

Gate Burton Energy Park Limited Section 48 Planning Act 2008



Regulation 4 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

Proposed Gate Burton Energy Park Notice Publicising a Proposed Application for a Development Consent Order

GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK

LIMITED, a subsidiary of Low Carbon Limited, of Stirling Square, 5-7 Carlton Gardens, London, SW1Y 5AD (company number 12660764) (“the Applicant”) proposes to make an application (“the Application”) under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy for a Development Consent Order to authorise the construction, operation and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic (PV) array generating facility and energy storage facility with a total capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW) and export connection to the National Grid (“the Scheme”).

The Application is for the proposed Gate Burton Energy Park on farmland south east of Gainsborough and to the east of the A156 at Gate Burton and to the west of the B1241 at Willingham by Stow (the “Site”). The Application comprises of the ‘Solar and Energy Storage Park’ and a grid cable connection corridor to National Grid’s 400kv Cottam substation which is located to the SW of the Site in Nottinghamshire.

The Scheme’s main proposals in summary are:

- Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels;
- Battery energy storage system;
- Associated energy infrastructure (e.g. power conversion stations and cabling) and ancillary works;
- On-site substation; and

- A grid cable connection corridor to National Grid’s 400kv Cottam substation located in Nottinghamshire.

In addition, any necessary rights and powers will be sought to ensure delivery of the Scheme, including compulsory acquisition of land or an interest in or right over land and temporary use powers and, if required, powers to apply and/or disapply legislation relevant to the Scheme.

The Scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment development (“EIA development”) as it falls within Schedule 2 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and is likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue of factors such as its nature, size and location. As a result, an Environmental Statement will be submitted and published as part of the Application. Preliminary Environmental Information (“PEI”) Report forms part of the consultation material, along with a Non-Technical Summary of the PEI Report.

Consultation on the proposals will take place from **22nd June 2022 to 5th August 2022**. Responses must be received no later than **5 August 2022 by 11:59pm** and responses received after that date may not be considered.

The consultation documents comprise:

- Consultation postcard
- Document navigation booklet
- Project Information booklet

- Feedback form
- Plans and Map of the Scheme
- Non-Technical Summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report
- Statement of Community Consultation

Electronic and paper copies of all consultation documents will be available for inspection free of charge from **22 June 2022 to 5 August 2022** on our website, at the document inspection locations and at in-person consultation events (see below for further details).

Website

Copies of all consultation documents will be available online free of charge from 22 June 2022 to 5 August 2022 on a website maintained by the Applicant at www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk/ documents.

Document Inspection Locations

All our consultation documents, including the SoCC, will be available free of charge to view in hard copy at the document inspection locations below throughout the consultation period. These are subject to Covid-19 restrictions at the time, and we recommend checking venue websites for any unexpected closures prior to travel.

Saxilby Library	Gainsborough Library	Lincoln Central Library	West Lindsey District Council	Retford Library
St Andrews Centre, William Street, Saxilby, Lincolnshire LN1 2LP	Cobden Street Gainsborough Lincolnshire DN21 2NG	Free School Lane Lincolnshire LN2 1EZ	Guildhall Marshall's Yard Gainsborough DN21 2NA	Churchgate Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 6PE
Mon – Closed	Mon – 09:00-17:00	Mon – 09:00-17:00	Mon – 09:00-17:00	Mon – 09:00-18:00
Tue – 10:30-15:30	Tue – 09:00-17:00	Tue – 09:00-17:00	Tue – 09:00-17:00	Tue – 09:00-18:00
Wed – 10:30 to 15:30	Wed – 09:00-17:00	Wed – 09:00-17:00	Wed – 09:00-17:00	Wed – 09:00-18:00
Thu – Closed	Thu – 09:00-18:00	Thu – 09:00-18:00	Thu – 09:00-17:00	Thu – 09:00-18:00
Fri – 10:30 to 13:00	Fri – 09:00-17:00	Fri – 09:00-17:00	Fri – 09:00-17:00	Fri – 09:00-18:00
Sat – Closed	Sat – 09:00-13:00	Sat – 09:00-16:00	Sat – Closed	Sat – 09:00-15:00
Sun – Closed	Sun – Closed	Sun – Closed	Sun – Closed	Sun – Closed

Public Consultation Events

You can also view hard copies of all consultation materials including the SoCC at our consultation events where you can speak with the Project Team and share your views.

