases. Landowners, relevant local authorities and other key stakeholders were contacted directly about the project at various stages marking key milestones.</p> <p>Local councils, stakeholders and residents all have an important role to play. At our second statutory stage of consultation later this year we will similarly be inviting anyone with an interest in our proposals to submit feedback and tell us what they think.</p>
Praise received for the high quality of the consultation.	Prescribed consultee	We are pleased to receive positive feedback about our initial consultation.
	Local community	
<b>Topic Area: Suggested community benefits</b>		
Feedback	Consultee	Low Carbon's response

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Road traffic calming measures</li> <li>▪ Community broadband support</li> <li>▪ Village Hall improvements</li> <li>▪ Upgrade / maintenance of Public Rights of Way</li> <li>▪ Community Solar Panel initiatives</li> <li>▪ Broadband provision</li> <li>▪ Recreation area (sports field)</li> <li>▪ Zero tariff local electrical supply</li> </ul>	<p>Prescribed consultee</p>	<p>In our initial engagement period we asked for feedback on possible community schemes we could support, and we thank everyone for the suggestions.</p> <p>This is something we are reviewing as part of our work on offering community benefit. We believe those communities closest to the proposed energy park should benefit from it – with these communities being best-placed to recommend what a ‘community benefit’ should be.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permissive Right of Way from Foxes Farm to Knaith Village</li> <li>• Help the village to swap from oil to air source</li> <li>• Extend fibre broadband from Knaith to Knaith Park</li> <li>• Updating village hall and sports facilities for Marton and Get Burton Village.</li> <li>• Create a 2-year-old unit to provide affordable childcare to allow parents to access job opportunities</li> <li>• Marton Village Hall - a garden for local groups and a playground/exercise trail in the school grounds that children could use on a daily basis, improve the playing field and children’s playing area</li> <li>• Allow The Marton Academy to access the Community Fund, when it becomes available</li> <li>• An education programme and centre</li> </ul>	<p>Local community</p>	

<p>for local schools, and information boards and tours to explain the project to visitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of a woodland/wildlife area at the end of Littleborough Land, Marton</li> <li>• Solar EV charging points for local residents and businesses</li> <li>• Provide high quality local habitats for wildlife, for example wildflower meadows</li> <li>• Consider collaborating with the Henry Smith Charity and Risholme Agricultural College to promote community regeneration through land regeneration.</li> <li>• Consider collaborating with Lincoln Prison, Sport England and the Conservation Volunteers to encourage physical activity through the project</li> <li>• A nature/walking/running area – e.g. Parkrun</li> <li>• Create a footpath into the village from the farm on Willington Road to complete a circular walk</li> <li>• Create a community hub. Either buy the Stag pub and fund the landlord or replace/improve the village hall.</li> <li>• Discounted energy for local residents</li> <li>• Free solar panels for the Knaith Park community hall</li> </ul>		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase footpaths and bridleways</li> <li>• Outside gym equipment</li> <li>• Covered bus stops</li> <li>• Fund a pavement from Marton to Knaith</li> <li>• Fund a new footpath linking Marton Road with Gate Burton Road near the rail line</li> <li>• Request to connect the local villages to the main power grid to allow the local residents to benefit from the power that the local solar panels are providing and enable us to support additional low carbon initiatives</li> <li>• Request to consider financially supporting local residents to install noise reducing measures in their home such as acoustic glass or secondary glazing</li> <li>• Request for consideration of the integration of beekeeping with holistic grazing and solar energy generation</li> <li>• Request that the project include an interpretation centre for visitors</li> <li>• Request to consider education in Regenerative Agriculture and links to Riseholme Agricultural College of Lincoln University and the Lincolnshire Agricultural Showground.</li> </ul>		
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## **Summary and next steps**

Since the launch of proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park in 2021, Low Carbon has maintained an ongoing programme of engagement with stakeholders and those interested in the scheme.

Low Carbon will continue to provide opportunities for engagement regarding Gate Burton Energy Park throughout 2022, supported by the next stage of consultation, anticipated as taking place in the summer. At this point, Low Carbon will be inviting responses in relation to all elements of the proposed development.



## **Appendix**

Please see overleaf.

## Appendix A

### Political stakeholders notified by email and/or letter

#### Political stakeholders notified by email and/or letter – Members of Parliament

<b>Member of Parliament</b>	<b>Constituency</b>
Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP	Newark
Sir Edward Leigh MP	Gainsborough
Brendan Clarke-Smith	Bassetlaw

#### Political stakeholders notified by email and/or letter – Local authorities

Lincolnshire County Council	Nottinghamshire County Council
West Lindsey District Council	Bassetlaw District Council

#### Political stakeholders notified by email and/or letter – Parish councils

Knaith Parish Council	Marton and Gate Burton Parish Council
North Leverton with Hablesthorpe Parish Council	Tresswell with Cottam Parish Council
Rampton and Woodbeck Parish Council	South Leverton Parish Council
Lea Parish Council	Sturton le Steeple Parish Council
Gainsborough Town Council	Upton Parish Council
Kexby Parish Council	Willingham Parish Council
Sturton-by-Stow Parish Council	Torksey Parish Council
Fenton Parish Council	Brampton Parish Meeting

## Appendix B

Near neighbours identified as those within immediate proximity to the site




## Appendix C

### Promotional postcard

Direct mailed to the 7,235 households and/or commercial businesses in the consultation zone.

## Gate Burton Energy Park

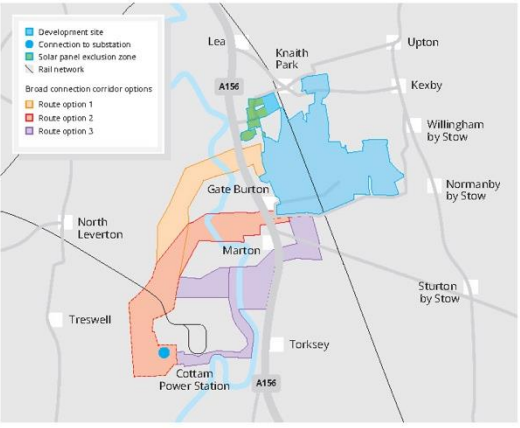
Community consultation – 11 Jan to 18 Feb 2022



**Low Carbon invites you to take part in this initial consultation on our early proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park and its connection into the national grid at Cottam Power Station in Nottinghamshire.**

This new solar and energy storage park, located at Gate Burton in Lincolnshire, has the potential to generate around 500 megawatts (MW) of electricity – enough clean energy to power over 160,000 homes and avoid more than 100,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions every year.

**Consultation is open from 11 January to 18 February 2022**



**Find out more**

Join us at any of the in-person or online information events we're holding to meet the project team, find out more about our proposals, and provide your feedback.

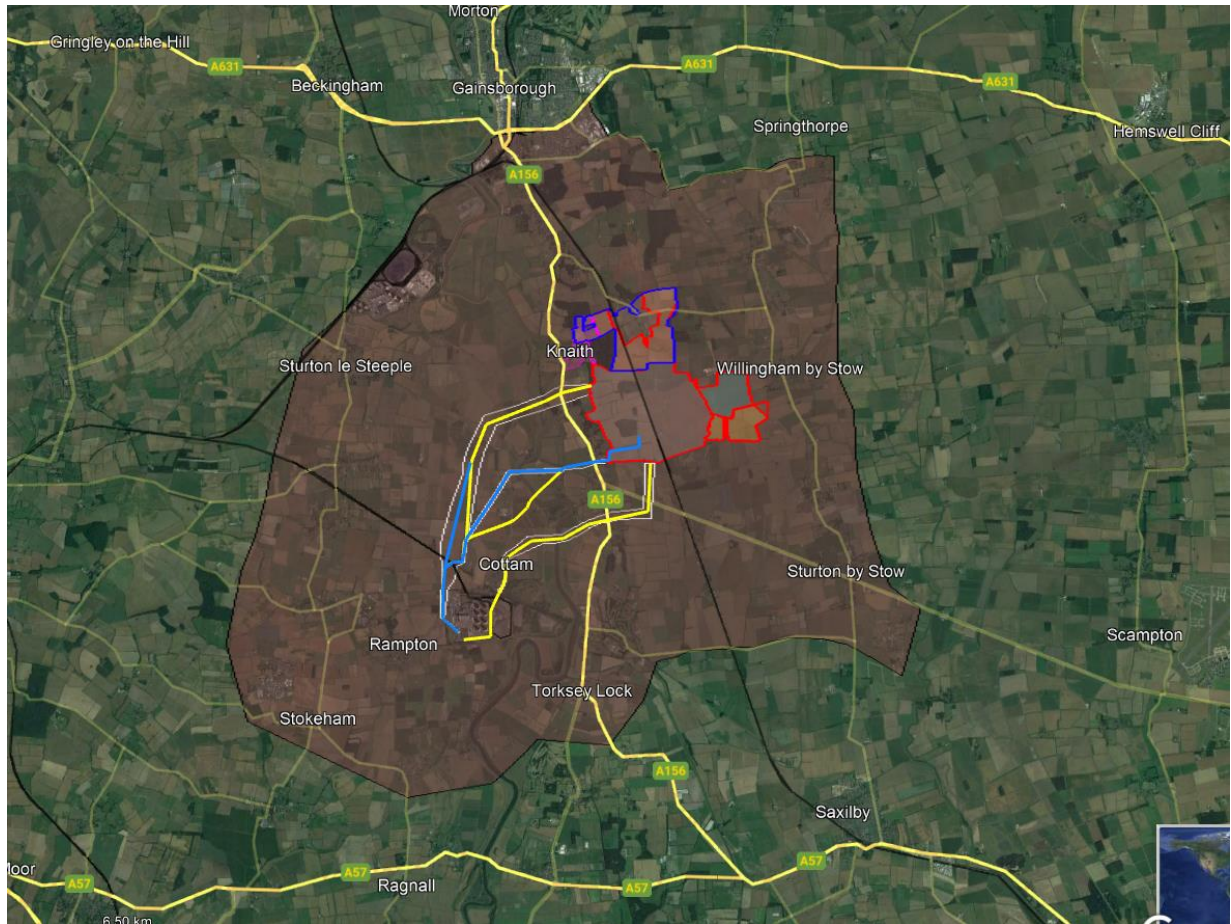
**Events taking place**

<b>Tue 25 Jan</b> 18:30 - 20:00	<b>Online event</b> – register to attend via our website: <a href="http://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk/onlineevents">www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk/onlineevents</a>
<b>Wed 26 Jan</b> 14:30 - 20:00	Knaith Park Village Hall, Willingham Road, Knaith Park, Lincs, DN21 5ET
<b>Thu 27 Jan</b> 14:30 - 20:00	North LeVERTON Methodist Chapel, Sturton Road, North LeVERTON, Notts, DN22 0AB
<b>Tue 1 Feb</b> 14:30 - 20:00	Treswell Village Hall, Town Street, Treswell, Notts, DN22 0EG
<b>Thu 3 Feb</b> 12:30 - 17:00	Willingham Village Hall, High Street, Willingham-by-Stow, Lincs, DN21 5JZ
<b>Sat 5 Feb</b> 10:30 - 14:00	Marton & Gate Burton Village Hall, Trent Port Road, Marton, Lincs, DN21 5AR
<b>Tue 8 Feb</b> 18:30 - 20:00	<b>Online event</b> – register to attend via our website: <a href="http://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk/onlineevents">www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk/onlineevents</a>

The health and safety of our team and the public is of utmost importance. Therefore, given the evolving situation regarding the Covid-19 Omicron variant, please check the website for any updates prior to attending our events.

# Appendix D

## The consultation zone



## Appendix E

### Advertisements in local newspapers

The advertisement below ran in the Lincolnshire Echo, Retford Times and Gainsborough Standard over two consecutive weeks.

**Community Consultation –  
11 Jan to 18 Feb 2022**

**Have your say**



Low Carbon is holding an initial community consultation on our proposals for a new solar and energy park near Gate Burton, Lincolnshire.

**Visit our website to find out more about what is being consulted on and how you can take part.**

**How to find out more**

Join us at one of our online or in-person events to:

- find out more about our proposals;
- ask members of the project team questions; and,
- provide us with your thoughts.

<b>Tue 25 Jan</b> 18:30-20:00	<b>Online event</b> (register via the website in advance)
<b>Wed 26 Jan</b> 14:30-20:00	Knaith Park Village Hall, DN21 5ET
<b>Thu 27 Jan</b> 14:30-20:00	North Leverton Methodist Chapel, DN22 0AB
<b>Tue 1 Feb</b> 14:30-20:00	Treswell Village Hall, DN22 0EG
<b>Thu 3 Feb</b> 12:30-17:00	Willingham Village Hall, DN21 5JZ
<b>Sat 5 Feb</b> 10:30-14:00	Marion & Gate Burton Village Hall, DN21 5AR
<b>Tue 8 Feb</b> 18:30-20:00	<b>Online event</b> (register via the website in advance)

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**Contact us:**

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 **FREEPOST**  
**GATE BURTON**  
**ENERGY PARK**
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Table 2: Newspaper advertisement publication dates

Newspaper	Advert 1	Advert 2
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# Drugs grow man is jailed

## Police discovered more than 170 cannabis plants inside property



Cannabis plants found in Gainsborough

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### Company's Big Ben job

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# Pothole reports rise as budget is slashed

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More than 100,000 potholes are estimated to have been reported to Lincolnshire County Council last year, as the authority faces a £12 million hole in the road budget itself. Lincolnshire County Council data for 2021 shows 15,314 reports regarding potholes were made to either the Fix My Street service or the council's own portal.

According to a council spokesman, each report accounts for a navigable seven potholes, which we estimate means up to 107,198 potholes could have been reported.

The figure is also in stark contrast to a recent survey by TGA Concrete which looked



More than 100,000 potholes are estimated to have been reported in 2021

at Google's keyword planner and found there were just 264 pothole-related searches every month in Lincolnshire. This accounts for 3.4 searches

per 100,000 people. Those behind the report said it showed Lincolnshire has some of the best roads in the country, a finding in di-

rect opposition to the council's figures and reports local roads to receive on a regular basis.

It comes as the county council faces a massive gap in its road maintenance funds after government slashed its funding by 25 per cent last year.

At a meeting of its senior leaders, bosses continued to push the message in their latest budget as they raised council tax by three per cent to tackle social care issues, and looked to make nearly £10 million of savings across several departments.

In response the authority has started a "Fix Our Roads" campaign.

Coun Richard Davies, executive member for highways at Lincolnshire County Council, said: "Unfortunately

in this case, looking at the amount of Google searches that use the word pothole is now here near the reality of the situation for Lincolnshire residents.

"Our county is in dire need of the missing £12 million of roads maintenance funds that the government cut from our budget.

"That missing 25 per cent of government money, if put back into our budget, will make a huge difference to the people and businesses of Lincolnshire."

He said the "vital" money would cover 37 miles of road maintenance and fill 24,000 potholes.

To support the campaign, visit [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/highways](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/highways) or to report potholes visit [www.fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk).

## Details of plans

Here is a selection of the latest planning applications which have been submitted to West Lindsey District Council.

Installation of two first floor windows and a new external storage compound at Gainsborough Cityware, Cakelost Drive, Gainsborough.

Proposed storage and distribution centre on land east of Somerby Way, Gainsborough.

Erect one agricultural dwelling, access to be considered and not reserved for subsequent applications, on land adjacent to Hall Farm, Church Road, Laughton.

Temporary modular office building at Environment Agency, Corringham Road, Gainsborough.

Erect one dwelling with all matters reserved, being removal of condition seven of planning permission 142907 granted 01 June 2021 - regarding grassed area on land at Old Chapel Court, Waddingham.

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## Terror attack lawsuit settled

Family of Carly Lovett agree settlement with travel company TUI

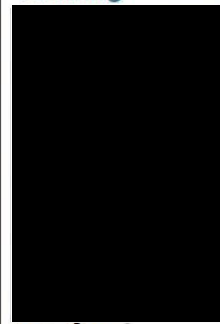
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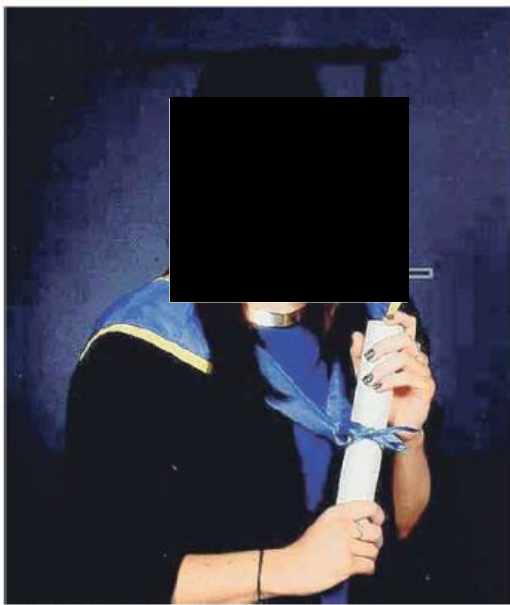
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Carly Lovett, from Gainsborough, was among the 38 people killed in Tunisia in 2015.

# TUI settles Tunisia case

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Nearly seven years after the devastating terrorist attack in Tunisia which killed 38 people, including a woman from Gainsborough, tour operator TUI has reached a settlement with the families.

Photographer and beauty blogger Carly Lovett, aged 24, from Gainsborough, who had recently become engaged to Liam Moore, was among 38 killed on June 26, 2015, by a self-proclaimed Islamist militant at the Port El Kantaoui resort near Sousse.

He fired his Kalashnikov at sunbathers on the beach before entering the Hotel Riu Imperial Marhaba from the area around the swimming pool.

He continued shooting and threw grenades before he

fled into the streets and was shot by police. Most of his victims were British.

Relatives of the British victims sought legal action following the coroner's findings following an inquest in 2017.

Judge Nicholas Loraine-Smith ruled they were unlawfully killed and ruled against a finding of "neglect" by TUI, as well as the owners of the Riu Imperial Marhaba.

The judge said the gunman had been intent on killing as many tourists as he could and added that he has not found a direct link between the response of armed officers in the area and the deaths.

A joint statement from TUI and the law firm Irwin Mitchell said: "The tragic events of June 26, 2015, in Tunisia shocked and devastated us all and changed the lives of those affected forever.

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## Isolation changes

People who test positive for Covid-19 can now end their self-isolation after five full days.

The move to reduce the quarantine period from seven to five days has been hailed as restoring "extra freedoms" and comes amid suggestions that all Plan B restrictions will be lifted at the end of this month.

This is provided they produce a negative lateral flow test on days five and six.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day five, with the second to be taken the following day.

If a test comes back positive on day five, then a negative test is required on day six and day seven to release from isolation.

If a person still tests positive on day six, then a negative test is required on days seven and eight, and so on until the end of day ten.

It is still advised to wear face coverings.

## Help to improve housing scheme

West Lindsey District Council is launching a consultation on proposals to change how some private rented homes are managed and licensed.

The plans will affect private rented homes in several areas across the district.

The council is keen to receive feedback on the proposals from people in all communities in the region, regardless of whether you own, rent, or live near a private rented home.

The local authority said it is committed to improving the quality of housing across the district in addition to continuing to build thriving, prosperous communities.

This consultation is part of the council's long-term vision to address the inequalities that exist in housing in our communities.

With more residents liv-

ing in private rented homes than ever before, it's important that as many people as possible share their views and experiences.

Councillor Owen Bierley, chair of the council's prosperous communities committee, said: "We are doing everything possible to make sure that private renting offers the highest possible standards of security, safety and quality."

"Our previous selective licensing scheme addressed more than 4,000 households in homes across Gainsborough; but there is still more to do.

"We are now looking to take this further with proposals for new selective licensing schemes covering a larger area of the district. The consultation runs until Monday, April 11.

To take part in it visit [www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/selectivelicensing2022](http://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/selectivelicensing2022).



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Darren was 'one-in-a-million'

THE family of Darren Munnelly has paid tribute to him - labelling him as "one in a million" and "loved by all".

Darren leaves behind two sons, his parents and his older sister - all of whom will miss him dearly.

Sean Falkinder was grateful for the memories he and his dad shared, saying they were "the best of friends."

He said: "Not a single minute has passed where the tragic passing of my dad hasn't been the overriding thought on my mind with everything else becoming secondary."

"My dad was loved by all who had the pleasure of meeting him and his passing has affected far more afield than just our immediate family and friends."

"Father and son, the best of friends, I thank you for everything you taught me about becoming a man. I hope to keep making you proud every single day. We may never get another gig, duet or frame together, but we will

always have our memories. Remembering you always, Sean."

His teenage son, Jack, would often confide in his dad, and remembered joyous weekends together.

"My dad was like my best mate, I told him loads of stuff. I was with him every weekend and we did everything together. Since he's been gone I don't know what words to use."

Darren's parents, Billy and Karen, shared a joint tribute to their son. They remembered his selflessness - how he spent lockdown providing meals for the homeless.

He would often visit the New Theatre Royal with his mum and enjoyed family camping trips.

Billy and Karen said: "Darren was the most perfect son you could have. He will be missed and loved greatly by all of us."

Darren's older sister Cheryl added: "Darren was a very special brother to me, he was one in a million."

# Builder jailed for manslaughter of a father-of-two

VICTIM PUNCHED AFTER ASKING ATTACKER TO STOP SHOUTING IN THE STREET

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A DRUNK builder who punched and killed popular Lincoln man Darren Munnelly after he asked him to stop shouting in the street was jailed on Monday for six years and six months.

Mr Munnelly, 46, had just returned home after taking his mother to the theatre for a retirement present when he was attacked by Declan Grant, 22.

The popular community fund-raiser and father-of-two had gone outside to remonstrate with Grant who was shouting outside the home of a former girlfriend.

Grant responded by punching Mr Munnelly twice to the face and left him lying on the ground in Carr Street, Lincoln, just after midnight on July 25.

The second punch immediately incapacitated Mr Munnelly and despite the efforts of neighbours to save him he suffered a fatal haemorrhage.

Mr Munnelly suffered facial injuries consistent with a substantial punch and further wounds to the back of his head after he collapsed to the floor.

Peter Joyce QC, prosecuting, told the court there was no doubt Grant was the aggressor and had not been acting in self-defence.

The court heard Mr Munnelly had spent the evening "spoiling" his mother by taking her to the theatre as a retirement present.

He also cooked food and delivered it to people in need during the coronavirus pandemic and raised money for the homeless.

Mr Joyce said: "Mr Munnelly had returned home not particularly late after a very respectable evening with his mother when he took exception to Mr Grant."

"He told Mr Grant to stop shouting and disturbing the neighbourhood. Mr Grant's response was to attack him."

Grant fled into the home of his former girlfriend and admitted he had a scarp and punched a man. She went outside and tried to help Mr Munnelly.

told the court Grant had written a letter in which he expressed true remorse.

In the letter, Grant wrote: "I am truly, truly sorry for what I did." Grant added that all he could hope is that in a very long time Mr Munnelly's family could forgive him.

The court heard Grant was placed in local authority care at the age of eleven after a family break-up but later moved to Lincoln from Scunthorpe and worked hard in the building trade.

Passing sentence Judge Simon Hirst made it plain no sentence could put a value on the priceless life of Mr Munnelly.

But the Judge told Grant his actions were aggravated by his previous convictions, the use of two blows and his drunk behaviour in a residential street.

Judge Hirst told him: "Outside your former girlfriend's home you were drunk and shouting for her to let you in."

"Darren Munnelly was a neighbour. He came out to remonstrate with you and to ask you to stop shouting in the street."

"Your response was to punch him twice to the face."

Mr Joyce read out moving victim impact statements from Mr Munnelly's mother Karen, his two sons, and his sister Cheryl.

In her statement Mrs Munnelly said: "We had such a lovely evening, I cannot understand how it ended in such tragedy."

"In hospital, it was unbelievable to see our son in such a state," she added.

"It is a life sentence for us, losing our beloved son, Darren."

Mr Munnelly's eldest son Sean, who regularly watched Manchester United and played snooker with his father, added: "My whole family can not understand what happened, only on a night out with his mother."

Grant, of St Mary's Street, Lincoln, admitted the manslaughter of Mr Munnelly on 25 July, 2021. Gordon Aspden QC, mitigating

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# 23 years in prison for evil couple that left their victims injured and terrified

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A COUPLE have been jailed for a combined total of 23 years after scaring several Lincoln residents in their own homes by stealing and demanding money from them.

David Enright, 38, of Harrington Street, Cleethorpes, appeared at Lincoln Crown Court along with his partner Danielle Mitchell, 36, of Fleming House, Lincoln, on December 23.

Enright received a prison sentence of 15 years, whilst Mitchell was handed an eight-and-a-half-year jail term.

The pair were found guilty of carrying out a series of burglaries in late 2020, using intimidation and violence to steal money and belongings from their victims.

On September 30 of that year, Mitchell visited a property in Lane Close in Lincoln alongside Enright, who demanded money from the homeowner.

Enright threatened the man and later attacked him before leaving with thousands of pounds worth of cash.

They entered the property again on December 8 and Enright accused the occupant of grassing him up and stole more money.

Between September and November 2020, the couple targeted two friends on Boundary Street in Lincoln, forcing them to take money out of their bank accounts and hand it over.

The final incidents saw Enright and Mitchell target someone who had agreed to put them up for the night, which ended with the pair forcing them to take money out of their bank before eventually leaving the property.

They also stole a Playstation 3 games console and two controllers, between 10 and 15 games and an Amazon Kindle tablet from that homeowner.

Enright was ordered to pay a surcharge of £190 after he pleaded guilty to a series of robberies between August 6 and November 29 in 2020.

A Lincolnshire Police spokesperson told Lincolnshire Live that incidents between the August and November dates were so frequent that the court condensed it down to one charge.

Enright was also found guilty of possession of a blade in a public space, a public order offence and affray.

As well as the charge for the "series" of robberies, Enright was also found guilty on four separate charges relating to two burglaries and two robberies which the court did not condense.

Mitchell was found guilty of

the same four robbery and burglary charges - in addition to a charge of blackmail between August 6 and November 29.

