

The Drax Power (Generating Stations) Order

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

Consultation Report

Appendix 19 - Draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)



The Planning Act 2008 – Section 37(3)(c)
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Drax Power Limited

Drax Repower Project

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THE PLANNING ACT 2008 – SECTION 47 ‘DUTY TO CONSULT LOCAL COMMUNITY’

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19.2 Draft SoCC issued to Selby District Council (15 September 2017)



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Drax Power Station Repower

Draft Statement of Community Consultation
(SoCC)

The Planning Act 2008 (Section 47)



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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. BACKGROUND

Drax Power Limited is proposing to repower up to two of the six generating units at Drax Power Station from coal-fired to gas generating plant(s). Each unit would be connected to its own integral battery energy storage facility. These proposals and the associated infrastructure would have a capacity of up to 3,800MW of electricity, and are known as the Drax Repower Project (the 'Project'). The repowering of each unit from coal to gas involves the construction of a gas-fired generating station with a capacity of more than 50 megawatts. Each battery energy storage facility would also have a capacity of more than 50 megawatts. As such, each proposed repowered unit and each battery energy storage facility is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008 (the '2008 Act').

As the proposed Project constitutes a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project as outlined above, Drax Power Limited must make an application under the 2008 Act for a permission known as a Development Consent Order ('DCO') to construct and operate the proposed Project. The application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate to examine the application and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, who will then make a decision on whether or not to grant consent.

Section 47 of the 2008 Act requires that consultation is carried out with the local community before an application is submitted. In line with section 47, Drax Power Limited has prepared this draft Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC') in connection with the proposed Project. The purpose of this document is to set out how Drax Power Limited will consult the local community, residents, businesses, organisations and visitors to the area about the proposed Project. The document also provides background to the proposed Project, details where further information can be obtained or viewed, explains how comments on the proposed Project can be made, and sets out the DCO process.

1.2. THE PROJECT

It is proposed to repower up to two existing coal-powered generating units (units 5 and 6) at Drax Power Station with new gas turbines that can operate in both combined cycle and open cycle modes. The repowered units would have a new combined capacity of up to 3,600 MW (1,800MW each), replacing existing units with a combined capacity to generate up to 1,300 MW (650MW each):

- each unit would have up to two gas turbines, each powering a dedicated generator of up to 600 MW in capacity. The gas turbines in each unit, therefore, would have a combined capacity of up to 1,200MW;
- the gas turbines in each unit, in combined cycle mode, would provide steam to the existing steam turbine (through Heat Recovery Steam Generators (HRSGs)) which would generate up to 600MW per unit. Each unit would have up to two HRSGs;
- this results in a capacity for each repowered unit of up to 1,800MW and, should both units be repowered, a combined capacity of up to 3,600MW.

Integral to each unit is a battery energy storage facility, which would have a capacity of up to 100MW per unit, resulting in a combined battery energy storage capacity of up to 200MW and a combined capacity for the proposed Project of 3,800 MW.

At present there are three potential options under consideration:

Repowering of unit 5; or

Repowering of unit 6; or

Repowering of both units 5 and 6

In the event that a single unit is repowered i.e. either unit 5 or 6, up to two gas turbines and up to two HRSGs and a single battery energy storage facility would be constructed. If both units are repowered then works would be undertaken consecutively rather than concurrently.



The gas turbine generating units will be designed to operate in either open cycle or combined cycle mode and will each have up to four stacks. When operating in open cycle, the exhaust gas from the gas turbine will be sent direct to the atmosphere through a bypass stack. When operating in combined cycle, the exhaust gas from the gas turbine will pass through the HRSG to generate steam that will be used to power the existing steam turbines.

The plant will be designed to operate for up to 25 years after which the continued operation of the repowered units will be reviewed. If it is not appropriate to continue operation, the repowered units will be decommissioned.

The main buildings and elements of the gas turbine generating units are described below.

Gas Turbines

It is proposed to construct up to four separate gas turbines (up to two per repowered generating unit). Air will be drawn into the compressor of the gas turbine and compressed. Fuel is injected into the combustion chamber. The mixture of fuel and compressed air is ignited, producing gases at a high temperatures. As the gas expands, it rotates the turbine to produce electricity.

Heat Recovery Steam Generators

It is proposed to construct up to four Heat Recovery Steam Generators (HRSGs) (up to two per repowered generating unit). The HRSGs recover the heat from hot flue gases from the gas turbines when operating in combined cycle mode. The heat is used to produce steam that will drive the existing steam turbines. Each HRSG will have a main stack, expected to be up to 120 m in height. Bypass stacks will also be required.

NOx Abatement Technology

NOx abatement technology will be included in the repowered units (if necessary) to reduce the amount of nitrogen oxide emissions from the plant and ensure compliance with Best Available Technology (BAT) Reference (BREF) standards.

Cooling Solution

Cooling for the new gas turbine generating units will be provided by the existing condensers for the steam turbines and existing cooling water infrastructure including reuse of the existing northern group of cooling towers (twelve in total), cooling water make-up intake and cooling water outfall and other associated infrastructure.