Consultation events will be held at the following venues during the consultation period.

Marton & Gate Burton	Rampton	Willingham-by-Stow	Knaith	Treswell
Friday 8 July 2022 14:00 – 20:00	Saturday 9th July 2022 10:00 – 14:00	Thursday 14th July 2022 14:00 – 20:00	Saturday 16th July 2022 10:00 – 14:00	Tuesday 19th July 2022 14:00 – 20:00
Marton & Gate Burton Village Hall, Trent Port Road, Marton, Gainsborough, Lincs DN21 5AR	Rampton Village Hall, Manor Grounds Rampton, Retford, Notts, DN22 0JU	Willingham Village Hall, High Street, Willingham-by-Stow, Gainsborough, Lincs DN21 5JZ	Knaith Park Village Hall, Willingham Road, Knaith Park, Gainsborough, Lincs DN21 5ET	Treswell Village Hall, Town Street, Treswell, Notts DN22 0EG

Where any public consultation event referred to is cancelled or rearranged for any reason, including Covid-19 restrictions, as much notice as possible will be given. Notice of any alternative arrangements (if any are reasonably considered necessary by us) will be given as soon as possible after the cancellation or rearrangement is made. This may include alternative dates, venues and/or arrangements for the submission of representations. We will inform you of any cancellations or rearrangements via methods such as the website.

Online events

In addition to the above in-person events we are holding two online events on Thursday 7th July and Wednesday 20th July 2022 between 18:30 and 20:00 on both evenings. To register for the online events please visit our website www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk. These events will have a question/answer facility with experts from the Project Team able to respond during the webinar.

Further information on consultation documents

Copies of the consultation materials may be requested during the consultation period from Gate Burton Energy Park Limited using the e-mail address, postal address or telephone number provided below:

Contact the team on:

E-mail: info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk

Write:

FREEPOST GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK

Freephone: 0800 860 6259
(Monday to Friday 09:00 – 17:00)

Enquiries in relation to the consultation documents during the consultation period should also be directed to Gate Burton Energy Park Limited using these details.

Requests for hard copies of the technical documents will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

To cover printing costs a reasonable copying charge may apply (up to a maximum of £350 for one full suite of documents) to be paid for by the recipient. Alternatively, electronic versions can be provided including via a USB on a without charge basis.

All copies of consultation materials are available to download from the website.

Feedback

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this consultation. Responses must be received between by 11:59pm on **5th August 2022**. Responses received after this time may not be considered.

Consultation responses can be made in writing to our free post address provided below or electronically directly via our website or e-mail address details of which are also provided below. In addition, and by appointment only it will be possible to make a representation over the Project enquiry line (number below). Feedback provided will be transcribed and agreed verbally prior to submission. To make an appointment to provide verbal feedback please contact us using the contact methods outlined below.

A consultation feedback form which is available as part of the consultation materials is available for download from our website with hard copies available on request or at in-person consultation events. When providing your response, please include your name and address or, if you would prefer your comments to be anonymous, your postcode only. Please also confirm the nature of your interest in the Scheme. Please supply any response to:

E-mail: info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk

Website:

www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk

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Gate Burton Energy Park Limited will consider and have regard to all responses when developing the Application for a Development Consent Order once consultation has closed. Responses will form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the Application can be accepted for examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

Personal details will be held securely and solely for purposes in connection with the statutory consultation, Development Consent Order process and further development of the Scheme. Outside of these purposes Gate Burton Energy Park Limited may be required to provide personal details if specifically requested as part of a Freedom of Information Act request or if the Planning Inspectorate requests original responses.

Otherwise, personal details will not be disclosed to any third parties. A copy of the project's privacy notice can be found at www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk/privacy. Alternatively hard copies of this notice can be requested free of charge using the contact details provided above.

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the Scheme, please contact the Project Team by using one of the contact methods provided above.

Mike Rutgers
Head of Development Low Carbon
On behalf of Gate Burton Energy Park Limited
8th June 2022