She was told to pay a £190 surcharge and will also serve her additional jail time concurrently while she is behind bars.

Their imprisonment comes after a lengthy investigation by Lincolnshire Police, which uncovered a spate of offences.

DC Charlotte Bee, who investigated the case, said that Enright and Mitchell left their victims scared in their homes.

She said: "This type of behaviour will not be tolerated in Lincolnshire and those that engage in these crimes will be brought to justice."

"I hope that these sentences will bring some closure to all victims targeted by the couple."

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## Home care company is '5-star'

A RETFORD home care company is celebrating a five-star employer rating after an anonymous survey was carried out.

Employees at Home Instead Retford and Gainsborough have commended the company citing quality training opportunities and supportive leadership.

All employees were invited to take part in the survey by independent employee engagement experts WorkBuzz and received an impressive employee engagement score of 100 per cent.

The owner of Home Instead Retford and Gainsborough Vicky Waring said: "It's an honour to be

recognised as a '5 star employer', particularly in light of yet another challenging year for our caregivers.

"For many people, care isn't a career route they consider but we're an example of a care company that will support you from day one and offer training and development opportunities to develop your career.

"Our team of caregivers make it possible for older adults to stay living at home yet receive the care they need. If you're interested in joining this team, we'd love to hear from you whether you have previous experience in care or not." Vicky is calling for more

people to come onboard and said there are ten caregiver vacancies on offer for people who want to begin or further a career in care.

Steven Frost, CEO of WorkBuzz, said: "We're passionate about improving people's working lives.

"We created this award to recognise the best workplace cultures where employees are proud to work, are motivated to do more, and want to stay for the foreseeable future.

"We've loved working with Home Instead Retford and Gainsborough who truly care about their employee's experience and have worked hard to ensure they create a culture where their people can thrive."



Home Instead owner Vicky Waring pictured centre with team members

# Settlement reached for family of Tunisia terror attack victim

**HOLIDAY OPERATOR TUI AGREES TO PAYOUTS WITHOUT 'ADMISSION OF LIABILITY OR FAULT'**

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THE family of Walesby man John Stollery, who was one of 38 tourists killed in a terror attack in Tunisia six years ago, have reached a settlement with travel operator TUI.

They are among a number of relatives of victims either killed or seriously injured in the deadly attack who have been given a payout.

John, 58, was a social worker at Nottinghamshire County Council for more than three decades.

He had been on holiday with wife, Cheryl, and their son, Matt, when extremist Seifeddine Rezgui opened fire at the five-star Riu Imperial Marhaba Hotel on June 26, 2015.

Cheryl and Matt both survived the attack.

His family alleged TUI was responsible for safety and security breaches at the hotel, which the company denied.

A trial was due to take place at the High Court next month, however, on Thursday, TUI and Irwin Mitchell, who were representing the claimants, announced a settlement had been reached.



flowers left on the beach after the massacre GETTY IMAGES

In a joint statement they said: "The tragic events of June 26, 2015, in Tunisia shocked and devastated us all and changed the lives of those affected forever.

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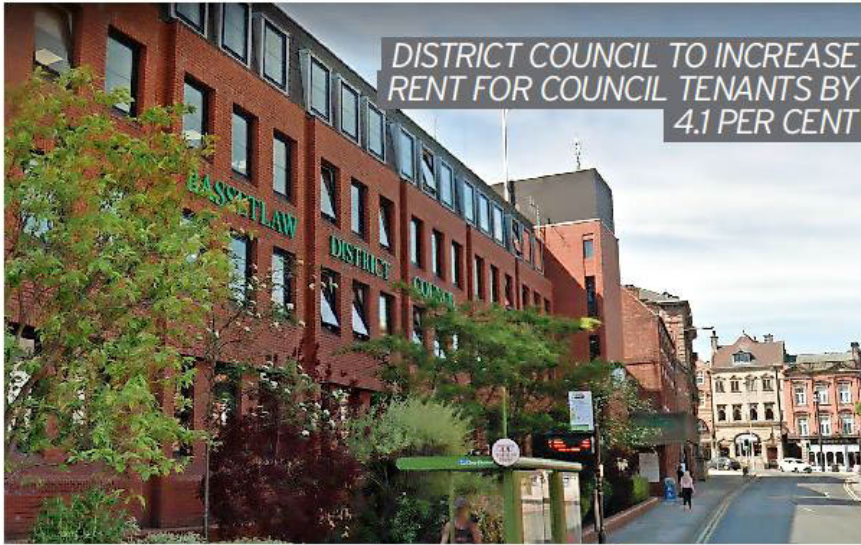
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# Rent hike for council tenants 'hits poorest'

By SEBASTIAN MANN  
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RENT in Retford is set to increase for people living in council houses from April this year.

Bassetlaw District Council has announced that rent for council tenants will be hiked up by 4.1 per cent come the start of the next financial year (April 1).

The increase of 4.1 per cent is the maximum that can be legally introduced, per the consumer price index, which will lead to an increase of between £2.72 and £3.30 in the weekly rent for council tenants.

Labour, which runs the council, says the increase is in line with Government expectations, and that it is necessary to bring about significant investments in housing quality. But the Conservatives, who are in opposition to the council, have called for the rates to be frozen, saying they will hit poorest people hardest.

Councillor Steve Scotthorne, Labour's cabinet member for housing at the council, who represents the Carlton ward, said the increase in rent will lead to a huge investment in housing.

"As part of this commitment, we will be investing £83m in tenants' homes over the next five years," he said.

"This will help to install new kitchens, bathrooms, central heating and other energy-efficient measures to ensure that tenants' homes are comfortable places to live.

The money will also be used to fund repairs services and improve estates and communities, according to the cabinet member.

Members of the Conservative opposition have called for a freeze on rent to prevent the increase and protect the 'poorest'.

Cllr Gerald Bowers, who represents Ranskill for the Conservatives, said: "Now is not the time for the council to be increasing council housing rents by 4.1 per cent.

"As Bassetlaw recovers from the pandemic, we must do all we can to support residents.

"That is why the Conservatives are calling on these rents to be frozen for the next 12 months.

"These proposed increases will hit the poorest in our communities. We believe this increase is not unfair but discriminates against those who can least afford it."

Cllr Scotthorne said that four years of rent being reduced by 1 per cent, from 2016 until 2020, had "greatly impacted" the investments the council was able to make.

He said: "Should we freeze rents for this financial year, this would

lead to a loss of rental income of more than £62-million over 40 years. He added that rents are set by the council in accordance with the government's national social rent policy and rent standard.

He said: "Since the government imposed self-financing on housing providers like us in 2012, we rely on tenants' rent to provide essential housing services, in addition to making record investments into tenants' homes."

He added that not following the rent policy and standard would mean that council would "simply not be able to keep up with the current levels of investment," which would potentially "affect future rent rises and hit households even harder in years to come."

Cllr Bowers said that Boris Johnson's government "only issues guidance to local authorities on the maximum amount of increase."

He said: "Each local council can decide if they want to increase rents or not. The government has not instructed any council to increase rents."

Help and support will be available if people or families feel that they cannot make these additional payments, according to Cllr Scotthorne. Bassetlaw District Council currently owns 6,653 properties within its housing service.

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# LOW CARBON LAUNCHES CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK

*Low Carbon has started an initial consultation exercise on its early-stage proposals to build a new solar and energy storage park on land near Gate Burton, Lincolnshire.*

Gate Burton Energy Park holds the potential to generate around 500 megawatts (MW) of electricity – enough clean energy to power over 160,000 homes and avoid more than 100,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions every year.

The consultation will run until 18th February 2022. During this time, Low Carbon wants to hear the views of the communities living close to the site and those from the wider area on its emerging proposals for the scheme.



## Community Consultation - 11 Jan to 18 Feb 2022

Low Carbon is holding a community consultation on our proposals for a new solar and energy park near Gate Burton. **To find out more, please visit our website or come along to an event:**

<b>Wed 26 Jan</b>	14:30-20:00	Knaith Park Village Hall, DN21 5ET
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In addition to asking the community's views on its emerging proposals, Low Carbon is also inviting suggestions for sustainable local projects and initiatives it could support to directly benefit those closest to the proposed energy park. Low Carbon has committed to providing educational packs for local primary schools to use and will be offering educational visits. As well as this, communities will also benefit from the scheme indirectly through the payment of business rates to the local authority when the project is operational, contributing to the provision of local services.

The extent of the land available to deliver the Gate Burton Energy Park is contained within one site, located in the West Lindsey District near Gate Burton, Knaith Park and Willingham-by-Stow. The electricity generated by the energy park is expected to be exported via a connection into the existing transmission system at National Grid's Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire.

Through additional planting, food sources are increased for insects and birds as well as creating additional habitats for wildlife.

Individuals are also invited to come along to information events (see advertisement), where members of the project team will be on hand to answer any questions about the project, what is being consulted on and how people can take part.

Alternatively, the Gate Burton Energy Park project website includes information about the emerging proposals and enables people to submit their comments online.

For any enquiries related to the consultation period, or for general questions, the project team can be reached using any of the following methods:

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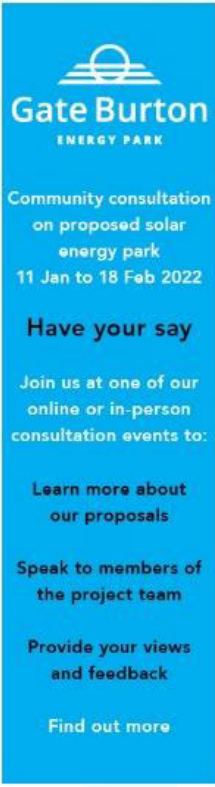
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## PRESS RELEASE

Date: 12 October 2021

### Low Carbon confirms plans to develop a new solar energy park in Lincolnshire

- Proposed new solar and energy park will provide enough clean energy to:
  - power over 160,000 homes: and,
  - avoid more than 100,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emission every year.
- The scheme would connect into the national grid at the existing substation at Cottam Power Station in Nottingham.
- Initial consultation on proposals anticipated early 2022.

**12 October 2021:** Low Carbon Limited has today confirmed that it is at an early stage in developing proposals for a new solar and energy storage park at a site near Gate Burton in Lincolnshire. With an anticipated generation capacity of 500 megawatts (MW), the scheme could provide enough clean energy to power over 160,000 homes and avoid more than 100,000 of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions every year.

The extent of the land available to deliver the project is wholly contained within one site, located in the West Lindsey District near Gate Burton, Knaith Park and Willingham-by-Stow.

**Mike Rutgers, Development Director at Low Carbon said:** *“The Government has set ambitious climate and energy targets to reach net zero by 2050. However, focus in recent weeks on energy price volatility and security of supply have highlighted just how critical it is for the UK to deliver on the transition to home grown renewable energy sources without delay.*

*“Low Carbon is therefore pleased to be bringing forward proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park which will deliver significant levels of renewable energy generation and contribute to securing the energy needs of Great Britain.”*

Preliminary work is currently being undertaken to identify the most appropriate areas of the site for development. It is also determining potential routes for the electrical connection from the energy park into the national grid at the existing substation at Cottam Power Station in Nottinghamshire.



The findings from this work will be shared through an initial public consultation, which it is anticipated will take place in early 2022, with further consultation then taking place at key stages in the ongoing project development process.

*“We are at an early stage in the development process for this scheme,” explains Rutgers. “As our proposals evolve, we are committed to consulting widely and effectively to ensure we strike the right balance of social, economic and environmental benefit.”*

*“We want to deliver this project responsibly and engagement with the local community forms a critical element in ensuring we achieve this. We welcome the opportunity to meet with residents, business owners and other key stakeholders as the project progresses.”*

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Ultimately, consent will be determined by the Secretary of State at the department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

It is anticipated that the development process - through to DCO submission and then examination for Gate Burton Energy Park - will take between two and three years. Subject to achieving consent, construction would start no earlier than 2024.

A project website has been set up [REDACTED] This will be updated as more information about the project becomes available. It will also include details of forthcoming engagement and consultations. People can register their details on the website to ensure they are updated at key project milestones.

The project community relations team can also be contacted directly by Freephone 0800 860 6259 or email [info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](mailto:info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk).

**ENDS**

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Gate Burton Energy Park



**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

**About Low Carbon**

Low Carbon is a leading renewable energy investment and asset management platform committed to the development and operation of renewable energy at scale. Low Carbon invests into both renewable energy developers and projects across a range of renewable energy technologies including solar PV, wind, energy storage, waste-to-energy and energy efficiency.

Low Carbon, a certified B Corp, has a proven track record in the development, construction, financing and management of renewable energy assets and remains involved in the projects for the long term with a dedicated asset management team that manages assets on balance sheet and for third parties. With a renewable energy pipeline of more than 5GW, Low Carbon are well-positioned to capitalise on opportunities as the need for renewable energy and energy security increases.



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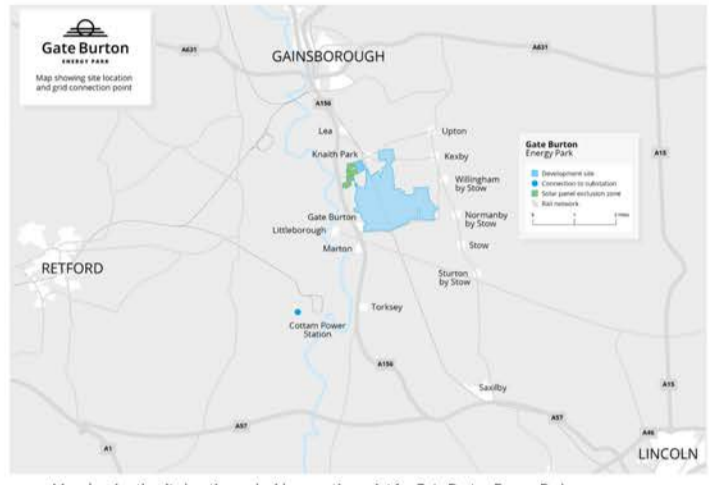
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## Plans for new solar energy park in Lincolnshire

Clean energy to power over 160,000 homes



Map showing the site location and grid connection point for Gate Burton Energy Park. Photo: Low Carbon Limited

By **Joseph Verney** Local News Reporter

Proposals are being developed for a new solar and energy storage park at a site near the Lincolnshire village of Gate Burton, which is close to Gainsborough.

With an anticipated generation capacity of 500 megawatts, the scheme could provide enough clean energy to power over 160,000 homes and avoid more than 100,000 tonnes of CO2 emission every year.

Low Carbon Limited said on Tuesday, October 12 that it is at an early stage in developing proposals. The extent of the land available to deliver the project is wholly contained within one site, which is located near Gate. Burton, Knaith Park and Willingham-by-Stow.

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It will also determine potential routes for the electrical connection from the energy park into the national grid at the existing substation at Cottam Power Station in Nottinghamshire.

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Mike Rutgers, Development Director at Low Carbon, said: "The Government has set ambitious climate and energy targets to reach net zero by 2050. However, focus in recent weeks on energy price volatility and security of supply have highlighted just how critical it is for the UK to deliver on the transition to home grown renewable energy sources without delay.

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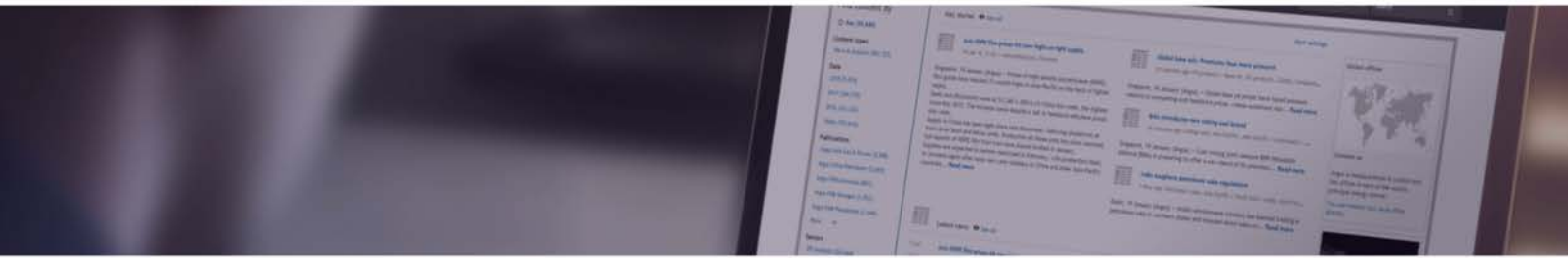
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Developers have announced plans to add three solar plants with a combined capacity of 1.58GW in Lincolnshire, England, which would connect to the grid at the sites of the Cottam and West Burton A coal-fired plants.

Developer Low Carbon plans to build a 500MW site, the Gate Burton Energy Park, which would also include battery storage. Construction is expected to start in 2024 at the earliest, with the plant intended to connect to the that would connect at the Cottam substation, with solar panels to be deployed across three separate areas.

Island Green Power is also planning a 480MW West Burton solar plant, which would have 20MW of storage and would be spread across four areas with a grid connection at the site of the West Burton station.

Construction of both of Island Green's plants is expected to begin in 2024. It intends to file for planning consent in the fourth quarter of 2022.

The Cottam coal-fired station was decommissioned in 2019, while West Burton A is due to close next year. The solar plants then plan to take advantage of the freed-up connection capacity and existing transmission system infrastructure.

Both plants will aim to be designated as nationally significant infrastructure projects (NSIP) because of their size, which means they will need to submit development consent orders for planning. The UK government plans to [update its guidance for designating NSIPs to better align them with its decarbonisation targets](#), including adding specific guidance for solar projects.

Only one solar park, the 350MW Cleve Hill development, has been granted consent through the NSIP process. The 150MW Little Crow Solar Park, which will also have 90MW of storage, has applied for planning, while three more solar farms with storage are expected to apply within the next year.

By Josh Evans

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## 500MW solar park planned for Lincolnshire

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It is hoped the scheme could provide enough clean energy to power more than 160,000 homes and avoid more than 100,000 of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions every year.

The land available to deliver the project is wholly contained within one site, located in the West Lindsay District near Gate Burton, Knaith Park and Willingham-by-Stow. The company has ambitious climate and energy targets to reach net zero by 2050.

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Rutgers added: "We are at an early stage in the development process for this scheme.

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## PRESS RELEASE

Date: 21 December 2021

### Low Carbon set to consult on emerging proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park in the new year

- Initial stage of public consultation will run from 11 January to 18 February 2022
- Consultation postcard will be mailed to over 8,000 local homes with information on how the community can find out more and take part
- People encouraged to register online to receive updates and details of the consultation on Gate Burton Energy Park

Low Carbon has confirmed it will be holding an initial stage of public consultation in the New Year to seek views on its emerging proposals to build a new solar and energy storage park on a site near Gate Burton, Lincolnshire.

The consultation will run from 11 January to 18 February 2022. During this time local communities and interested parties are invited to review early-stage proposals for the renewable energy development and provide feedback to enable Low Carbon to understand concerns and identify any potential local impacts.

The consultation will also invite people to suggest initiatives they would like the developer to explore to help facilitate or directly deliver wider benefits to the community and/or meet local needs.

**Mike Rutgers, Development Director at Low Carbon said:** *"While we are still at an early stage in developing our proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park, this initial consultation is focused on giving local communities and those interested in the project the opportunity to find out more about Low Carbon and our emerging proposals for the project so they can tell us what they think. We want to deliver this project responsibly and we are committed to ensuring we strike a balance between the potential environmental, social and economic impacts the final scheme may have with meeting the country's future energy needs. Early engagement with the local community forms a critical element in ensuring we achieve this."*

The extent of the land available to deliver the Gate Burton Energy Park is contained within one site, located in the West Lindsey District near Gate Burton, Knaith Park and Willingham-by-Stow. The energy park would connect into the national grid at the existing substation at Cottam Power Station in Nottinghamshire.

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*"It's really important to us that as many people as possible take part in the consultation process", Rutgers continues. "We want to understand people's views so we can learn from what they're telling us to help refine our proposals and make informed decisions as we evolve our plans for the detailed design of the site and how we deliver the electrical connection for it into the existing National Grid substation at Cottam Power Station."*

All feedback received during this first stage of consultation, together with the findings from the environmental and technical studies, will be used to refine and shape the proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park. A further stage of consultation will then be carried out so people have the opportunity to comment on the detailed plans for the site and its connection into Cottam Power Station.

#### **Taking part in the public consultation**

Low Carbon is currently planning to hold a series of in-person and virtual events as part of the consultation process. However, given growing concerns about the increasing cases of the Covid-19 Omicron variant, the format of these events will be reviewed in the context of prevailing circumstances and Government guidance on social distancing requirements.

Details of the final consultation programme and the information being consulted on will be made available when the consultation launches. Postcards will be mailed to over 8,000 homes in the area surrounding the site to advise people on where more information can be found and how they can take part.

People are encouraged to register their details on the Gate Burton Energy Park website [REDACTED] to ensure they get updates about the consultation when it becomes available. The website will also be updated to enable people to find out more about what is being consulted on and take part online when the consultation launches on 11 January 2022.

For any other enquiries, the project team can be reached using any of the following methods:

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# Chance to have your say on new solar park plans near Gate Burton

A public consultation is being launched to get people's views on emerging proposals to build a new solar and energy storage park on a site near Gate Burton.

By Shelley Marriott  
Wednesday, 5th January 2022, 10:29 am



The consultation by Low Carbon will run from January 11 to February 18.

During this time, communities and interested parties are invited to review early-stage proposals for the renewable energy development and provide feedback to enable Low Carbon to understand concerns and identify any potential local impacts.

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The consultation will also invite people to suggest initiatives they would like the developer to explore to help facilitate or directly deliver wider benefits to the community and/or meet local needs.



Plans for a new solar and energy storage park in Gate Burton have been proposed

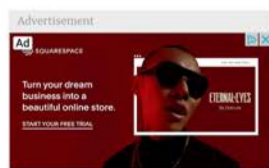


Mike Rutgers, development director at Low Carbon, said: "While we are still at an early stage in developing our proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park, this initial consultation is focused on giving local communities and those interested in the project the opportunity to find out more about Low Carbon and our emerging proposals for the project so they can tell us what they think.

"We want to deliver this project responsibly and we are committed to ensuring we strike a balance between the potential environmental, social and economic impacts the final scheme may have with meeting the country's future energy needs.

"Early engagement with the local community forms a critical element in ensuring we achieve this."

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Mr Rutgers said: "It's really

"We want to understand people's views so we can learn from what they're telling us to help refine our proposals and make informed decisions as we evolve our plans for the detailed design of the site."

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Individuals are also invited to come along to information events the developer is holding (*See Editors' Notes for full programme*). Members of the project team will be on hand at events to answer any questions about the project, what is being consulted on and how people can take part.

"We're currently planning on holding five in-person and two online events over the course of the consultation period", advises **Bev Rodbard-Hedderwick, Low Carbon's Stakeholder Engagement and Community Relation Manager**. "We'll continue to review the format for these in-person events in context of the evolving situation regarding Covid to decide whether they should proceed."

"If we do decide to cancel any or all of the in-person events we will substitute them with additional online events, giving people as much notice as possible," she continues. "In the meantime, the health and safety of the public and the project team is paramount and we're making provision to safeguard anyone choosing to attend an in-person event. I would however strongly recommend that people do check our project website in advance of attending an in-person event".

People are encouraged to register their details on the project website to ensure they get updates about the consultation and events taking place direct as it becomes available.

For any enquiries related to the consultation period, or for general questions, the project team can be reached using any of the following methods:

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**Gate Burton Energy Park – Stage One Consultation Event Programme**

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Wed 26 Jan	14.30-20.00	Knaith Park Village Hall, Willingham Road, Knaith Park, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, DN21 5ET
Thu 27 Jan	14.30-20.00	North Leverton Methodist Chapel, Sturton Road, North Leverton, DN22 0AB
Tue 01 Feb	14.30-20.00	Treswell Village Hall, Town Street, Treswell, Nottinghamshire, DN22 0EG
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Sat 05 Feb	10.30-14.00	Marton & Gate Burton Village Hall, Trent Port Road, Marton, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, DN21 5AR
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**Those wishing to attend an online event are requested to register in advance via the project website at [REDACTED]**

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## Low Carbon consults on plan for 500-MW solar park with storage in UK

January 11 (Renewables Now) - UK renewable energy investor Low Carbon today started consultation on plans to build a solar and energy storage park with a potential generation capacity of 500 MW in Lincolnshire, England.

The site is located near Gate Burton and the project is expected to connect to the power transmission system at National Grid's Cottam substation in Lincolnshire. The project is also expected to connect to the power transmission system at National Grid's Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire.



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"We have reached a point in our development process where we are able to share details of our early-stage proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park and start a conversation with local communities to understand their thoughts on the scheme," said Low Carbon development director Mike Rutgers.

The company is conducting an initial consultation exercise from January 11 to February 18.

With 500 MW of capacity, the proposed project would be able to generate enough power for over 160,000 homes, it estimates.

The development process, including a submission of an application for a development consent order to the Planning Inspectorate, is expected to take two to three years. Construction could start no earlier than 2025, according to the project website.

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## UK developer all ears on 500MW PV-plus-storage

Low Carbon opens an initial consultation on the Gate Burton energy park in Lincolnshire

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UK developer Low Carbon has started an initial consultation on early-stage proposals to build an up to 500MW solar-plus-storage scheme on land near Gate Burton in Lincolnshire, England.

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# UK developer Low Carbon opens consultation on 500-MW solar/storage project in Lincolnshire

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Hybrid project largest of its kind in the UK
- Output put at around 480 GWh/year
- Construction 'could start in 2024'

UK renewable energy developer Low Carbon is consulting on early-stage proposals to build a 500-MW solar and energy storage park on land near Gate Burton, Lincolnshire, it said Jan. 11.

First announced in October, the project needs a Development Consent Order and approval by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, a process that could take between two and three years. Subject to achieving consent, construction could start around 2024, Low Carbon said.

"The completed scheme has the potential to generate...enough clean energy to power over 160,000 homes and avoid more than 100,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions every year," Low Carbon said in a statement.

