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To all Interested Parties

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010091

Date: 6 November 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning
(Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 13 and Rule 16**

**Application by Drax Power Ltd for an Order Granting Development
Consent for the Drax Re-power Project**

Notification of hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)

We write to all Interested Parties to announce the dates, times and places of forthcoming hearings which will be held between 4 and 6 December 2018, and the date, time and meeting place for an ASI on 4 December 2018. Important details about the hearings and the ASI are set out at **Annex A** and **Annex B** to this letter.

Hearings

We write to advise you that the following hearings will be held on:

Tuesday 4 December 2018

Open Floor Hearing, 3.00pm (Doors open at 2.30pm) at Goole Leisure Centre, North Street, Goole DN14 5QX (**NB: Please note that we have been informed by the venue that this meeting must finish by 4.00pm**)

Wednesday 5 December 2018

Issue Specific Hearing on Environmental Matters, 10.00am (Doors open at 9.30am) at Goole Leisure Centre, North Street, Goole DN14 5QX

Thursday 6 December 2018

Issue Specific Hearing on the draft Development Consent Order, 10.00am (Doors open at 9.30am) at Goole Leisure Centre, North Street, Goole DN14 5QX; and

Compulsory Acquisition Hearing, 2.00pm (Doors open at 1.30pm) at Goole Leisure Centre, North Street, Goole DN14 5QX

Details and arrangements for these hearings are set out at **Annex A**.

We would be grateful if you would inform us if you plan to attend any of the hearings (even if you do not wish to speak) **no later than 22 November 2018**. It would also assist us if you could notify the Planning Inspectorate's case team of any special needs you may have (eg: disabled access, hearing loop etc). Please ensure that you include your Interested Party reference number in all correspondence. This can be found either in the email covering this letter or on the postcard you have received.

The time allocated for each of the hearings has been estimated based on the matters identified for consideration. Should a hearing take less time than anticipated, the ExA may conclude the hearing as soon as all relevant contributions have been made and all questions asked and responded to. Equally, if there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time at any hearing, there may be a need to continue the session for longer on the day, or adjourn the hearing and continue at a subsequent sitting. Alternatively, the ExA may choose to prioritise certain matters and defer others to further written questions, to be issued on Tuesday 15 January 2018.

An agenda for each of the hearings will be published on our website in the week before each event.

Accompanied Site Inspection

In addition to the hearings above, an ASI is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 4 December 2018**. Details and arrangements for the ASI are set out at **Annex B**.

The site inspection will begin at the **Drax Sports and Social Club, Main Road, Drax, Selby YO8 8PJ** at **10.00am**. Transport will be provided to take attendees for a tour of the application site followed by an inspection of a number of locations in the vicinity.

Attendees are reminded that the purpose of the site inspection is to view the site and surroundings in the context of the written material. No representations should be made, or discussions on points of merit conducted, at this inspection.

The inspection will include some walking on uneven or wet ground. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather, and sturdy footwear. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) can be provided by the applicant.

Due to the requirement to wear PPE whilst on the application site and security requirements, and because capacity on the minibus that will be used for the ASI is limited, we would be grateful if parties wishing to attend could advise the case team in writing (email or post) by **22 November 2018** indicating:

- Your boot size for PPE if not bringing sturdy footwear
- If you have restricted mobility and require a vehicle with wheelchair access
- Any other special needs you may have

Please ensure that you include your Interested Party reference number in all correspondence. This can be found either in the email covering this letter or on the postcard you have received.

Further details of the arrangements for the site inspection and an itinerary will be published on the Drax Re-power project page of the National Infrastructure Planning Website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/drax-re-power/?ipcsection=overview>

Please note that if any of the events scheduled at **Annex A** or **Annex B** are no longer required, reasonable notice will be provided to Interested Parties of our decision to cancel them. This will include a notice published on the above website.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Inspectorate's case team.

