## Launch of formal public consultation – 22 June to 5 August 2022

I am writing to update you on Low Carbon's plans to carry out the next stage of public consultation on our detailed proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park – the new solar and energy storage park we are proposing to build on land near Gate Burton, Lincolnshire.

We have continued to shape and refine our proposals for the project following feedback submitted to the initial consultation we held earlier this year, along with the findings from ongoing survey work.

The aim of this second statutory stage of consultation is to give local communities, and all those with an interest in the project, the opportunity to find out more and provide feedback on these more detailed proposals.

Views and comments submitted to this second consultation will, together with the findings from our ongoing environmental and technical assessments, be used to help us finalise the application that we will then submit for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate.

This statutory consultation will run for six weeks from **Wednesday**, **22 June to Friday**, **5 August 2022** and will comprise a combination of in-person public events in the local area as well as online virtual events.

## Providing feedback

The project website <u>www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk</u> will be updated from 22 June with information about the Gate Burton Energy Park, and it will also incorporate an option to submit feedback and comments online.

People will also be able to complete a feedback form at our events or submit their views using Freepost or email.

## Publicising the consultation

In advance of our consultation we want to build public awareness of the project and we encourage individuals to visit our website where they can register their interest. We can then directly provide them with information about the consultation and details of how they can get involved. We will also be mailing a postcard to around 7,500 homes and businesses in proximity of the project when the consultation launches to let them know where they can find information about what we're consulting on and how they can take part.

We'll also be engaging with regional media to secure editorial coverage and place paid advertisements. Posters will be distributed to local community and public venues and we will be writing directly to everybody who has registered their interest in the project with us.

## **Next steps**

Ahead of this consultation launching, we will publish our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), setting out how we will be consulting. This document will be available to view on the project website and in a selection of local libraries.

Further information will be made available in the coming weeks. However, should you need any assistance or if you would like to discuss anything further, you can contact us by calling **0800 860 6259** or sending an email to <u>info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk</u>

Yours sincerely

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