The average UK household consumes 3,000 kWh/year, so the plant is expected to produce around 480 GWh/year.

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At 500 MW, Gate Burton would be the largest hybrid solar/storage project to proceed in the UK.

In May 2002 the 350-MW Cleve Hill Solar Park in Kent was granted consent by then-Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Alok Sharma.

This project is forecast to generate around 264 GWh/year.

As of end-November 2021 the UK had 13,634 MW of installed solar capacity across 1.12 million installations, up just 1.6% (210 MW) since November 2020, according to BEIS.

GB solar renewable capture prices have risen from GBP61.06/MWh on Jan. 5, 2021 to GBP177.20/MWh Jan. 5, 2022, Platts data showed.

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# Low Carbon launches consultation into 500MW Gate Burton solar and energy storage park

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Low Carbon has opened a consultation into its [500MW Gate Burton solar and energy storage park](#) in Lincolnshire.

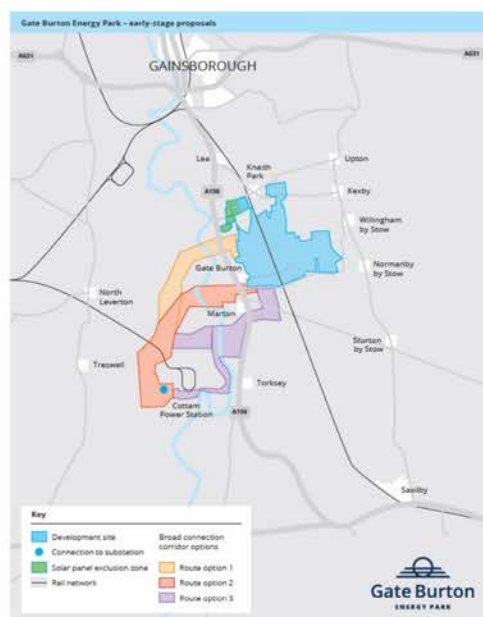
The energy park will sit on one site, located in the West Lindsay District near Gate Burton, Knaith Park and Willingham-by-Stow. It will utilise an existing substation, at Cottam, Nottinghamshire.

It is expected to be one of two solar farms that will benefit from capacity availability at this substation, due to the closure of EDF's coal-fired Cottam Power Station in 2019. The other is a [600MW solar project being eyed by Island Green Power](#).

Along with the solar generation, Gate Burton will include an on-site energy storage system, which will provide balancing services, allowing generation to be stored when demand is low and exported when it is high.

Running from 11 January to the 18 February 2022, the local community is now invited to share their views on the proposed site, its layout and three broad route corridors it could use to connect to the national grid, as well as potential sustainable projects and initiatives it could support.

"This is a major milestone for the project. We have reached a point in our development process where we are able to share details of our early-stage proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park and start a conversation with local communities to understand their thoughts on the scheme," said Mike Rutgers, development director at Low Carbon.



There are three potential routes for connection to the national grid for Gate Burton that are involved in the consultation. Image: Low Carbon.

Due to exceeding 50MW, Gate Burton is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), and must therefore submit an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Planning Inspectorate.

Low Carbon is expecting this submission and the following examination to take between two and three years. Should this be successful, it expects construction to start no later than 2025.

Gate Burton is one of a number of NSIP solar projects to emerge over the last few years, although currently just one solar project has been granted consent through the NSIP process, the [350MW Cleve Hill Solar Farm](#), which has been [acquired by Quinbrook and renamed Project Fortress](#).

There are four other projects registered in the NSIP, including the [120MW Little Crow Solar Farm](#) put forward by Hampshire-based INRG Solar in 2018, Longfield Solar Energy Farm in Essex registered in 2020 and the [163MW Oaklands Solar Farm](#) registered by BayWa r.e. in September 2021.

The final solar project registered in the NSIP is also based in Lincolnshire, with Ecotricity looking to develop the Heckington Fen Solar Park.

Gate Burton will be Low Carbon's first NSIP project, but the company has been active in the UK market for a number of years. Recently, its work has included [partnering with Tesco to develop three solar projects](#) with an annual capacity of 130GWh, and working with Low Carbon Hub to build the UK's largest community solar site [Ray Valley Solar farm](#), which at 19MW is expected to generate 18GWh per year.



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**Date: 08 February 2022**

### **Final call for local people to have their say on Gate Burton Energy Park**

- **18 February deadline for submission of feedback to first Gate Burton Energy Park consultation**
- **Views submitted will be used to shape and refine proposals for the solar energy park and grid connection**
- **Consultation also invites suggestions for local initiatives and projects developer Low Carbon could support to benefit communities closest to the scheme**

**Low Carbon is urging people to submit their feedback to the first stage of consultation on emerging proposals to build a new solar and energy storage park on land near Gate Burton, Lincolnshire before its consultation closes on Friday 18 February 2022.**

Running over six weeks, this first stage of consultation gives local communities and interested parties the opportunity to learn more about the early-stage proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park and share their views with Low Carbon. The project team will consider all the feedback submitted, alongside the findings from technical and environmental studies, to help shape and refine the details for the scheme.

The consultation also invites suggestions for sustainable local projects and initiatives Low Carbon could support to directly benefit those communities closest to the proposed energy park.

**Mike Rutgers, Development Director at Low Carbon said:** 'It's really important to us that as many people as possible share their thoughts on our emerging proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park through this consultation process. In delivering our vision for the project we want to ensure that communities living and working in the area have a chance to inform and influence the development of our proposals from an early stage.

"We've already received a good amount of feedback, but we'd really like to hear from anyone who hasn't yet shared their views with us. We're conscious there a number of other proposed solar schemes in the area, which have also recently carried out public consultations but we'd ask people to take the time to articulate their views to us directly on Gate Burton Energy Park specifically. That way we can make sure they are taken into account as we continue to evolve the scheme.

"There is still time for people to submit their thoughts to this consultation. The deadline for getting feedback to us is Friday 18 February 2022."

Anybody wanting to find out more and submit their views can go to the project website – [REDACTED] – to submit their feedback to the consultation. Alternatively they can write an email or letter to the project team (see contact details below) or contact the project team directly





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## Gate Burton solar farm: Firm seeks views to shape major project

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Developers say the farm has the potential to provide clean energy for 160,000 homes

**Developers behind plans for a giant solar farm in Lincolnshire have encouraged people to take part in the consultation process.**

Low Carbon Limited wants to create a new solar and energy storage park near Gate Burton, south of Gainsborough.

The firm said the 500MW farm had the potential to produce enough clean energy to supply 160,000 homes.

Head of project development James Hartley-Bond said any feedback would help shape the plans.

"The more we know about people's concerns and what they think should happen with the site the better," he said

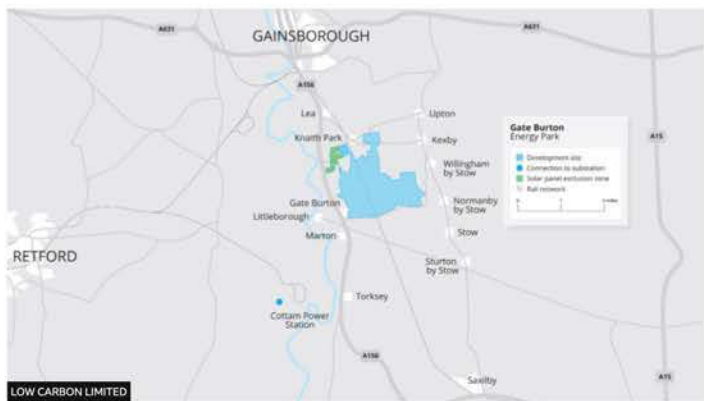
"It gives us the maximum opportunity to look at the benefits that can come through the project."

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Some local residents had already suggested there should be public access to the site, including amenities such as walking routes, Mr Hartley-Bond said.

According to the firm, the completed scheme, which would feed into the national grid at Cottam power station in Nottinghamshire, would save more than 100,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions every year.

It would also feature an on-site energy storage system for times when demand was low, it said.



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The proposed location of the solar farm is near Gate Burton, south of Gainsborough

Due to the size of the project's predicted generating capacity, the proposed site near Gate Burton is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).

NSIPs are major building projects managed by the government's Planning Inspectorate, rather than local planning officials.

The first stage of the public consultation runs until 18 February.

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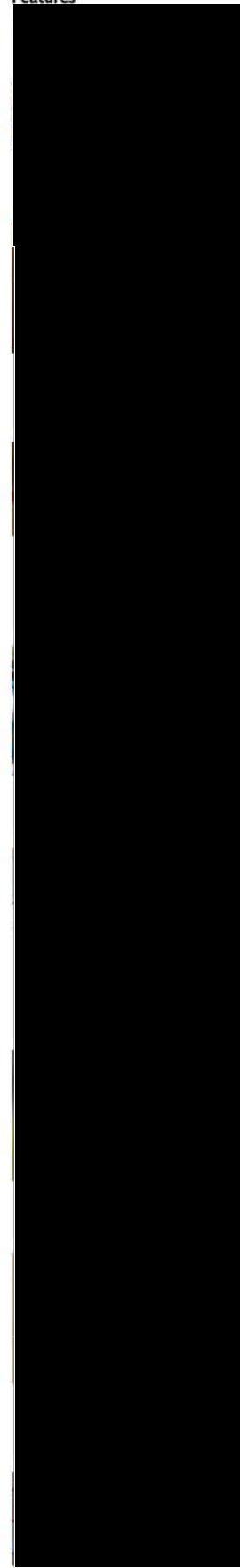
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### **Low Carbon considers responses to initial consultation on Gate Burton Energy Park proposals**

- **Over 200 people took part in events and meetings held during initial consultation which closed on Friday, 18 February 2022**
- **Feedback submitted now being considered as work to refine and shape proposals for the solar energy park continues**
- **Next stage of consultation on detailed scheme anticipated Summer 2022**

**Low Carbon's Gate Burton Energy Park project team met and spoke with over two hundred people over the course of an initial consultation on its emerging proposals to build a new solar energy park on land near Gate Burton, Lincolnshire. Further to this consultation closing on Friday 18 February 2022, work is now underway to consider all the feedback received as plans for the scheme continue to evolve.**

Gate Burton Energy Park has the potential to generate around 500 megawatts (MW) of renewable electricity – enough energy to power over 160,000 homes and avoid more than 100,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions every year. This first stage of community consultation was primarily aimed at introducing Low Carbon and presenting its proposals for the scheme to give people living and working in the area the opportunity to inform and influence plans for the project at an early stage in the development process.


Two virtual information events took place to supplement five in-person events held in villages located close to the proposed solar energy development and grid connection. The team also went out to visit residents in properties neighbouring the site to understand first-hand their concerns and answer any questions.

**Mike Rutgers, Development Director at Low Carbon said:** "We'd like to say a big thank you to all those people who came along to meet the team and discuss the project in detail at events we held in Marton, Knaith, Willingham-by-Stow, North Leverton, Willingham or Treswell, as well as the online events. Over the course of this consultation, we've had some really constructive discussions and welcome the insight those conversations and subsequent feedback submitted to the consultation have provided."

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“In the meantime we’ll continue to work with local communities and stakeholders to keep them updated on the development process” adds Rutgers. “The intention is that we’ll then come back later this summer to present our detailed proposals for the project as part of our statutory consultation, giving people another opportunity to have their say ahead of us finalising and submitting our application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate.”

The project team will now consider all the feedback submitted, alongside the findings from technical and environmental studies, to help shape and refine the details for the scheme. A further stage of consultation will be held later this summer, giving local people another opportunity to have their say on the proposals.

While the first stage of consultation has now closed, people wishing to receive updates and information about the ongoing development process and future consultation are encouraged to register their details on the project website 

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**PICTURE CAPTION:** Members of the public attend the final information event held in Marton as part of the consultation on emerging proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park. **Photo attached:** 20220221\_GateBurtonEnergyPark\_PublicConsultation\_Photo1

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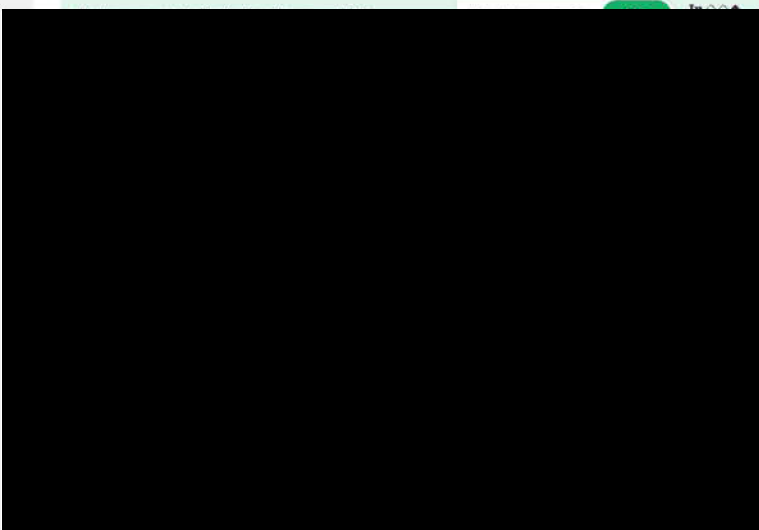
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## Gainsborough solar farm developer to release more details on energy park plans

Developers have closed the first stage of a consultation

By [Oliver Pridmore](#) Trainee reporter  
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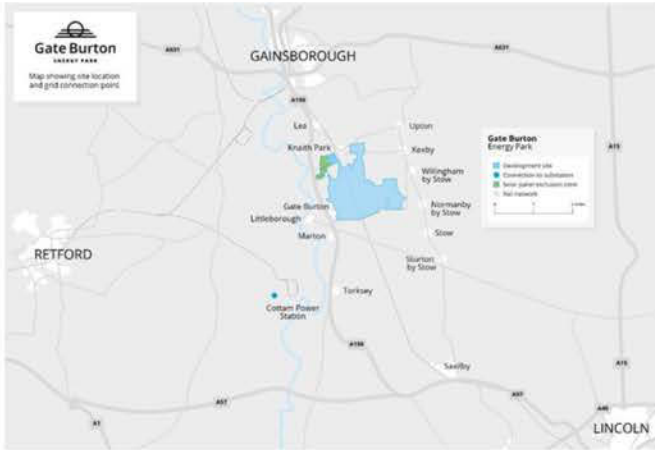
Developers behind plans to build a large solar farm near [Gainsborough](#) say they hope to give local residents more detailed proposals this summer.

The renewable energy investment company, Low Carbon, is planning the development of a 'solar energy park' on land near the [West Lindsey](#) village of Gate Burton.

It would have the potential to generate around 500 megawatts of renewable electricity, enough energy to power over 160,000 homes a year, according to Low Carbon.

The company has now closed the first stage of its [public consultation on the energy park](#), which also affects other nearby villages including Marton, Knaith and Willingham-by-Stow.

During the consultation, Low Carbon says that teams went to visit residents in properties neighbouring the proposed site, as well as hosting two virtual information events and five in-person ones.

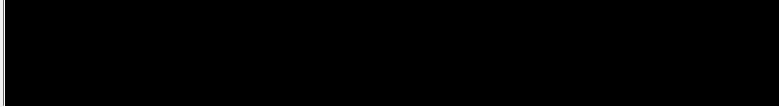


The proposed site for the Gate Burton Energy Park. (Image: Low Carbon)

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The results from the first stage of consultation on the proposal to build a new solar energy park on land near Gate Burton will now be used to evolve the project.

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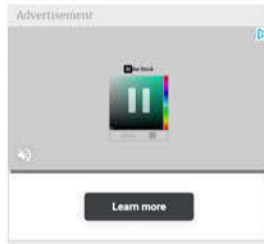
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## Project website

Screengrabs from the project website during consultation, including the digital feedback form and interactive map.







## About Low Carbon

Founded in 2011, Low Carbon is a market leading privately-owned UK investment and asset management company specialising in renewable energy.

We are committed to having a lasting and positive impact on climate change. In practice this means responsible and innovative investment in renewable energy projects, a commitment to protecting the earth's natural resources and dedication to creating a low carbon future for us all. To this end, we have established our own target of achieving net zero by 2030.

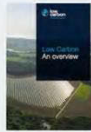
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In 2021 we formed a strategic partnership with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual) to build a leading global renewable energy Independent Power Producer (IPP) targeting 20GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030.

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- The deployment of more than £600m capital into large scale renewable energy projects
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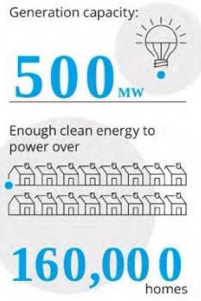
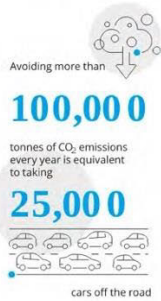
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### Project overview

Gate Burton Energy Park would comprise the installation of solar photovoltaic panels (PV) an on-site energy storage facility, plus infrastructure to connect the scheme to the national grid at Cottam substation.

The project is anticipated as having a generation capacity of around 500 megawatts (MW). This is equivalent to providing enough clean energy to power over 160,000 homes and avoid more than 100,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions every year.



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The proposed scheme will also include an onsite energy storage system. This will provide an important balancing service for the national grid whereby electricity generated by the panels can be stored on site at times when grid-demand is low, then exported at times of higher demand.

Our plans for the project will also include any necessary and appropriate environmental mitigation and enhancement measures to ensure the scheme treads as lightly as possible on the local area.

The amount of electricity Gate Burton Energy Park could generate means that it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). It will require a Development Consent Order (DCO) application to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

We anticipate that the development process through DCO submission and examination for Gate Burton Energy Park would take between two to three years. Subject to achieving consent, construction would start no earlier than 2025.



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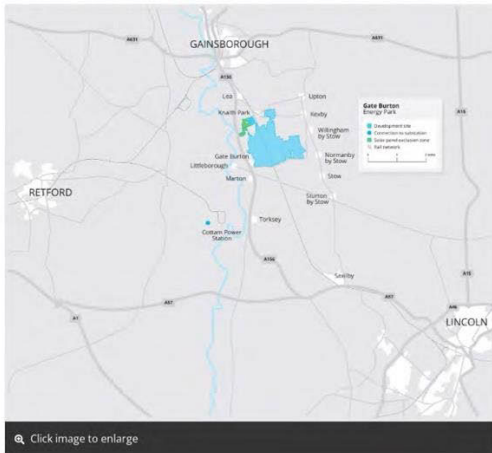


### Location

The extent of land available to build Gate Burton Energy Park is wholly contained within one site in the West Lindsey district of Lincolnshire, near the communities of Gate Burton, Knaith Park and Willingham-by-Stow.

The electricity generated by the solar panels is proposed as connecting into the national grid at Cottam substation, approximately 4km to the southwest of the energy park in Nottinghamshire.

### Proposed location of Gate Burton Energy Park



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## The solar energy park

Our proposals for the energy park will comprise the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) generating panels and an on-site energy storage facility, on agricultural land wholly contained within the boundary of one site comprising some 684 hectares (equivalent to approximately 1,690 acres).

We have already established that an area to the northwest of the site will be a solar panel exclusion zone. However, we still have to determine how much of the land remaining will be used for solar panel modules and associated equipment, and how much more will be set aside as an exclusion zone for purposes of creating new or enhancing habitats for biodiversity gain.

We have not yet finalised the detailed design of the scheme for the energy park. The development of our proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park will be an iterative process.

At this early stage in the development process we have developed an indicative concept masterplan setting out the preliminary design of the land available for Gate Burton Energy Park. We will evolve the detailed design for the scheme based on the findings from our ongoing environmental and technical studies and feedback received through this and subsequent stages of consultation.

The principal components of the energy park will comprise:

- Ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panels converting sunlight into electricity
- PV module mounting structures
- Supporting infrastructure - inverters, transformers and switchgear - converting the direct current to alternating current and stepping up the voltage so it can be exported to the national grid
- Onsite cables connecting the solar PV modules and energy storage system to inverters which, in turn, connect to the transformers. Higher voltage cables will then be required between transformers and the switchgear and from the switchgear to the offsite electrical infrastructure
- An energy storage system so electricity generated by the solar PV panels can be stored on site and released to the national grid when it is needed most. It may also enable energy to be imported from the national grid so it can be stored until it is needed
- On-site substation to export electricity from the energy park to the national grid. The substation will include a control building comprising office and welfare space as well as storage
- Security fencing enclosing the operational areas of the site in the form of 'deer fence' or other mesh fencing, along with pole mounted internal facing closed circuit television (CCTV) deployed around the perimeter of the operational site
- Accesses to the site during construction and for routine maintenance when the energy park is operational
- New planting around the site perimeter and within the solar PV area to enhance biodiversity and improve the landscape

In addition:

- During construction one or more temporary construction compounds will be required, as well as temporary roadways, to enable access to all the land within the site boundary

Solar PV and energy storage technologies are rapidly evolving. The parameters of the application we submit for development consent will therefore maintain flexibility to allow us to use the latest technology available at the time of construction.



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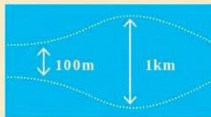
### Connecting into the National Grid

The electricity generated by Gate Burton Energy Park is expected to be exported into the existing electricity transmission system at National Grid's Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire.

Initial studies we carried out have identified three broad route corridor options within which a connection from the energy park to Cottam substation could be routed.

Work is underway to refine these corridors so we can select which corridor meets the objective of minimising environmental and social impact, and then determine the alignment the connection will take within it.

#### What is a route corridor?



A route corridor is a broad ribbon of land through which an electrical connection could potentially be routed. A corridor will typically vary in width. For the Gate Burton Energy Park the width of the corridors vary from between 100 metres in some places to just over 1km in others.

#### Building the connection

The connection could be built using cable installed underground or running on overhead lines. The voltages for the cable - whether it is installed underground or on overhead lines - would range from 132kV to 400kV.

We would anticipate that the connection for the energy park would be installed using underground cable. However, overhead lines remain an option at this stage, pending the findings from our ongoing environmental surveys that will determine whether there are any localised issues on any parts of the route corridor options that could prevent underground excavation.

The construction techniques and equipment we would use to build a connection for Gate Burton Energy Park all have different properties affecting how, when and where they can be used.

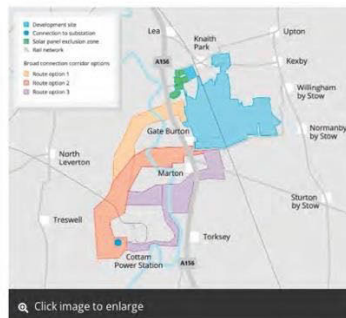
#### Off-site substation

An off-site substation is also being considered as part of the design process to provide a connection point for the energy park to input power onto the network.

This would consist of electrical infrastructure including transformers, switchgear and metering equipment to enable the electricity generated by the energy park to be exported onto the national grid. A control building would be located within the footprint of the substation.

The exact location of this substation has not yet been determined but we anticipate it would be close to Cottam substation.

#### Route corridors map



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#### Building the connection

Underground Cable - An Overview



Overhead Lines - An Overview



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## The development process

Gate Burton Energy Park is anticipated as having a generation capacity of around 500MW. The amount of electricity the scheme could generate means that it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).

### Planning

The development consenting regime for an NSIP comes under the Planning Act 2008. This means we need to apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to build Gate Burton Energy Park. This would be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate rather than a local planning authority.

In the case of energy-related development, the Planning Inspectorate acts on behalf of the Secretary of State at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). The Planning Inspectorate will carry out an examination of our proposals and then make a recommendation to the Secretary of State on whether or not to grant consent for the development. The Secretary of State for BEIS will then make the final decision on whether to grant consent for our scheme.

We anticipate that the development process through DCO submission and examination will take between two to three years. We intend to submit our proposals to the Planning Inspectorate late 2022 / early 2023 then, subject to achieving consent, the earliest construction would start in early 2025.

### Pre-application consultation

Public consultation forms an important part of the pre-application process for NSIPs. Early and ongoing engagement will serve to inform and influence the design process with local councils, stakeholders and residents, all having an important role to play.

The development of our proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park will be an iterative process and we welcome views at any time. However, prior to submitting a DCO application for the project we will hold two specific stages of consultation where we will be asking for feedback and views.

### Stage One Consultation - 11 Jan to 18 Feb 2022

This first stage of consultation (this stage) is non-statutory. The aim of this consultation is to introduce Low Carbon and the overall project and share our early stage proposals for the project to give people the opportunity to share their views and local knowledge. We will use the feedback submitted to this consultation to inform and shape a strong set of proposals that are sensitive to and respect concerns of those local communities closest to the development.

### Stage Two Consultation - Summer 2022

Further to us developing more detailed proposals for the project, a second stage of consultation will then be carried out. This is a statutory stage of consultation during which we will provide information, and ask for your feedback on:

- The specific location of equipment required for the energy park
- The route the grid connection from the energy park to Cottam substation will follow
- How the project will be built
- The measures we are proposing to put in place to minimise the project's environmental impact

### Statement of community consultation (SoCC)

Ahead of Stage Two consultation we will publish a SoCC setting out how we will engage with and obtain feedback from the local community on our detailed proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park.

As the developer for the project, we then have a duty to demonstrate how we have had regard to the comments received during statutory consultation when finalising our application for development consent.

You can find more information about the application process for NSIP projects on the Planning Inspectorate website at: [infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

**Development process timeline**

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**Consultation process timeline**

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The development of our proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park will be an iterative process and we welcome views at any time. However, prior to submitting a DCO application for the project we will hold two specific stages of consultation where we will be asking for feedback and views.

### Stage One Community Consultation - 11 January to 18 February 2022

We are currently holding an initial stage of community consultation on our emerging proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park. This consultation is open from 11 January to 18 February 2022. It marks the first opportunity for us to share information about our early-stage plans for the project and invite your feedback.

This first stage of consultation is non-statutory. The aim of it is to introduce Low Carbon and share our initial proposals for the scheme and its connection into the existing electricity transmission system; giving you the opportunity to tell us what you think and share any local knowledge you have to help us identify and better understand wider potential local impacts.

