



Dear Sir/Madam,

**Thurrock Power Limited (a Statera Energy Group Company)**

**Public consultation on application for new Gas Fired Electricity Generating Power Station and Battery Storage Facility on Tilbury Marshes to be known as Thurrock Power Flexible Generation Plant**

**Note: The formal consultation period will run from 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 to 11.59pm on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Any feedback forms/responses must be received by 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**1. Introduction**

Statera Energy Ltd (Statera) is a private British company that develops, builds and operates flexible electricity generating plant in the UK, such as gas 'peaking' plant and large-scale batteries, to support the national electricity grid when the demand for power is high and there is not enough supply. You can find details of the company and its activities on the website:

[www.stateraenergy.co.uk](http://www.stateraenergy.co.uk)

There is increasing need for this type of service, as more and more wind and solar power has been added to the grid network. Due to the inherently uncertain generation of these power sources, particularly at times of peak demand, there is a need for a flexible supply of electricity in the south-east, and more especially around London, where many of the old power stations have been closed in the last 40 years.

**2. Application for Development Consent Order**

To meet the need for a flexible electricity supply, Statera is proposing to develop a Gas Fired Electricity Generating Power Station and Battery Storage Facility on the Tilbury Marshes, directly north of the existing Tilbury substation. Both facilities will be located together and will have a combined capacity of up to 750 MW. Because the proposed scheme is in excess of 50 MW, it is classified as a 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project' under the Planning Act 2008. This means that, instead of a normal planning permission, Statera must seek consent (a Development Consent Order) from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to build and operate the proposed scheme.

The application will be made by Thurrock Power Limited (Thurrock Power) which is owned by Statera.

**3. Purpose of this Consultation Letter**

As part of the application process, Statera is required to consult the local community about the proposed development and we have agreed a plan with Thurrock Council, according to which the consultation will be conducted. The plan is contained in a document called the 'Statement of Community Consultation' and a copy can be found on the Thurrock Power website:

[www.thurrockpower.co.uk](http://www.thurrockpower.co.uk). It will also be included with the consultation materials deposited at the locations mentioned below during the consultation period.

You are receiving this letter as someone who either lives or has a business address within the 'Consultation Zone' or is situated along one of the proposed main access road(s) to be used during



the construction of the proposed development, or who may be impacted by it, to let you know about the consultation.

Information about the project is available in the following ways:

**(a) Public Consultation Exhibitions**

We will be holding four public consultation exhibitions to provide further information about the proposed development at the following locations and times:

Location	Venue	Date	Time
Gravesend	The Court Room, Gravesend Old Town Hall, High Street, Gravesend, DA11 0AZ	Tuesday 16th October 2018	11am to 8pm
West Tilbury	West Tilbury Village Hall, Rectory Road, West Tilbury, RM18 8UD	Tuesday 23rd October 2018	11am to 8pm
Tilbury Hub	Tilbury Hub, 16 Civic Square, Tilbury, RM18 8ZZ	Friday 2nd November 2018	11am to 8pm
Linford	Linford Village Hall, Lower Crescent, Linford, SS17 0QP	Wednesday 7th November 2018	11am to 5.30pm

**(b) Deposit Locations**

A set of documents about the development will be available at the following locations within the consultation zone from 16<sup>th</sup> October 24<sup>th</sup> until 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018:

Location	Address
Thurrock Council	Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, RM17 6SL
Tilbury Hub	16 Civic Square, Tilbury, RM18 8ZZ
Gravesend Library	Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1BE
Chadwell St Mary Library	Brentwood Road, Chadwell St Mary, Grays, RM16 4JP

These documents will include:

- Statement of Community Consultation
- A 'have your say' document, which will inform you about the proposed development and the ways in which you can give us your views
- DVD and/or paper copy of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which will contain details and findings of the environmental assessments carried out in relation to the potential environmental impacts of the proposed development, including a Non-Technical Summary
- A plan showing the application area
- Feedback forms for you to complete and return to us either by email or Freepost (to: Freepost THURROCK POWER)

**(c) Online**

The documents listed above will be available on the project website:

[www.thurrockpower.co.uk](http://www.thurrockpower.co.uk) from 16<sup>th</sup> October until 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

If you are unable to access the consultation documents by any of the above means, please contact Thurrock Power, either by telephone: 0207 1860580, by email: [contact@thurrockpower.co.uk](mailto:contact@thurrockpower.co.uk), or by Freepost to : Freepost THURROCK POWER and we will send you a copy of the 'have your say' document and a feedback form by post.



#### **4. Your Feedback**

A feedback form is enclosed with this letter. Feedback forms will also be available at the public exhibitions, on the project website and at the deposit locations within the consultation zone listed above, or by telephoning, emailing or writing to us using the details in paragraph 3, above. We encourage you to complete and return this form by email or by Freepost to allow you to have your say about the proposed development. Alternatively, you can simply write to us by email or Freepost with your comments.

If you are able to attend one of the public consultation exhibitions, members of the Thurrock Power project team will be present to answer any questions you may have. Copies of the 'have your say' document and feedback forms will also be available for you to take away with you, along with DVD copies of the PEIR.

We will take your comments into account and explain how we have done so in a Consultation Report, which will be submitted with our application for Development Consent once the consultation process has been completed.

**Please note that all responses and feedback forms must be received by Thurrock Power by the closing date of 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018.** We cannot guarantee that feedback received after this date will be considered.

#### **5. Other Schemes in the Area**

You may be aware of National Grid's major substation on Tilbury Marshes, which has provided the grid connection for Tilbury power station in the past. This connection point remains in place as a critical National Grid facility on the electricity network. This is why RWE has located its Tilbury Energy Centre and Thurrock Power its flexible electricity plant, near to this substation. The two schemes are independent of each other but in many respects are complimentary and will do much to provide resilience to the electricity system.

We recognise that there is a lot of development going on in the area alongside these two proposed energy projects, not least the Tilbury 2 port development, the proposed Lower Thames Crossing and the Government pushing for more land for housing. We have therefore made sure that we understand what all these developments mean together and what our proposal adds to the potential impact.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. We hope it gives you a little of the background to our proposed scheme but, more importantly, a way to obtain further information and provide your feedback.

Finally, please note: requests for information about the proposed development in other formats (for example, large print or braille) will be considered upon request.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Troup  
Director | Statera Energy Limited

Encs. Feedback Form

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