

**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION
FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE (ON
BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE) UNDER SECTION 56 OF THE PLANNING
ACT 2008**

GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

**REGULATION 9 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS:
PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009
REGULATION 16 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017**

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State has accepted an application by Gate Burton Energy Park Limited (company number 12660764) of Stirling Square, 5-7 Carlton Gardens, London, United Kingdom, SW1Y 5AD (“the Applicant”) for a Development Consent Order under the Planning Act 2008. The Application (Reference No. EN010131) was submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate on 27th January 2023 and was accepted on 22nd February 2023.

Summary of the Project

The proposed Gate Burton Energy Park lies within the administrative areas of Bassetlaw District Council and West Lindsey District Council, and at county level within Nottinghamshire County Council and Lincolnshire County Council. The Application is for development consent for the construction, operation and maintenance and decommissioning of solar photovoltaic (PV) generating panels with a total capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW) and on-site energy storage facility together with grid connection infrastructure at a proposed site in Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire (“the Scheme”).

A map showing the location of the Scheme can be viewed on the National Infrastructure Planning website at the following link: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010131/EN010131-000390-EN010131%20APP%205.1%20Location%20Plan.pdf>

Development consent is required to the extent that development is or forms part of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project pursuant to section 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008, as an onshore generating station in England with a capacity exceeding 50 MW. It is for this reason that the project falls within the remit of the Secretary of State’s decision making powers.

The Development Consent Order would enable the acquisition of land, new rights over land and the imposition of restrictions that are required to construct, operate and maintain the Scheme. In addition, it contains powers for the possession and use of land on a temporary basis to facilitate the construction of the Scheme.

Environmental Impact Assessment Development:

The proposed works are environmental impact assessment (EIA) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and accordingly an Environmental Statement (ES) accompanies the application.

Application form and accompanying documents:

The Application form and the accompanying documents, plans, ES and Non Technical Summary (NTS) can be viewed and downloaded free of charge online on the Gate Burton Energy Park page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website under the documents tab: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/gate-burton-energy-park/>

These documents will be available to view online at least until the end of the Relevant Representation period at 11.59pm on 12th April 2023.

The documents are also available to view via the project website from now until at least 11.59pm on 12th April 2023, for the public to view, download and print at:

An electronic copy of the application documents can be supplied free of charge on a USB memory stick, to request a USB email info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk or write to FREEPOST GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK or by telephone: 0800 860 6259. You can also contact the Applicant using these contact details if you have any enquiries in relation to the application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps.

The application documents can also be viewed electronically at:

Venue	Opening Hours*	Contact Number
Saxilby Library St Andrews Centre William Street Saxilby Lincolnshire LN1 2LP	Tue – 10.30-15.30 Wed – 10.30-15.30 Fri – 10.30-13.00	01522 782 010
Gainsborough Library Cobden Street Gainsborough Lincolnshire DN21 2NG	Mon – 09.00-17.00 Tue – 09.00-17.00 Wed – 09.00-17.00 Thu – 09.00-18.00 Fri – 09.00-17.00 Sat – 09.00-13.00	01522 782 010
Lincoln Central Library Free School Lane Lincolnshire LN2 1EZ	Mon – 09.00-17.00 Tue – 09.00-17.00 Wed – 09.00-17.00 Thu – 09.00-18.00 Fri – 09.00-17.00 Sat – 09.00-16.00	01522 782 010

Venue	Opening Hours*	Contact Number
West Lindsey District Council Development Management Guild Hall Marshall's Yard Gainsborough Lincolnshire DN21 2NA	Mon – 09.00-17.00 Tue – 09.00-17.00 Wed – 09.00-17.00 Thu – 09.00-17.00 Fri – 09.00-17.00	01427 676 676
Retford Library Churchgate Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 6PE	Mon – 09.00-18.00 Tue – 09.00-18.00 Wed – 09.00-18.00 Thu – 09.00-18.00 Fri – 09.00-18.00 Sat – 09.00-15.30	01623 677 200

*Please note that opening hours are subject to change. Please check and confirm opening times with the venue if planning a visit.

The full suite of application documents can be made available in hard copy format on request at a cost of £5,000. For any bespoke or hard copy document requests (for example in large print, audio or braille formats) please contact the Applicant using the contact details in this notice. Copies of individual documents are also available on request and a reasonable copying charge may apply.

Representations:

Any representations (giving notice of any interest in, or objection to, the application) must be made on the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form which can be accessed and completed online by following the relevant link on the Planning Inspectorate webpage: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/gate-burton-energy-park/>

If you require guidance on, or other methods of, obtaining and completing a Planning Inspectorate Registration and Relevant Representation Form, please telephone the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 5000 or e-mail gateburtonsolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Notice 8.2: How to register to participate in an Examination, provides further guidance on how to register and make a relevant representation and can be accessed via the following link: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advicenotes/advice-note-8-2-how-to-register-to-participate-in-an-examination/>

Please note that representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by **11:59pm on 12th April 2023**.

It should be noted that personal data, such as the name of persons over 18, will be published alongside a representation. If you do not wish personal data to be made publicly

available, you should state why when submitting the representation. If necessary, the Planning Inspectorate will publish the representations with your name and personal data redacted. Representations will be made public and will be subject to the Planning Inspectorate's privacy policy at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notice/customer-privacy-notice>