We would also welcome your suggestions on locally based schemes or projects we could support or deliver to benefit those communities closest to the Project.

For this first stage of consultation we are specifically inviting your views and comments on:

- The overall project
- The proposed layout of the energy park
- The three broad route corridors we have identified that a connection for the energy park could be routed along to connect it into the national grid
- Local initiatives and community projects which we could support

Your views are important to us. Feedback will be used to help us decide how and where we build the scheme while ensuring we minimise impact on the local area as much as possible and respect the concerns of those local communities closest to the development.

### Consultation events

Come along to one of our events and meet with members of the project team to find out more about our proposals at this stage, ask questions and provide us with your thoughts.

Date/Time	Venue	Event information
Tuesday 25 January 2022 6.30pm - 8.00pm	Online event	Register to attend this event in advance <a href="#">here</a>
Wednesday 26 January 2022 2.30pm - 8.00pm	Knaith Park Village Hall, Willingham Road, Knaith Park, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, DN21 5ET	
Thursday 27 January 2022 2.30pm - 8.00pm	North Leverton Methodist Chapel, Sturton Road, North Leverton, DN22 0AB	
Tuesday 1 February 2022 2.30pm - 8.00pm	Treswell Village Hall, Town Street, Treswell, Nottinghamshire, DN22 0EE	
Thursday 3 February 2022 12.30pm - 5.00pm	Willingham Village Hall, High Street, Willingham-by-Stow, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, DN21 5JZ	
Saturday 5 February 2022 10.30am - 2.00pm	Marton and Gate Burton Village Hall, Trent Port Road, Marton, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, DN21 5AR	
Tuesday 8 February 2022 6.30pm - 8.00pm	Online event	Register to attend this event in advance <a href="#">here</a>

The health and safety of our team and the public is of utmost importance. Given the evolving situation regarding the Covid-19 Omicron variant, we politely request that you check this website prior to attending an in-person event.

If you would like to be notified directly about any changes to the events we are holding, please register your details with us [here](#).

### Online consultation events

Register to attend your chosen online event in advance

- Tue 25 Jan 6.30pm - 8.00pm [↗](#)
- Tue 8 Feb 6.30pm - 8.00pm [↗](#)

### Your feedback

You can leave us feedback by using our consultation map. You can also fill in an online feedback form.

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## How you can take part

You can submit your comments to this consultation online or in writing.

### To submit comments online:

You can leave feedback on our interactive consultation map or online feedback form.

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[Feedback form](#)

In the feedback section of this website, there are instructions on how to provide feedback on our consultation map and online feedback form.

### To submit comments in writing:

Collect a feedback form from a consultation event or contact the Community Relations team to request a copy.

Complete as many sections of the feedback form as you like.

Hand your feedback form in at a consultation event or send it to us at FREEPOST GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK

Alternatively, any written letters or emails sent to us using the project freepost and email address during the consultation period will also be considered as feedback.

**The deadline for feedback submission is Friday 18 February 2022.**

### Register for our online consultation events



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### Register for online consultation events

In addition to our in-person community consultation events, we will be holding two online events. Please register for our online consultation events by following the links below.

Date	Time
Tuesday 25th January 2022 Recording of online consultation event 25 January 2022	6.30pm - 8.00pm
Tuesday 8th February 2022	6.30pm - 8.00pm

### Contact us

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# Digital feedback form

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## Feedback form

We are inviting you to take part in this first stage of consultation and comment on our emerging proposals for the project and its connection into the existing electricity transmission system at the National Grid substation located at Cottam Power Station.

We will use the feedback you provide to help identify the most appropriate final design as well as the route an electrical connection may take from the energy park to the power station.

### Providing us with your feedback

Please complete as many sections of this feedback form as you like.

You can also complete a hard copy of this feedback form and send it back to us at: FREEPOST GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK. This is available to download in the documents section of this website. Feedback forms will also be available at our in-person consultation events. If you need more space to answer any of the questions, please continue on a separate piece of paper.

If you would like information about the project or help completing this form, please contact us by:

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- Writing to FREEPOST GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK

The deadline for submitting feedback to this consultation is 18 February 2022.

All comments will be reviewed and considered by the project team to inform the development of our proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park.

Please refer to the Data Privacy Notice on this website for details of how your personal data will be handled.


Hard copies of the feedback form will also be available at all in-person events. The details of the in-person events can be found here.

### Feedback sections

- General
- Gate Burton Energy Park
- Grid connection
- Consultation process
- About you **Required**

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#### Section 1: General

1. How would you describe your interest in Gate Burton Energy Park?

Tick relevant boxes

- Local resident
- Local representative (please specify below i.e. district councillor, parish councillor)
- Landowner
- Business owner
- Visitor to the area
- Local interest group / organisation (please specify below)
- Statutory organisation
- Other (please specify below)

If required, please specify your interest

Character Count: 7000

2. What are your views on our proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park at this early stage in our development process?

- Supportive
- Neither supportive nor unsupportive
- Do not support
- Need further information to form an opinion

3. Do you have any overall comments on our proposal to develop Gate Burton Energy Park?

Enter your comments

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## Feedback form

### Section 2: Gate Burton Energy Park

#### 4. What aspects of the proposed Gate Burton Energy Park are most important to you?

*Tick relevant boxes*

Please tick as many aspects that apply, using the text box below to provide any additional information.

- Ecology and wildlife (please indicate any plant, animal or bird species you think are particularly important)
- Landscape and visual impact (please indicate any local viewpoints you think are particularly important)
- Local heritage and archaeology (please indicate any sites of importance)
- Land use and agriculture
- Flood risk
- Noise
- Traffic access and construction (for example important local roads)
- Tourism and recreation
- Other (please provide details of any other aspects that are of particular importance to you or your local community)

If required, please specify aspects

Character Count: 7000

#### 5. Are there any other issues you feel we should be aware of as we continue to develop our proposals for this project?

Please give specific details on any parts of the proposals or geographic locations that you mention in your response including place names, road names or other relevant details.

Enter your comments

Character Count: 7000

#### 6. Please provide any suggestions of initiatives you would like us to explore to help facilitate or directly deliver wider benefits to the community and/or meet local needs.

These could include:

- New wildlife habitat/environment
- Funding to support local community groups and projects (please describe the project and/or provide the name of the local community group)
- Incorporation of recreational access improvements in our design (i.e. new footpaths)
- Educational areas in proximity of the site
- Working with local schools
- Site tours for the community and/or schools
- Other (please specify)

Please outline suggestions

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### Section 3: Grid connection

Gate Burton Energy Park would connect into the electricity transmission system at the existing National Grid substation at Cottam Power Station. We have identified a number of broad route corridors within a defined search area which a connection could follow.

**7. Please provide any overall comments you have on:**

- The broad route corridors we have identified that the connection cable(s) could follow to connect Gate Burton Energy Park to Cottam Power Station
- The use of overhead or underground cables to facilitate the connection to Cottam Power Station

Please provide your comments

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## Feedback form

### Section 4: Consultation process

8. Please provide any overall comments you have on this consultation, and any suggestions you would like us to consider for future stages of consultation.

Please provide your comments

Character Count: 7000

9. How did you find out about this consultation?

Tick relevant boxes

- Social media
- Media (newspaper, radio, TV)
- Through a local group/organisation
- Word of mouth
- Receipt of a project leaflet/postcard
- Other (please specify below)

If other, how did you find out about this consultation?

Character Count: 7000

10. How informative have you found our consultation events (in-person and/or online) and/or our consultation materials (print and digital)?

- Very informative
- Quite informative
- Not informative
- No opinion

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## Feedback form

You do not have to supply personal details; however it will help us work towards meeting the needs of the public during the consultation.

### About you

Title

First name\*

Surname\*

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?

Yes  No

Organisation

Address

Postcode\*

Email

Age range

18 and under  19 - 35  36 - 50  51 - 65  Over 65  Prefer not to say

Did you attend a consultation event (in-person and/or online webinar)?

Yes  No

If you would like to receive project updates, please tick one of the boxes below and provide the relevant details in the section above.

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## Feedback form

Review your feedback

Question	Your response
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Please [complete your details](#) to submit your feedback

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## Successful feedback

### What happens next?

Thank you for completing this feedback form. Your views are important to us.

When this consultation closes, we will review all the comments we have received. Together with the findings from our environmental and technical studies we will use your feedback to help us refine and shape our proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park.

When we have completed this work, we will carry out a further stage of consultation and ask you to provide your views on our detailed proposals for the project.

We will analyse all the feedback submitted to this further stage of consultation to shape our final proposal and submit an application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate.

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# Interactive map

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### Using our consultation map

#### Register

To give us your feedback on the project, you will need to register. Please provide us with your name, email, and postcode and tell us if you are registering on behalf of an organisation or as an individual.

**Register your details**

You will be sent an email to confirm your identity. Please click the link in the email to confirm. If you are not automatically logged in, please click login.

Click here to view our GDPR Policy on how we manage data for this project.

**Your feedback**

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Feedback form

#### Login

Visit the login page and enter your email and password.

**Log in to leave feedback**

#### Add your feedback

You can click and hover the map around to the location you wish to leave feedback on.

Click on the map and a panel will pop out to allow you to leave a comment at that point.

You can select the "Theme" that is the closest match to the point that you want to make to us. If your comment doesn't match please select "Other".

Type your comment into the text box. If you wish to provide lengthy feedback (greater than 1000 characters), please enter your comment in a document in Word and upload it as an attachment at the bottom of the page. Click on "Add my comment" to add your feedback to the map. Your pointer will appear on the map. This is important as your comment will not be registered unless you click here to send it to us.

**Please note: You are unable to add a comment once it has been submitted.** If you wish to leave additional feedback please add a further comment.

#### Features

##### Plot your location

You are able to turn layers on and off by clicking on the layers icon. You can also enter your postcode and plot your home on the map to see how close you are to the area please note that locations further than 20m from the consultation area are not viewable.

##### Filter view

You can filter multiple feedback comments by theme if you assigned any.

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### Using our feedback form

We are inviting local people to give feedback on the information presented in this consultation to ensure local knowledge and interests are taken on board.

You can fill in our consultation map or fill in our feedback form online.

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Feedback form

Please submit your feedback for each question on the feedback form and select 'continue' to move to the next question. At the end of the form, please register with your contact details.

Once you have registered, you can review your submission by selecting 'review your feedback'.

When you are satisfied that your consultation responses are final, you can submit your feedback by selecting 'Submit your feedback'.

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### Project documents

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## News

### Low Carbon launches consultation on proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park

Tue Jan 11 2022

Low Carbon has started an initial consultation exercise on its early-stage proposals to build a new solar and energy storage park on land near Gate Burton, Lincolnshire.

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Tue Dec 21 2021

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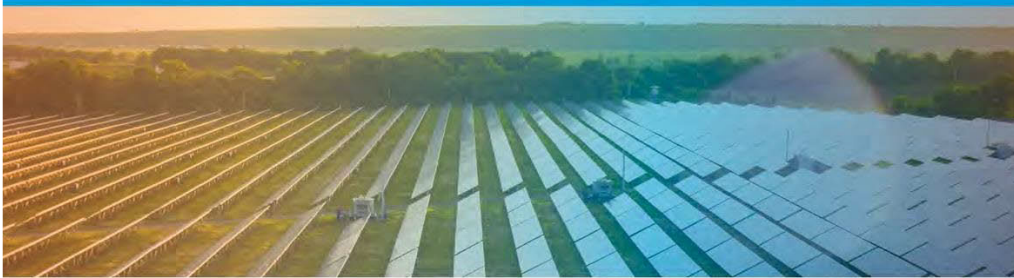
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### Low Carbon confirms plans to develop a new solar energy park in Lincolnshire

Tue Oct 12 2021

Proposed new solar and energy park will provide enough clean energy to power over 160,000 homes and avoid more than 100,000 tonnes of CO2 emission every year.

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Tue Oct 12 2021

**Proposed new solar and energy park will provide enough clean energy to power over 160,000 homes and avoid more than 100,000 tonnes of CO2 emission every year.**

- Proposed new solar and energy park will provide enough clean energy to:
  - power over 160,000 homes; and,
  - avoid more than 100,000 tonnes of CO2 emission every year.
- The scheme would connect into the national grid at the existing substation at Cottam Power Station in Nottingham.
- Initial consultation on proposals anticipated early 2022.

**12 October 2021:** Low Carbon Limited has today confirmed that it is at an early stage in developing proposals for a new solar and energy storage park at a site near Gate Burton in Lincolnshire. With an anticipated generation capacity of 500 megawatts (MW), the scheme could provide enough clean energy to power over 160,000 homes and avoid more than 100,000 of CO2 emissions every year.

The extent of the land available to deliver the project is wholly contained within one site, located in the West Lindsay District near Gate Burton, Knaith Park and Willingham-by-Stow.

Mike Rutgers, Development Director at Low Carbon said: *"The Government has set ambitious climate and energy targets to reach net zero by 2050. However, focus in recent weeks on energy price volatility and security of supply have highlighted just how critical it is for the UK to deliver on the transition to home grown renewable energy sources without delay."*

*"Low Carbon is therefore pleased to be bringing forward proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park which will deliver significant levels of renewable energy generation and contribute to securing the energy needs of Great Britain."*

Preliminary work is currently being undertaken to identify the most appropriate areas of the site for development. It is also determining potential routes for the electrical connection from the energy park into the national grid at the existing substation at Cottam Power Station in Nottinghamshire.

The findings from this work will be shared through an initial public consultation, which it is anticipated will take place in early 2022, with further consultation then taking place at key stages in the ongoing project development process.

*"We are at an early stage in the development process for this scheme," explains Rutgers. "As our proposals evolve, we are committed to consulting widely and effectively to ensure we strike the right balance of social, economic and environmental benefit."*

*"We want to deliver this project responsibly and engagement with the local community forms a critical element in ensuring we achieve this. We welcome the opportunity to meet with residents, business owners and other key stakeholders as the project progresses."*

The amount of electricity Gate Burton Energy Park could generate means that it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). It will require a Development Consent Order (DCO) application to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. Effective consultation and engagement with all interested parties including local communities, authorities and interested organisations is central to the planning process for NSIPs.

Ultimately, consent will be determined by the Secretary of State at the department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

It is anticipated that the development process - through to DCO submission and then examination for Gate Burton Energy Park - will take between two and three years. Subject to achieving consent, construction would start no earlier than 2024.

A project website has been set up: [www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](http://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk). This will be updated as more information about the project becomes available. It will also include details of forthcoming engagement and consultations. People can register their details on the website to ensure they are updated at key project milestones.

The project community relations team can also be contacted directly by Freephone 0800 860 6259 or email [info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](mailto:info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk).

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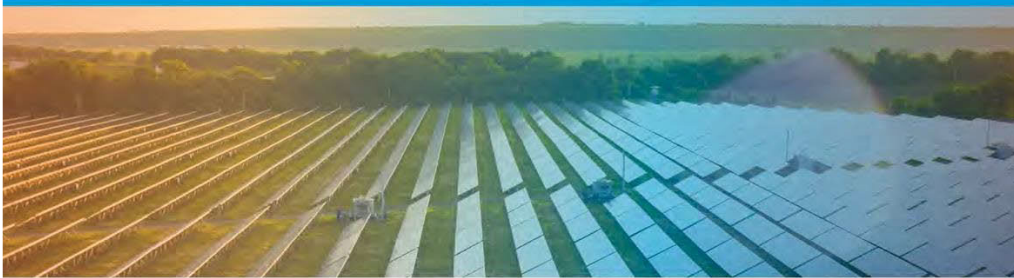
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## Low Carbon set to consult on emerging proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park in the new year

Tue Dec 21 2021

### Initial stage of public consultation will run from 11 January to 18 February 2022

- Initial stage of public consultation will run from 11 January to 18 February 2022
- Consultation postcard will be mailed to over 8,000 local homes with information on how the community can find out more and take part
- People encouraged to register online to receive updates and details of the consultation on Gate Burton Energy Park

Low Carbon has confirmed it will be holding an initial stage of public consultation in the New Year to seek views on its emerging proposals to build a new solar and energy storage park on a site near Gate Burton, Lincolnshire.

The consultation will run from 11 January to 18 February 2022. During this time local communities and interested parties are invited to review early-stage proposals for the renewable energy development and provide feedback to enable Low Carbon to understand concerns and identify any potential local impacts.

The consultation will also invite people to suggest initiatives they would like the developer to explore to help facilitate or directly deliver wider benefits to the community and/or meet local needs.

**Mike Rutgers, Development Director at Low Carbon said:** "While we are still at an early stage in developing our proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park, this initial consultation is focused on giving local communities and those interested in the project the opportunity to find out more about Low Carbon and our emerging proposals for the project so they can tell us what they think. We want to deliver this project responsibly and we are committed to ensuring we strike a balance between the potential environmental, social and economic impacts the final scheme may have with meeting the country's future energy needs. Early engagement with the local community forms a critical element in ensuring we achieve this."

The extent of the land available to deliver the Gate Burton Energy Park is contained within one site, located in the West Lindsay District near Gate Burton, Knaith Park and Willingham-by-Stow. The energy park would connect into the national grid at the existing substation at Cottam Power Station in Nottinghamshire.

With an anticipated generation capacity of 500 megawatts (MW) of electricity, the scheme could provide enough clean energy to power over 160,000 homes and avoid more than 100,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions every year. The amount of renewable electricity Gate Burton Energy Park could generate means that it is regarded as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).

It will require a Development Consent Order (DCO) application to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. Effective consultation and engagement with all interested parties including local communities, authorities and interested organisations is central to the planning process for NSIPs.

Ultimately, consent will be determined by the Secretary of State at the department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

"It's really important to us that as many people as possible take part in the consultation process", Rutgers continues. "We want to understand people's views so we can learn from what they're telling us to help refine our proposals and make informed decisions as we evolve our plans for the detailed design of the site and how we deliver the electrical connection for it into the existing National Grid substation at Cottam Power Station."

All feedback received during this first stage of consultation, together with the findings from the environmental and technical studies, will be used to refine and shape the proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park. A further stage of consultation will then be carried out so people have the opportunity to comment on the detailed plans for the site and its connection into Cottam Power Station.

#### Taking part in the public consultation

Low Carbon is currently planning to hold a series of in-person and virtual events as part of the consultation process. However, given growing concerns about the increasing cases of the Covid-19 Omicron variant, the format of these events will be reviewed in the context of prevailing circumstances and Government guidance on social distancing requirements.

Details of the final consultation programme and the information being consulted on will be made available when the consultation launches. Postcards will be mailed to over 8,000 homes in the area surrounding the site to advise people on where more information can be found and how they can take part.

People are encouraged to register their details on the Gate Burton Energy Park website [www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](http://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk) to ensure they get updates about the consultation when it becomes available. The website will also be updated to enable people to find out more about what is being consulted on and take part online when the consultation launches on 11 January 2022.

For any other enquiries, the project team can be reached using any of the following methods:

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## Low Carbon launches consultation on proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park

Tue Jan 11 2022

Low Carbon has started an initial consultation exercise on its early-stage proposals to build a new solar and energy storage park on land near Gate Burton, Lincolnshire.

- Consultation launches with information postcards sent to thousands of local homes
- Communities encouraged to take the opportunity to share views on early-stage proposals for solar energy park and grid connection
- Developer inviting suggestions for local initiatives and projects it could support to benefit communities closest to the scheme

Low Carbon has started an initial consultation exercise on its early-stage proposals to build a new solar and energy storage park on land near Gate Burton, Lincolnshire.

The consultation will run from 11 January to 18 February 2022. During this time, Low Carbon wants to hear the views of communities living close to the site and those from the wider area on its emerging proposals for the scheme. It is also inviting suggestions for sustainable local projects and initiatives it could support to directly benefit those communities closest to the proposed energy park.

Mike Rutgers, Development Director at Low Carbon said: "This is a major milestone for Low Carbon. We have reached a point in our development process where we are able to share details of our early-stage proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park and start a conversation with local people to understand their thoughts on the scheme."

"We're looking forward to using this consultation as an opportunity to start building a dialogue with the local communities so they can share their views on our work so far and help us to refine the project we take forward."

The extent of the land available to deliver the Gate Burton Energy Park is contained within one site, located in the West Lindsay District near Gate Burton, Knaith Park and Willingham-by-Stow. The electricity generated by the energy park is expected to be imported and exported via a connection into the existing national electricity transmission system at National Grid's Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire.

The completed scheme has the potential to generate around 500 megawatts (MW) of electricity - enough clean energy to power over 160,000 homes and avoid more than 100,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions every year.

The proposed energy park would also include an on-site energy storage system which would provide an important balancing service for the national grid and allow the renewable electricity generated by the panels to be stored on site at times when grid-demand is low, then exported at times of higher demand.

"Low Carbon is committed to having a lasting and positive impact on climate change," explains Rutgers. "Gate Burton Energy Park would make a vital contribution by ensuring the supply of clean electricity to UK consumers when it is needed."

"It's really important to us that as many people as possible take part in this consultation", he continues. "In delivering our vision for the project we want to ensure that communities living and working in the area have a chance to inform and influence the development of our proposals from an early stage."

The Gate Burton Energy Park project website [www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](http://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk) has been updated to include information about its emerging proposals and enable people to submit comments online. In addition, nearly 8,000 postcards have been mailed to local homes and business across the area to let people know the consultation is taking place and signpost them to where they can find information about the project.

Individuals are also invited to come along to information events the developer is holding. Members of the project team will be on hand at events to answer any questions about the project, what is being consulted on and how people can take part.

"We're currently planning on holding five in-person and two online events over the course of the consultation period", advises Bev Rodbard-Hedderwick, Low Carbon's Stakeholder Engagement and Community Relation Manager. "We'll continue to review the format for these in-person events in context of the evolving situation regarding Covid to decide whether they should proceed."

"If we do decide to cancel any or all of the in-person events we will substitute them with additional online events, giving people as much notice as possible," she continues. "In the meantime, the health and safety of the public and the project team is paramount and we're making provision to safeguard anyone choosing to attend an in-person event. I would however strongly recommend that people do check our project website in advance of attending an in-person event".

People are encouraged to register their details on the project website to ensure they get updates about the consultation and events taking place direct as it becomes available.

For any enquiries related to the consultation period, or for general questions, the project team can be reached using any of the following methods:

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- Who is Low Carbon? +
- Why is Gate Burton Energy Park needed? +
- Why has Low Carbon chosen this location at Gate Burton? +
- What is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project? +
- What timescales is the project working to? +
- What will be included in the Energy Park? +
- Where will the Energy Park connect to The National Grid? +
- How will you work with the local community? +
- Are there any health risks associated with being in close proximity to solar panels and energy storage facilities? +
- How long will Gate Burton Energy Park be in operation? +
- Will there be noise and visual impacts from Gate Burton Energy Park? +
- If given consent, how long will it take to build Gate Burton Energy Park? +
- Will there be public access through Gate Burton Energy Park? +
- Will Gate Burton Energy Park negatively affect local biodiversity? +
- Will Gate Burton Energy Park use land that could be used from growing crops for food production? +

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### Your feedback

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In this notice we explain how we hold, process and retain your personal data.

### How we use your personal data

We may process information that you provide to us. This data may include the following:

- Your name;
- Your address;
- Your telephone number;
- Your email address;
- Your employer or any group on whose behalf you are authorised to respond; and,
- Your feedback in response to Gate Burton Energy Park consultation (Consultation).

We will use your personal data for the following purposes:

- To record accurately and analyse any questions you raise during the consultation or feedback you have provided in response to the consultation.
- To report on our consultation, detailing what issues have been raised and how we have responded to that feedback (please note that the information contained in the consultation report will be aggregated and will not identify specific individuals).
- To personalise communications with individuals we are required to contact as part of future consultation or communications.
- The legal basis for processing this data is that it is necessary for our legitimate interest, namely for the purpose of ensuring the consultation process, analysis and reporting are accurate and comprehensive.
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### Providing your personal data to others

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- Low Carbon on whose behalf we are collecting your feedback in order to analyse and report on the responses received.
- Third party service providers and professional advisors who provide services to Low Carbon in connection with the consultation.
- The Planning Inspectorate.
- Our insurers/ professional advisers. We may disclose your personal data to our insurers and/or professional advisers insofar as reasonably necessary for the purposes of obtaining and maintaining insurance cover, managing risks, obtaining professional advice and managing legal disputes.

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## **Appendix H**

### **Consultation information booklet**

Please see overleaf.



  
**Gate Burton**  
ENERGY PARK

**Gate Burton Energy Park  
Consultation Information Booklet  
January 2022**

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## Introduction

Low Carbon is bringing forward proposals to build a new solar and energy storage park on land near Gate Burton in Lincolnshire.

Gate Burton Energy Park has the potential to generate around 500 megawatts (MW) of electricity through ground mounted solar panels. This is enough clean energy to power over 160,000 homes and avoid more than 100,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions every year.

The proposed scheme will also include an on-site energy storage system. This will provide an important balancing service for the national grid and allow the electricity generated by the panels to be stored on site at times when grid-demand is low, then exported at times of higher demand.

### Background

The transition to a low carbon energy system is necessary to avoid the effects of climate change. The UK is committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

However, as the publication of the Committee on Climate Change's (CCC) annual report in June 2021 made clear, our journey to net zero is not yet half completed.

This is a decisive decade for tackling climate change.

More renewable energy is needed to fast-track the transition away from fossil fuel electricity generation. The majority of renewable energy generation required to reach these targets needs to come from solar and wind.

### This consultation

Gate Burton Energy Park would make a vital contribution towards achieving net zero by ensuring the supply of clean electricity to UK consumers when it is needed.

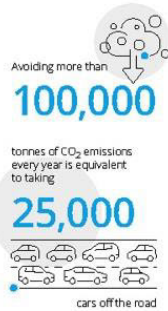
As we work to deliver this vision, we want to ensure that those communities living and working in the area have a chance to inform and potentially influence the development of our proposals from an early stage.

This initial consultation, running from 11 January to 18 February 2022, marks the first opportunity for us to share information with you about our plans for Gate Burton Energy Park.

