

The Drax Power (Generating Stations) Order

Land at, and in the vicinity of, Drax Power Station, near Selby, North Yorkshire

Consultation Report

Appendix 5 - Responses to Non-statutory Consultation



The Planning Act 2008 – Section 37(3)(c)
The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure)
Regulations 2009 – Regulation 5(2)(q)

Drax Power Limited

Drax Repower Project

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Table 5-1 - Responses to non-statutory consultation

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DR241117-01	Over 60	Drax Sports & Social Club	News article			Supportive	Your experts chat gave me a very clear picture of the station's position regarding other sources of supply.	All my questions were explained adequately.	Yes	N/A	Paper
DR241117-02	Over 60	Drax Sports & Social Club	Leaflet	Advertisement	News article	Supportive	Looks like a sound investment for the future. Using technology that's available with environmental issues always a concern.	The two main issues to cover are noise and emissions which will be a top priority for the forest.	Yes	Only updates and proposals	Paper
DR241117-03	Over 60	Drax Sports & Social Club	News article			Supportive	Hope it works.	N/A	Yes	N/A	Paper
DR241117-04	Over 60	Drax Sports & Social Club	News article	Leaflet		Supportive	Can only be a good thing, to bring DRAX into the future.	None	Yes	None	Paper
DR241117-05	Over 60	Drax Sports & Social Club	Word of mouth			Supportive	Ensure landowners are properly consulted.	Construction traffic, please use M62	Yes	Possible video.. (illegible)	Paper
DR241117-06	46-60	Selby Town Hall	Twitter			Supportive	Well presented. I have no direct local interest, so cannot comment on environmental impact, but have no concerns about plans to increase	Only concern is long-term stability of gas supply and whether increasing demand for gas is seen as	Yes	N/A	Paper

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DR241117-07	46-60	Drax Sports & Social Club	News article			Supportive	I think it's a really good idea! Glad to see that DRAX is to be reinvented rather than closed down. Very imaginative use of new technology. Exciting to see innovation and efficient use of valuable energy resources.	Where is the gas coming from? Fracking, Norway, Russia? There are mostly green issues to be highlighted and find cost of electric to the consumers.	Yes	As a local landowner we need to plan ASAP so the final route of the pipeline will be useful.	Paper
DR241117-08	46-60	Drax Sports & Social Club	News article			Supportive	All looks positive-good employment opportunities.	None	Yes	No	Paper
DR241117-09	Under 25	Selby Town Hall	Advertisement			Supportive	I feel like this will be a very effective and efficient proposal when it is built. The fact that you can select what generators you can turn on and off is a smart move because it will allow more flexibility.	I feel that there are no issues with these plans and proposals.	Yes	Have a video project onto help with the description of what is happening.	Paper
DR241117-10	Over 60	Selby Town Hall	Leaflet	Drax website	Advertisement	Supportive	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Paper

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DR241117-11	Over 60	Selby Town Hall	News article	Advertisement	Word of mouth	Supportive	DRAX at the forefront of power technology again! Just hope it keeps the costs done down. Needs something like this: the wind doesn't always blow or the sun always shine. If past projects are to be considered we often don't notice any local disruption.	N/A	Yes	More information should be forthcoming by them. It would be much appreciated.	Paper
DR241117-12	46-60	Selby Town Hall	Word of mouth			Supportive	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Paper
DR241117-13	46-60	Selby Town Hall	News article	Word of mouth	Advertisement	Supportive	Very good project-about time DRAX took up gas generator, seems good use of the existing infrastructure and the economies and environmental benefits will benefit the customers and UK included.	None really	Yes	Perhaps a video showing the process and more detail on technology (contracts, consultation programme etc.)	Paper
DR241117-14	Over 60	Selby Town Hall	News article	Advertisement		Supportive	600 mw gas turbines seem ambitious.	N/A	Yes	N/A	Paper
DR241117-15	Over 60	Selby Town Hall	News article			Supportive	I think the proposals are an excellent way forward when considering the	I don't think so and to add a footnote, I thought the staff	Yes	Maybe a cup of tea and biscuit.	Paper

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DR241117-16	Over 60	Junction Goole	News article	Poster		Supportive	It sounds an excellent idea providing more resilience within the national grid by having a variety of fuel options, also continuing to use modern technology to provide efficient and clean fuel and have a way to store power for peaks and unexpected breakdowns.	Safety aspect with increased road traffic transport by river should be used where possible.	Yes	N/A	Paper
DR241117-17	46-60	Drax Sports & Social Club	Drax website				N/A	Traffic volumes during construction. Road improvements in local area.	Somewhat	N/A	Paper

