



**Gate Burton Energy Park  
Statement of Community Consultation  
June 2022**

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# 1. Introduction

## Context

- 1.1 Gate Burton Energy Park Ltd ('Gate Burton'), a subsidiary of Low Carbon Ltd, of Stirling Square, 5-7 Carlton Gardens, London, SW1Y 5AD, proposes to apply for development consent from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ('BEIS') to allow it to construct and operate a solar energy and energy storage development known as Gate Burton Energy Park (the 'Project'). The application is administered by the Planning Inspectorate ('PINS') on behalf of the Secretary of State.
- 1.2 Section 47 (1) of the Planning Act 2008 (the 'PA 2008') requires applicants to 'prepare a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult about the proposed application with people living in the vicinity of the land'. Sections 42, 43, 44 and 48 also specify certain people, businesses and organisations with whom applicants must consult (including the general public via newspaper notifications in the form of Section 48 Notices).
- 1.3 This Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) has been prepared in accordance with Section 47 'Duty to consult local community' of the PA 2008, with reference to guidance on pre-application consultation published by the Government and PINS. This document focuses on the approach to consultation with the community, rather than consultation under sections 42, 43 and 44 of the PA 2008 although these are referred to where relevant, for example to describe how consultation on preliminary environmental information will be carried out.
- 1.4 It also describes the non-statutory and statutory consultation exercises on the content of this SoCC which Gate Burton carried out with the relevant host local authorities. These authorities comprise:
  - Lincolnshire County Council
  - Nottinghamshire County Council
  - West Lindsey District Council
  - Bassetlaw District Council
- 1.5 The SoCC sets out how Gate Burton intends to consult the local community on its proposals for the Project, how people can learn more about the Project and engage with the process, prior to an application for development consent being submitted to PINS. It provides a brief overview of what we are proposing to develop and what we will be consulting on, and the statutory pre-application consultation process. Additionally, it sets out how we will have regard to consultation responses in finalising the proposals for the Project which will be submitted as an application for development consent to the Secretary of State.

## Quick facts

- 1.6 Gate Burton Energy Park is a proposed solar and energy storage park with an anticipated generation capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW). The amount of electricity the energy park could generate means that it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ('NSIP') which requires development consent under the PA 2008. Development consent is granted in the form of a Development Consent Order ('DCO').
- 1.7 An application for development consent for the construction and operation of the proposed Project will be submitted to PINS – the agency responsible for managing the examination for NSIPs. Further to an examination of the application being carried out PINS will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for BEIS who will then decide whether to grant the DCO for the Project.
- 1.8 The Project is 'EIA development' for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. An environmental impact assessment is being undertaken and the results of the EIA will be presented in an environmental statement accompanying the DCO application.
- 1.9 Gate Burton conducted 'non-statutory' ('Stage One') consultation on its proposals in January and February 2022. The information gathered during Stage One consultation has informed the preparation of this SoCC and the proposals for 'statutory' (Stage Two) consultation.
- 1.10 Gate Burton engaged with relevant local authorities<sup>1</sup> in April 2022 for formal consultation under Section 47 (2) of the PA 2008 on the SoCC. Gate Burton had regard to the feedback received which was taken into account and used to inform this final version.
- 1.11 Stage Two consultation is proposed to take place over a period of six weeks and three days (45 days); the intention being for it to open on 22 June and run until 5 August 2022. This would see the consultation period exceed the minimum period of 28 days as required by the PA 2008. During this time, the local community will be consulted on the proposals via a range of methods including in-person consultation events held at local venues as well as virtual online events. Statutory and Prescribed Consultees will also be consulted on the proposed DCO application in accordance with the requirements of the PA 2008.
- 1.12 The proposed consultation dates for Stage Two consultation are outlined in [Table 1.1](#). Please note that these dates are indicative. A Preliminary Environmental Report (PEIR) will be prepared by Low Carbon and made available as part of the Stage Two consultation.

### Gate Burton Energy Park Stage Two Consultation - Key Dates

2022 ●

#### 08 June

- SoCC available to view in document inspection locations and on the Project website (see [Section 9](#))

#### From 09 June

- Section 48 Notices published in regional papers, national paper and the *London Gazette* and Section 42 consultation materials sent to statutory and prescribed persons

#### 20 June

- Postcard announcing consultation launch distributed to addresses within the core consultation zone outlined (see [Section 8](#), [Figure 8.1](#))

Table 1.1

## 2. Gate Burton Energy Park Project

### The applicant – Gate Burton Energy Park Limited

- 2.1 Gate Burton Energy Park Ltd is a development proposed by Low Carbon Ltd ('Low Carbon') – a privately-owned UK investment and asset management company specialising in renewable energy.
- 2.2 Founded in 2011, Low Carbon is committed to making a positive and significant impact on climate change by investing in large-scale renewable energy projects across a range of energy technologies including solar PV, onshore wind, offshore wind, waste-to-energy, battery storage and other proven renewable energy technologies. Deploying capital at scale into renewables, it invests across the full life cycle from concept through to development, construction, and operation.
- 2.3 To date, the Low Carbon investment model has enabled the deployment of more than £600 million in capital into renewable infrastructure with more than 1GW already developed. Its proprietary renewable energy pipeline currently stands at more than 5GW, ideally positioning it to capitalise on investment opportunities as the need for green power and energy security increases. Low Carbon's investments are generating sufficient clean energy to power more than 390,000 homes, avoiding in excess of 750,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub><sup>2</sup> each year.
- 2.4 Low Carbon has been active in large-scale solar energy since its formation in 2011. With an established track record in the UK, it also has operations in Europe including the Netherlands and the Republic of Ireland. Low Carbon is a certified B Corp.
- 2.5 For more information on Low Carbon please visit: [www.lowcarbon.com](http://www.lowcarbon.com)

#### 22 June – 05 August

- Statutory 'Stage Two' consultation period starts
- Consultation materials available to view in document inspection locations and on the Project website
- Public consultation events held at local venues and online (including two Saturday events). Refer to [Table 9.2](#).

#### 05 August

- Statutory 'Stage Two' Consultation period closes at 23.59

## The Project

- 2.6 Gate Burton Energy Park will comprise solar photovoltaic (PV) panels and on-site energy storage facilities on agricultural land wholly contained within the boundary of one site comprising approximately 684 hectares (1,690 acres) located approximately four kilometres south of Gainsborough near Gate Burton in Lincolnshire (hereinafter referred to as the 'Solar Park Site') together with grid connection infrastructure to connect the Project to National Grid's 400kV Cottam substation.
- 2.7 National Grid's 400kV Cottam substation is located in Nottinghamshire and is approximately four kilometres to the south-west of the Solar Park Site in which the solar panels, energy storage system, on-site substation and supporting infrastructure will be located, and would provide the connection point for the electricity generated by the solar energy park to be exported into the existing national electricity transmission system.
- 2.8 The Project would allow for the generation, storage and export of more than 50 megawatts (MW) electrical generation capacity and generation capacity is expected to be in the region of 500MW.
- 2.9 The principal components of the solar energy park would comprise:
  - 2.9.1 Ground mounted PV panels converting sunlight into electricity;
  - 2.9.2 PV module mounting structures;
  - 2.9.3 Supporting infrastructure – inverters, transformers and switchgear – converting the direct current to alternating current and stepping up the voltage so it can be exported to the national grid;
  - 2.9.4 On-site cables connecting the PV modules and energy storage system to inverters which, in turn, connect to the transformers. Higher voltage cables will then be required between transformers and the switchgear, and from the switchgear to the off-site electrical infrastructure;
  - 2.9.5 An energy storage system so that electricity generated by the PV panels can be stored on site and released to the national grid when it is needed most. It may also enable energy to be imported from the national grid so it can be stored until it is needed;

- 2.9.6 On-site substation to export electricity from the solar energy park to the national grid. The substation will include a control building comprising office and welfare space as well as storage;
- 2.9.7 Security fencing in the form of 'deer fence' or other mesh fencing to enclose the operational areas of the site, along with pole mounted internal facing closed circuit television (CCTV) deployed around the perimeter of the operational site;
- 2.9.8 Accesses to the site during construction and for routine maintenance when the solar energy park is operational;
- 2.9.9 New planting, landscaping and biodiversity measures around the site perimeter and within the PV area to enhance biodiversity and improve the landscape; and,
- 2.9.10 Two or more temporary construction compounds will be required, as well as temporary roadways, to enable access to all the land within the site boundary.
- 2.10 Transmission infrastructure providing an electrical connection between the on-site substation at the Solar Park Site and National Grid's Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire to export the electricity generated by the solar energy park into the existing national electricity transmission system.
- 2.11 [Figure 2.1](#) below illustrates the components a typical solar energy park comprises
- 2.12 For more information on Gate Burton Energy Park please visit the project website: [www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](http://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk)