Our aim is to introduce Low Carbon, present our emerging proposals for the scheme and its connection into the existing electricity transmission system, and give you the opportunity to tell us what you think. This will help us to identify and better understand wider potential local impacts.

We would also welcome your suggestions on local schemes or projects we could support or deliver to benefit those communities closest to the project.

Your views are important to us. They will be used to help us decide how and where we build the scheme while ensuring we do so in the most sympathetic manner.



### What is 'net zero'?

Net zero refers to the balance between the amount of greenhouse gas produced and the amount removed from the atmosphere. If the UK is to achieve net zero by 2050 we need to have reached a place where we are adding no more carbon to the atmosphere than we are taking away. This is also referred to as being carbon neutral.

## Low Carbon – who we are

Founded in 2011, Low Carbon is a market-leading privately-owned UK investment and asset management company specialising in renewable energy.

Our aim is to have a positive, lasting impact on climate change.

In practice this means:

- Responsible and innovative investment in renewable energy projects
- A commitment to protecting the earth's natural resources
- Dedication to creating a low carbon future for us all

To this end we have established our own target of achieving net zero by 2030.

At Low Carbon, we specifically target investments in solar, onshore wind, waste-to-energy, battery storage and other proven renewable energy technologies.

Deploying capital at scale into renewables, we invest across the full life cycle from concept through to development, construction and operation.

### 20GW of renewable energy by 2030

In 2021 we announced we had formed a strategic partnership with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual).

Together we will build a leading global renewable energy Independent Power Producer (IPP) targeting 20GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030.

Our ambition is to transform the global energy sector from fossil fuel based to zero-carbon. We will work in partnership to accelerate the deployment of large scale renewable energy by harnessing our expertise across the full investment life cycle and leveraging our proven track record in:

- The deployment of more than £600m capital into large scale renewable energy projects
- Financing, development and exit of more than 1GW clean energy projects
- Proprietary development of an international pipeline of more than 5GW – enough to power more than 1.3 million homes
- A leading portfolio of UK subsidy-free solar with more than 2GW in development.

To date Low Carbon investments are generating sufficient clean energy to power more than 427,000 homes and, since commissioning, have avoided more than 750,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>\*

### More information

**Low Carbon – An Overview** is available from the project website or on request (see back cover for contact details).



### Working together with local communities – how can we support you?

As a certified B Corporation we believe those communities closest to the proposed energy park benefit from it – with these communities being best-placed to recommend what a 'community benefit' should be.

As part of this first stage of consultation we invite you to suggest any ideas you have for a sustainable, local scheme that you would like us to consider supporting.

Benefits associated with the development of Gate Burton Energy Park include:

- Producing enough clean energy to power more than 160,000 UK homes
- Delivering biodiversity net gain through additional planting to encourage more native wildlife with habitats and food sources increased for insects and birds
- Payment of business rates to the local authority when the project is operational, contributing to the provision of local services
- Provision of educational packs for local primary schools to utilise in addition to offering educational visits.

Let us know about any ideas you have in your feedback.

\* Low Carbon Internal calculations using OPGEM Typical Domestic Consumption Values and BEES Carbon Conversion Factors.

This booklet provides information about who we are and our proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park so far and how you can take part in this consultation.

**The deadline for responding to this consultation is Friday 18 February 2022.**





## Our proposals

Gate Burton Energy Park would comprise the installation of solar photovoltaic panels (PV) and an on-site energy storage facility, plus infrastructure to connect the scheme to the national grid at Cottam substation.

The project is anticipated as having a generation capacity of around 500 megawatts (MW). This is equivalent to providing enough clean energy to power over 160,000 homes and avoid more than 100,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions every year.

### Location

Gate Burton Energy Park would be built on agricultural land wholly contained within the boundary of one site comprising approximately 684 hectares (1,690 acres).

The site is located in the West Lindsey district of Lincolnshire approximately 4km south of Gainsborough.

National Grid's 400kV Cottam substation located approximately 4km to the southwest of the site in Nottinghamshire would provide the connection point into the existing electricity transmission system for the energy park.

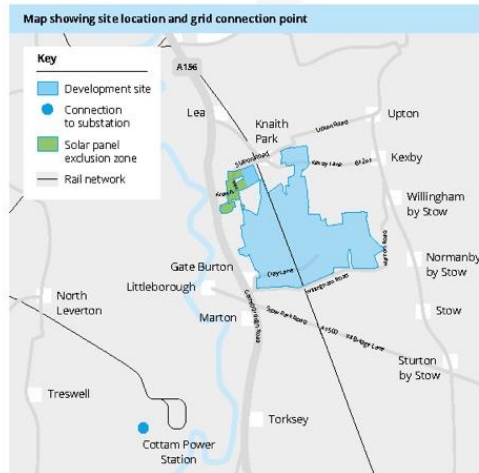
Generation capacity

500 MW

Enough clean energy to power over



160,000 homes



The extent of the land available for the energy park is denoted by the blue line boundary in the map, with the location of Cottam substation also shown.

Additional maps and plans are available from the project website or on request from us (see back cover for contact details).

## The solar energy park

At this early stage, we have not yet finalised the design of the scheme. This will be informed by considering the findings from the surveys we're carrying out, alongside feedback provided through ongoing consultation.

We have already established that an area to the northwest of the site will be a solar panel exclusion zone. However, we still have to determine how much of the land remaining will be used for solar panel modules and associated equipment, and how much more will be set aside as an exclusion zone for the purposes of creating new or enhancing habitats for biodiversity gain.

The principal components of the energy park would comprise:

- Ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panels converting sunlight into electricity
- PV module mounting structures
- Supporting infrastructure - inverters, transformers and switchgear - converting the direct current to alternating current and stepping up the voltage so it can be exported to the national grid
- On-site cables connecting the solar PV modules and energy storage system to inverters which, in turn, connect to the transformers. Higher voltage cables will then be required between transformers and the switchgear, and from the switchgear to the off-site electrical infrastructure

- An energy storage system so electricity generated by the solar PV panels can be stored on site and released to the national grid when it is needed most. It may also enable energy to be imported from the national grid so it can be stored until it is needed
- On-site substation to export electricity from the energy park to the national grid. The substation will include a control building comprising office and welfare space as well as storage
- Security fencing in the form of 'deer fence' or other mesh fencing to enclose the operational areas of the site, along with pole mounted internal facing closed circuit television (CCTV) deployed around the perimeter of the operational site
- Accesses to the site during construction and for routine maintenance when the energy park is operational
- New planting around the site perimeter and within the solar PV area to enhance biodiversity and improve the landscape

In addition:

- During construction one or more temporary construction compounds will be required, as well as temporary roadways, to enable access to all the land within the site boundary

The indicative concept masterplan overleaf sets out the preliminary design of the land available for Gate Burton Energy Park. This includes scheme layout, field boundaries, buffer zones, flood zone and heritage and biodiversity considerations.

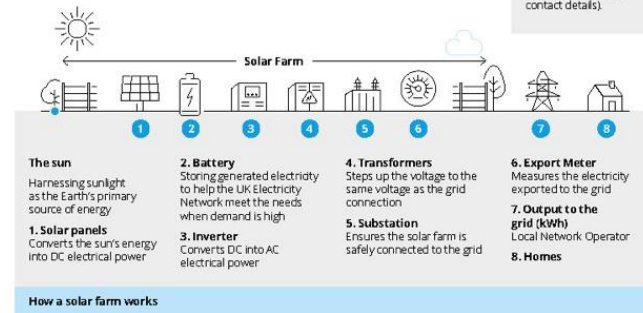


Solar PV

Solar PV and energy storage technologies are rapidly evolving. The parameters of the application we submit for development consent will therefore maintain flexibility to allow us to use the latest technology available at the time of construction.

### More information

The Gate Burton Energy Park Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report provides a more detailed description of the proposed scheme. This is available from our project website or on request from us (see back cover for contact details).





**Field boundaries**

The scheme will involve new planting, field boundary enhancement and planting of seed mixes within the solar PV areas. A Biodiversity and Landscape Management Plan will be submitted as part of application for development consent.



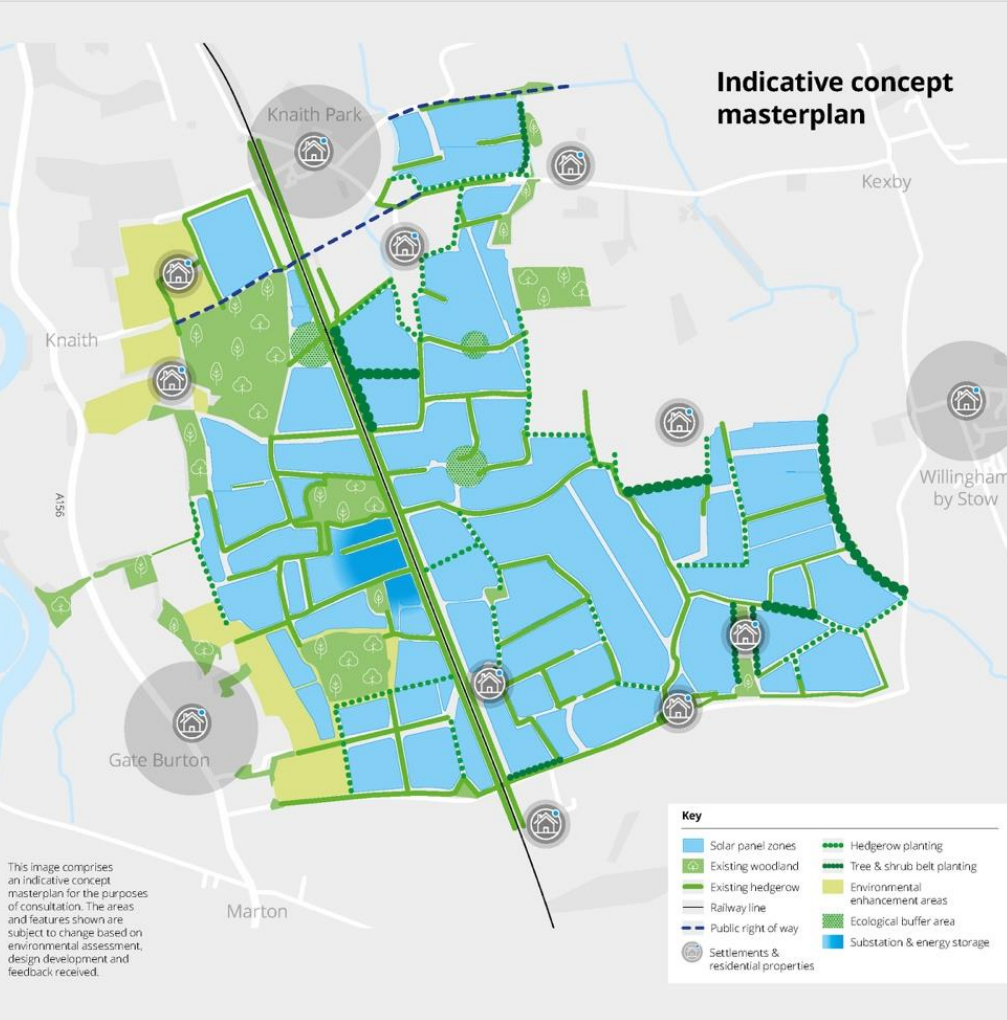
**Scheme layout**

Siting of infrastructure will avoid below ground archaeological features wherever possible. Screening and planting will be designed to minimise impact on the setting of heritage assets. There will be no disturbance to Burton Ancient and Semi-Natural Woodland.



**Screening & planting design**

Screening and planting design will be developed to reduce visual impact by providing environmental enhancement areas, off-sets and buffer zones.



This image comprises an indicative concept masterplan for the purposes of consultation. The areas and features shown are subject to change based on environmental assessment, design development and feedback received.



**Water & drainage**

The site is almost entirely located within Flood Zone 1, defined as having a low risk of flooding. A drainage strategy will be submitted with the application that will describe how surface water will be managed to prevent any increase in flood risk.



**Heritage & biodiversity**

A heritage setting buffer will be established to the east of Gate Burton. Measurable improvements for biodiversity will be defined and achieved through establishing ecological buffer areas, the creation of new habitats or enhancement and management of existing habitats.

**More information**

The Gate Burton Energy Park Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report provides more information of the areas and features shown on the indicative concept masterplan. This is available from our project website or on request from us (see back cover for contact details).

## Our proposals

### Connecting to the national grid

The electricity generated by the energy park is expected to be exported into the existing national electricity transmission system at National Grid's Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire.

#### Route corridor options

Studies are being carried out to determine the exact route and installation method for the grid connection.

At this stage we have identified three broad route corridor options (shown opposite).

Work is underway to refine these corridors so we can select which corridor meets the objective of minimising environmental and social impact, and then determine the alignment the connection will take within it.

#### What is a route corridor?

A route corridor is a broad ribbon of land through which an electrical connection could potentially be routed. A corridor will typically vary in width.

For the Gate Burton Energy Park the width of the corridors vary from between 100 metres in some places to just over 1km in others.



#### Off-site substation

An off-site substation is being considered as part of the design process. This would be located close to Cottam substation.

An off-site substation would consist of electrical infrastructure including transformers, switchgear and metering equipment to enable the electricity generated by the energy park to be exported onto the national grid.

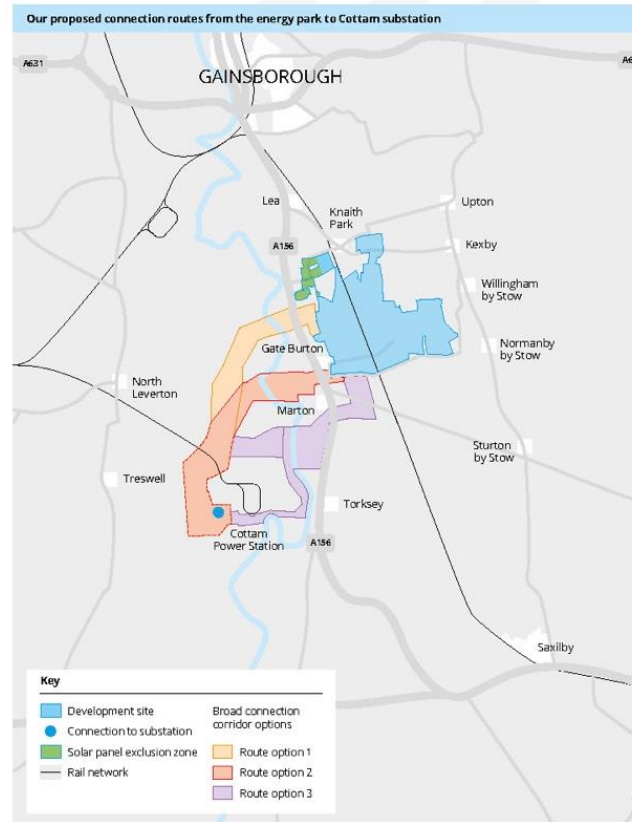
It's likely to have a footprint of around 185 by 150 metres and could be up to 11 metres high. A control building would be located within the footprint of the substation.

The final dimensions of the substation are dependent on the findings from ongoing studies and will be refined through the development process.



#### What is a substation?

Substations provide a connection point for generators to input power into the network.



## Our proposals

### Building the connection

The connection for Gate Burton Energy Park into Cottam substation could be built using cable installed underground or running on overhead lines.

The voltages for the cable – whether it is installed underground or on overhead lines – would range from 132kV to 400kV.

We would anticipate that the connection for the energy park would be installed using underground cable. However, the possibility of it being built using overhead lines remains an option at this stage pending the findings from our ongoing environmental surveys

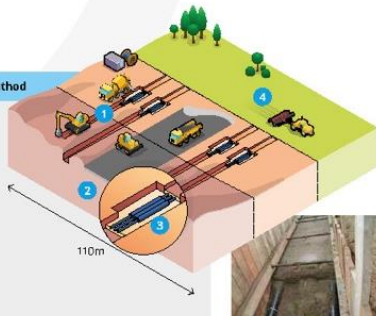
determining that there are no localised issues on parts of the routes that could prevent underground excavation.

The construction techniques and equipment for installing a cable underground or on overhead lines both have different properties affecting how, when and where they can be used.

### Underground cable

#### Installing underground cable – open trench method

1. A trench approximately two metres wide and two metres deep will be excavated for each cable
2. During construction the working width of land needed would be between 30 to 40 metres
3. Joining bays are needed where one section of cable joins the next
4. When land is reinstated, land-use restrictions may apply to avoid risk of cables being disturbed or damaged



- Underground cable can be installed by direct burial where there is no restriction on land use
- Direct burial of cable takes considerably longer than building overhead lines
- It can take several weeks to locate and repair a fault on an underground cable

- While underground cable reduces the visual impact of overhead lines, the installation process has potential to damage important geological and archaeological features.
- A sealing end compound is needed where a section of underground cable comes above ground



### Overhead lines

A connection built using overhead lines could require pylons between 30 to 50 metres high. Depending on the height, the overhead line could be installed using metal towers or wood/composite poles.

- Pylons need to be tall enough to ensure the distance or 'clearance' between each conductor and the lowest conductor and the ground, buildings or structures they over-sail, meets with relevant guidelines.
- Lower voltage overhead lines need less clearance. Pylons used to support 132kV lines are shorter than pylons used to support 400kV lines. Pylons supporting 400kV lines can be up to 50 metres high.



#### Overhead lines

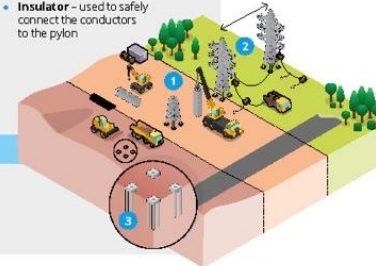
1. Height of the pylons between 30m-50m\*
2. Distance between pylons approx. 360m\*
3. Foundations approx. 6m deep\*

\* Dimensions can vary depending on topography/features

- The distance between pylons depends on factors including: pylon height, number and size of conductors, whether the landscape is flat or hilly as well as changes in route direction.
- The typical distance between 400kV steel lattice pylons is 360 metres.

Overhead lines are made up of three parts:

- **Conductor** – the cable used to transport electricity
- **Pylon** – the tower used to support the conductors
- **Insulator** – used to safely connect the conductors to the pylon



#### More information

The Gate Burton Energy Park Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report provides a more detailed description of the proposed scheme. This is available from our project website or on request from us (see back cover for contact details).

## The development process

Gate Burton Energy Park is anticipated as having a generation capacity of around 500MW. The amount of electricity the scheme could generate means that it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).

### Planning

The development consenting regime for an NSIP comes under the Planning Act 2008. This means we need to apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to build Gate Burton Energy Park. This would be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate rather than a local planning authority.

In the case of energy-related development the Planning Inspectorate acts on behalf of the Secretary of State at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). It will carry out an examination of our proposals and then make a recommendation to the Secretary of State on whether or not to grant consent for the development.

The Secretary of State for BEIS will then make the final decision on whether to grant consent for our scheme.

We anticipate that the development process through DCO submission and examination will take between two to three years. We intend to submit our proposals to the Planning Inspectorate late 2022 / early 2023 then, subject to achieving consent, the earliest construction would start in early 2025.



#### What is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping?

The purpose of an EIA is to assess, measure, evaluate and mitigate the likely significant effect of a proposed development on the environment.

The EIA Scoping is a critical step in the EIA process - it sets out all those environmental, social and health issues likely to be most important and establishes the boundaries of the work that will be carried out in producing the final Environmental Statement for the proposed scheme.

#### What is a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)

The PEIR is a core technical document that sets out the findings from the extensive environmental studies and assessments we carry out to develop our proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park.

The findings from the PEIR will be presented at the statutory consultation. It will include detailed maps and plans of our proposed development.

### Development Process timeline\*

#### 2021

- Nov Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping request submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (Nov 2021)

#### 2022

- Ongoing environmental studies
- Ongoing engagement with local communities and representative organisations

#### Summer

- Publication of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)

#### Summer - Autumn

- Prepare the DCO application and supporting documents
- Finalise EIA and prepare Environmental Statement
- Finalise DCO application including supporting EIA documents

#### 2022/2023

- Late 2022 / early 2023 Final DCO application submitted to the Planning Inspectorate

#### 2023/2024

- DCO Examination and determination process

#### 2025

- Anticipated start of construction (subject to consent being granted)

\*Dates are indicative and could be subject to change

### Pre-application consultation

We are at an early stage in the development process for Gate Burton Energy Park. As we evolve and refine our plans, we are committed to striking an appropriate balance between the potential social, economic and environmental impacts that our final scheme may have.

We believe this balance is best achieved by:

- Consulting widely and effectively from an early stage in our project development process
- Being open with information and transparent about the decisions we make
- Developing proposals that deliver significant levels of renewable energy generation to secure the energy needs of Great Britain

Public consultation forms an important part of the pre-application process for NSIPs; early and ongoing engagement will serve to inform and influence the design process with local councils, stakeholders and residents all having an important role to play.

The development of Gate Burton Energy Park will be an iterative process and we welcome views at any time. However, prior to submitting a DCO application for the project we will hold two specific stages of consultation where we will be asking for feedback.

Adopting an iterative approach means we can present and refine our proposals, sharing with those taking part how we have taken their views into consideration to help shape our proposals.

### Stage One Consultation - 11 Jan to 18 Feb 2022

The first stage of consultation (this stage) is non-statutory. While not formally required, it is intended to give local communities a real opportunity to influence the proposed development from an early stage to gain a better understanding of what we are proposing and its potential impacts.

The aim of this consultation is to introduce Low Carbon and the overall project, share our early-stage proposals and give individuals and interested parties the opportunity to have their say and share their views and local knowledge.

We will use the feedback we receive to inform and shape a strong set of proposals that are sensitive to and respect concerns of local communities.

### Stage Two Consultation - Summer 2022 (tbc)

Further to developing more detailed proposals for the project, a second stage of consultation will be carried out. This is a statutory stage of consultation required by the application process for NSIPs.

We expect to carry out this second stage of consultation later this year when you will be invited to comment on our detailed proposals for the scheme and its connection into the national grid.

### Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

Ahead of Stage Two consultation we will publish a SoCC. This will set out how we will engage with and obtain feedback from the local community on our detailed proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park.

### Consultation Process timeline\*

#### 2021

- Oct Early engagement with local authorities and interested parties
- Ongoing engagement

#### Dec

- Confirmation of dates for Stage One community consultation
- Ongoing engagement

#### 2022

#### Jan

- First stage of community consultation (non-statutory)

#### Spring

- Consultation on draft SoCC with Local Planning Authorities

#### Summer

- Publication of the SoCC
- Second stage community consultation (statutory)

\*Dates are indicative and could be subject to change

### More information

You can find more information about the application process for NSIP projects on the Planning Inspectorate website at [infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk](https://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

## Taking part in this consultation

This first stage of community consultation on our emerging proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park is open from 11 January to 18 February 2022.

There are a number of ways you can learn more about what we are consulting on and how to take part.

**1-8** **Join us at a consultation event or webinar** to learn more about our proposals, meet the project team and provide us with your comments. A list of events taking place is available on our website.

**1-9** **Visit our project website** to view information about our proposals at this stage and submit feedback to this consultation. All the information being made available at events will also be available on the website.

**1-10** **Contact our community relations team** if you are unable to attend our events, have any questions, or would like help accessing information about the project or responding to this consultation.

### What we are asking you to comment on

For this stage of consultation we are inviting your views on:

- The overall project
- The proposed layout of the energy park
- The three broad route corridors we have identified that a connection for the energy park could be routed along to connect it into the national grid
- Local initiatives and community projects which we could support

### Tell us what you think

You can submit your comments to this consultation online or in writing:

- To submit comments online:
- Go to our project website: [www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](http://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk)
  - You can leave feedback on our interactive site map or feedback form:
    - To use our interactive map go to: [www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk/consultationmap](http://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk/consultationmap)
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To submit comments in writing:

- Collect a feedback form from a consultation event or contact the Community Relations Team to request a copy (see back for details)
- Complete as many sections of the feedback form as you would like
- Hand your feedback form in at a consultation event or send it to us at: **FREEPOST GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK**
- Alternatively any written letters or emails sent to us using the project freepost and email address during the consultation period will also be considered as feedback

**The deadline for responding to this consultation is 18 February 2022.**



All the comments submitted to this consultation will be acknowledged, recorded, and considered to inform and shape a strong set of proposals.

We will not, however, be able to respond to you individually.



## Next steps

When this first stage of consultation closes we will review all the comments we receive, together with the findings from our ongoing environmental and technical studies, to inform and shape detailed proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park.

We will then carry out a second statutory stage of consultation and ask for your views on:

- the specific location of equipment for the energy park
- the route the grid connection will take
- how the project will be built
- the measures we are proposing to mitigate the impact of the project

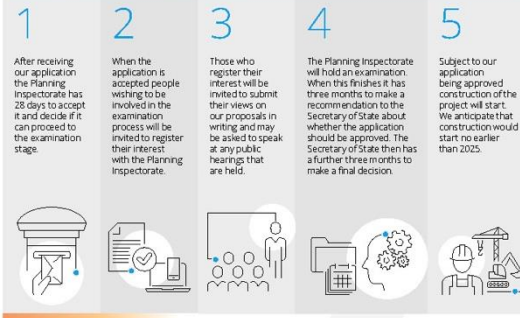
We will then review our proposals in light of all the feedback submitted to this second consultation and the findings from our ongoing assessments, so we can finalise and submit an application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate. As the developer, we have a duty to demonstrate how we have taken your views into account in developing our final proposals.

### Further opportunities to contribute

The second stage of consultation on our proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park will likely be the last time we consult before we submit our application.

Once our application has been accepted you will be able to register your interest in our proposals with the Planning Inspectorate. It will then keep you informed about the progress of our application during the examination process and further opportunities to inform and contribute to the planning process.

### What happens when the application is submitted?





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# Appendix I

## Indicative concept masterplan

An indicative map of the proposed site and its different elements, such as solar panel zones and field boundaries.



### Field boundaries

The scheme will involve new planting, field boundary enhancements and planting of seed mixes within the solar PV areas. A Biodiversity and Landscape Management Plan will be submitted as part of application for development consent.



