

# The Drax Power (Generating Stations) Order

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

Consultation Report

Appendix 15 - Emails sent to Consultees



The Planning Act 2008 – Section 37(3)(c)  
The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure)  
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## **Drax Power Limited**

Drax Repower Project

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## 15.1 Drax information update (8 January 2018)

subject: letter from Drax Power Limited executive re: proposal for new power generation & battery storage / statutory consultation period



### Proposal for new power generation

#### PERIOD OF STATUTORY CONSULTATION

#### PROPOSED REPOWER OF UP TO TWO COAL FIRED UNITS TO GAS TOGETHER WITH BATTERY STORAGE AT DRAX POWER STATION

I write in relation to our proposals for the Drax Repower Project that were announced last year, and specifically with regard to the forthcoming period of statutory public consultation that starts on January 16<sup>th</sup> and ends on February 27<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Our proposals comprise the repowering of up to two of the existing generating units at Drax Power Station from coal-fired to gas, with battery storage capability. The proposed new gas units would connect to the existing 400kV National Grid substation within the existing Drax Power Station complex. A new gas pipeline would provide fuel for the new generating units from the national gas transmission system. The Repower project requires the approval of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy.

Over recent months, our project team has undertaken a series of environmental and engineering studies that will inform the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) that needs to be submitted to the Secretary of State (we expect to submit the application in the second quarter of this year). As part of our preliminary assessment work, we have consulted Selby District Council, North Yorkshire County Council and East Riding of Yorkshire Council, as well as local landowners and a range of other organisations. In October/November 2017, we shared our outline plans with local communities in the vicinity of Drax – via a leaflet to homes and businesses, exhibitions, social media, reports in the local media and advertisements.

Before we finalise our plans and submit our application, we are inviting local people, your parish council (and others in the wider area), local landowners and other interested parties to give their views on the project during a prescribed period of statutory consultation (January 16<sup>th</sup> to February 27<sup>th</sup> 2018).

In recent days, local homes and businesses within three kilometres of Drax have received the attached leaflet, giving additional information on our plans, details of the exhibitions (five to be held – see below) and the location of places where they can access the information if they are unable to visit one of the exhibitions. Information about the project, including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and our Statement of Community Consultation, can also be accessed via our dedicated website <http://repower.drax.com>, which also has an online feedback form.

On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Yorkshire Post published an abbreviated version of our Statement of Community Consultation. Over the next 7-10 days, we will advertise details of the exhibitions and the statutory period of consultation in the local and national press and via social media, we will directly inform local journalists, we will display posters in the local area and we will contact a range of local groups and organisations.

Selby District Council, North Yorkshire County Council and East Riding of Yorkshire Council, as well as nine parish councils in the near vicinity of the Power Station, local landowners and other parties that have a statutory interest will shortly receive a copy of the PEIR, a non-technical summary of the PEIR and the leaflet.

Public exhibitions will be held at:

- o Selby Town Hall, York St, Selby, YO8 4AJ. Saturday 20th January 2018 from 10am until 4pm.
- o Drax Sports & Social Club, Main Road, Drax, YO8 8PJ. Tuesday 23rd January 2018 from 3pm until 8pm.
- o Junction, 2 Paradise Place, Goole, DN14 5DL. Wednesday 24th January 2018 from 2pm until 7pm.
- o Selby Town Hall, York Street, Selby, YO8 4AJ. Thursday 1st February 2018 from 10am until 4pm.
- o Hemingbrough Methodist Church Hall, 2 Main Street, Hemingbrough, Selby YO8 6QE. Friday, 2nd February 2018 from 9.30am until 1.30pm.

Please note that as well as information on our proposed project, the exhibitions will provide the opportunity to discuss and understand the DCO process, including how organisations and individuals may register their views and opinions throughout the decision-making process post submission of the application. We hope therefore you will be able to join us at one of the events. In the meantime if you would like to know more about any aspect of the Repower Project, please contact us via [draxrepower@drax.com](mailto:draxrepower@drax.com) or call us on 0800 731 8250.

Yours sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Andrew Koss.