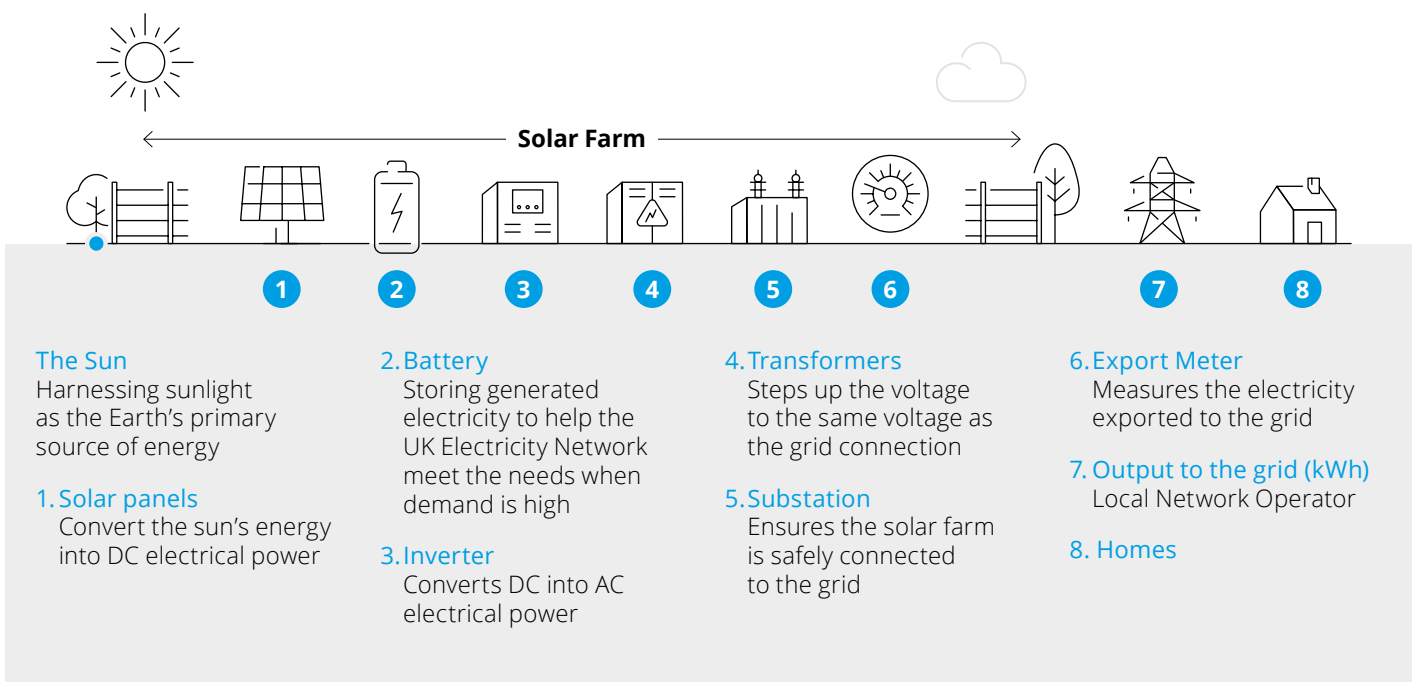


Figure 2.1 – Components of a solar energy park

# 3. The application process

## Development Consent Order applications

- 3.1 The PA 2008 sets out thresholds above which certain types of infrastructure development are considered to be Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) and require a consent known as a Development Consent Order (DCO). Examples of such projects include large-scale developments such as railways, roads, airports, power generating (including offshore wind farms and solar parks), wastewater treatment works and electricity lines.
- 3.2 In England, onshore generating stations (such as solar parks) with an electrical generation capacity that exceeds 50MW are classified as an NSIP (currently excluding onshore wind).
- 3.3 With an anticipated generation capacity of above 50MW, Gate Burton Energy Park qualifies as an NSIP. We therefore intend to apply for development consent under the PA 2008 to enable the project to be built, operated and maintained.
- 3.4 We will submit an application for a DCO to PINS who will first decide, on behalf of the SoS within a defined period of 28 days, whether to accept the application for examination. If accepted, PINS will appoint an independent inspector or panel of inspectors – also known as the Examining Authority ('ExA') – to examine the application on behalf of the SoS.
- 3.5 The examination process will take place over a period of up to six months during which time there will be the opportunity for the local community and other stakeholders to contribute and express their views on the application.
- 3.6 Following the examination process, the ExA will have three months to write a report setting out a recommendation on whether development consent should be granted for the Project. This report is sent to the SoS who has three months to consider it and to make a final decision on whether or not to grant development consent. If the SoS grants consent this will be in the form of a DCO.
- 3.7 The SoS decision must be made in accordance with the relevant National Policy Statements (NPSs) which outline the need for new energy infrastructure and the issues to be considered in determining such applications, subject to minor exceptions. Other matters which the SoS may consider important and relevant when determining an application for development consent may include other national and local planning policies.
- 3.8 The relevant NPSs are<sup>3</sup>:
  - 3.8.1 NPS EN-1 (Overarching Energy Policy)
  - 3.8.2 NPS EN-3 (Renewable Energy Infrastructure) (see 3.10 below on draft revisions)
  - 3.8.3 NPS EN-5 (Electricity Networks Infrastructure)
- 3.9 NPS EN-1 establishes the need for new energy infrastructure and therefore Gate Burton will focus its consultation on seeking views on the specific proposals we are putting forward rather than the need for the Project itself (which is established).



3.10 The government is currently reviewing and updating the July 2011 Energy NPSs. The draft revisions to NPS EN-3 include specific policies in support of solar PV, as the Government notes:

'Solar farms are one of the most established renewable electricity technologies in the UK and the cheapest form of electricity generation worldwide. Solar farms can be built quickly and, coupled with consistent reductions in the cost of materials and improvements in the efficiency of panels<sup>41</sup>, large-scale solar is now viable in some cases to deploy subsidy-free and at little to no extra cost to the consumer. The government has committed to sustained growth in solar capacity to ensure that we are on a pathway that allows us to meet net zero emissions. As such solar is a key part of the government's strategy for low-cost decarbonisation of the energy sector' (2.47.1).

3.11 Gate Burton will take account of the current and proposed revised NPSs as appropriate as part of any future application submission.

3.12 [Table 3.1](#) provides an overview of the six key steps in the DCO application process:

3.13 More detail about the application process can be found on the PINS website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/>

DCO application process	
1. Pre-application	Information will be in the local media and statutory consultation will be carried out with prescribed consultees and other stakeholders, including the local community.
2. Acceptance	The Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, has 28 days to decide whether the application meets the required standards to proceed to examination including whether the developer's consultation has been adequate.
3. Pre-examination	You can register as an interested party and, by doing so, will be kept informed of progress and opportunities to put your case forward. Inspectors will hold a Preliminary Meeting and set the timetable for examination.
4. Examination	You can send in your comments in writing. You can request to speak at a public hearing. The Inspectorate has six months to carry out the examination.
5. Recommendation & Decision	A recommendation to the Secretary of State will be issued by the Inspectorate within three months. The Secretary of State then has a further three months to issue a decision on the proposal.
6. Post Decisions	There is the opportunity for legal challenge.

Table 3.1

<sup>41</sup>Information regarding these NPSs can be viewed at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-policy-statements-for-energy-infrastructure>

## Project timeline

- 3.14 Pre-application consultation is an important part of the planning and development process, and PA 2008 requires developers to publicise their proposals widely as well as consulting with the local community, local authorities, statutory bodies, and persons with an interest in land potentially affected by the proposed NSIP.
- 3.15 Stage One (non-statutory) consultation on early-stage proposals for Gate Burton Energy Park ran for six weeks from 11 January to 18 February 2022 (see [Section 6](#) for further details).
- 3.16 Non-statutory consultation on an initial draft SoCC was also undertaken with the relevant local authorities (Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire County Councils and West Lindsey and Bassetlaw District Councils) over March/April 2022.
- 3.17 Statutory consultation on the SoCC (this document) with the relevant authorities was subsequently undertaken during the period 12 April to 13 May 2022 pursuant to Section 47(2) and (3) of the PA 2008. In preparing this final version of the SoCC, Gate Burton Energy Park Ltd has had regard to the feedback submitted during this formal consultation.
- 3.18 Stage Two (statutory) consultation on the proposed application for the Project will start on 22 June 2022 and run for a period of six weeks and three days (45 days), closing on 05 August 2022. This exceeds the requirement set out in the PA 2008 that consultation should take place for a minimum 28 days. Further information on the Stage Two consultation is set out in [Sections 7 to 9](#).
- 3.19 The Project team will record all comments and feedback received during Stage Two consultation.
- 3.20 When the Stage Two consultation period has closed, we will review all the feedback received and have regard to these representations in further developing our proposals for the Project and preparing the DCO for submission, having regard to technical, economic and environmental, and health and safety considerations, amongst others.
- 3.21 A Consultation Report will be produced and submitted with the DCO application. This report will summarise the consultation carried out (in accordance with this SoCC), the comments received and how we have had regard to them. It will be available to view on the PINS website and the Project website when the application has been accepted by PINS for examination.
- 3.22 We currently anticipate that the application will be submitted to PINS late 2022/early 2023. All application documents will be available to view on the PINS website and the Project website. They will also be made available in alternative formats on request.