### Scheme layout

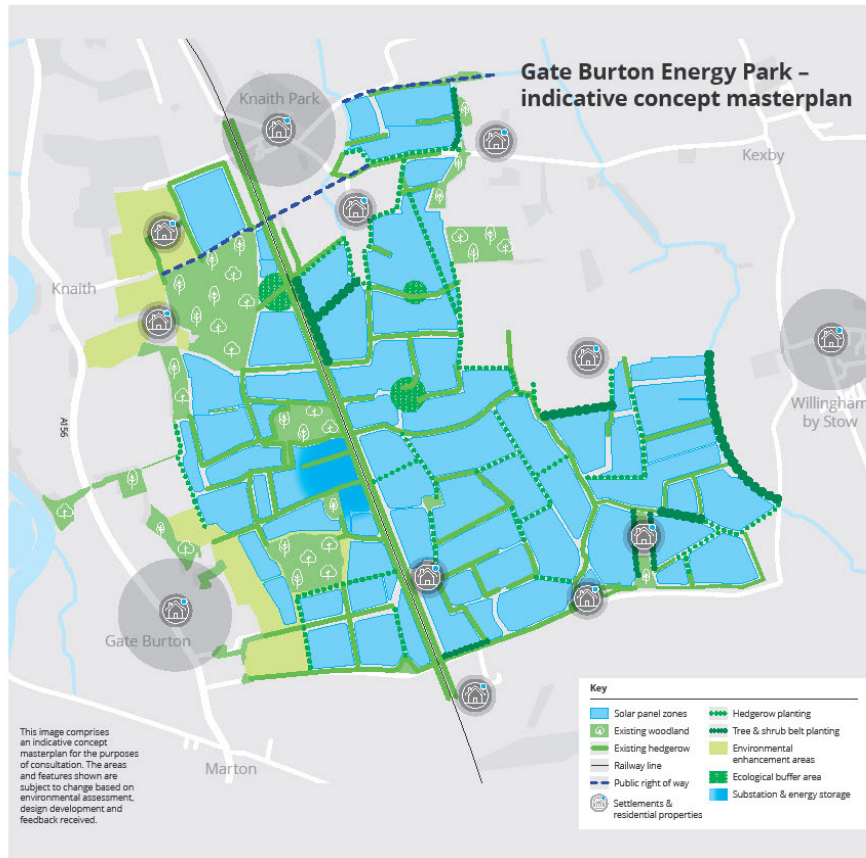
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### Screening & planting design

Screening and planting design will be developed to reduce visual impact by providing environmental enhancement areas, off-sets and buffer zones.

This image comprises an indicative concept masterplan for the purposes of consultation. The areas and features shown are subject to change based on environmental assessment, design development and feedback received.



### Water & drainage

The site is almost entirely located within Flood Zone 1, defined as having a low risk of flooding. A drainage strategy will be submitted with the application that will describe how surface water will be managed to prevent any increase in flood risk.



### Heritage & biodiversity

A heritage setting buffer will be established to the east of Gate Burton. Measurable improvements for biodiversity will be defined and achieved through establishing ecological buffer areas, the creation of new habitats or enhancement and management of existing habitats.

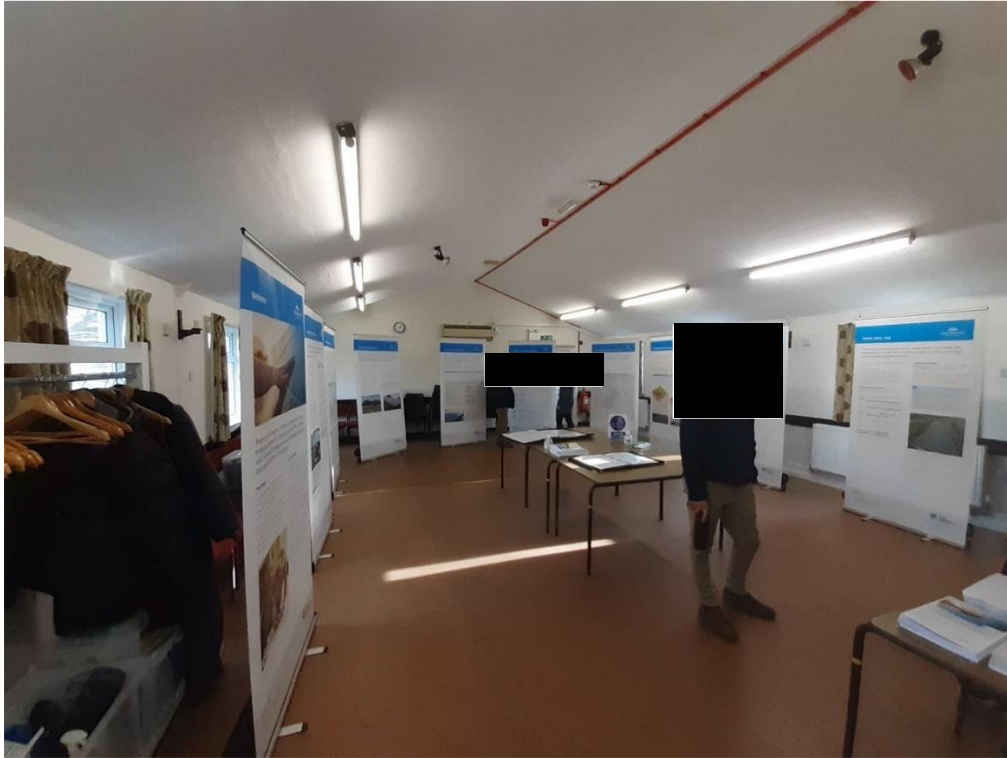




## Appendix J

### Pictures from in-person events

Knaith Park Village Hall, 26 January 2022



Willingham Village Hall, 1 February 2022







# Appendix K

## Display panels

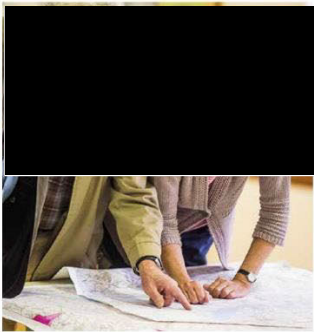


Thank you for taking part in this initial consultation on our emerging proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park – the new solar and energy storage park we are proposing to build on land near Gate Burton, Lincolnshire.

### The Project

Gate Burton Energy Park would make a vital contribution towards achieving net zero by ensuring the supply of clean electricity to UK consumers when it is needed.

As we work to deliver this vision, we want to ensure that local communities in the area have a chance to inform and potentially influence the development of our proposals from an early stage.



### This consultation

This consultation marks the first opportunity for us to share information with you about our plans for Gate Burton Energy Park.

Our aim is to introduce Low Carbon, present our emerging proposals for the scheme including its connection into electricity transmission system and give you the opportunity to tell us what you think.

We would also welcome your suggestions on local schemes or projects we could support or deliver to benefit those communities closest to the project.

Your views are important to us. By helping us identify and better understand wider potential local impacts, we will use your feedback to inform and shape a strong set of proposals that are sensitive to and respect local communities.

### Contact us

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## Low Carbon – who we are



Founded in 2011, Low Carbon is a privately-owned UK investment and asset management company specialising in renewable energy.

Our aim is to have a positive, lasting impact on climate change. In practice this means:

- Responsible and innovative investment in renewable energy projects
- A commitment to protecting the earth's natural resources
- Dedication to creating a low carbon future for us all.

To this end we have established our own target of achieving net zero by 2030.

At Low Carbon, we specifically target investments in solar, onshore wind, waste-to-energy, battery storage and other proven renewable energy technologies.

Deploying capital at scale into renewables, we invest across the full life cycle from concept through to development, construction and operation.



To date Low Carbon investments are generating sufficient clean energy to power more than 427,000 homes and, since commissioning, have avoided more than 750,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Low Carbon internal calculations using Ofgem Typical Domestic Consumption Values and BEIS Carbon Conversion Factors.

### Working together with local communities – how can we support you?

As a certified B Corporation we believe it is right that those communities closest to the proposed energy park are able to benefit from it – with those communities themselves being best-placed to recommend what a 'community benefit' should be.

Benefits associated with the development of Gate Burton Energy Park include:

- Producing enough clean energy to power more than 160,000 UK homes
- Supporting and enhancing natural habitats, food sources, and green spaces to enhance biodiversity
- Payment of business rates when the project is operational, contributing to the provision of local services
- Provision of educational packs for local primary schools to utilise in addition to offering educational visits.

**Tell us about any local projects and initiatives you'd like us to consider supporting in your feedback.**

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## What we're consulting on

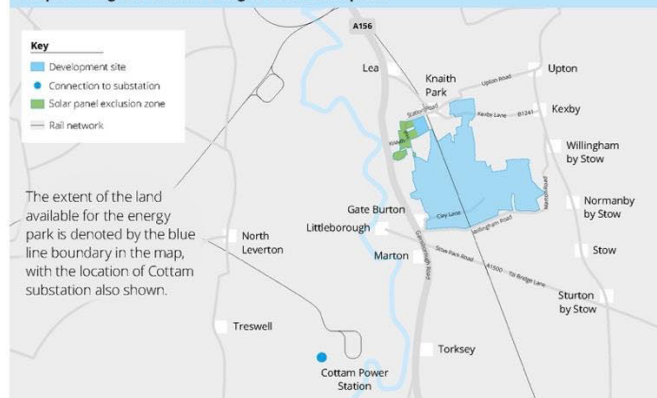


We're consulting on our emerging early-stage proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park – a new solar and energy storage park comprising the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) generating panels and an on-site energy storage facility, and infrastructure to connect the scheme to the national grid at Cottam substation.

The project has an anticipated generation capacity of around 500 megawatts (MW) enough clean electricity to avoid 100,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions every year.

The scheme would be built on agricultural land within the boundary of one site approximately 4km south of Gainsborough, with a proposed connection to the 400kV Cottam substation located approximately 4km to the southwest of the site.

### Map showing site location and grid connection point



### More information

For this consultation we're inviting your views on:

- The overall project
- Any considerations you would like us to give in respect of:
  - Environmental and ecological aspects
  - Heritage and archaeology
  - Land use and agriculture
  - Water and drainage
  - Transport routes and access during construction (i.e., local roads)
  - Tourism and recreation
  - Noise
  - Other, please specify
- Proposed routes a connection to the national grid could take and how it is built
- Local projects and schemes we could support
- Any other issues you think we should take into consideration as we develop our proposals.

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## The solar energy park



We are at an early stage in developing our proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park and still have to determine where equipment will be located, and how we will minimise the potential effects of the scheme on the environment and surrounding area.

The principal components of the energy park will comprise:

- Ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panels converting sunlight into electricity
- PV module mounting structures
- An energy storage system so electricity can be stored on site and released to the national grid at times of high demand
- Supporting infrastructure – inverters, transformers and switchgear – converting the direct to alternating current and stepping up the voltage to export it to the national grid
- On site cables
- On site substation to export electricity from the energy park to the national grid

- Security fencing enclosing the operational areas of the site in the form of 'deer fence', along with internal facing CCTV deployed around the perimeter of the operational site
- Accesses to the site during construction and for routine maintenance when operational
- New planting around the site perimeter and within the solar PV area to enhance biodiversity and improve the landscape.

In addition:

- During construction one or more temporary construction compounds will be required, as well as temporary roadways, to enable access to all the land within the site boundary.



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## How a solar farm works

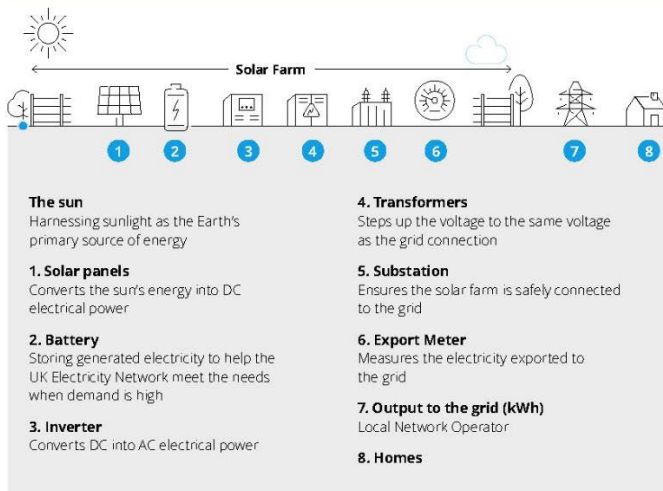


Solar PV and energy storage technologies are rapidly evolving. The parameters of the application we submit for development consent will therefore maintain flexibility to allow us to use the latest technology available at the time of construction.

At this early stage, we have not yet finalised the design of the scheme. The illustration below is indicative of the components usually found on a solar farm.

The final design will be informed by considering the findings from the surveys we're carrying out, alongside feedback provided through ongoing consultation.

### How a solar farm works



### Solar PV



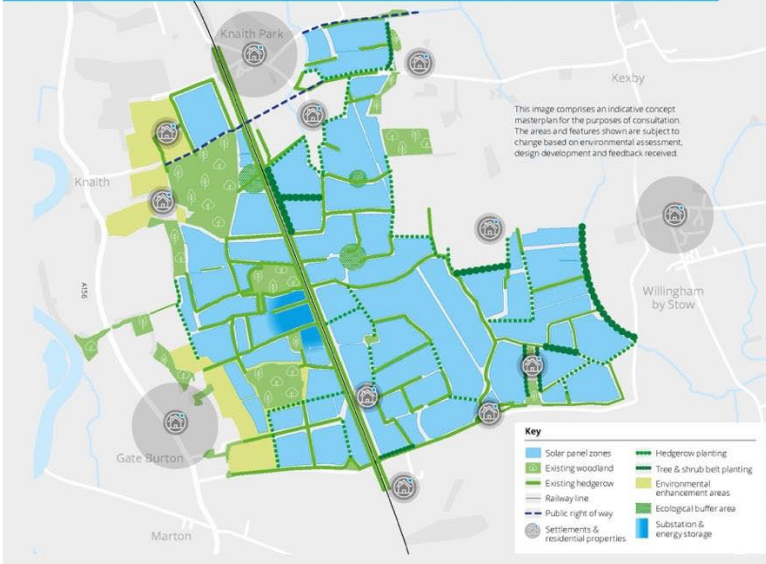
Solar PV and energy storage technologies are rapidly evolving so our DCO will incorporate the flexibility to allow us to use the latest technology available at the time of construction.

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## Indicative concept masterplan



We have identified the following key sensitivities and potential landscape opportunities we need to respond to in developing our proposals for the energy park:



### Field boundaries

The scheme will involve new planting, field boundary enhancement and planting of seed mixes within the solar PV areas. A *Biodiversity and Landscape Management Plan* will be submitted as part of the Development Consent Order (DCO).



### Scheme layout

Siting of infrastructure will avoid below ground archaeological features wherever possible. Screening and planting will be designed to minimise impact on the setting of heritage assets. There will be no disturbance to Burton Ancient and Semi-Natural Woodland.



### Screen & planting design

Screening and planting design will be developed to reduce visual impact by providing environmental enhancement areas, off-sets and buffer zones.



### Water & drainage

The site is almost entirely located within Flood Zone 1, defined as having a low risk of flooding. A drainage strategy will be submitted with the application that will describe how surface water will be managed to prevent any increase in flood risk.



### Heritage and biodiversity

A heritage setting buffer will be established to the east of Gate Burton. Measurable improvements for biodiversity will be defined and achieved through establishing ecological buffer areas, the creation of new habitats or enhancement and management of existing habitats.

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## Connecting into the national grid



The electricity generated by the energy park is expected to be exported into the existing national electricity transmission system at National Grid's Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire.

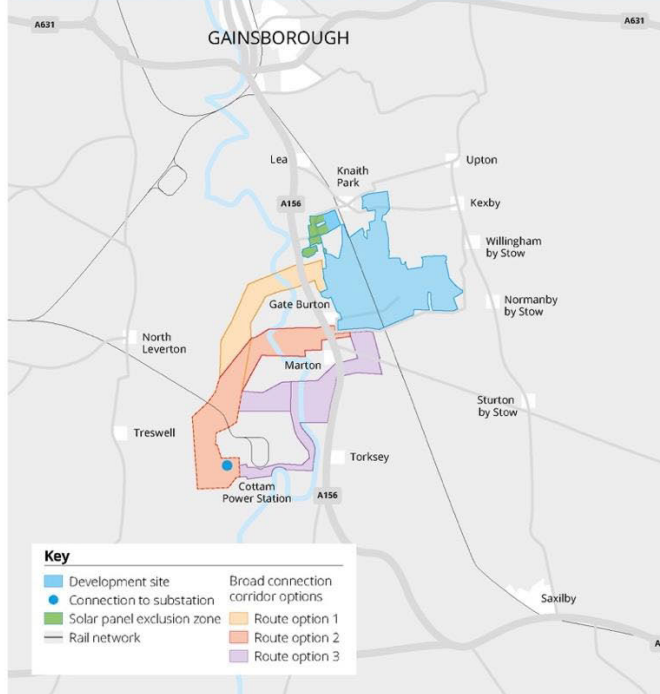
### Route corridors

Studies are currently being carried out to determine the exact route and installation method for the grid connection.

At this stage in our development process we have identified three broad route corridors within which a connection could be routed.

Work is underway to refine these corridors so we can select which corridor meets the objective of minimising environmental and social impact, and then determine the alignment the connection will take within it.

### Our proposed connection routes from the energy park to Cottam substation



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## Building the grid connection



The connection for Gate Burton Energy Park into Cottam substation could be built using cable installed underground or running on overhead lines.

We would anticipate that the connection for the energy park would be installed using underground cable.

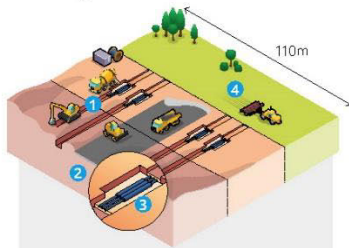
However, the possibility of it being built using overhead lines remains an option pending the findings from our ongoing environmental surveys determining that there are no localised

issues on parts of the routes that could prevent underground excavation.

The construction techniques and equipment for installing a cable underground or on overhead lines have different properties affecting how, when and where they can be used.

### Underground cable

- Can be installed by direct burial where there is no restriction on land use
- A sealing end compound is needed where a section of underground cable comes above ground.

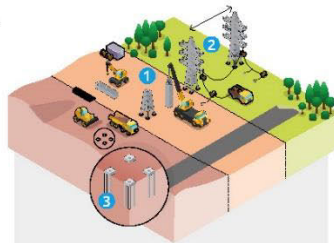


1. A trench approximately two metres wide and two metres deep will be excavated for each cable
2. During construction the working width of land needed would be between 30 to 40 metres
3. Joining bays are needed where one section of cable joins the next
4. When land is reinstated, land-use restrictions may apply to avoid risk of cables being disturbed or damaged



### Overhead lines

- The height of the pylons – between 30 and 50 metres tall will determine whether the overhead line is installed using metal towers or wood pole
- A range of factors determine the distance between pylons including: pylon height, whether the landscape is flat or hilly as well as changes in route direction.



1. Height of the pylons between 30m-50m\*
2. Distance between pylons approx 350m\*
3. Foundations approx 6m deep\*



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## Project timeline



Gate Burton Energy Park is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) due to it having an anticipated generation capacity which exceed 50MW.

This means we need to apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO). This will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate which acts on behalf of the Secretary of State at the Department for

Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). The final decision on whether to grant consent for our project will be made by the Secretary of State for BEIS.



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## Have your say



Thank you for taking part in this consultation. Your views are important to us. We will use them to help us refine and shape the proposals we take forward.

For this stage of consultation we want to know what you think about:

- The overall project
- The proposed layout of the energy park
- The broad route corridors a connection for the energy park could be routed along to connect it to the national grid
- Local initiatives and community projects which we could support.

### Providing your feedback

You can submit your comments in a number of ways:



Online: feedback can be submitted via our project website:  
[www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](http://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk)



Email: send an email to us at:  
[info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](mailto:info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk)



Write to us at: **FREEPOST GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK**

Printed feedback form: complete a printed feedback form and hand it to a member of the team at this event or send it to the FREEPOST address above.

**The deadline for feedback to his consultation is 18 February 2022.**

### Future consultation

We will carry out a second stage of consultation on the detailed proposals we develop.

Feedback to this second consultation, along with the findings from our ongoing assessments, will be used to finalise the application we submit to the Planning Inspectorate for this project.



All the comments submitted to this consultation will be acknowledged, recorded, and considered to inform and shape a strong set of proposals.

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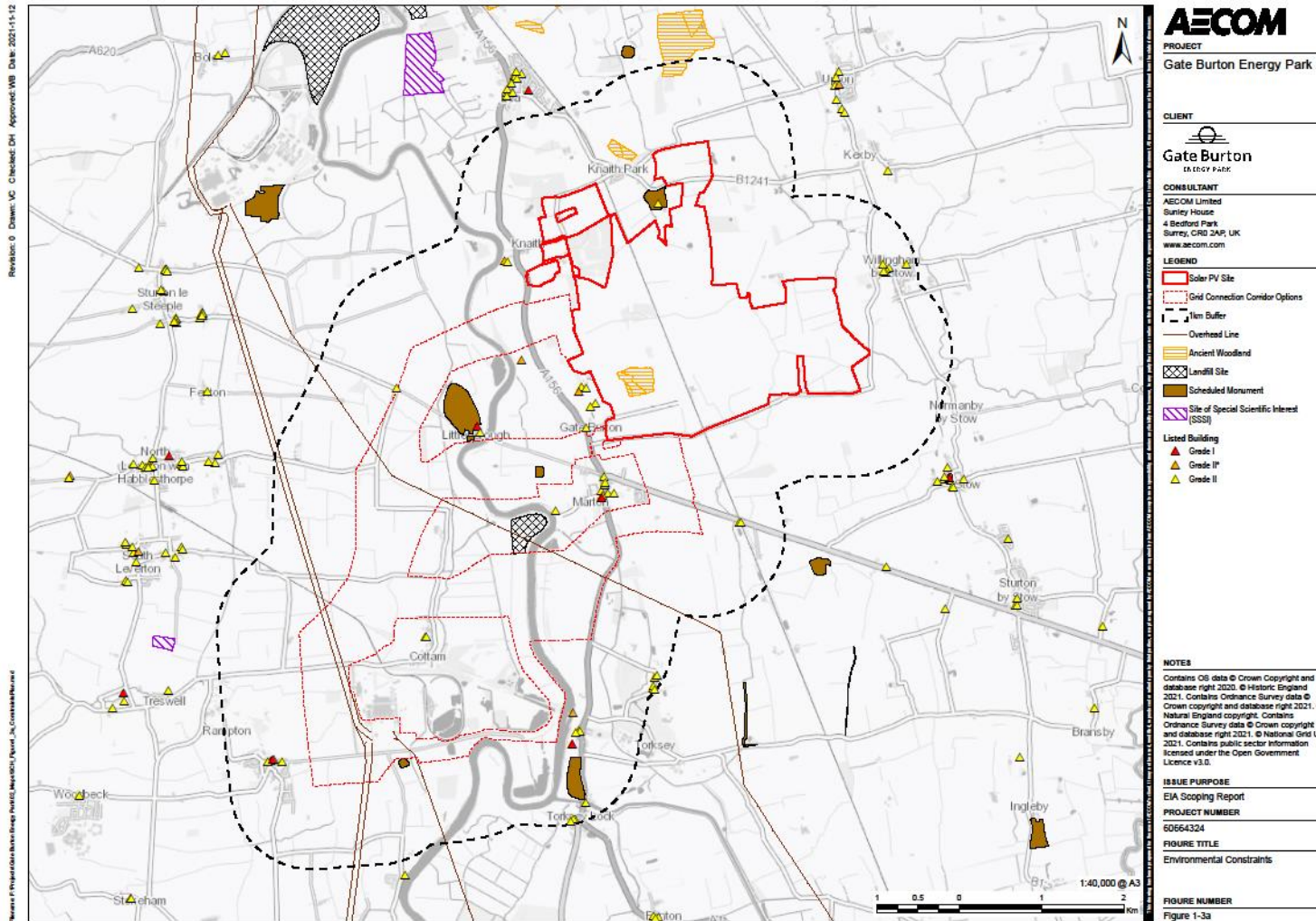
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### **Maps**

Available to download online from the website or to view at in-person events in A2.

