

# THURROCK POWER LIMITED



## **Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant Planning Inspectorate Reference Number: EN010092**

### **Notice of Acceptance of an Application for Development Consent Order**

#### **Section 56 Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 9 Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009**

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has accepted for examination an application ('the Application') for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') under Section 37 Planning Act 2008, as amended ('the Act'), submitted by **Thurrock Power Limited** ('the Applicant') of 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 145 Kensington Church Street, London, W8 7LP, to authorise the construction, operation and decommissioning of a gas fired flexible electricity generation plant and battery storage facility in Thurrock, Essex ('the Proposed Development').

The application was submitted to the Secretary of State, via the Planning Inspectorate ('the Inspectorate'), on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and accepted for examination on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The reference number applied to the application by the Inspectorate is **EN010092**.

#### **The Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant Development**

The Proposed Development is located on land south west of Station Road near Tilbury, Essex. The British National Grid coordinates are TQ662766 and the nearest existing postcode is RM18 8UL.

The Proposed Development consists of: reciprocating gas engines with net electrical output totalling 600 MW, batteries with net electrical output of 150 MW and storage capacity of up to 600 MW, associated electrical and control equipment, creation of temporary and permanent private access routes for construction and access in operation including a permanent causeway for the delivery of abnormal indivisible loads by barge, a gas pipeline connection to the gas national transmission system, an electrical export connection via underground cables to the immediately adjacent National Grid Tilbury

Substation, and habitat creation or enhancement for protected species translocation and biodiversity gain.

### **Environmental Impact Assessment**

Due to the nature and size of the Proposed Development, it is classified as Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') development under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The application is therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement, which provides a detailed description of the Proposed Development and the findings of the EIA undertaken.

### **Copies of Application Documents**

The application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps, including the Environmental Statement and draft DCO, are available to view electronically and download, free of charge, on the Inspectorate's project website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/thurrock-flexible-generation-plant>

and in the 'Documents' section of the Applicant's website:

<http://thurrockpower.co.uk>

If you require alternative methods for inspection of the application documents, please telephone the applicant on: 0207 186 0580 or email:

[contact@thurrockpower.co.uk](mailto:contact@thurrockpower.co.uk)

We will consider your request and are able to provide guidance on using the project website, provide a USB stick containing the application documents free of charge, and/or offer free loan of the application documents on an electronic document reader during the period for making Representations (see below). Loaned electronic document readers will be delivered to your chosen address by courier arranged by the Applicant and collected after 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

The Applicant would normally make available at least one location for viewing the application documents in the vicinity of the application site. However, due to the current COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic and the UK Government's advice relating to health and safety, we are unable to provide hard copy documents to view at a deposit location in the locality of the proposed development site. The Applicant notes that the Government has issued guidance that a website is a 'place' for the purposes of inspecting documents across all planning regimes. We therefore strongly encourage you to take

advantage of the electronic methods of viewing the application documents set out above.

Hard copies of the application documents can be requested but will be subject to a maximum charge of £500 for each copy. Requests for electronic or hard copy documents can be made in the following ways:

- Email: [contact@thurrockpower.co.uk](mailto:contact@thurrockpower.co.uk)
- Telephone: 0207 186 0580

The application documents will be available for inspection until 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

### **Making Representations about the Proposed Development**

Any person may make representations (including giving notice of any interest in, comment on, or objection to the Application) by registering with the Inspectorate as an Interested Party. All representations must be made using the Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form, and give the grounds on which it is made. The form can be accessed and completed online from 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020, using the following web address:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/thurrock-flexible-generation-plant>

Please note that, due to the current health crisis in the UK, the Inspectorate can no longer send or receive paper forms. If you are unable to complete a registration form online and would like to register your interest, please call the Inspectorate helpline on: 0303 444 5000, quoting the name of the Application and Inspectorate reference: **EN010092**.

All representations must include details of the maker's name, address and telephone number, along with an outline of the points intended to be made at the examination stage.

Please ensure that you quote reference **EN010092** in all correspondence with the Inspectorate about the Application.

The Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.2: How to Register to Participate in an Examination (version 2, December 2016), provides further detailed guidance

on how to register as an Interested Party and how to make Relevant Representations. This advice note can be found at can be found at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/>

**Please note that representations can be made from 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and must be received by the Inspectorate by 23.59 on 18th August 2020.**

All representations submitted will be published on the Inspectorate's website and will be subject to their privacy policy, which can be viewed at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/help/privacy-and-cookie/>.

It should be noted that the Inspectorate is reviewing its procedures due to the coronavirus outbreak, so please monitor their website for periodic updates. You can sign up for updates using the 'sign up' link on the website.

Further information about the Application can be obtained from the Applicant using the following contact details:

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- Telephone: 0207 186 0580

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