## 4. Environmental information

- 4.1 The Project is classed as 'EIA development' for the purposes of 'The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017' ('EIA Regulations 2017').
- 4.2 The application for development consent will therefore require an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') to be carried out to ensure the likely significant effects of the Project are properly understood and that where available, appropriate mitigation measures are identified to control or reduce environmental effects.
- 4.3 An EIA Scoping Opinion was issued by PINS on 12 November 2021. This identifies the environmental issues and topics relevant to the Project, and which should be assessed as part of the EIA. The Scoping Opinion is available to view on the PINS website at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/gate-burton-energy-park/?ipcsection=docs>
- 4.4 A Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') and PEIR Non-Technical Summary ('NTS') will be made available as part of the Stage Two consultation. This will provide initial information on the potential environmental effects of the Project and any proposed mitigation to help the local community understand the environmental effects and inform responses regarding the proposed development.
- 4.5 We will be asking for the views of individuals and organisations on the information set out in the PEIR as part of the consultation described in this SoCC. Feedback received during consultation on the PEIR will be considered before the application and EIA are finalised for submission. The final EIA will be set out in an Environmental Statement (ES) which will be submitted with the application for development consent.
- 4.6 Before an application for development consent can be made, Gate Burton Energy Park Ltd is required to consult with those living in the vicinity of the land on which the proposed Project will be delivered. This follows the requirements set out in Section 47 of the PA 2008. We must also consult with local authorities, persons with an interest in land and prescribed statutory consultees as set out in Section 42 of the PA 2008. We are also required to publicise our proposed application nationally as set out in Section 48 of the PA 2008. The Stage Two consultation will meet these statutory requirements, including consultation on the PEIR.

## 5. Consultation objectives

- 5.1 Gate Burton's overall objectives for the Stage Two consultation are to:
  - 5.1.1 Raise awareness of the Project proposals and to give the local community, relevant local authorities, and other stakeholders an opportunity to comment on the proposals, based on consultation information which is clear, accessible and appropriately detailed.
  - 5.1.2 Provide consultees with an opportunity to influence aspects of the Project that are under development and to understand which elements of the Project are fixed and the reasons why.
  - 5.1.3 Provide a range of different opportunities for people to engage with the Project and comment on proposals. For example, online (website, webinars), in-person (events, briefings), in writing (feedback form, letters)
  - 5.1.4 Clearly signpost the different ways in which consultees can comment on the proposals.
  - 5.1.5 Show how the proposals have taken account of consultation and feedback in finalising the application for development consent prior to its submission.
  - 5.1.6 Build on dialogue established during Stage One consultation with consultees so that it can continue through the submission and examination phase of the consenting process.
- 5.2 The pre-application process for the Project comprises two stages, as follows:
  - 5.2.1 Stage One – non-statutory consultation; and
  - 5.2.2 Stage Two – statutory consultation in accordance with the requirements of the PA 2008

# 6. Pre-application consultation process

## Stage One – non-statutory consultation

- 6.1 Stage One ‘non-statutory’ consultation on the Project was undertaken between 11 January and 18 February 2022. The aim of this initial consultation was to introduce the Project, present the emerging early proposals for the Solar Park Site and its connection to the existing national electricity transmission system at National Grid’s Cottam sub-station, and give the local community and stakeholders the opportunity to provide their views. The consultation also invited local communities and stakeholders to suggest schemes or projects that we could support or deliver to benefit those communities closest to the Project.
- 6.2 The consultation was publicised to the local communities including those lying within the West Lindsey District wards of Lea, Torksey and Stow, as well as the Bassetlaw District wards of Rampton, and Sturton.
- 6.3 At the time the Stage One consultation took place, legal limits on social distancing associated with Covid-19 enabled five in-person consultation events to take place. In addition to these in-person events, two online events were convened to provide an opportunity for those with concerns about attending in-person events to engage with the Project team directly. Online events also provided an option to accommodate those with limited time/availability to attend an in-person event. See [Appendix 1](#) for a table detailing the Stage One non-statutory consultation event programme.
- 6.4 Direct written and email communications were issued in advance of the consultation (December 2021) to provide local political representatives and parish councils with details of the Stage One consultation dates. The communication was also issued to communities in the immediate vicinity of the Project, individuals registering their contact details with us to receive Project updates directly, along with a media release to local print, broadcast, and online media.
- 6.5 Subsequent communications were issued to the same stakeholders when the consultation launched on 11 January 2022 providing details of how they could find out more about the proposals being consulted on and inviting them to take part in the consultation. A consultation postcard was direct mailed to addresses lying within a defined consultation zone. A media release was issued to local print, broadcast and online media, and posters were displayed locally, publicising the events.
- 6.6 Through the publicity, the consultation events and a number of other means (e.g. the Project website, freephone community information line, bespoke email address), the local community and other stakeholders were provided with initial information on the Project and given the opportunity to submit feedback. In response to the issues most frequently raised during the consultation exercise, we prepared a series of frequently asked questions and answers which were made available on the project website in the FAQ section: <https://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk/faqs/>

## Stage Two – statutory consultation

- 6.7 Stage Two ‘statutory’ consultation on the Project will take place for six weeks and three days (45 days) between 22 June 2022 and 5 August 2022. This will provide an opportunity for us to update the local community and other stakeholders on the progress that has been made on the Project since Stage One consultation and how our proposals for the Project have developed. The Stage Two consultation will take place in accordance with the requirements of the PA 2008.
- 6.8 The SoCC (this document) will be published on 8 June 2022 in advance of Stage Two consultation launching. As required by Section 47 (6) of the PA 2008, we will publish a Section 47 Notice in local newspapers for one week to advertise that the SoCC has been published. [Table 6.1](#) lists the newspaper outlets and dates when the Section 47 notice will appear:
- 6.9 Stage Two consultation will be publicised to local communities within a defined core consultation zone (see [Section 8](#)) as well as other stakeholders using a variety of communication methods (see [Section 9](#)). Consultation documents and materials will be made available to view at in-person public consultation events and at document inspection locations. They will also be available to view and download from the Project website [www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](http://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk) Members of our Project team will attend consultation events and be available to answer questions about the proposals and provide information about the consultation.
- 6.10 We are required to provide a minimum period of 28 days for receipt of responses however the consultation period will run for 45 days (six weeks and three days) which will provide people with additional time to submit responses. [Consultation responses should be submitted by 23.59 on 5 August 2022](#), unless agreed otherwise with us directly.

