

Application by Gate Burton Energy Park Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for Gate Burton Energy

Agenda for Open Floor Hearing (OFH):

Notification of the date, time, and venue for Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1) on 4 July 2023 was provided in Appendix E to the Examining Authority's letter dated 31 May 2023.

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Open Floor Hearing	Tuesday 4 July 2023 Hearing Starts at 2.00pm Registration and seating available at venue from 1.30pm and virtual Registration Process from 1.30pm	Blended event at: DoubleTree Hilton, Brayford Wharf North Lincoln LN1 1YW and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Agenda

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the Hearing**
- 2. Purpose of the Open Floor Hearing and confirmation of those who notified the ExA of a wish to be heard at the OFH**
- 3. Oral Submissions from Interested Parties**
 - Each Interested Party who has indicated a wish to speak will be invited forward in turn. Depending on the number of requests, each party may be given a limited amount of time.
 - Any other party who has not registered to speak but would wish to speak on the day.
 - Following each submission, the Examining Authority may wish to ask the speaker questions.
 - The Applicant is likely to be requested to briefly respond to any matters raised by the Interested Parties in summary at the close of the Hearing.
 - Oral submissions should be based on representations previously made in writing by the particular participant. However, representations made at the hearing should not simply repeat matters previously covered in a written submission, but rather provide further detail, explanation and evidential corroboration to help inform the Examining Authority.

4. Responses by the Applicant

- The Applicant will be invited to respond to matters raised and to questions arising from the ExA either orally after all IPs and Non-IPs have spoken, or in writing by **Deadline 1 on Tuesday 18 July 2023**.

5. Close of Hearing

Purpose of OFH

This is the first Open Floor Hearing to be held in this Examination. It is being held to allow Interested Parties (IPs) to make oral representations about the application.

Open Floor Hearings (OFHs) do not have subject-matter controlled agendas and participants may raise any matters arising from the application that are important and relevant to the decision taken under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). All speaking slots are time limited for reasons of fairness. The ExA will remind you to conclude approximately one minute before the end of your allotted speaking time.

OFHs are hearings where individuals and organisations have their say. Cross questioning is not normally allowed and the ExA will ask any questions that arise. The ExA will make necessary provision for the introduction of more detailed evidence from experts at Issue Specific Hearings (ISHs). People who have land or rights affected by Compulsory Acquisition or Temporary Possession are Affected Persons: they have the right to be heard at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) and that will be the best forum to raise those issues.

OFHs aim to identify planning issues that are important and relevant. Once an issue has been identified it does not need to be repeated. It is sufficient to say that you agree with something a previous speaker has raised.

Once you have spoken at one OFH you do not have a right to speak again at another. It is important that you use your allotted time well to communicate your messages to the ExA.

The evidence presented orally at these hearings should be included in post-hearing submissions and submitted at **Deadline 1 on Tuesday 18 July 2023**.

Attendees

Speakers

Anyone wishing to attend the Hearing in person, who has not already advised the Case Team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

The Applicant

The ExA asks that the Applicant attend these Hearings. The Applicant may be asked by the ExA to address questions raised by participants in summary form at the end of each Hearing. The primary purpose of these Hearings is not to enable the Applicant to make its own case beyond immediately necessary points of clarification. The Applicant's responses to participants' oral cases should be made in writing by **Deadline 1 on Tuesday 18 July 2023**.

Livestream and Recordings

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the

Hearing date. Interested Parties and members of the public who wish to observe the Hearing can therefore view and listen to the Hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

Registration Process

Parties who have registered to speak (both in person and virtually) will receive a Joining Instruction email shortly before the Hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. To enable the Hearing to start on time at **2.00pm** those attending virtually should join promptly at **1.30pm** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the Registration Process in good time.

Procedure at OFH

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at Hearings. Questioning at the Hearing will be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of a person giving evidence by another person will only be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure representations are adequately tested or that an IP has had a fair chance to put its case.