

**GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK LIMITED**  
**GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER APPLICATION**  
**PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: EN010131**

**NOTIFICATION OF HEARINGS UNDER SECTIONS 91 AND 93 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND RULE 13(6) OF THE THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at the date, time and location set out below, an Open Floor Hearing and Issue Specific Hearing will be held by the Examining Authority (appointed by the Secretary of State for the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero) for the examination of the application made by Gate Burton Energy Park Limited (the “Applicant”) for a Development Consent Order (the “DCO”) for the Gate Burton Energy Park (the “Application”).

The Application was made to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (via the Planning Inspectorate) under sections 14, 15 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 on 27 January 2023 and was accepted by the Planning Inspectorate for examination on 22 February 2023. The Application has been given the Planning Inspectorate reference number EN010131. The Examining Authority was appointed on 8 March 2023 to examine the Application.

### **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, 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/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 DCO, if granted, 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.

### **Hearings**

The Open Floor Hearing and Issue Specific Hearing will be held at the dates, times and location set out in table 1. Table 1 also provides the time, date and location for the Preliminary Meeting on the project for information purposes.

**Table 1: Dates of planning meetings and hearings**

Date	Hearing Type	Time	Place
4 July 2023	Preliminary Meeting	9:30 virtual/ in person rooms available 10:00 start	<b>Blended event at: Double Tree Hilton Brayford Wharf North Lincoln LN1 1YW</b> and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.
4 July 2023	Open Floor Hearing	13:30 virtual/ in person rooms available 14:00 start	
5 July 2023	Issue Specific Hearing on Draft DCO	9:30 virtual/ in person rooms available 10:00 start	

Requests to participate in any of the hearings listed above must be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate via the contact details set out at the end of this notice or by completing the MS Form on the Planning Inspectorate website, by 23:59 hours on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023**.

The hearing will also be held as a virtual event, and it will be possible to join it via any standard internet browser or alternatively by telephone dial-in. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.

If any of the above hearings are no longer required then notification will be published by the Planning Inspectorate as soon as practicable on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website listed below.

Any hearings further to those listed above will be advertised by one or more further notices. In accordance with Rule 13(3) of Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, as amended, the Planning Inspectorate will also notify interested parties (and where relevant, affected persons) of the date, time and place fixed for each hearing.

For more information on the hearing, the examination of the Application and full timetable (and any amendments to it), including how and when to register to speak at the hearing and how and when to make written submissions, please contact the Planning Inspectorate using the details below, or visit its website where procedural decisions and notices of hearings are available to download:

[Gate Burton Energy Park | National Infrastructure Planning \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/gate-burton-energy-park)

Please note that the hearings will be recorded, and the recordings will be published on the Gate Burton Energy Park page of the Planning Inspectorate's website as soon as practicable after each hearing has taken place.

**Application form and accompanying documents:**

The application form and the accompanying documents, plans, draft DCO, ES and Non-Technical Summary (NTS) (the "Application Documents") 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/>

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](mailto:info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk) or write to FREEPOST GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK or request a USB by telephone: 0800 860 6259. You can also contact the Applicant using these contact details if you have any queries in relation to the application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps.

The full suite of Application Documents can be made available in hard copy format on request at a cost of £5,000 per copy. 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.

**Further Information:**

Further information about the Application, the hearings and site visit, how to take part in the Examination and any other matters covered in this notice may be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate or the Gate Burton Energy Park team using the following contact details:

The Planning Inspectorate	The Applicant
Email: <a href="mailto:gateburtonsolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk">gateburtonsolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk</a>  Phone: 0303 444 5000  The Planning Inspectorate reference for the Application (EN010131) should be quoted in any correspondence.	Email: <a href="mailto:info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk">info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk</a>  Phone: 0303 444 5000800 860 6259 You can also write to FREEPOST GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK.