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Applicant Letter Deadline 3, Gate Burton Energy Park

Application Ref: EN010131

Introduction

This letter accompanies the submission of a suite of documents by the Applicant for the Gate Burton Energy Park at Deadline 3 of the Examination on 1 September 2023. This information has been provided to respond to the points discussed during the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing, Open Floor Hearing 2 and Issue Specific 2 and 3; respond to information submitted at Deadline 2 and provide updates to documents.

Due to the timescales between the hearings in week beginning 21 August and Deadline 3 on 1 September, the following documents discussed at the hearings are proposed to be submitted at Deadline 4:

New Documents

- Document on the Battery Energy Storage System including operation, battery safety and water supply
- Statement on how the Applicant has considered enhancements to Public Rights of Way
- Response to the additional developments suggested by local authorities for the cumulative impact assessment
- Detail of any agreements reached with UKHSA, Environment Agency or Natural England on EMF.

Revised Documents

- 2.3 Outline Design Principles
- 3.3 Construction Traffic Management Plan
- 6.7 Funding Statement
- 7.3 Construction Environmental Management Plan
- 8.2 Interrelationships Report with other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

The table below lists documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 3 with this cover letter, with further information provided in the remainder of the letter.

Doc. No.	Title	
New Documents		
8.12	Equality Impact Assessment	
8.13	Summaries of Oral Submissions	
8.14	Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order	
8.15	Applicant Responses to Interested Party Submissions at Deadline 2	
8.16	Valued Landscapes Technical Note	
8.17	Technical Note on Energy Yield Forecast Methodology	
8.18	Embodied Carbon Comparison for Trina and Jolywood PV Modules based on EPD Data	
8.19	Applicant Responses to Written Representations	
Updated de	ocuments: track changed and clean versions of each	
1.3	Guide to the Application	
4.31	Draft Statement of Common Ground between the Applicant and the Canal and Rivers Trust	
6.1	Draft Development Consent Order	
6.2	Draft Explanatory Memorandum	
6.4	Statement of Reasons	
6.5	Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought	

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6.6	Book of Reference
7.6	Archaeological Mitigation Strategy
7.12	Outline Soil Management Plan
8.7	Objections of Compulsory Acquisition Schedule
8.8	Statutory Undertakers Tracker

Further Detail on Documents Submitted

New Documents

8.12 Equalities Impact Assessment

This document has been provided in response to Q1.1.7 of the Examining Authority's First Written Questions.

8.13 a-d Summaries of Oral Submissions and Comments on Oral Submissions

Summaries of oral submissions made by the Applicant during the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing, Open Floor Hearing 2, Issue Specific 2 and 3 are provided as separate documents.

8.14 Schedule of Changes to the Draft DCO

Changes to the draft DCO now submitted as a separate document number as requested.

8.15 Applicant Responses to Interested Party Submissions at Deadline 2

This document includes the Applicant's responses to Interested Party Submissions on the Examining Authority's First Written Questions.

8.16 Valued Landscapes Technical Note

This Technical Note has been provided to assess whether the landscape in which the Gate Burton Energy Park is located should be considered to be a 'valued landscape' as discussed in the National Planning Policy Framework (Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, July 2021) (NPPF). The document has been provided in response to a question raised by the Examining Authority during Issue Specific Hearing 2.

8.17 Technical Note on Energy Yield Forecast Methodology

This Technical Note has been provided in response to a request for further information raised during Issue Specific Hearing 3 regarding:

- further details on the methodology for calculating the generating capacity for the Scheme, including details on the relationship between the generating capacity for the Scheme (531 MW) and the electricity supplied (i.e., 26.986 TWh); and
- figures setting out the forecasted monthly and yearly energy output from the Scheme based on the illustrative site layout for the Scheme.

8.18 Embodied Carbon Comparison for Trina and Jolywood PV Modules based on EPD Data

This Technical Note has been provided to compare the embodied carbon within the Trina and the Jolywood PV Modules following a request for further information during Issue Specific Hearing 3. The comparison provides additional assurance that the embodied carbon data presented in the Environmental Statement for the Gate Burton Energy Park Scheme, which was based on the Jolywood EPD, is very similar, albeit slightly higher, than the corresponding data using a Trina EPD.

8.19 Applicant Responses to Written Representations

This document provides the Applicant's responses to Written Representations submitted by Interested Parties.

Revised Documents

1.3 Guide to the Application (Revision 5)

The Guide to the Application has been updated to provide a full list of all documents submitted to enable easy version control. The errata associated with whether the Construction Traffic Management Plan is a certified document has been corrected.

4.3I Draft Statement of Common Ground between the Applicant and the Canal and Rivers Trust (Revision 2)

A revised draft Statement of Common Ground has been submitted between the Applicant and the Canals and Rivers Trust due to significant progress being made to agree Protective Provisions and resolve matters. It is hoped that a signed final Statement of Common Ground with the Canals and Rivers Trust can be submitted at Deadline 4.

6.1 Draft Development Consent Order (Revision 4)

The draft Development Consent Order has been updated to address matters raised at initial hearings and in consultation with key stakeholders.

6.2 Draft Explanatory Memorandum (Revision 4)

The Draft Explanatory Memorandum has been updated to address matters raised at initial hearings and in consultation with key stakeholders.

6.4 Statement of Reasons (Revision 2)

The Statement of Reasons has been updated to correct errata.

6.5 Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought (Revision 4)

The document has been updated to provide an update on progress on negotiations with land interests. Colour coding has also been added to reflect the request from the Examining Authority at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing on 22 August 2023.

6.6 Book of Reference (Revision 3)

A Land Registry refresh was carried out in August 2023 and further due diligence has continued to be undertaken to identify and confirm land interests. As a result, some interested parties in Part 1 of the Book of Reference have been updated. As with previous versions, redacted versions of the Book of Reference have been provided to redact a person who has requested that their details are not made public.

7.6 Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (Revision 2)

A revised Archaeological Mitigation Strategy has been submitted to provide further details regarding roles for Historic England and Lincolnshire County Council Archaeological Advisor and make minor changes to respond to comments from host authorities and Historic England submitted at Deadline 2.

7.12 Outline Soil Management Plan (Revision 3)

The Outline Soil Management Plan has been updated to include a statement that the results of the pre-construction soil resource surveys within the grid connection corridor will be shared with Natural England in advance of preparing a detailed Soil Management Plan in response to comments made during Issue Specific Hearing 3.

8.7 Objections of Compulsory Acquisition Schedule (Revision 2)

The Schedule has been updated to reflect negotiations since the last revision.

8.8 Statutory Undertakers Tracked

The Tracker has been updated to reflect negotiations since the last revision.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on information submitted. Yours sincerely.



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