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Our Ref: EN010131

Gate Burton Energy Park Limited
Emma and Nicholas Hill
Shaun Kimberley
EDF Energy (Thermal Generation) Limited
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited
Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board
Uniper UK Limited
Natural England

29 April 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Gate Burton Energy Park Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Gate Burton Energy Park.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. Following the completion of the Examination on 4 January 2024, the Examining Authority submitted a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application to the Secretary of State on 4 April 2024. In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has three months to determine the application.
2. There are issues on which the Secretary of State would be grateful if the **Applicant, Emma and Nicholas Hill, Shaun Kimberley, EDF Energy (Thermal Generation) Limited, Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board, Uniper UK Limited and Natural England** could provide updates or information as appropriate.

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3. **Emma and Nicholas Hill, and the Applicant**, are invited to update as to whether Voluntary Land Agreement(s) have been agreed and whether the objection can now be withdrawn.

4. **Shaun Kimberley, and the Applicant,** are invited to update as to whether Voluntary Land Agreement(s) have been agreed and whether the objection can now be withdrawn.
5. **EDF Energy (Thermal Generation) Limited, and the Applicant,** are invited to update as to whether Voluntary Land Agreement(s) and Protective Provisions at Schedule 15, Part 15 of the DCO have been agreed and whether the objection can now be withdrawn.
6. **Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, and the Applicant,** are invited to update as to whether a Framework Agreement, Voluntary Agreement and Protective Provisions at Schedule 15, Part 10 have been agreed and whether the objection can now be withdrawn.
7. **Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board, and the Applicant,** are invited to update as to whether Protective Provisions at Schedule 15, Part 3 have been agreed.
8. **Uniper UK Limited, and the Applicant,** are invited to update as to whether Protective Provisions at Schedule 15, Part 1 of the DCO have been agreed and whether the objection can now be withdrawn.

EMF

9. **Natural England** is invited to comment on whether it is satisfied with the methodology and conclusions of the 'Risk Assessment of EMF Impacts on Fish', under Appendix A of the Applicant's Responses to ExA's Third Written Questions [REP5-047].
10. **The Applicant** is invited to clarify the wording in the document Outline Design Principles [REP6-009] for Works No.4 in relation to the buried cable position, in line with guidance document 'Power Lines: Demonstrating compliance with EMF public exposure guidelines: A voluntary Code of Practice'. The Secretary of State notes that Works No.4 currently states "The 400kV cable trench for open trenching will be a minimum of 0.9 and a maximum of 2.5m deep and 1.42m wide and will be a minimum of 10m from any residential receptors". The Secretary of State invites the Applicant to clarify these that measurements relate to the cable itself, that minimum depths are measured to the top of the protective tile and that the 0.9 unit for measurement should be meters (i.e. 0.9m).
11. **Responses to the requested information should be submitted by email only to: gateburtonsolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by 23.59 on 13 May 2024.**
12. Responses will be published on the Gate Burton Energy Park project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as possible after 13 May 2024: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010131>
13. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the Gate Burton Energy Park or any part of the project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully,



John Wheadon

Head of Energy Infrastructure Planning Delivery

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