### Section 47 Notice Schedule

#### 2022

##### 08 June

Market Rasen Mail

##### 09 June

Lincolnshire Echo

##### 09 June

Retford Times

##### 09 June

Gainsborough Standard

Table 6.1

## 7. What we will consult on

- 7.1 We will consult on the proposed DCO application for the Project and invite representations on the Project proposals. We will be inviting responses in relation to all elements of the proposed development, some of which featured in the earlier round of consultation and engagement.
- 7.2 For consultation we will provide people with documentation on what we propose to build, where and how we propose to build it, including any refinements made in response to feedback submitted to Stage One consultation, and provide preliminary information on environmental impacts and proposed mitigation based on the findings from the published PEIR.
- 7.3 We will welcome and consider feedback on all aspects of the Project and will specifically invite comments on the following:
  - 7.3.1 The design of the solar energy park;
  - 7.3.2 The route of the electrical connection from the solar energy park to Cottam sub-station;
  - 7.3.3 The environmental effects of the Project (detailed in the PEIR) and any mitigation that is required;
  - 7.3.4 The timescales and next steps for the Project; and,
  - 7.3.5 Anything else you think Gate Burton needs to consider.
- 7.4 We will publish and seek feedback on the PEIR via Stage Two consultation as set out in this SoCC, and also in accordance with the Section 48 publicity and Section 42 statutory consultation. The PEIR is intended to give members of the community an understanding of the potential likely environmental effects of the Project and measures we propose implementing to manage and mitigate them. A Non-Technical Summary (NTS) will accompany the PEIR, to summarise the content of the detailed preliminary environmental assessments in a non-technical manner.
- 7.5 Hard copies of the PEIR and the NTS, as well as associated technical documents, maps and plans, and public consultation documents will be available to view at document inspection locations (see Table 9.3 for a list of document inspection locations) and on the Project website: [www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](http://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk) in digital format to view and download. Information about the documents we will produce is set out in [Section 9](#).
- 7.6 Individuals, communities and consultees will be invited to comment on all or any part of our proposals for the Project.
- 7.7 Following statutory consultation, an ES will be prepared in advance of submitting an application for development consent to ensure the likely significant effects of the Project are assessed and reported and, where effects cannot be avoided, the identification of any appropriate mitigation measures. The EIA will cover all elements of the Project.

## 8. Who we will consult

- 8.1 In accordance with Section 47 of the PA 2008 we must make reasonable efforts to ensure that all communities potentially affected by our proposals are consulted. There is no set rule that defines those people, groups or organisations falling into this category. Therefore, Gate Burton has used professional judgement and taken advice from the relevant local planning authorities on what is appropriate for the Project.
- 8.2 To help determine the areas where we will consult, we have considered where the Project may have a direct or indirect impact, either permanently or temporarily, as a result of construction, operation and maintenance or decommissioning of the Project.
- Core consultation zone**
- 8.3 Having considered these impacts, we have identified an appropriate core consultation zone by initially extending a minimum distance of two kilometres from the boundary of the Site in which the solar panels, energy storage system, on-site substation and supporting infrastructure will be located and one kilometre from the edge of the route corridor for the grid connection. The zone has then been extended further where proportionate and reasonable subject to consideration of:
- 8.3.1 Zone of theoretical visibility to assess the areas in vicinity of the Project boundary which could experience a degree of visual impact
- 8.3.2 Existing natural and human geographical boundaries, for example the railway line that serves West Burton as the most easterly point of the core consultation zone, and the A631 as the most northerly point.
- 8.3.3 Avoiding 'splitting' communities.
- 8.3.4 Coverage of the host district council wards and parishes
- 8.3.5 Where we propose to undertake additional works to enable construction transport, equipment areas or road modifications
- 8.4 We will seek to engage the people who live in, or have an interest in, land within our consultation zone including residents, local businesses and community organisations (including parish councils), to raise awareness and encourage participation in the consultation through a selection of communication channels (see [Section 9](#)).
- 8.5 The core consultation zone we have determined is shown in [Figure 8.1](#).
- 8.6 At the same time as consulting with the local community we will be carrying out consultation on the same information (including the PEIR) with those bodies prescribed under Section 42 of the PA 2008:
- 8.6.1 Persons as prescribed under Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Application: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 (as amended):
- 8.6.2 Each local authority as defined under Section 43 of the PA 2008
- 8.6.3 Each person who is within one or more of the categories as set out under Section 44 of the PA 2008.



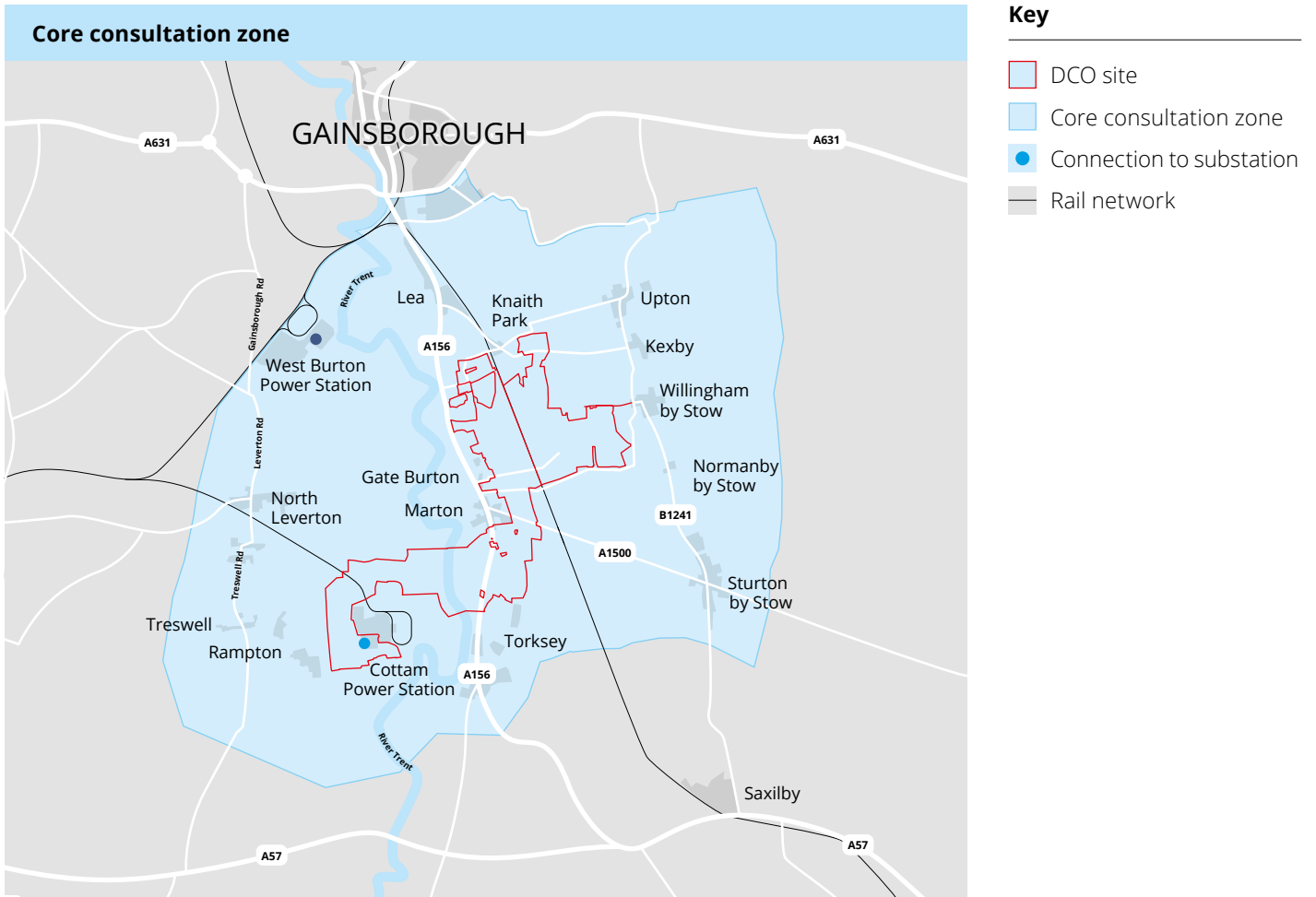


Figure 8.1 – Core consultation zone

## Consultation with people who live outside the area

8.7 We recognise that people who live and work beyond the core consultation zone we have identified who may also have an interest in our proposals and may have participated in the Stage One (non-statutory) consultation. To make sure these individuals and organisations are given the opportunity to participate we will raise awareness of the consultation in the following ways:

8.7.1 Directly notify all those people who have registered their interest in the Project about consultation, including those who have expressed concern or opposition to our proposals

8.7.2 Publish a Section 48 notice in the local and national press and London Gazette (see [Table 9.4](#))

8.7.3 Publicise the consultation by advertising in local media (see [Table 9.5](#))

8.7.4 Publish consultation materials online and make them available to view (see [paragraph 9.4](#))

## Consultation with under-represented or seldom heard groups

8.8 We are committed to ensuring the consultation process and associated communications reach as many parts of the community as possible. We have identified a range of 'under-represented' or 'seldom heard' groups and individuals within the consultation zone who may be less likely to participate in or respond to traditional consultation techniques. These groups and individuals that may find it harder to get involved in consultation and/or need additional support to access materials include:

8.8.1 Geographically isolated communities

8.8.2 Economically inactive individuals and socially deprived communities

8.8.3 Young people

8.8.4 Older people

8.8.5 Disabled people and those with learning disabilities

8.8.6 Ethnic minorities

8.8.7 Time poor, busy working people.

8.9 Our consultation methodology (see [Section 9](#)) has been developed to accommodate communicating as effectively as possible with these groups so they can have their say. We will contact bodies and organisations representing these groups ahead of consultation starting to ensure our approach meets the specific needs of their members. Requests for specific consultation activity to cater for their members will be considered on a case-by-case basis and agreed and planned with the requesting organisations. We will continue to notify them of further consultation and engagement activities. See [Appendix 2 for a list of the gateway organisations and bodies we will contact](#).

