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Order Granting Development Consent for the Gate Burton Energy Park (EN010131) - Deadline 1 submission – Written summary of oral submissions from Issue Specific Hearing 1: Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)

Dear Sir

Further to my (virtual) attendance at Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) on the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) on Wednesday 05 July 2023. Please find a written summary of our oral submissions below:

Articles of the dDCO (5.1)

Article 6 – Application and modification of statutory provisions

We are satisfied that our concerns over the disapplication of sections 24 (restrictions on abstraction) and 25 (restrictions on impounding) of the Water Resources Act 1991 will be resolved by the applicant.

We were also reassured that the applicant would make an amendment to the DCO which makes it clear that the disapplication of the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016 is in respect of flood risk activity permits only.

Schedules of the dDCO (5.2)

Schedule 2 – Requirements

Requirement 6

Having reviewed the recording of ISH1 we would like to further clarify the point made on Requirement 6 as it was unclear. The Environment Agency may have implied that we 'do not wish to be named' in Requirement 6 but we had intended to reassure the Examining Authority that the Environment Agency does not wish to be an approving authority on Requirement 6.

We welcome our inclusion as a named consultee as per point 6.4 in our Relevant Representations [RR-270] and we will be able to input at this stage to assist the

approving authority in making a decision in terms of battery safety management for matters within the Environment Agency's remit.

Should you require any additional information, or wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details below.

Kind regards

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