

# Meeting note

<b>Project name</b>	Gate Burton Energy Park
<b>File reference</b>	EN010131
<b>Status</b>	<b>Final</b>
<b>Author</b>	The Planning Inspectorate
<b>Date</b>	02 November 2022
<b>Meeting with</b>	Gate Burton Energy Park Ltd.
<b>Venue</b>	Microsoft Teams
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Project Update Meeting
<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees

## Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

### ***Pre-submission logistics***

The Inspectorate stated the importance of testing file sharing prior to submission as there have been issues occasionally when accessing documents shared via company specific file share software. It is therefore advised that the Applicant provides access to the Inspectorate early to allow for any delays when preparing to submit the DCO application.

The Applicant confirmed that they are on track for submission of the Development Consent Order application at the end of January 2023. The Inspectorate confirmed that a warm-up letter would be sent to the Applicant in early January 2023.

### ***Targeted Consultation***

The Applicant confirmed it has started targeted non-statutory consultation and expects to conclude this in December 2022. The Applicant provided a letter and presentation to the Local Authorities (LA's) during the targeted consultation.

The Applicant queried whether the consultation documents could be provided to the Inspectorate. The Inspectorate agreed that this would be helpful.

The Applicant has decided, following advice from the Inspectorate in a previous meeting, that it would be most appropriate to publish how they have responded to consultation responses in January 2023, to ensure that it covers all periods of consultation. This should help to alleviate any confusion regarding the targeted consultation.

## ***Other***

The Inspectorate advised that they have received an enquiry from a local parish council in relation to the Gate Burton NSIP application. The Inspectorate explained the enquiry was relevant to the four NSIP solar schemes in the vicinity, concerning cumulative impact(s), and will be published on the National Infrastructure website.

The Applicant enquired, if accepted, how the projects would cumulatively be examined and whether a common Examining Authority would be used across the four solar projects. The Inspectorate advised that the discussion is ongoing.

## ***AOB***

The Inspectorate and the Applicant discussed the Multipartite Meeting, which took place on 30 September 2022. The Inspectorate confirmed that the note for that meeting would be circulated externally as soon as practicable.

In line with advice Note Six, the Inspectorate requested that the Applicant provides a date on which the shapefile will be sent and explained that the shape file needs to be received at least 10 working days before the submission. The Applicant will take this away and confirm a date as soon as possible.

## ***Specific decisions/ follow-up required?***

The following actions were agreed:

- The Inspectorate to arrange an update meeting in early January 2023 and include the contact details of the new Case Manager for the project.
- The Applicant is to provide the consultation documents for their targeted consultation.
- The Applicant is to confirm a date on which the shapefile will be sent to the Inspectorate.