8.10 A Freephone number (see [bullet 10.8.3](#)) staffed by our community relations team is available to assist people who may find it difficult to submit written comments to the consultation. Requests for consultation/Project information to meet specific requirements (such as large print or audio for those with visual impairments, or in an alternative language for those whom English is not their first language, to enable them to take part in the consultation) will be considered on a case-by-case basis so we can establish how best to provide the information required.

# 9. How we will consult

- 9.1 During Stage Two consultation we will provide information about the consultation and the proposals being consulted utilising a range of methods we consider will ensure that people living and working within vicinity of the Project will be adequately consulted in accordance with Section 47 of the PA 2008.
- 9.2 We are endeavouring to conduct consultation in a way that gives as many people as possible the opportunity to access information about the Project and provide their views.
- 9.3 We have identified a number of ways in which, throughout the consultation period, people can:
  - 9.3.1 Access clear and concise information about our proposals and their potential effects to aid constructive debate (this will include making all research, relevant Project and technical documents available); and,
  - 9.3.2 Submit feedback to the statutory consultation to express their views regarding our proposals.

## Project website

- 9.4 The Project website [www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](http://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk) will be updated to provide information about the consultation and proposals being consulted, as well as being a resource for all the Project materials which will be available to view and download.
- 9.5 It will be possible to submit a response to the consultation via the website using a dedicated online feedback form during the consultation period. It will continue to provide facility for people to register their contact details with the Project so they can receive future updates directly.

## Project consultation postcard

- 9.6 A Project consultation postcard will be published prior to consultation events starting. This will be our main form of direct communication about the consultation with the public confirming the dates of the consultation (including the deadline by which feedback needs to be submitted), details of in-person and online consultation events taking place, plus details of where they can find information about what is being consulted on and how they can take part.
- 9.7 A copy of this postcard/leaflet will be direct mailed to approximately 7,290 addresses which lie within the core consultation zone at the start of the consultation period including:
  - 9.7.1 Local residents with postal addresses within the core consultation zone
  - 9.7.2 Local businesses with postal addresses within the core consultation zone
  - 9.7.3 Local interest groups/organisations which are active within the core consultation zone (see Appendix 3)
  - 9.7.4 Elected representatives (district and county council members, parish councils, Members of Parliament representing wards, parishes and constituencies that lie within the consultation zone boundaries.
- 9.8 The postcard will also be mailed to individuals, businesses or organisations registering postal addresses that lie beyond the core consultation zone with the Project to receive updates.
- 9.9 The postcard will be made available online, at in-person public consultation events (see [Table 9.2](#)) and document inspection locations (see [Table 9.3](#)). The postcard will also be made available at community venues such as libraries, shops and village halls located in communities lying within the core consultation zone for people to take away subject to the consent of venue managers.

### **Project information booklet**

- 9.10 A Project Information Booklet will be published at the start of the statutory consultation. This will provide a summary of the proposals we are consulting on, details of how people can take part in the consultation, how feedback will be considered and used to influence the shape of our proposals, and how we will provide information on the outcome of this consultation.
- 9.11 Printed copies of this document will be available to take away at all in-person public consultation events, and a digital version will be available to view and download from the Project website. Copies will also be made available on request in digital or hard copy format. This document has been provided as a source of information to support the consultation process.

### **Project Feedback Form**

- 9.12 A Project Feedback Form will be prepared to enable people to provide us with feedback on our proposed application. Specific questions will guide people on the particular issues we are seeking comment. Hard copy forms will be available on request from the community relations team, and at public consultation events. An online version of the feedback form will also be available on the Project website so people can submit their feedback electronically.
- 9.13 Throughout the consultation period people will also be welcome to submit written comments as feedback either by post to **FREEPOST GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK** or by email to the Project email address: [info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](mailto:info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk). If arranged by appointment with the Gate Burton Project team, it will be possible to make a representation over the Project enquiry line **0800 860 6259**. Feedback provided will be transcribed and agreed verbally prior to submission. To make an appointment to provide verbal feedback please contact us using the freepost, email addresses or telephone number described above.

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

- 9.14 We will develop an FAQs document detailing the most frequently asked questions about our proposals and their corresponding answers. This will be available on the Project website and in hard copy at public consultation events.

### **Technical documents, maps, plans and non-technical summary (NTS)**

- 9.15 We will make available all the technical documents we have produced which explain and assess our project proposals which are the subject of consultation. These technical documents include:
- 9.15.1 The PEIR, providing preliminary information on the likely significant environmental effects of the Project and how we propose to manage and mitigate them;
- 9.15.2 The NTS; and,
- 9.15.3 Maps and plans showing our proposed application at appropriate scales
- 9.16 Printed reference copies of the technical documents will also be available to view at in-person public consultation events, and document inspection locations. They will also be available to view and download from the Project website. See [Table 9.1](#) for details of where documents will be available by consultation activity or location type.
- 9.17 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.
- 9.18 A document navigation booklet will be developed to assist the review of these technical documents.

Document	Document inspection Locations	In-person consultation events	Project website*
PEIR	Y	Y	Y
PEIR NTS	Y	Y	Y
SoCC	Y	Y	Y
Document navigation booklet	Y	Y	Y
Consultation postcard	Y	Y	Y
Project information booklet	Y	Y	Y
Document navigation booklet	Y	Y	Y
Consultation postcard	Y	Y	Y
Project information booklet	Y	Y	Y
Feedback form	Y	Y	Y
FAQ		Y	Y
Event display panels		Y	Y

**Table 9.1 – Consultation documents availability**

\* Document and materials will be available as PDFs to view and download free of charge from the the ‘Documents’ section of the Project website [www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](http://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk)

## Public consultation events

- 9.19 During the statutory consultation, we will hold public consultation events on days and times that enable the maximum number of people to attend, including two events on a Saturday. At events you will be able to find information about the Project and what we are consulting on. Members of the Project team will be present to discuss the proposals and answer questions.
- 9.20 The programme of consultation events comprises five in-person events and two online events:
- 9.20.1 **In-person consultation events:** held at venues within the core consultation zone that are publicly accessible and accommodate the needs of individuals with limited mobility Information available to view at these consultation events will include:
- i. Project display panels
  - ii. Reference copies of technical documents, maps and plans published as part of the consultation (including the PEIR)
  - iii. Reference copy of the SoCC
  - iv. Copies of the printed Project Information Booklet, Feedback Form, Consultation Postcards, FAQ, and Document Navigation Booklet available for people to take away
- 9.20.2 **Online consultation events:** these will take the form of a webinar, the date and time of which will be promoted along with details for those in-person consultation events being held. Online events will be held on Zoom, and you will need to register in advance if you would like to attend. The format for these events will comprise:
- i. The presentation of information consistent with that made available at in-person events i.e. event display panels by representatives from the project team
  - ii. Q&A whereby you will be invited to submit questions using the chat function so they can be collated and verbally responded to by the Project team at the end of the presentation.
  - iii. The webinar will be recorded and uploaded to the Project website along with a copy of the presentation further to the webinar taking place.
- 9.21 Members of the Project team in attendance at online and in-person events will include specialists who can talk about key issues relating to the Project, which may include:
- 9.21.1 The development and consenting process
  - 9.21.2 Environmental assessments
  - 9.21.3 Land
  - 9.21.4 Construction and engineering
  - 9.21.5 Consultation and community engagement
- 9.22 The timings for in-person and online events have been coordinated to ensure they are not restricted to taking place during typical working hours to maximise opportunities for engagement<sup>4</sup>. The dates, times, and locations of the consultation events we anticipate holding are set out in [Table 9.2](#). A map showing the location of the in-person consultation events is included in [Appendix 4](#).

