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To All Interested Parties and Statutory  
Parties

Our Ref: EN10131

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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Planning Act 2008 – section 89; and The Infrastructure Planning  
(Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 17**

**Application by Gate Burton Energy Park Ltd for an Order Granting  
Development Consent for the Gate Burton Energy Park**

**Request for Further Information**

I write to request further information from All Interested Parties and Statutory Parties under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

On November 22nd the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero published an updated version of the draft National Policy Statements for Energy (EN1-5). Those most relevant to this application are EN1, 3 and 5. The updated National Policy Statements contain some changes to elements, particularly in the Overarching Statement EN1, regarding the decision making process for low carbon generation applications in general and including solar generating stations and related connections (Including but not limited to, for example, an extension of the scope of the concept of 'Critical National Priority'). These revised draft Statements have also been laid before parliament but are yet to be designated for the purposes of s104 of the Planning Act 2008. They are however important and relevant matters in my consideration in formulating my report to the Secretary of State and for them in their decision making.

Do any parties have any comments on the potential effect of changes in the November 2023 versions of the revised draft Energy National Policy Statements on matters related to their case in respect to this application, compared to the March 2023 versions of the Energy National Policy Statements? And on the weight that should be afforded to the updated draft policy statements.

A response should be provided at **Deadline 6 (Thursday 21 December 2023)**.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Case Team using the email address above.

Yours faithfully

*Ken Stone*

**Examining Authority**

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