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Good morning,

Please find attached our comments in respect of the below notification received from Gate Burton Energy Park Limited.

Many thanks



Sophie Cleaver
Registration Process Co-ordinator – Planning & Development Team

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Sent: 02 March 2023 12:32

To: The Coal Authority-Planning <TheCoalAuthority-Planning@coal.gov.uk>

Subject: [External] Notice of acceptance of an application for the Gate Burton Energy Park Development Consent Order by the Planning Inspectorate

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2 March 2023

Dear Ms Pinney

Notice of acceptance of an application for the Gate Burton Energy Park Development Consent Order by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) under Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008

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Regulation 8 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

Regulation 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

We are writing to you pursuant to section 56 of the Planning Act 2008 (the "Act"), to notify you that Gate Burton Energy Park Limited (company number

12660764) of Stirling Square, 5-7 Carlton Gardens, London, United Kingdom, SW1Y 5AD (“the Applicant”) has applied for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) for the Gate Burton Energy Park (“the Scheme”) and the DCO application for the Scheme has been accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State. You have been identified as a prescribed consultee and as such we are required to write to you to provide notice of acceptance of the application.

The proposed Scheme 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.

Please see a copy of the required notice [here](#) which includes a description of the Scheme and details of how to make a representation to the Planning Inspectorate and therefore register as an Interested Party. The period for making a representation will close at 11.59pm on **12th April 2023**.

Interested Parties have the right to make representations about the DCO application for the Scheme and will be informed of the progress of its Examination. Interested Parties also have the opportunity to attend and speak at the Preliminary Meeting or hearings that take place during the Examination.

The Examining Authority will be appointed soon and will use the views put forward in the representations received to carry out an initial assessment of the principal issues. Therefore, even if you are automatically an Interested Party because you have an interest in land affected by the application or your organisation is on a list of prescribed bodies, you should still complete a relevant representation form so that your views can be made available to the Examining Authority at an early stage. Interested Parties are invited to consider the Application documents including the information provided in the Environmental Statement.

After the close of the period for representations, representations will be published on the project webpage on the PINS website. Please refer to the privacy information contained in the notice.

The [notice](#) also includes information on how to view the application form and

accompanying application documents, which are available to inspect on the PINS website, as well as the dedicated project website.

The application documents are available to view via PINS, under the Documents tab, here until at least the end of the period for representations referred to above and in the accompanying notice:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/gate-burton-energy-park/>

The application documents are also available to view via the project website until at least the end of the period for representations referred to above and in the accompanying notice at:

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Please also [see here](#) for a plan showing the location of the Order limits, local planning authority boundaries and the split of the Scheme between the area for the Solar and Energy Storage Park and the Grid Connection Corridor.

If you would like further information regarding the content of this email, or for any other general enquiries regarding the Scheme, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below:

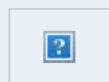
Emailing: info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk

Calling our Freephone: [0800 860 6259](tel:08008606259)

Writing to us at: [FREEPOST GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK](#)

Please note that all representations on the application documents should be made directly to the Planning Inspectorate using the details on the enclosed notice and by the deadline of 12th April 2023.

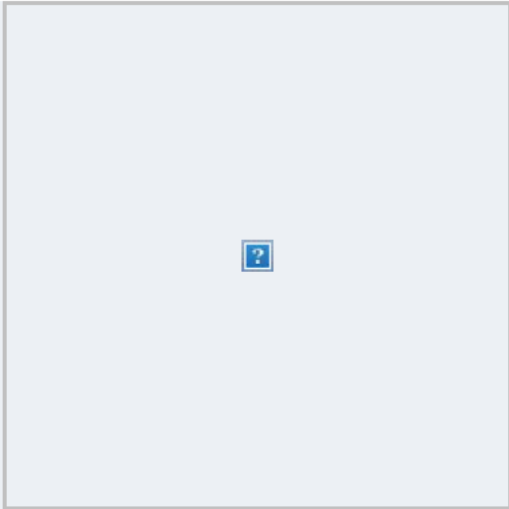
Yours faithfully,



Mike Rutgers

Head of Development Low Carbon

On behalf of Gate Burton Energy Park Limited



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For the attention of The Planning Inspectorate

[By email: GateBurtonSolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk]

17 March 2023

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**GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK
GAINSBOROUGH AND SURROUNDING AREAS**

Further to the notification of 02 March 2023 from the Communications team at Gate Burton Solar Limited seeking the views of the Coal Authority on the above, I have checked the site location plan against the information held by the Coal Authority and can confirm that the proposed development site is located outside of the defined coalfield.

On this basis, the Planning team at the Coal Authority have no comments to make.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours faithfully

The Coal Authority Planning Team

Disclaimer

The above consultation response is provided by The Coal Authority as a Statutory Consultee and is based upon the latest available data on the date of the response, and electronic consultation records held by The Coal Authority since 1 April 2013. The comments made are also based upon only the information provided to The Coal Authority by the Local Planning Authority and/or has been published on the Council's website for consultation purposes in relation to this specific planning application. The views and conclusions contained in this response may be subject to review and amendment by The Coal Authority if additional or new data/information (such as a revised Coal Mining Risk Assessment) is provided by the Local Planning Authority or the Applicant for consultation purposes.