No.	Event date	Opening Time	Location	Venue
1	Thur 7 July 2022	18.30-20.00	Online event	Zoom – register to attend via website <a href="http://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk">www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk</a>
2	Fri 8 July 2022	14.00-20.00	Marton & Gate Burton	Marton & Gate Burton Village Hall, Trent Port Road, Marton, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire DN21 5AR
3	Sat 9 July 2022	10.00-14.00	Rampton	Rampton Village Hall, Manor Grounds, Rampton, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 0JU
4	Thu 14 July 2022	14.00-20.00	Willingham-by-Stow	Willingham Village Hall, High Street, Willingham-by-Stow, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire DN21 5JZ
5	Sat 16 July 2022	10.00-14.00	Knaith	Knaith Park Village Hall, Willingham Road, Knaith Park, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire DN21 5ET
6	Tue 19 July 2022	14.00-20.00	Treswell	Treswell Village Hall, Town Street, Treswell, Nottinghamshire DN22 0EG
7	Wed 20 July 2022	18.30-20.00	Online event	Zoom – register to attend via website <a href="http://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk">www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk</a>

Table 9.2 – Consultation event programme<sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup>Where any consultation event(s) referred to in Table 9.2 is cancelled or rearranged for any reason, as much notice as possible will be given. Notice of any alternative arrangements (if any) 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 to Low Carbon. The public will be informed via email and posters displayed locally and press releases issued to the local media.

## Document inspection locations

9.23 Hard copies of the PEIR and PEIR NTS will be available to view at document inspection locations, while Stage Two consultation materials including; Document Navigation Booklet, Consultation Postcard, Project Information Booklet, and Feedback Form will be made available to view and takeaway.

9.24 Document inspection locations have been selected on the criteria of them being in the locality of the Project, publicly accessible and secure. The location, opening times (as currently known) and contact details for the venues where materials will be located are set out in [Table 9.3](#). A map showing the location of the document inspection locations is included in [Appendix 4](#).

Address	Opening hours	Telephone
<b>Lincolnshire</b>		
<b>Saxilby Library</b> , St Andrews Centre, William Street, Saxilby, Lincolnshire LN1 2LP	Mon – closed Tue – 10.30-15.30 Wed – 10.30-15.30 Thu – closed Fri – 10.30-13.00 Sat – closed Sun – closed	01522 782010
<b>Gainsborough Library</b> , Cobden Street, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire DN21 2NG	Mon – 09.00-17.00 Tue – 09.00-17.00 Wed – 09.00-17.00 Thu – 09.00-18.00 Fri – 09.00-17.00 Sat – 09.00-13.00 Sun – closed	01522 782 010
<b>Lincoln Central Library</b> , Free School Lane, Lincolnshire, LN2 1EZ	Mon – 09.00-17.00 Tue – 09.00-17.00 Wed – 09.00-17.00 Thu – 09.00-18.00 Fri – 09.00-17.00 Sat – 09.00-16.00 Sun – closed	01522 782 010
<b>West Lindsey District Council</b> , Guildhall, Marshall’s Yard, Gainsborough DN21 2NA	Mon – 09.00-17.00 Tue – 09.00-17.00 Wed – 09.00-17.00 Thu – 09.00-17.00 Fri – 09.00-17.00 Sat – closed Sun – closed	01427 676 676
<b>Nottinghamshire</b>		
<b>Retford Library</b> , Churchgate, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 6PE	Mon – 09.00-18.00 Tue – 09.00-18.00 Wed – 09.00-18.00 Thu – 09.00-18.00 Fri – 09.00-18.00 Sat – 09.00-15.00 Sun – closed	01623 677 200

Table 9.3 – Document inspection locations



## Section 48 notice

- 9.25 As required by Section 48 of the PA 2008, we will publish a Section 48 Notice advertising our intention to submit a DCO application in local newspapers for two consecutive weeks, and a national newspaper and the London Gazette for one week.
- 9.26 A list of the newspaper outlets and dates when the Section 48 Notice will appear are set out in [Table 9.4](#).

## Media/advertising

- 9.27 To promote awareness of the Project and the consultation both within and beyond the consultation zone we will issue media releases:
- 9.27.1 At the start of the consultation period to provide an overview of the proposed application, why we are consulting, details of how people can access information about the Project, dates and locations of public consultation events being held, as well as the deadline by which feedback needs to be submitted
- 9.27.2 Two weeks before the end of the consultation period to encourage people to have their say before the consultation closes
- 9.27.3 When the consultation deadline has passed to provide a summary of participation and details of what happens next in the planning process
- 9.28 In addition to publishing a formal Section 48 Notice in regional and national newspapers, we will place advertisements in the local and regional media to promote the consultation and public consultation events (online and in-person).
- 9.29 [Table 9.5](#) provides a list of regional and local media outlets to whom media releases will be issued and advertisements placed.

Newspaper outlet	1st publication date	2nd publication date
Market Rasen Mail	08 June 2022	15 June 2022
Lincolnshire Echo	09 June 2022	16 June 2022
Retford Times	09 June 2022	16 June 2022
Gainsborough Standard	09 June 2022	16 June 2022
The Guardian	11 June 2022	N/A
London Gazette	15 June 2022	N/A

[Table 9.4 – Section 48 Notice schedule](#)

## Posters

- 9.30 Posters publicising consultation information will be produced and provided to those venues where in-person consultation events will take place. They will also be provided to host parish council clerks for display on local parish notice boards, as well as other community venues such as libraries, shops and civic buildings within the core consultation zone.

Press releases will be issued to:	Advertisements will be placed with:
BBC Look North	The Lincolnite
BBC Radio Lincolnshire	Gainsborough Standard
BBC Radio Nottingham	Lincolnshire Echo
The Gainsborough Standard	Retford Times
The Grantham Journal	Lincolnshire Life
The Lincolnite	Retford Life
Lincolnshire Echo	Gainsborough Life
Lincolnshire Free Press	Market Rasen Mail
Lincolnshire in Focus	
Lincolnshire Life	
Lincolnshire Live	
Lincolnshire Reporter	
Lincolnshire Today	
Lincolnshire World	
Market Rasen Mail	
Nottinghamshire in Focus	
Nottinghamshire Live	
Nottingham Local News	
Nottingham Post	

[Table 9.5 – Media outlets where press releases will be issued, and advertisements placed](#)

## Stakeholder letters and meetings

- 9.31 We will issue communications to key stakeholders including local political representatives (Councillors and Members of Parliament) and Parish Council clerks representing wards, constituencies, and parishes within the consultation zone to provide information about the proposals we are consulting on and invite them to take part in the consultation.
- 9.32 Communications will direct key stakeholders to digital versions of consultation materials to enable them to advertise and promote the consultation through their own online channels (websites, community forums, social media), with requests for hard copies of materials being considered.
- 9.33 In addition to public consultation events to which prescribed consultees and other bodies will be invited to attend at the start of the consultation; we will consider invitations to, or requests for, meetings with local groups or special interest organisations on a case-by-case basis.
- 9.34 We extend the offer to each local authority to brief councillors on the proposed application and consultation.

## Information services

- 9.35 Our Project community relations team will operate a dedicated Project freephone enquiry line **0800 860 6259** (9am-5pm Mon-Fri)<sup>6</sup>, email ([info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](mailto:info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk)) and freepost address (**FREEPOST GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK**). Through these channels you will be able to speak to a member of the community relations team to ask questions and request information.
- 9.36 Requests for consultation information to meet specific requirements (such as large print or audio for those with visual impairments, or an alternative language to for those for whom English is not their first language, to enable them to take part in the consultation) will be considered on a case-by-case basis so we can establish how best to provide the information required.

## Other consultations

- 9.37 Gate Burton Energy Park Ltd is aware that there are a number of other solar DCO projects located in geographic proximity to our Project currently at the pre-application stage of the NSIP development process. As such there is a need to ensure that local communities potentially affected by our Project are aware of other proposals in the area so they consider Gate Burton Energy Park in context of other schemes; the most notable being Island Green Power's proposed Cottam Solar Project and West Burton Solar Project. See [Appendix 5](#) for a map showing the location Cottam and West Burton solar projects relative to Gate Burton Energy Park.
- 9.38 Island Green Power anticipates carrying out its second stage of statutory consultation on its DCO proposals for Cottam Solar Project and West Burton Solar Project from June to July 2022. These projects are separate to the Gate Burton Energy Park project and consultees are encouraged to ensure that their consultation responses are directed appropriately.
- 9.39 We have coordinated with Island Green Power to limit the potential for confusion between the different developments and also limit, as far as possible, the risk of consultation fatigue for local communities during the period when our respective consultations will be running simultaneously. For example, we have sought to stagger the launch of our respective consultations and avoid any overlap in the programme of public consultation events being held.
- 9.40 The consultation materials we produce for Stage Two consultation for Gate Burton Energy Park will highlight that Island Green Power is carrying out consultation on its proposals for the West Burton and Cottam Solar projects, and signpost people to where they can find information about the projects and provide feedback specific to either of those projects.
- 9.41 Details of Island Green Power's proposals and associated consultation are expected to be made available to view at [www.cottamsolar.co.uk](http://www.cottamsolar.co.uk) and [www.westburtonsolar.co.uk](http://www.westburtonsolar.co.uk).