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DR241117-18	Over 60	Selby Town Hall	News article			Supportive	Use of existing site rather than a new site is kinder to the environment as more cost effective. There is little alternative to this development in view of future ban of coal burning. Has any investigation been made of removing boilers 6 & 6 & using that space to house the new plant or part of it?	An increased MW output will attract increased revenue but how will ancillary services offered to grid be affected such as frequency responses?	Yes	N/A	Paper
DR241117-19	Over 60	Drax Sports & Social Club	Leaflet				Vague	Noise/pollution for DRAX resident. However, house prices for Drax folk	No	Usual consultation process followed. What was missing? No benefits to DRAX folk. No support to village. No free lighting for village. Nothing to encourage real partnership between DRAX power and DRAX villagers. Basically repower DRAX. Takes all.	Paper

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DR241117-20	Over 60	Drax Sports & Social Club	Leaflet			Neutral	Information was limited to little more than was provided in the leaflet.	Noise of construction -potential devastation of current village properties -disruption -local employment	Somewhat	website information and updates would be useful.	Paper
DR241117-21	Over 60	Junction Goole	News article			Supportive	We need to do something to keep the lights on without using coal. Using batteries to store power for use in outages is a great thing.	Emissions from the stacks. Technology moves on and there may be ways in the future of filtering nitrogen oxides. I think it would be wise to make some provision for the future. You may be able to channel carbon monoxide and dioxide through greenhouses.	Yes	More info on the control of emissions. More info on alternative biofuels ie the Japanese have developed a process of reducing coke to compressed blocks that have very little emissions. Are you using the science community enough- some displays of your involvement would be useful.	Paper
DR241117-22	Over 60	Drax Sports & Social Club	Advertisement			Neutral	Should we be burning gas like this and not use natural resources more.	N/A	Yes	No	Paper
DR241117-23		Drax Sports & Social Club				Opposed	Learnt nowt	what route?	No	Advance notification of dinner possibilities. Had mine today so	Paper

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DR241117-24	Over 60	Junction Goole	News article	Word of mouth		Supportive	A good idea for the future generation.	No	Yes	No	Paper
DR241117-25	46-60	Junction Goole	Drax employee comms	Drax website		Supportive	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Paper
DR241117-26		Selby Town Hall	News article	Leaflet		Supportive	Satisfied	Lighting around the plant, please can it be kept to the minimum. There is a lot of light pollution on the biomass plant, I understand this is for safety reasons. Could there be some shielding over the topside of the lights.	Yes	No	Paper
DR241117-27	Over 60	Junction Goole				Supportive	Happy it on nearly same footprint.	Green lobby, jobs, disruption during building phase.	Somewhat	N/A	Paper
DR241117-28	Over 60	Drax Sports & Social Club	News article			Supportive	Very interesting and a good thought out proposal for future energy supply.	N/A	Yes	N/A	Paper

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DR241117-29	Over 60	Drax Sports & Social Club	News article			Supportive	Exciting. Forward looking. Imaginative, also soundly based on known technology, but with flexibility for new developments.	Only area not discussed (probably not surprisingly given the existing situation) is possible CO2 capture.	Yes	N/A	Paper
DR241117-30	Over 60	Drax Sports & Social Club	News article	Advertisement		Neutral	Pleased that so much thought has been put into this project, the people on site were very happy to talk and very informative. Answered a lot of questions.	Take care of wildlife, but it seems you have thought about that. There was a proposal at Hatfield Colliery for a gas pipe and power station- is anything happening there?	Somewhat	No, think it is well set up. Just hope you stick to all you are saying. It's got to be better than nuclear we don't want that. Seem in the past power concerns have been very short-sighted.	Paper
DR241117-31	46-60	Drax Sports & Social Club	Leaflet			Neutral	Very informative	Security of neighbouring dwellings and businesses	Yes	Computerised animation	Paper

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DR241117-32	46-60	Drax Sports & Social Club	Leaflet			Neutral	No red lines marked on notice outside house.	1. How long the pipeline construction phase will last in the vicinity of my property- 3.5 acre plot + house adjacent to but not within option A. 2. Effects on access to my property and house where I live. 3. there are archaeological monuments in the vicinity e.g. medieval moated site at scruff hall farm.	Yes	N/A	Paper
DR241117-33	46-60	Drax Sports & Social Club	Drax website			Supportive	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Paper
DR241117-34	Over 60	Drax Sports & Social Club	Advertisement			Supportive	Sounds fine	No	Yes	No	Paper
DR241117-35	46-60	Drax Sports & Social Club	Leaflet			Supportive	Would prefer to see site utilised than dismantled.	Logistics. Impact on Country road-road sweepers. Plenty of information available and update to - Parish Council	Yes	N/A	Paper