Andrew Koss,  
CEO, Drax Power

## 15.2 Drax information update (7 February 2018)



### **INFORMATION UPDATE, February 7<sup>th</sup> 2018**

#### **PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS ABOUT DRAX REPOWER HELD, CONSULTATION PERIOD REMAINS OPEN UNTIL 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

The final public exhibitions about the Drax Repower project were held last week in Selby and Hemingbrough but people still have until 27<sup>th</sup> February to consider the project's Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and share their feedback with Drax.

Over the past fortnight, five exhibitions have been held in the local area. The project team has also recently met Selby District councillors and representatives of the parish councils that are very local to Drax Power Station.

The public exhibitions explained the main elements of the Repower project, the need for it to be built, the main points from the PEIR and the various studies that Drax and its project team has undertaken over recent months. The exhibitions also showed visitors what the Repower project could look like from different viewpoints, including two possible routes for the c. 3km underground pipeline that would connect the power station to the national gas grid. 135 people visited the exhibitions and spoke with members of the project team.

The exhibition boards can now be viewed on the project website (<http://repower.drax.com>), alongside a leaflet about the project, the PEIR, a Project Overview document and the project's Statement of Community Consultation. The suite of documents can also be viewed at Access Selby, County Hall in Northallerton and East Riding of Yorkshire's Customer Service Centre in Beverley. The libraries in Selby, Snaith and Goole also host these documents.

Gathering local feedback to the Repower project is an important part of the planning process, and people have until 5.00pm on February 27<sup>th</sup> to provide their feedback. They can do this via the project website, by email to [DraxRepower@drax.com](mailto:DraxRepower@drax.com) or by writing to us at FREEPOST DRAX REPOWER.

Alternatively, if your Councillors would prefer to discuss the Repower Project with the Drax team directly, then please let us know and we would be happy to arrange a meeting at your convenience. Please email us or call us on 0800 731 8250.

Whilst the statutory period of consultation remains open till the end of this month, the project team is continuing its engineering and environmental studies. The team will also consider the feedback that it receives from local people, local councils and various other organisations. The feedback will help inform the final designs of the project.

Currently, Drax is aiming to finalise and submit its application to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy within the next 3-4 months. A final decision from the Secretary of State, after an independent examination period, could be expected in the second half of 2019. Drax will issue further Information Updates as the project moves forward.

**Paul Taylor**  
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### 15.3 Drax information update (5 March 2018)



#### Proposal for new power generation

INFORMATION UPDATE, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2018  
STATUTORY PERIOD OF CONSULTATION CLOSES FOR DRAX REPOWER PROJECT

I am writing to update you on the Drax Repower project.

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, the six-week period of statutory consultation on the project ended. The consultation follows extensive publicity on the project including advertisements in local newspapers and social media and an information leaflet distributed to homes and businesses within a c. three-kilometre radius of Drax Power Station.

During the period of statutory consultation, we received significant interest from local people, many of whom shared their comments with us via comment forms, email and social media. In addition, around 135 people attended one of our five exhibitions in the local area to discuss the proposals with us.

The feedback we have received to date from the local community indicates that they are broadly supportive of the project and accept the need for gas-fired power generation. Several respondents also referenced specific aspects of the project, including:

- Controlling emissions from the gas-fired plants
- The role of battery storage
- The impacts of the project on the local environment; and
- Transport/traffic management during the period of construction.

The Preliminary Environmental Information Report, provided during the statutory consultation, outlined our proposed approach to mitigating these issues. Further consideration will be given to these issues in our Environmental Impact Assessment, which will be finalised over the coming months and made available as part of our planning submission.

Whilst the statutory period is now closed, we will continue to consider the feedback we have received from members of the public, local landowners and statutory organisations prior to submitting a Development Consent Order (DCO) application to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy. In the meantime, we will maintain our engagement with local stakeholders and answer any questions the public might have.

Our aim is to submit the DCO application by the end of June and we will tell you when we do so. Thereafter, there are a number of steps in the process including the acceptance of our application for examination by the Planning Inspectorate, followed by an independent examination period, which registered parties will be able to take part in; this could commence as early as the autumn. We will alert people to these milestones.

If you have any questions about the statutory consultation Period or any aspect of the project, please email us at [DraxRepower@drax.com](mailto:DraxRepower@drax.com), phone us on 0800 731 8250 or write to us at FREEPOST DRAX REPOWER.

Yours faithfully  
Andy Koss  
CEO, Drax Power

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