

22 June 2022

Dear Clerk

I am writing to you as Clerk of Fenton Parish Council to announce the opening of the second stage of consultation on Low Carbon's proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park – the new solar and energy storage park we are proposing to build on land near Gate Burton, Lincolnshire.

Gate Burton Energy Park would make a vital contribution to ensuring the supply of clean electricity to UK consumers. As we work to deliver this vision, we want to ensure that those communities living and working in the area have the opportunity to inform and influence our proposals throughout each stage of our development process.

### **Consultation is open from 22 June to 5 August 2022.**

For this round of statutory consultation, we are sharing updated proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park. We've taken into consideration your feedback to our initial consultation along with the findings from our ongoing environmental and technical surveys as we have continued to refine the design for Gate Burton Energy Park. Refinements include incorporating measures to reduce the impact of the scheme on neighbouring communities and residents, being sensitive to the local landscape, preserving wildlife and habit, while also providing environmental and ecological enhancements.

Comments will be invited on areas including the updated concept masterplan, visual impact considerations and the electrical connection into the national grid at Cottam substation ahead of Low Carbon submitting its formal application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate.

## Telling people about the consultation

We want to raise awareness of this consultation with as many people as possible and encourage them to provide us with their views. We ask you to please consider sharing the materials and information listed below through your own channels (for example websites, community forums, social media).

### ***Advertising***

A [consultation postcard](#) has been mailed to over 7,000 homes and businesses in the vicinity of the scheme to let them know that the consultation is taking place and signpost them to where they can find information about the project, what we are consulting on and how they can take part. These postcards will start to arrive with people from today.

A [press release](#) has been issued to print, broadcast and online media outlets to build awareness, while adverts for the consultation have also been placed in local outlets (both print and online). You may also come across our adverts on social media.

### ***Documents***

The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and associated Non-Technical Summary (NTS) have been published on our website. This is a technical report that sets out the environmental considerations of the proposals and further information about how our proposals address challenges relating to visual impact and noise. [View PEIR](#)

We have produced a [Statement of Community Consultation \(SoCC\)](#) that sets out the way we will consult with the local community.

A [Document Navigation booklet](#) and [Project Information Booklet](#) have been created to provide further detail about what we are consulting on and the updated proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park.

As well as this, a [feedback form \(both print and online version\)](#) have been designed to provide local people with a place in which to share their thoughts and feedback on the updated proposals with us. There are a number of questions within the feedback form relating to the need for renewable energy, the site layout plan and the grid connection for comments from members of the community.

These documents will be available at the in-person consultation events in hard copy format, and can also be found at a number of local inspection locations (as shown at the bottom of this correspondence).

We have also mailed out an event poster that outlines the date, location and timings of the consultation events. Please could you display this on parish notice boards or any other relevant venues in your local area? If you require any further posters for display, please do let us know. You can view this [poster](#) online at the project website.

### ***Consultation events***

We are inviting individuals to come along to any of the in-person and online information events we are holding to speak with members of the project team who will be on hand to answer any questions they have about the project, what we are consulting on, and how they can take part.

These events are taking place on:

- **Thurs 7 July, 18.30-20.00:** Online event
- **Fri 8 July, 14.00-20.00:** Marton & Gate Burton Village Hall, DN21 5AR
- **Sat 9 July, 10.00-14.00:** Rampton Village Hall, DN22 0JU
- **Thu 14 July, 14.00-20.00:** Willingham Village Hall, DN21 5JZ
- **Sat 16 July, 10.00-14.00:** Knaith Park Village Hall, DN21 5ET
- **Tues 19 July, 14.00-20.00:** Treswell Village Hall, DN22 0EG

- **Wed 20 July, 18.30-20.00:** Online event

Those wishing to attend an online event are requested to register in advance via the [project website](#).

At the consultation events there will also be a series of display panels that will present information about the updated proposals for local people to read to enable them to learn more about Gate Burton Energy Park.

We have developed an [FAQ document](#), detailing the most frequently asked questions about our proposals and their corresponding answers. This will also be available in hard copy at public consultation events.

In addition, posters are being distributed to local community venues, and we have written to all those individuals and organisations who have registered their details to directly receive information and updates about the project.

## **Finding out more**

We have updated our project website [www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](http://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk) with information about what we are consulting on and the option for people to submit feedback online. Copies of all the materials we are producing to support the consultation are available to view and download, with printed versions being made available on request and to pick up at in-person information events.

Anyone with questions about the project or requiring further information can contact the project Community Relations team directly using any of the following methods:

- **Freephone:** 0800 860 6259
- **Email:** [info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](mailto:info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk)
- **Mail:** FREEPOST – GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK

## **Providing feedback to the consultation**

People can submit their views and comments to the consultation either online via the project website or email.

Written feedback can be submitted by completing a feedback form which will be made available to pick up at in-person events or by contacting the Community Relations team to request a copy. All people need to do is complete as many sections of the form as they wish and then either hand it back in at an event or post it to us at FREEPOST – GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK.

**The deadline for feedback 23.59 on Friday 5 August 2022.**

## **Next steps**

Further to consultation closing on 5 August, we will review all the feedback submitted. We will then review our proposals in light of feedback submitted to this second consultation so we can finalise and submit an application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate. We anticipate this happening in late 2022 or early 2023.

## **Opportunity for briefing**

We would welcome the opportunity to brief your members and talk through in more detail what we're consulting on and how people can take part.

If this would be of interest to you, please do let us know. We will also consider invitations to, or requests for, meetings with local groups or special interest organisations. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please do get in touch with our Project Community Relations team by phone 0800 860 6259 or email to [info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](mailto:info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk)

In the meantime, we welcome receiving any comments you have on our proposals and would be delighted to see you at one of our information events.

Yours sincerely

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