# 10. Next steps and contact details

## Consultation responses

- 10.1 Feedback to the consultation should be submitted in writing or online to Gate Burton Energy Park Ltd by [23.59 on 05 August 2022](#).
- 10.2 When a respondent submits feedback to the consultation online an automated acknowledgement to confirm receipt will be issued direct. Acknowledgement of submissions made offline (in writing or by completing a printed feedback form) will be issued to respondents when the feedback has been received and processed. If you have submitted feedback but are concerned that you not received an acknowledgement of receipt, please contact our community relations team using the Freephone number or project email (see 10.8).
- 10.3 When Stage Two consultation has closed we will review and finalise our proposed application having regard to the feedback received throughout. We will then produce a Consultation Report which will set out how the feedback from the pre-application consultation has shaped and influenced our proposed application.
- 10.4 In the Consultation Report we will also make it clear where we have not altered our proposals to reflect comments received and explaining our reasoning. The Consultation Report will be submitted to the Secretary of State as part of the Development Consent Order application.
- 10.5 Any comments received could be made public but no personal information will be published. Any personal data received as part of the Consultation will be stored and protected in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation. The privacy notice for those visiting the project website is available at: <https://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk/privacy/>

- 10.6 Gate Burton anticipates submitting an application for development consent for the Project late 2022/early 2023. PINS will have up to 28 days to decide whether to accept the application for examination. If accepted, there will be an opportunity for community and other stakeholders to submit representations and participate in the examination of the application.

## Continuing engagement

- 10.7 If, as a result of feedback, our proposals for the Project change to the extent that it is necessary to carry out further targeted Consultation, this will be undertaken in accordance with the principles and methods set out in the SoCC.

## Contact details

- 10.8 Our Project community relations team is available to provide you with assistance in finding out more about the Project and our consultation. You can contact the team using any of the methods listed below:
- 10.8.1 Email:  
[info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](mailto:info@gateburtonenergypark.co.uk)
- 10.8.2 Freepost:  
[FREEPOST, GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK](#)
- 10.8.3 Freephone:  
[0800 860 6259](#)

# Appendix 1 - Stage One - non-statutory consultation event programme

No.	Event date	Opening time	Location	Venue
1	Tue 25 Jan	18.30-20.00	Online event	Zoom – register to attend via website <a href="http://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk">www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk</a>
2	Wed 26 Jan	14.30-20.00	Knaith	Knaith Park Village Hall, Willingham Road, Knaith Park, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire DN21 5ET
3	Thu 27 Jan	14.30-20.00	North Leverton	North Leverton Methodist Chapel, Sturton Road, North Leverton, Nottinghamshire DN22 0AB
4	Tue 1 Feb	14.30-20.00	Treswell	Treswell Village Hall, Town Street, Treswell, Nottinghamshire DN22 0EE
5	Thu 3 Feb	12.30-17.00	Willingham-by-Stow	Willingham Village Hall, High Street, Willingham-by-Stow, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire DN21 5JZ
6	Sat 5 Feb	10.30-14.00	Marton & Gate Burton	Marton & Gate Burton Village Hall, Trent Port Road, Marton, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire DN21 5AR
7	Tue 8 Feb	18.30-20.00	Online event	Zoom – register to attend via website <a href="http://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk">www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk</a>

# Appendix 2 - List of gateway organisations and bodies

Seldom heard group	Gateway organisation/body
Economically inactive	<p>LEAP – Housing Support Service            Lincolnshire Food Partnership            Gainsborough Local Access Programme            Able Futures            Lincolnshire Rural Support Network (LRSN)            Lincolnshire Community Foundation            Nottinghamshire Community Foundation</p>
Young people	<p>Lincolnshire Youth Council            Lincoln and West Lindsey Youth Workers            Youth and Community Development – Lincoln and West Lindsey            Lincolnshire Young Farmers            Nottinghamshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs            Barnardos            Young Lincolnshire            Scouts Nottinghamshire            Scouts Lincolnshire            Girlguiding Lincolnshire North            Girlguiding Nottinghamshire</p> <p><b>Early Year and Primary schools</b></p> <p>Corringham C of E Primary School, Gainsborough            Frances Olive Anderson Primary School, Gainsborough            Sturton by Stow Primary School, Sturton by Stow            Warren Wood- A Specialist Academy, Gainsborough            Hillcrest Early Years Academy, Gainsborough            St Georges Church of England Community Primary School, Gainsborough            Gainsborough Nursery School, Gainsborough            Morton Trentside Primary School            The Gainsborough Parish Church C.E. Primary School, Gainsborough            Handel House Preparatory School, Gainsborough            Charles Baines Community Primary School, Gainsborough            Benjamin Adlard Primary School, Gainsborough            The Marton Academy, Marton</p> <p><b>Secondary schools and Academies</b></p> <p>The Gainsborough Academy, Gainsborough            Aegir S. Community School, Gainsborough            Queen Elizabeths High School, Gainsborough            William Farr School, Lincoln            Lincoln Castle Academy, Lincoln            The Priory Witham Academy, Lincoln            De Aston School, Market Rasen</p> <p><b>Colleges</b></p> <p>Riseholme College, Lincoln            Gainsborough College, Gainsborough            Ridgeway College, Lincoln            Lincoln College, Lincoln            Lincoln University Technical College, Lincoln            Lincoln Art College, Lincoln</p>

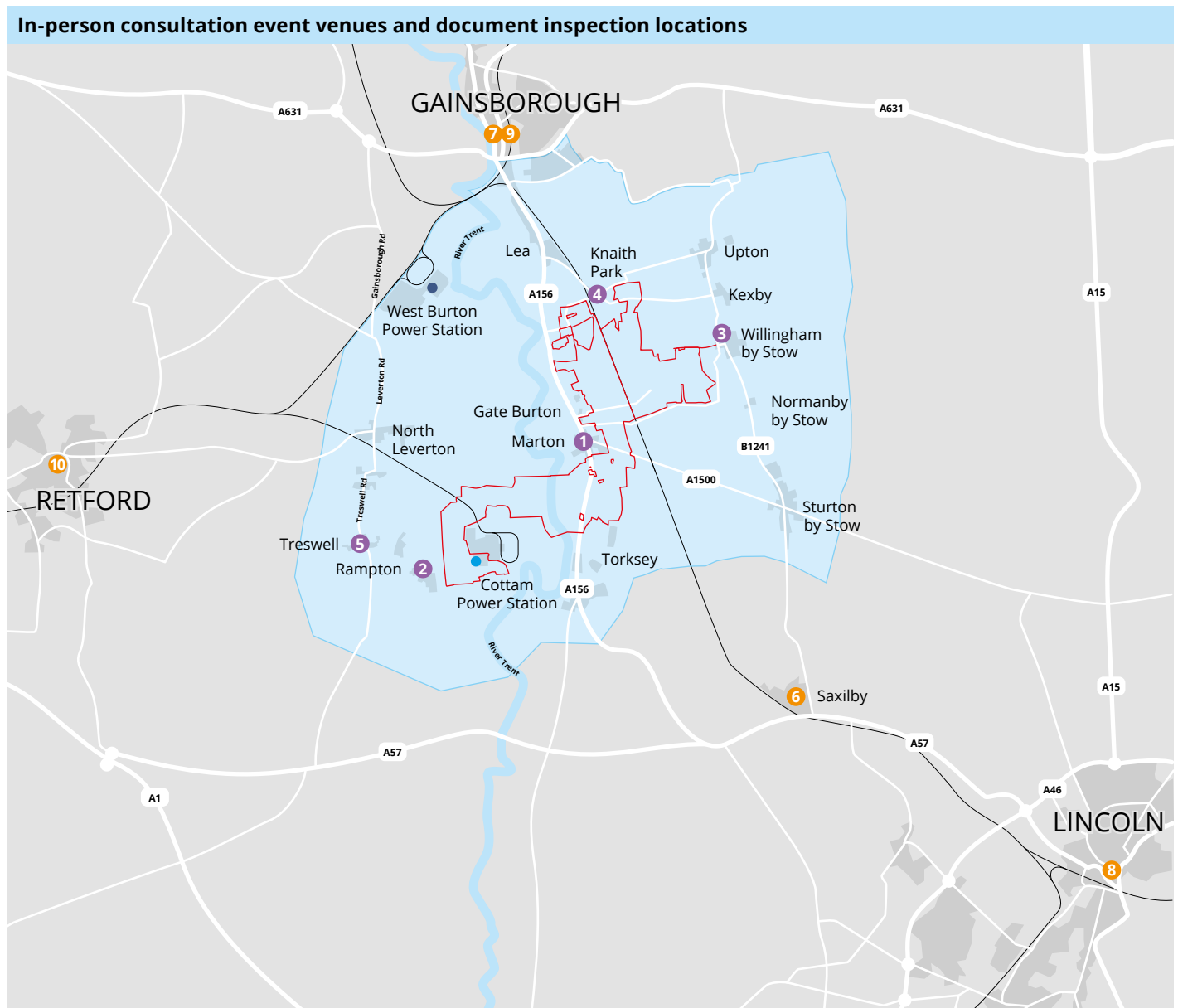
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<b>Seldom heard group</b>	<b>Gateway organisation/body</b>
<b>Older people</b>	Age UK Lincoln & South Lincolnshire Age UK Lindsey Age UK Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Lincolnshire Elderly Support
<b>Disabled people and those with learning disabilities</b>	4all – Lincolnshire Children's Disability Register Royal National Institute for Blind People (RNIB) Lincoln and Lindsey Blind Society My Sight Nottinghamshire Nottinghamshire Deaf Society British Deaf Association Lincolnshire Autistic Society Autism East Midlands Action on Disability Disability Lincs Disability Nottinghamshire Alzheimer's and Dementia Support
<b>Carers</b>	Adults Supporting Adults Active Lincolnshire Adult Care (Lincolnshire County Council) LTC – Beat It! Social Isolation
<b>Ethnic minorities</b>	Lincolnshire Polish Society Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain Lincolnshire Gypsy Liaison Group Friends, Families & Travellers National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups Lincolnshire Travellers Initiative BME Inclusion Service – Lincolnshire Lincolnshire Pamoja Nottingham Equal
<b>Carers businesses (time poor, busy working people)</b>	Federation of Small Business – Lincolnshire Federation of Small Business – Nottinghamshire East Midlands Chamber of Commerce Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce CBI East Midlands
<b>Other</b>	Voluntary Centre Services