Yours faithfully

Richard Allen

Richard Allen
Lead Member of the Panel of Examining

Annexes:

Annex A – Dates, times and place for forthcoming Examination hearings

Annex B – Date, time and meeting place for Accompanied Site Inspection

Dates, times and place for forthcoming Examination hearings

Open Floor Hearing 2

Please be advised that the ExA will hold a second open floor hearing under Section 93 of the PA2008 on the following date:

| Date | Venue | Time | Notes |
|-----------------|--|--|--|
| 4 December 2018 | Goole Leisure Centre, North Street, Goole DN14 5QX | Start 3:00pm (seating available from 2:30am) | To hear oral evidence based on relevant or written representations |

Please note that each participant will be provided with one opportunity to speak. **The ExA will not wish to hear submissions from groups or individuals repeated.**

If you wish to participate in or observe the Open Floor Hearing, please let the Planning Inspectorate's case team know by emailing DraxRe-power@pins.gsi.gov.uk **no later than 22 November 2018** indicating your wish to attend, the topics in respect of which you wish to speak and any special needs you may have (eg: disabled access, hearing loop etc).

Each Interested Party should assume that they will be allowed a maximum speaking time of 15 minutes in total for all submissions that they wish to make in this session. Please note that in the event that there are an exceptional number of potential submissions, it may be necessary to be more restrictive.

If the ExA decides that it is necessary to provide an agenda for this hearing, this will be published on our website approximately one week prior to the hearing.

Issue Specific Hearings

Please be advised that the Examining Authority (ExA) will hold hearings under Section 91 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) on the following dates:

| Date | Venue | Time | Notes |
|-----------------|--|---|--|
| 5 December 2018 | Goole Leisure Centre, North Street, Goole DN14 5QX | Start 10:00am (seating available from 9:30am) | Issue Specific Hearing 1 dealing with matters relating to the Environmental Matters including, but not limited to, the main issues identified in Annex B of the Rule 6 letter. |
| 6 December 2018 | Goole Leisure Centre, North Street, Goole DN14 5QX | Start 10:00am (seating available from 9:30am) | Issue Specific Hearing 2 Issue Specific Hearing dealing with matters relating to the draft Development Consent Order. |

If you wish to participate in or observe at either of the Issue Specific Hearings scheduled on 5 and 6 December 2018, please let the Planning Inspectorate's case team know by emailing DraxRe-power@pins.gsi.gov.uk **no later than 22 November 2018** indicating your wish to attend, the topics in respect of which you wish to speak and any special needs you may have (eg: disabled access, hearing loop etc).

Agendas for the Issue Specific Hearings will be published on our website approximately one week prior to the hearing to which they relate taking place.

Compulsory Acquisition Hearing

Please be advised that the ExA will hold a hearing under Section 92 of the PA2008 on the following date:

| Date | Venue | Time | Notes |
|-----------------|--|--|--|
| 6 December 2018 | Goole Leisure Centre, North Street, Goole DN14 5QX | Start 2:00pm (seating available from 1:30pm) | Dealing with matters relating to the proposed Compulsory Acquisition of land and rights, and the Temporary Possession powers proposed. |

If you wish to participate in or observe the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing, please let the Planning Inspectorate's case team know by emailing DraxRepower@pins.gsi.gov.uk **no later than 22 November 2018** indicating your wish to attend, the topics in respect of which you wish to speak and any special needs you may have (eg: disabled access, hearing loop etc).

An agenda for the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing will be published on our website approximately one week prior to the hearing.

Annex B

Date, time and meeting place for Accompanied Site Inspection

Please be advised that the Examining Authority (ExA) will hold an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) under Rule 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 on the following date:

| Date | Meeting Place | Time |
|-----------------|---|--------------------------|
| 4 December 2018 | Drax Sports and Social Club, Main Road, Drax, Selby YO8 8PJ | Start 10:00am |

Attendees are requested to arrive at the meeting places by **9.30am** to receive a compulsory safety briefing and introductory remarks from the Applicant and the Planning Inspectorate. The ASI will commence as soon as possible after these statements have been made.

The inspection will include some walking on uneven or wet ground. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather, and sturdy footwear.

If you wish to attend the ASI please let the Planning Inspectorate's case team know by emailing DraxRepower@pins.gsi.gov.uk **no later than 22 November 2018** indicating your wish to attend and any special needs you may have (eg: disabled access etc).

Please be reminded that the purpose of the site inspection is to allow the ExA to look at particular physical features, first hand. It is not an opportunity to make any oral representations about the application to the ExA.