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DR241117-36	Over 60	Drax Sports & Social Club	Leaflet			Supportive	Well presented and easily understood.	Flood risks and transport, noise	Yes	N/A	Paper
DR241117-37	Over 60	Drax Sports & Social Club	Advertisement			Supportive	A good step forward.	the possible use of waste heat (740%) for local housing and industry. More effort on carbon capture especially in the light. (illegible)..release of more funds for C.C	No	More info a) battery efficiency b) costs of generators before and after	Paper
DR271117-38	46-60	Drax Sports & Social Club	Word of mouth			Supportive	Feel for the local residents as it doesn't affect me directly but is necessary and positive to know DRAX, but it is necessary and positive to know DRAX will be a leading force in this essential technology. It's a shame the expansion doesn't require more cooling towers! Always been a fan of the sheer beauty & scale of the sculptural towers.	The age bracket of the more mature residents affected. Those who have retired to this lovely rural area will be most affected and must be concerned about their property values should they find the disruption too much.	Yes	No, well organised and informative. Glad you will be advising people who attended of the next stage exhibitions. Well planned & appreciated.	Paper

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DR271117-39	Over 60	Drax Sports & Social Club	News article			Neutral	We love the view of DRAX and it's impressive scale and industrial presence amongst the rural setting. We are massive nature lovers and know because of DRAX commitment to the surrounding environment that everything is possible will be done to ensure the least impact.	Only that the timescale for the construction period may be the remainder of the more elderly residents lifetime. Should be taken into account and possibly compensated for the disruption affecting those in that age bracket.	Yes	No the structure was clear and informative	Paper

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DR271117-40	26-45	No Exhibition attended	Drax website			Opposed	<p>Drax has decided to go from burning fossil fuels (coal) to burning fossil fuels (gas) at units 5 and 6. Additionally, as it claimed that electric car battery production is the most polluting activity on Earth, industrial sized batteries will be even worse (I know they won't pollute when completed). How will the pollution of both activity be mitigated? Why is Drax investing in fossil fuel technology and massively polluting activity when solar and wind are becoming cheaper and cheaper? Why aren't the units being converted to wood pellets? The group's green credentials will be massively impaired by their decision.</p>	<p>The group's green credentials will be massively impaired by their decision to replace fossil fuel burning units with fossil fuel burning units and battery production is the most polluting activity on Earth. Mitigating the pollution of these activities will be critical otherwise Drax's green credentials will be destroyed. With the exception of United States, the top 10 countries with the largest gas reserves on Earth have poor human rights records and government structures which are incompatible with the group's corporate values. The group's gas procurement</p>	Not applicable	N/A	Online

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DR271117-41	26-45	No Exhibition attended	Leaflet			Opposed	I strongly feel that the proposals are a step backwards. Non renewable power supplies like those used at Drax are not the future and investment should not be made in them. While I recognise Drax may feel it is making a commercial decision the impact on the wider community opens questions as to whether investment in gas fired generation is appropriate. It clearly is not. Drax's history with renewables in the form of bio-fuels is poor in that the carbon footprint of the materials used is massive and there is no reason to suppose their environmental credentials will improve here. They are an unpleasant presence in the village funding an ugly, non traditional social club that destroyed a traditional village	See above!	No	Yes - why consult in Goole and Selby? There you are consulting workers not residents. We, the villagers are the ones who will suffer.	Online

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							<p>pub. They are a noisy, smelly neighbour whose unsightly presence is unwelcome and anachronistic. This is not the future of sustainable energy. The trucks coming to Drax are currently a menace to local cyclists, the proposed works will worsen this and also cause disruption to all residents. The Drax security vans are also an unwelcome presence in the village behaving like a private police force and should be contained to the Drax site, these proposals widening the site will naturally widen their remit. On social, environmental and amenity grounds I would object. I also feel that any alteration to flood risk is unacceptable. We researched flood risk carefully before purchasing our house and should not have to suffer its</p>				

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							potential alteration to allow Drax to plough ahead with proposals it is making only as a fall back position having failed to achieve the go-ahead for the proposals it has made in the last few years. The faster this anachronistic dinosaur and shameful blot on our landscape is closed the better.				

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DR051217-42	Over 60	Junction Goole	News article			Neutral	Worthy - but a drop in the ocean of with Pollution from China & India. Of course those countries want to progress but what is the point in lower wattage vacuum cleaners/hairdryers, light bulbs etc. foisted on us by EU - in face of that?	USA's stance on climate change is their profligate use of planet earth's resources. They do not want to lower their standards of living	Yes	If possible make it simpler to understand and try to encourage more people to attend. Schools, colleges etc.	
DR131217-43	Over 60	No Exhibition attended	Drax employee comms			Supportive	Environmentally friendly process. Safe environment to work in and visit. Impact on river fish (illegible)	Impact on river fish and	Somewhat	Environmental impact of plant process would be interesting and hopefully reasoning.	Paper