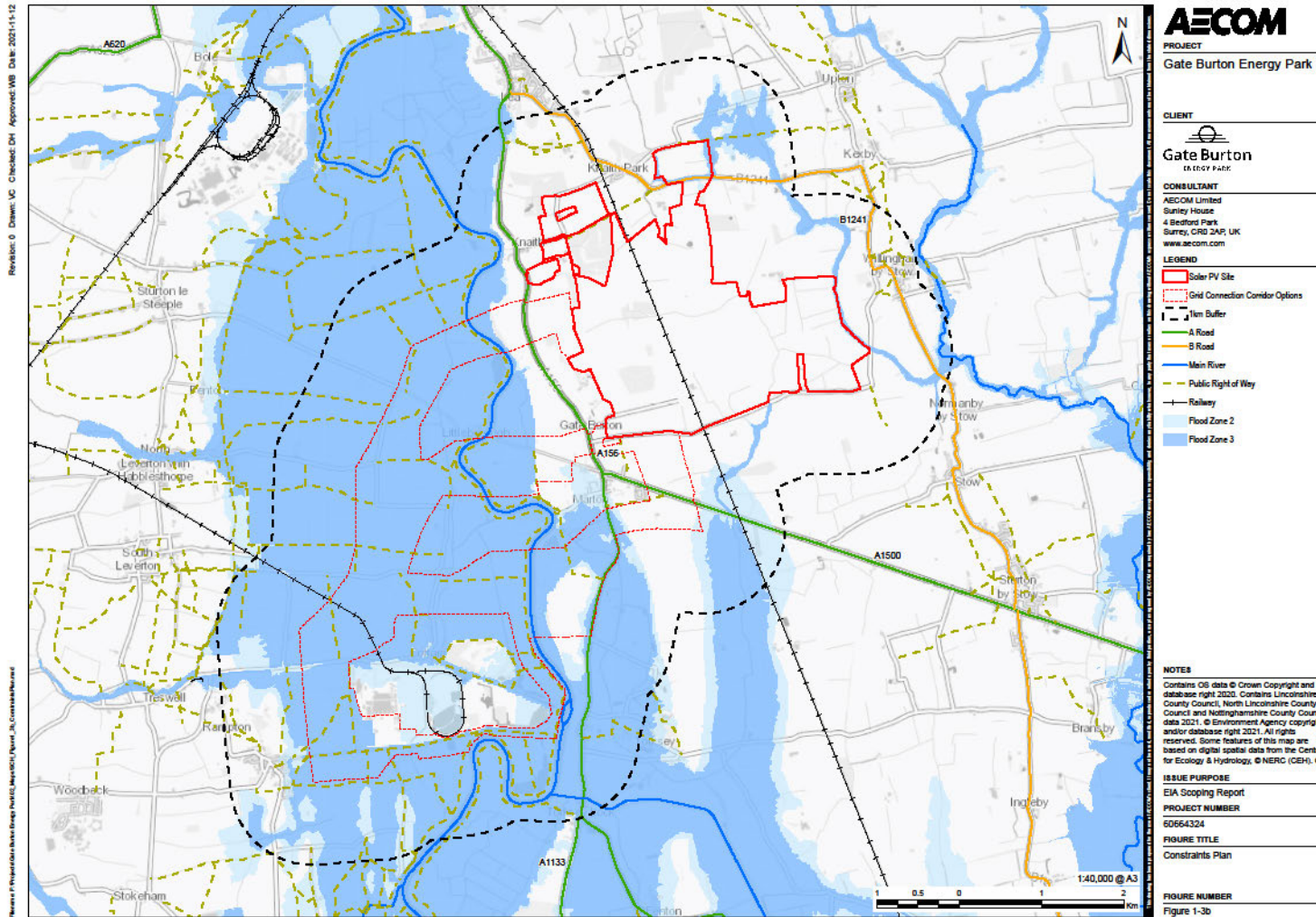
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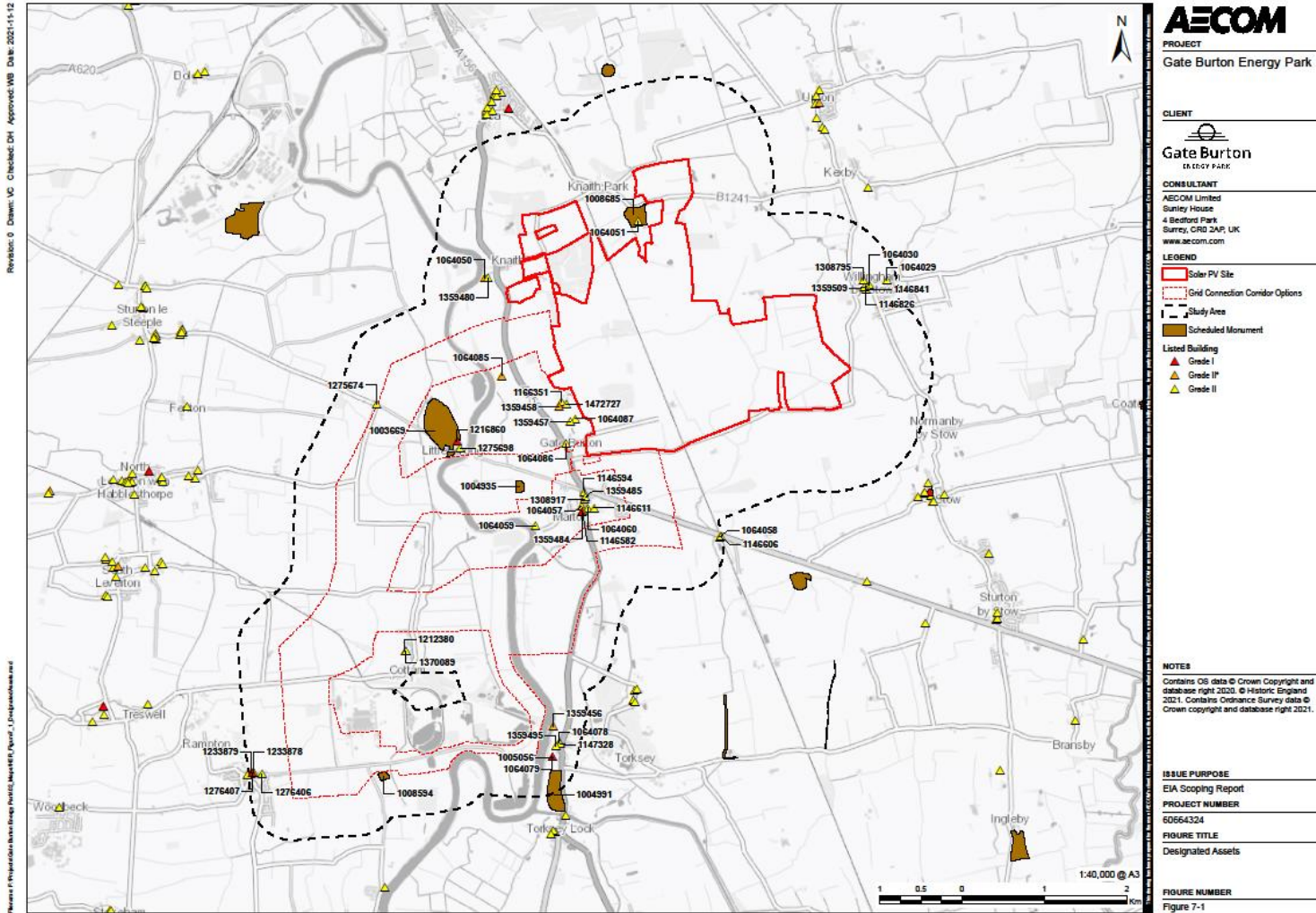




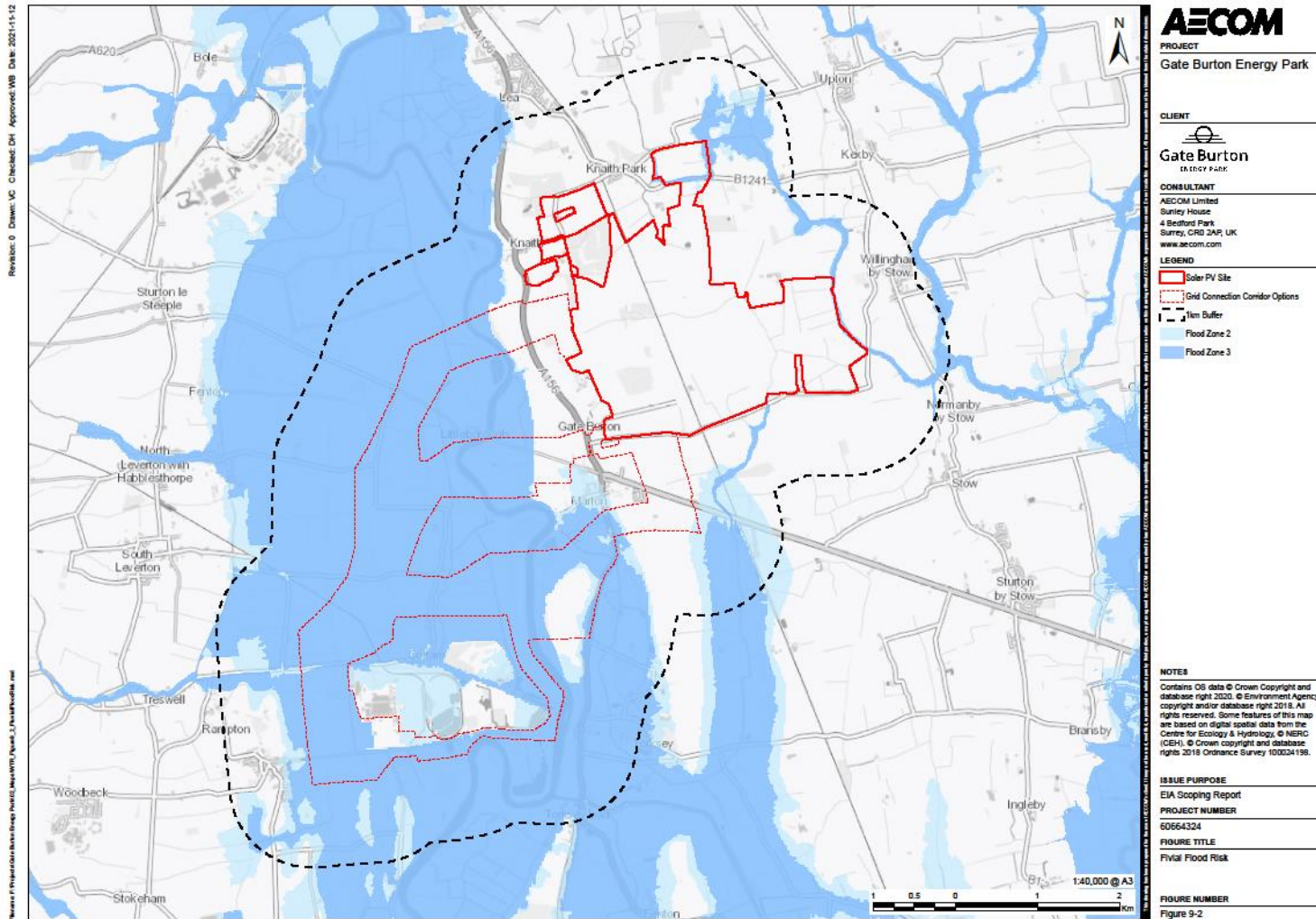
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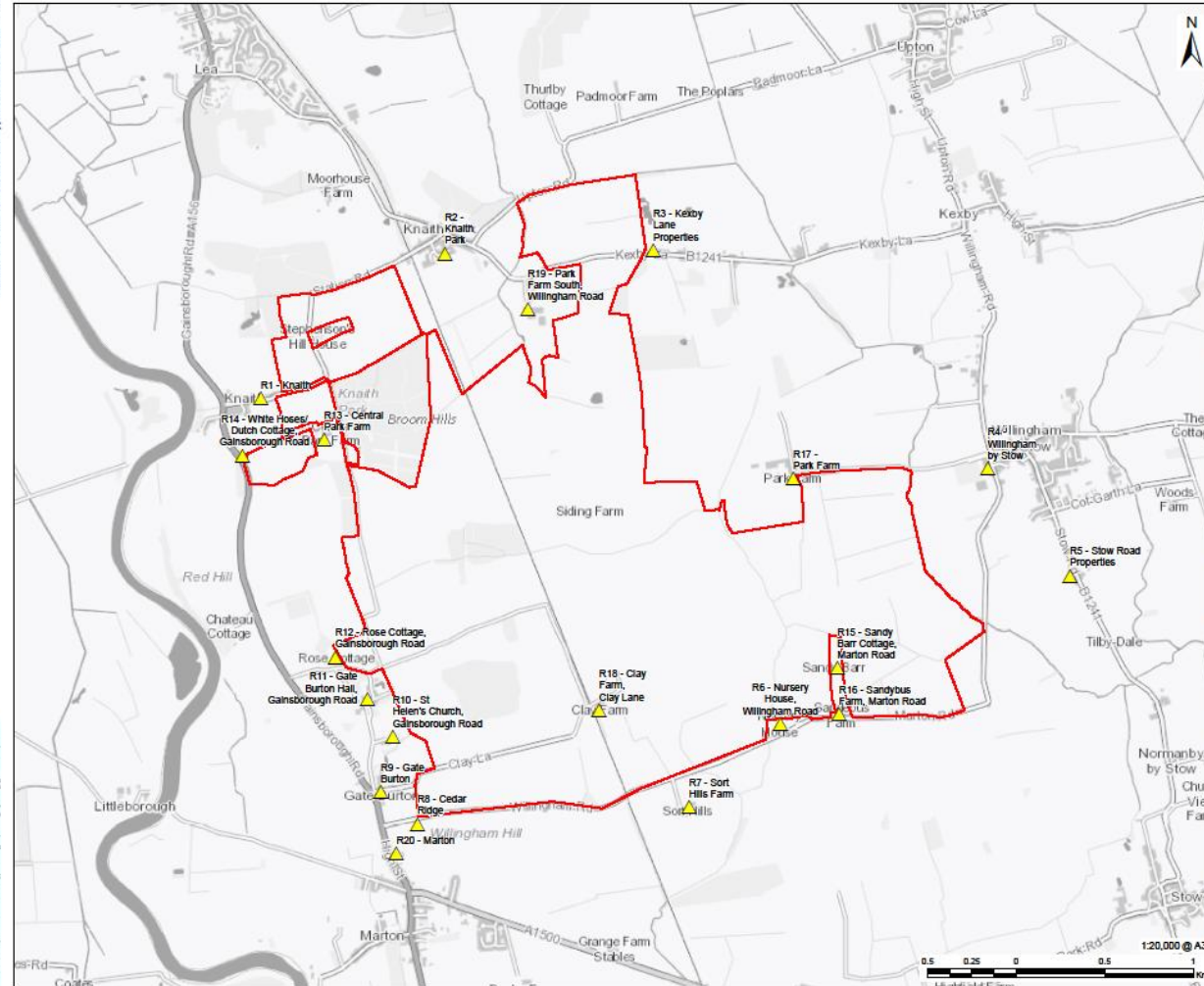
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# Noise Receptors

Revision: 0 Drawn: VC Checked: DH Approved: WB Date: 2021-11-12

Name of Project: Gate Burton Energy Park; Map: R11-12; Date: 2021-11-12



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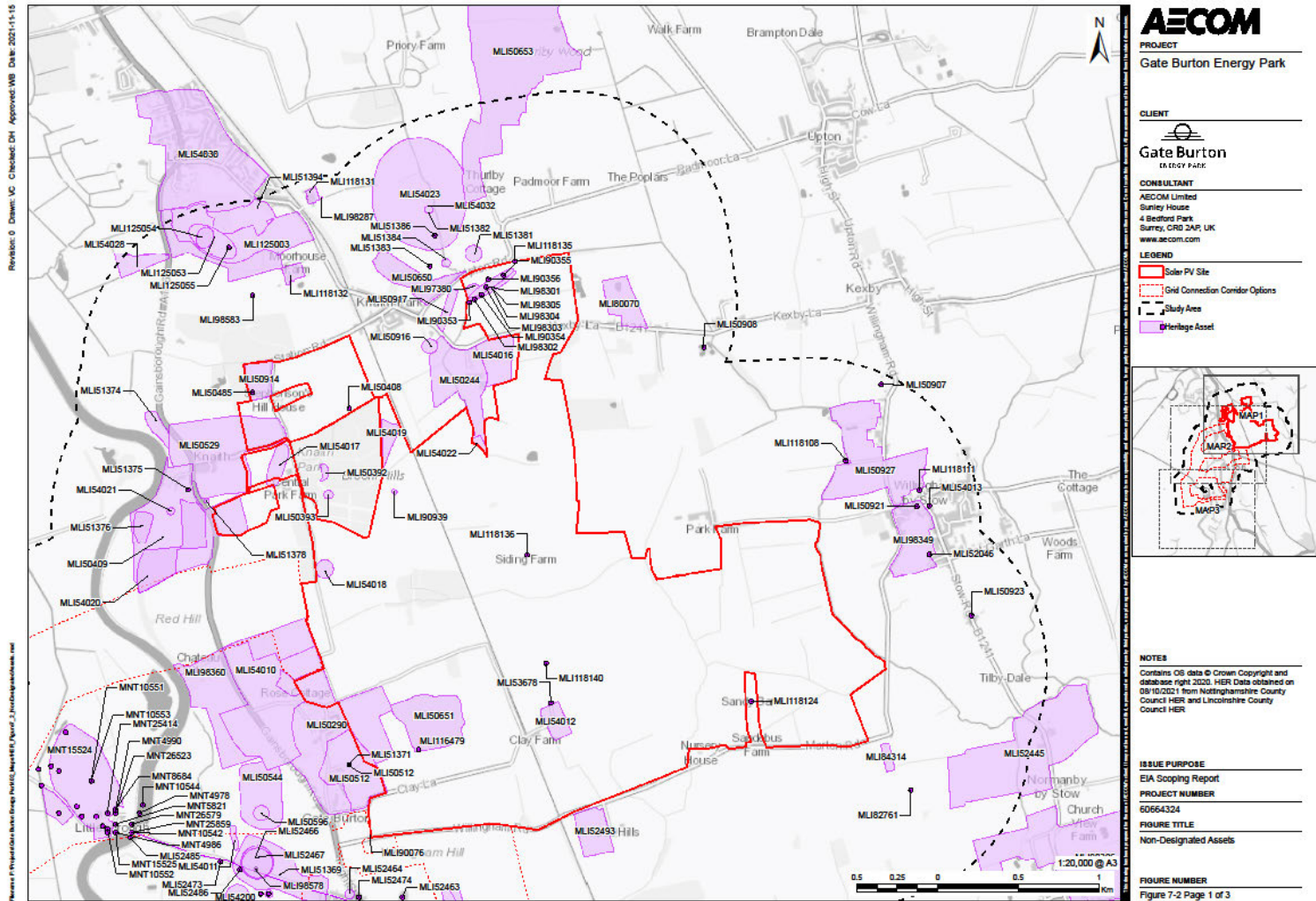
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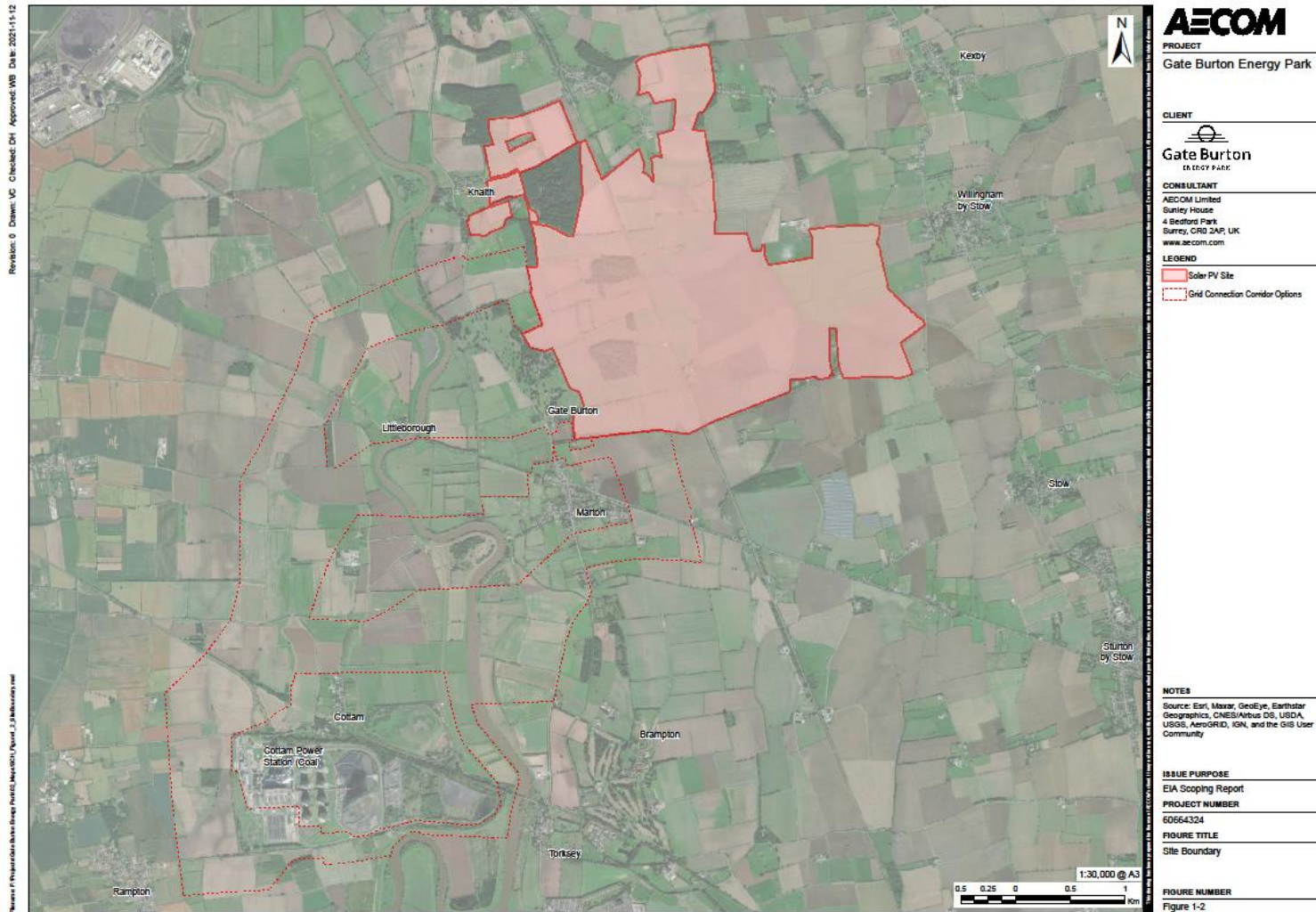
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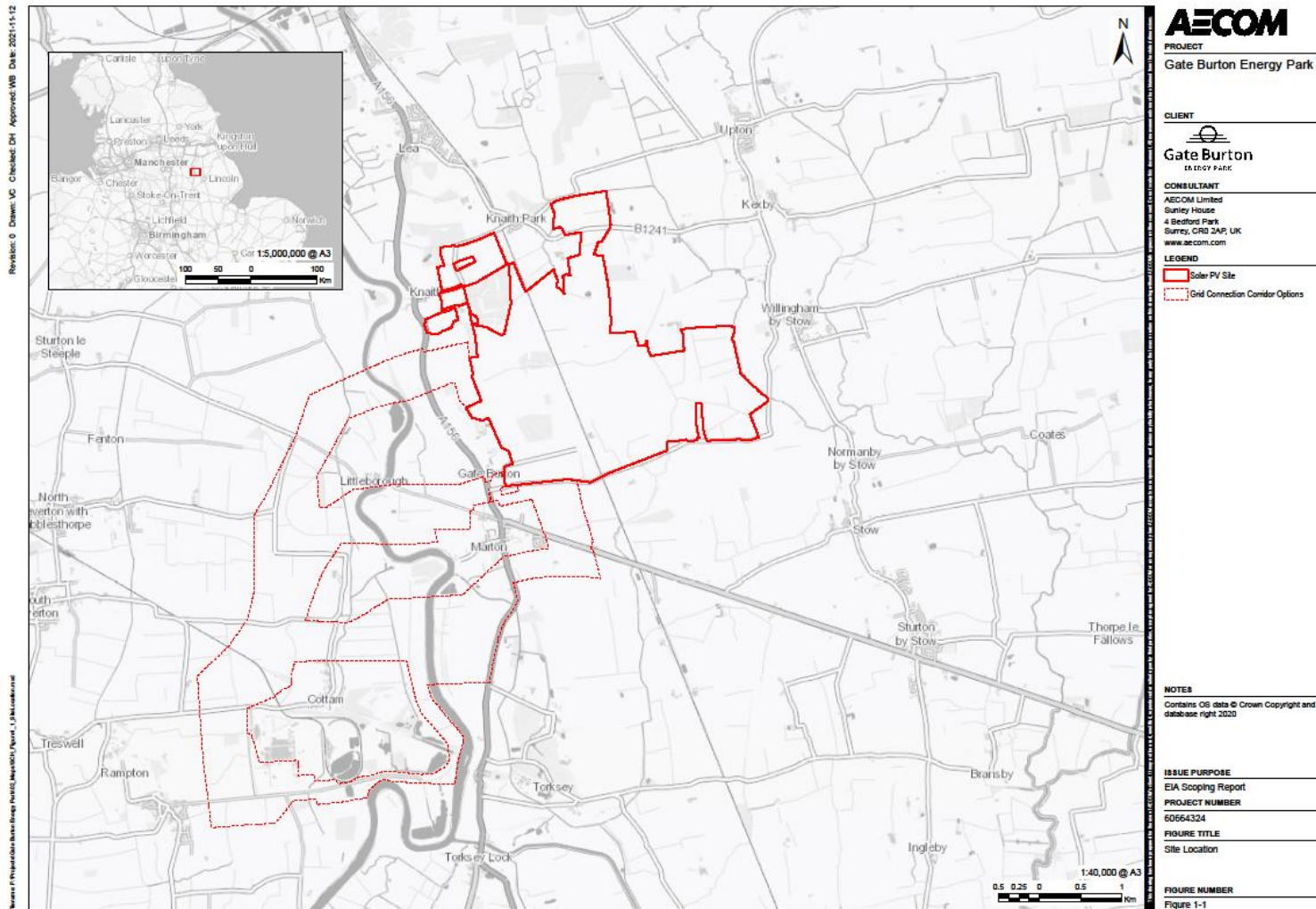