# Appendix 3 - List of local interest groups and organisations

Category	Interest group/organisation
<b>Community Halls</b>	<p>Knaith Park Village Hall            Lea Village Hall            Morton Village Hall            Corringham Village Hall            Upton Cum Kexby Village Hall            Willingham Village Hall            Marton and Gate Burton Village Hall</p>
<b>Action Group</b>	<p>Bransbury Horses Rescue and Welfare</p>
<b>Environment and Nature</b>	<p>Lincolnshire Bird Club            RSPB Lincoln Local Group            Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust            Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust (Gainsborough)            Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust (Lincoln)            Langford Lowfields Nature Reserve            Beckingham Marshes Nature Reserve            Norton Disney History and Archaeology Group</p>
<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>	<p>Gainsborough Road Runners            Gainsborough Ramblers            Ramblers, Lincolnshire Walking Group            The Outdoors Project            Hobo Pace            Lincolnshire FA            Active Lincolnshire            Lincoln Bike Night            The Countryside Glamping Club            Burton Hunt Hunting Club            Canal &amp; River Trust Yacht Club            Hykeham Sailing Club            Foxcovert Fisheries            Lincoln Aero Club            Lincolnshire Lanes            Grace Park Caravan and Camping            Toft Newton Reservoir Fishing Club            Collingham Fishing Club            The Lincolnshire Federation of Young Farmers            Nottinghamshire Young Farmers Club            Retford Model Flying Club            Saxilby Bowls Club</p>

# Appendix 4 - Map showing location of in-person consultation events and deposit inspection locations

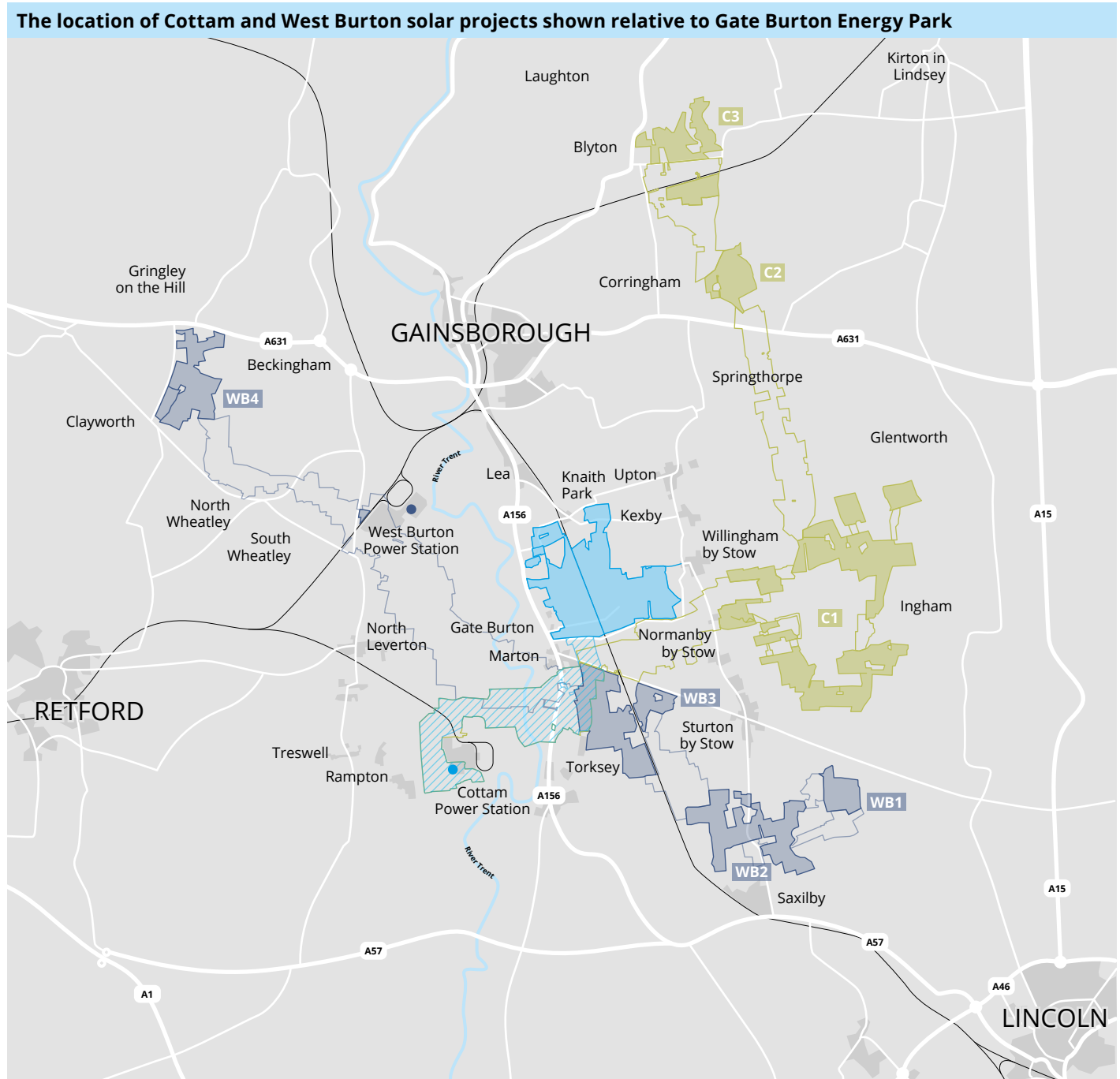


## Key

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|  DCO site               |  In-person consultation event locations: |  Document inspection locations: |
|  Core consultation zone | 1. Marton & Gate Burton Village Hall  | 6. Saxilby Library   |
|  Rail network           | 2. Rampton Village Hall   | 7. Gainsborough Library  |
|   | 3. Willingham-by-Stow Village Hall  | 8. Lincoln Central Library   |
|   | 4. Knaith Park Village Hall   | 9. West Lindsey District Council   |
|   | 5. Treswell Village Hall  | 10. Retford Library  |





# Appendix 5 - Map showing the location Cottam and West Burton solar projects relative to Gate Burton Energy Park







## Key

### Low Carbon:

-  Gate Burton Energy Park site
-  Gate Burton Energy Park connection corridor

### Island Green Power:

-  Cottam Solar Project
-  Cottam Solar Project connection corridors

-  West Burton Solar Project
-  West Burton Solar Project connection corridors

-  Rail network





## Contact us



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