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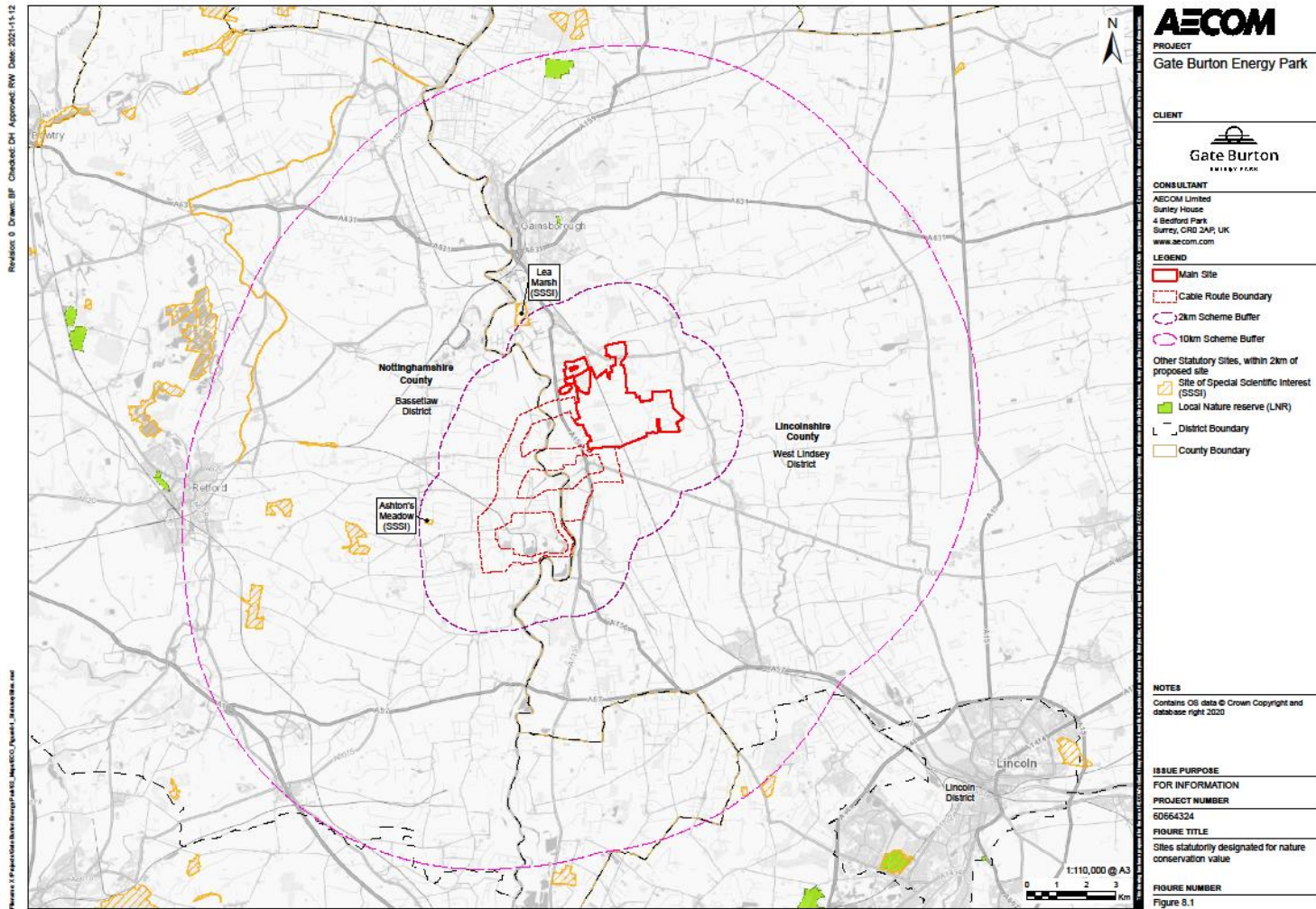


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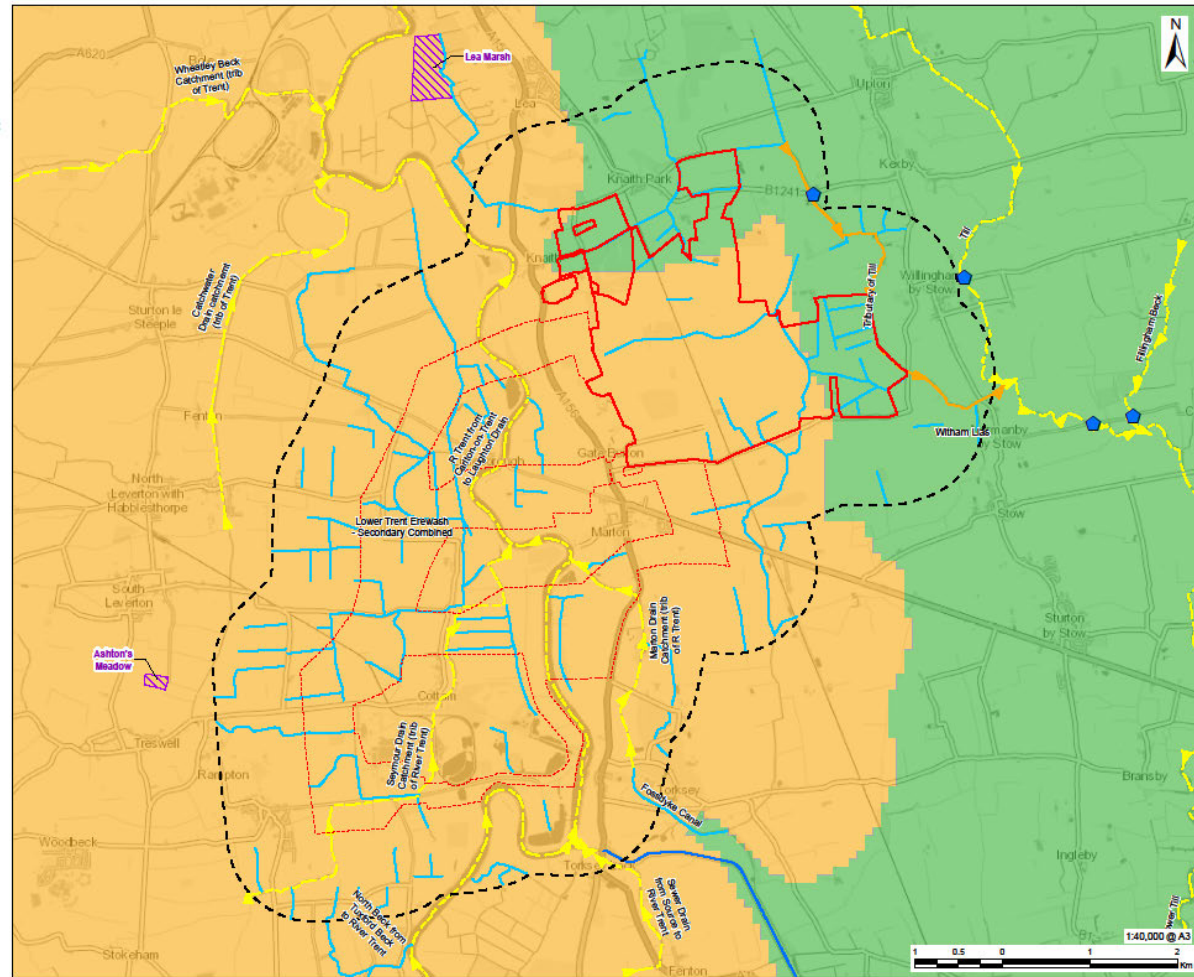
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# Surface Water Bodies

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- Solar PV Site
- Grid Connection Corridor Options
- 1km Buffer
- Environment Agency Water Quality Monitoring Sites
- Main River
- Ordinary Watercourse
- Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

WFD Surface Waterbody Status

- Moderate Ecological Potential
- Poor Ecological Status

WFD Ground Waterbody Status

- Good Status
- Poor Status

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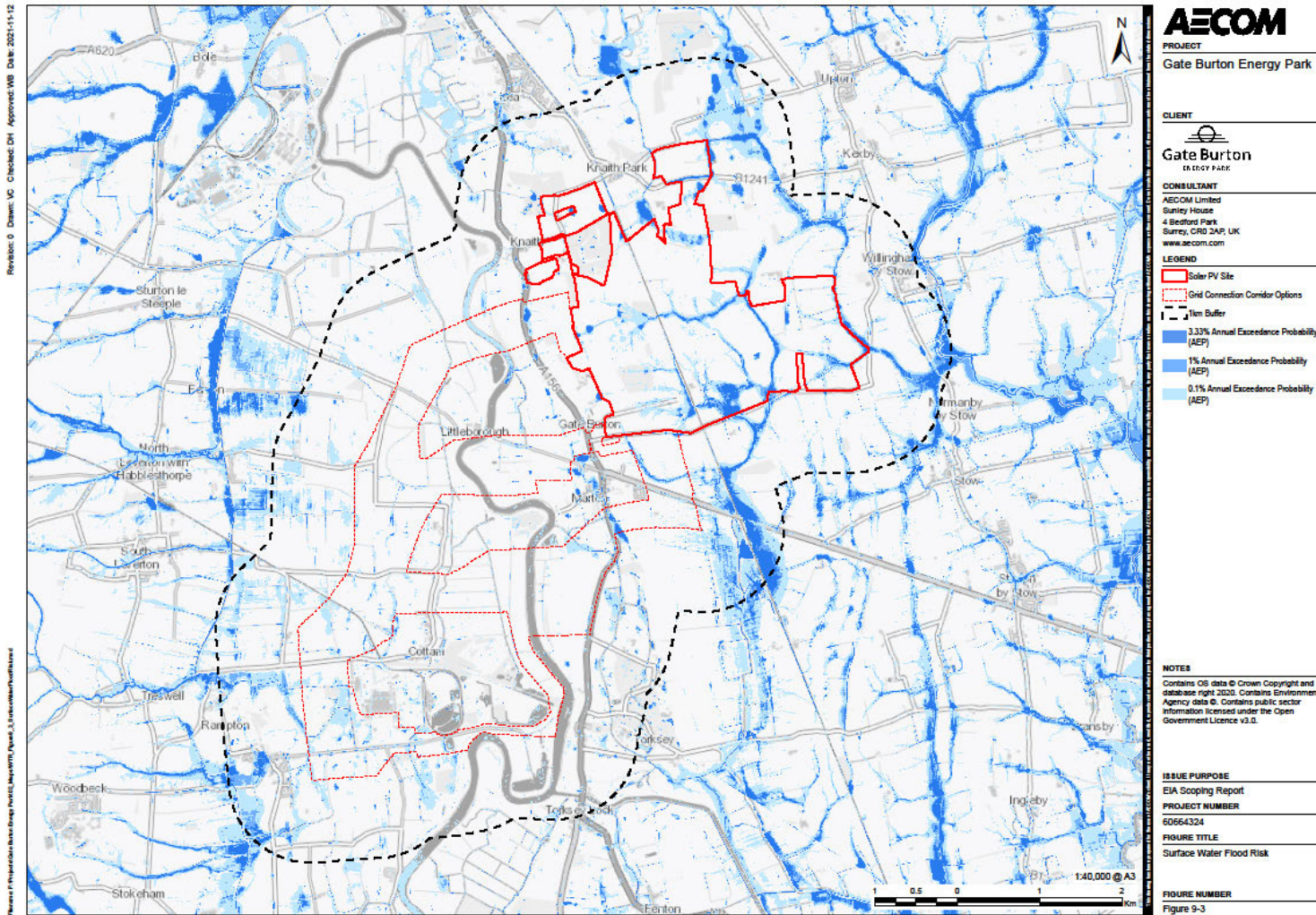
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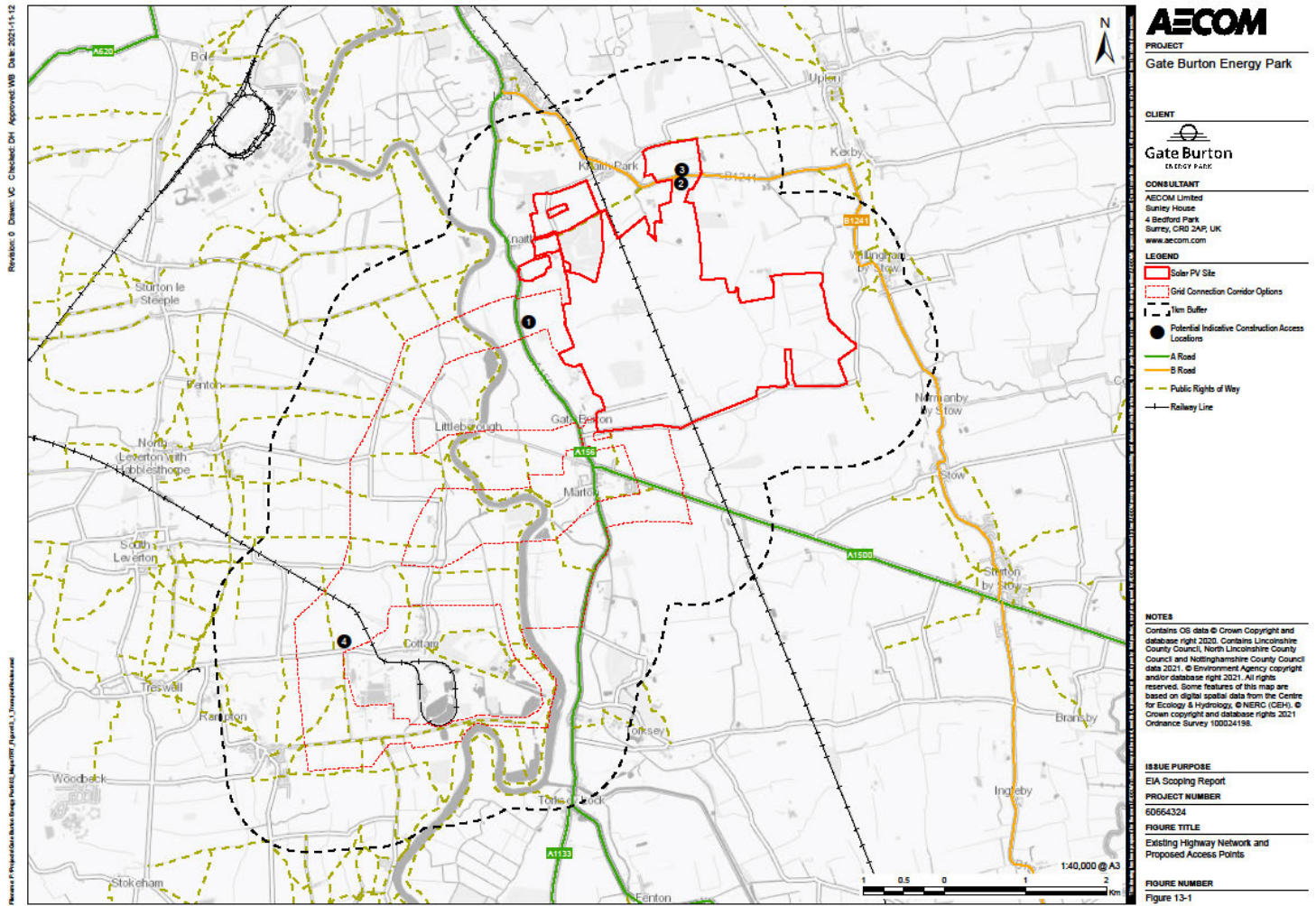
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# Surface Water Risk



# Transport Routes



## **Appendix M**

### **Hard copy feedback form**

Please see overleaf.

## Gate Burton Energy Park Consultation feedback form January 2022

Low Carbon is bringing forward proposals to build a new solar and energy storage park on land near Gate Burton, Lincolnshire.

Gate Burton Energy Park has the potential to generate around 500 megawatts (MW) of electricity – enough clean energy to power over 160,000 homes and avoid more than 100,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions every year.

### Have your say

We are inviting you to take part in this initial consultation and comment on our emerging proposals for the project and its connection into the existing electricity transmission system at the National Grid substation at Cottam Power Station.

We will use the feedback you provide to help identify the most appropriate areas for development as well as the route an electrical connection could take from the energy park to the power station.

#### Providing us with your feedback

Please complete as many sections of this feedback form as you would like and send it back to us at: **FREEPOST GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK**. You do not need a stamp.

If you need more space to answer any of the questions, please continue on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Please ensure you return the whole feedback form even if you do not respond to all questions.

Alternatively you can submit feedback online at the project website, or via the project email, freephone or freepost address:



  
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**0800 860 6259**

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**The deadline for submitting feedback  
to this consultation is 18 February 2022.**

## About you

You do not have to supply personal details; however it will help us work towards meeting the needs of the public during the consultation.

Title:

First name:

Surname:

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation? (if 'yes' tick box)

Yes

Name of organisation:

Address:

Postcode:

E-mail:

Age range:  18 and under  19-35  36-50  51-65  Over 65  Prefer not to say

Did you attend a consultation event (in-person and / or online webinar)?

Yes

No

**If you would like to receive project updates, please tick one of the boxes on the right to indicate how you would like to be contacted and provide the relevant details in the 'About you' section above.**

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## Section 2: Gate Burton Energy Park

Q4:

**What aspects of the proposed Gate Burton Energy Park are most important to you?**

Please tick as many that apply, using the text box below to provide additional information.

- Ecology and wildlife (please indicate any plant, animal or bird species you think are particularly important)
- Landscape and visual impact (please indicate any local viewpoints you think are particularly important)
- Local heritage and archaeology (please indicate any sites of importance)
- Land use and agriculture
- Flood risk
- Noise
- Traffic access and construction (for example important local roads)
- Tourism and recreation
- Other (please provide details of any other aspects that are of importance to you or your local community)



**Q6:**

**Please provide any suggestions of initiatives you would like us to explore to help facilitate or directly deliver wider benefits to the community and / or meet local needs.**

These could include:

- New wildlife habitats / environments
- Funding to support local community groups and projects (please describe the project and / or name of the local community group)
- Incorporation of recreational access improvements in our design (i.e. new footpaths)
- Educational areas in proximity of the site
- Site tours for the community and / or schools
- Working with local schools
- Other (please specify)

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## Section 3: Grid connection

Gate Burton Energy Park would connect into the electricity transmission system at the existing National Grid substation at Cottam Power Station. We have identified a number of broad route corridors within a defined search area which a connection could follow.

**Q7:**

**Please provide any overall comments you have on:**

- **The broad route corridors we have identified that the connection cable(s) could follow to connect Gate Burton Energy Park to Cottam Power Station**
- **The use of overhead or underground cables to facilitate the connection to Cottam Power Station**

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## What happens next?

Thank you for completing this feedback form. Your views are important to us.

We will review all the comments we have received when this consultation closes on 18 February 2022. We will use your comments, together with the findings from our environmental and technical studies, to help us refine our proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park.

We will hold a further stage of consultation once we have refined our proposals to ask for your views on our detailed plans for the project.

We will analyse all the feedback submitted to this further stage of consultation to shape our final proposal and submit an application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate.

## Data Privacy Notice

Camargue Group Limited is supporting Low Carbon Limited with its consultation process on Gate Burton Energy Park. Camargue Group Limited ("we" or "us") is committed to ensuring the privacy of your personal information.

In this notice we explain how we hold, process and retain your personal data.

### How we use your personal data

We may process information that you provide to us. This data may include the following:

- Your name
- Your address
- Your telephone number
- Your email address
- Your employer or any group on whose behalf you are authorised to respond
- Your feedback in response to Gate Burton Energy Park consultation (Consultation)

We will use your personal data for the following purposes:

- To record accurately and analyse any questions you raise during the consultation or feedback you have provided in response to the consultation
- To report on our consultation, detailing what issues have been raised and how we have responded to that feedback (please note that the information contained in the consultation report will be aggregated and will not identify specific individuals)
- To personalise communications with individuals we are required to contact as part of future consultation or communications
- The legal basis for processing this data is that it is necessary for our legitimate interest, namely for the purpose of ensuring the consultation process, analysis and reporting are accurate and comprehensive
- In addition to the specific purposes set out above, we may also process your personal data when it is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which we are subject

### Providing your personal data to others

We may provide your personal data to the following recipients:

- Low Carbon on whose behalf we are collecting your feedback in order to analyse and report on the responses received

- Third party service providers and professional advisors who provide services to Low Carbon in connection with the consultation
- The Planning Inspectorate
- Our insurers / professional advisers. We may disclose your personal data to our insurers and / or professional advisers when reasonably necessary for the purposes of obtaining and maintaining insurance cover, managing risks, obtaining professional advice and managing legal disputes

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- The right to erasure
- The right to restrict processing
- The right to object to processing
- The right to data portability
- The right to complain to a supervisory authority

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### Our details

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You can contact us by:

- Freephone: **0800 860 6259**
- Email: **info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk**
- Letter: **FREEPOST GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK**

If you would this document in large text or an alternative format, please contact us on **0800 860 6259** or send an email to us at: **info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk**



## Appendix N

### An overview of Low Carbon

Available to download online from the website or to read at in-person events.



## About Low Carbon

Low Carbon is a leading, privately-owned UK investment and asset management company, specialising in renewable energy with the aim of having a lasting and positive impact on climate change. In practice, this means responsible and innovative investment in renewable energy projects, a commitment to protecting the earth's natural resources and dedication to creating a low-carbon future for all.

In 2011, Chief Executive Roy Bedlow founded Low Carbon in the ardent belief that, by leveraging proven renewable energy technologies, it would be possible to produce megawatts of clean energy on an international scale, with a measurable ROI, in the fight against climate change.

Low Carbon's vision and mission have remained unchanged since our formation. We strive daily to help shape and secure the health of our planet for future generations. We believe that such an ideal can only be realised through the urgent creation of clean, renewable energy at scale. To this end, Low Carbon has established the target of achieving net zero by 2030.

We work hard to ensure Low Carbon is meeting leading standards for sustainability and operational excellence. Low Carbon is a certified B Corporation which demonstrates our commitment to sustainability and challenges us to continually strive to do better. Low Carbon is the first SME to be welcomed as a member of the Corporate Leaders Group (CLG), a group which brings together businesses from a cross-section of UK industry to accelerate progress towards a low-carbon, sustainable economy.

Low Carbon is an official Nominator for the Earthshot Prize launched by Prince William – one of the most prestigious global environment prizes in history, aiming to find new solutions to the world's biggest environmental problems. Low Carbon is a signatory to the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) which demonstrates our commitment to including environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors in our investment decision making and asset ownership.

## Our approach – renewable energy at scale

Low Carbon invests in and operates large-scale renewable energy projects. Specifically, we target investments in solar, onshore and offshore wind, energy storage, waste to energy and other proven renewable energy technologies.

We have leveraged our market leading position in the UK to expand into new markets which to-date include the Republic of Ireland, Netherlands, Finland, Romania and Ukraine, demonstrating our reach, capability and scale.

We have built a strong track record in the financing, development, construction and management of large-scale renewable energy investments. We are able to do this thanks to our specialisms in:

**Investment:** Our team of specialist investment professionals harnesses Low Carbon's balance sheet capital to develop renewable energy projects at scale from concept stage through to construction.

**Fund Management:** Low Carbon's highly-experienced investment team, which previously worked together at amongst others Green Investment Bank and Macquarie, has a track record of managing third-party capital to enable the deployment of renewables at scale.

**Operational Asset Management:** As one of the largest asset managers in the UK, our team provides lifecycle asset management services to Low Carbon and our clients for a >1GW portfolio of operating renewable energy assets.

## 20GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030

Now in our 10th year of operation, Low Carbon has formed a strategic partnership with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual) to build a leading global renewable energy Independent Power Producer (IPP), targeting 20GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030.

The partnership also underpins Low Carbon's ambition to raise third-party investment funds with the aim of directing capital into large-scale renewable energy infrastructure projects in the UK, Europe and selected global markets.

With the ambition to transform the global energy sector from fossil fuel based to zero-carbon, the partnership will accelerate the deployment of large-scale renewable energy by harnessing Low Carbon's expertise across the full investment life-cycle, and by leveraging our proven track record which includes:

- the deployment of more than £600m of capital into large-scale renewable energy projects
- the financing, development and exit of more than 1GW of clean energy projects
- an international, proprietary development pipeline of more than 5GW – enough to power more than 1.3 million homes\*
- a leading portfolio of UK subsidy-free solar with more than 2GW in development

\* Low Carbon internal calculations using Ofgem Typical Domestic Consumption Values and BEIS Carbon Conversion Factors





## Our people – making Low Carbon's vision a reality

At Low Carbon we recognise that our people make our vision possible. We value their unique skills, experience and commitment to the Low Carbon vision.

Our values speak to our motivations and commitment to climate change, our skills and expertise, our integrity and responsible practices and the pride we take in working together to bring about change. Our values incorporate the personality and principles of the people that make up Low Carbon.

Our company values and shared commitment to mitigating climate change benefit the overall business as they ensure we maintain a continued focus on clean energy investment and on maximising the volume of clean energy we produce. Without this shared belief and coordinated effort we would not be able to have a sustainable impact on climate change.

## Nurturing the environment

Not only is climate change mitigation central to our company mission but sustainability and resource efficiency is embedded in how we operate as a business.

**Operations:** We are committed to reducing the environmental impacts of our business activities by minimising our business travel footprint, careful selection of office suppliers, and office waste management and recycling. With business travel making up a large proportion of a company's carbon footprint, we track our corporate travel and offset any associated carbon emissions through tree planting in association with The Woodland Trust.

**Biodiversity:** Low Carbon works to protect and promote sustainable land use and halt biodiversity loss across our operational sites. We partner with landowners and developers on comprehensive land-management programmes including livestock grazing and pollinator support.

**Sheep grazing:** This is hugely popular amongst our landlords as the sites are secure and sheep are kept safe and sheltered. The sheep also help to control the environment naturally without the need for toxic herbicides or petrol-powered mowers. There are currently between 1,310 and 2,100 sheep grazing on Low Carbon's solar parks.

**Beehives:** More than 2 million bees live on our solar parks in managed hives with our sites providing secure environments with readily available food sources. Each year we bottle and distribute approximately 600 jars of Low Carbon honey to engage with communities and stakeholders to demonstrate the importance of how land management, biodiversity and clean energy generation work in harmony to mitigate the negative effects of climate change and support our vital pollinators.



2 million  
bees



972 trees  
planted\*

\* From 2020 in partnership with the Woodland Trust for the protection and creation of native woodland in the UK

**Low Carbon engages at all stakeholder levels:**

*"All of Low Carbon are so helpful and passionate about not only running a very efficient, green energy solar farm, but also incorporating a safe haven for wildlife, birds, insects, bees, from which we are sent a jar of honey when it's harvested, (delicious - a thoughtful big business where also small things count). Grasses and flowers are monitored to allow insects to carry out the pollination and harvest nectar, before grass maintenance. The way that Low Carbon manage this site means it's become a safe quiet environment for hares to come and go yet breed in safety together with many other types of animals and birds. The Team within Low Carbon whom are full of aspiration, innovation and motivation proves that a large-scale green electricity producer can work together with the natural habitat and be a safe haven for wildlife."*

**Landowner, Low Carbon solar park**



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