Operation/maintenance and Control

The repowered units 5 and 6 would be operated and controlled from the current Drax control room which is situated onsite. The proposed generating equipment would be capable of responding to requests from National Grid to provide short-term additional generating capacity and other ancillary grid services, as well as selling electricity into the market. Gas generation allows the new units to respond rapidly to changing demands of the electricity market.

Battery Energy Storage Facility

Each new gas turbine generating unit would be connected to its own integral battery energy storage facility, which would have a capacity of up to 100MW and which would support the repowered units in providing fast and flexible electricity export and other ancillary services to the National Grid.

The proposed Project includes associated development, including:

- Gas Pipeline – a circa 3km pipeline connecting the generating units to the Gas transmission network. The pipeline would extend eastwards from the Drax Power Station site and include supporting infrastructure such as a Minimum Offtake Connection (MOC), Pipeline Inspection Gauge (PIG), Trap Facility (PTF) and on site Pressure Reduction and Metering Station (PRMS). In this consultation, Drax Power Limited is consulting on two route options for the gas pipeline. Whilst the intention is to obtain authorisation to acquire the land, construct and operate the gas pipeline under the DCO, a separate planning application may be made for the pipeline to Selby District Council. However, the DCO application would seek compulsory acquisition powers for the pipeline should voluntary agreements not be obtained for the gas pipeline route.
- Electrical connection: Each gas turbine generating unit would be connected either by:



- Using underground cables to a new Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) banking facility housed in a new building close to the generating units. Connection from the GIS banking facility to the National Grid 400kV substation will be done using underground cables; or
 - Using underground cables to a new Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) banking facility in existing spare bays at the National Grid 400kV substation.
- Should the GIS banking facility be progressed, then an underground cable connection from each GIS Banking Building will connect the gas turbine generating units to the 400kV substation.
- The existing electrical connection for each steam turbine will remain unchanged.
- Carbon Capture Readiness – the gas turbine generating units will be designed to be carbon capture ready, with the appropriate area of land provided to meet this requirement.
- Switchyard and Transmission Plant Works in existing 400kV National Grid Switchyard – the electrical connection from the GIS banking building or AIS will connect by underground cables to the existing 400kV switchyard which is owned and operated by National Grid. These works may be undertaken by National Grid as they are within the existing National Grid Switchyard, but are currently included in the proposed redline.
- Construction Laydown – several areas within the Power Station Site and adjacent area have been identified for use as a temporary construction laydown.
- Temporary bridge – an area of land owned by Drax has been identified for use as construction laydown and/or contractor car parking. This area is separated from the Drax Power Station site by New Road, which is a public highway. In order to avoid staff crossing this road on foot a new, temporary pedestrian bridge will be constructed linking the contractor laydown/car parking area with the Drax Power Station site.
- Temporary crane on jetty – the existing Drax Jetty on the River Ouse may be used for loading and unloading of large plant and equipment up to the Jetty's current rating of 200 tonnes. Some works may be required to enable the transfer of large plant and equipment from river barges to land transport. These works would comprise: location of a mobile crane alongside the jetty, associated security lighting, fencing and storage and welfare facilities and laydown areas.
- Demolition and relocation of existing facilities – in order to construct the new generating units and associated facilities, it is proposed to demolish and relocate existing facilities at the Drax site. This would include the Turbine Outage Stores, Learning centre, contractor's compounds and welfare facilities (temporary), ash lagoons, leisure facilities (squash courts). Some of these works may be undertaken in 2018 as part of ordinary site reconfiguration works (especially those works that are permitted under Drax's permitted development rights), but in any event the works would be included in Drax's environmental assessment of the proposed Project.
- Other ancillary works – it may be necessary to remove and restring some of the existing overhead lines during the construction phase of the development. These works will be led by National Grid.

Drax Power Limited's objectives for the Project are to:

- Reduce the reliance of Drax Power Station on coal as a source of power for electricity generation, in turn reducing emissions;
- Increase the flexible, response generating capacity of the Power Station to meet increasing demand across the UK;
- Assist in supporting National Grid as it addresses issues caused by the intermittent supply of electricity to National Grid by renewable sources and the associated effects on system stability;
- Maximise the Power Station's generation efficiency;
- Reduce the Power Station's carbon footprint.



1.3. PROPOSED PROJECT BOUNDARY



A more detailed Site Location Plan is available in Appendix B.

1.4. PURPOSE OF THE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION (SOCC)

Drax Power Limited is required to consult on its proposals before submitting an application for a DCO. Pre-application consultation is an important opportunity to provide feedback on a scheme, as it enables a developer to take into account the views of stakeholders and the public as it refines and finalises its proposals. Once an application for a DCO is submitted, the Planning Inspectorate, on the Secretary of State's behalf, will consider whether or not to accept the application for examination. As part of that process, the Planning Inspectorate will consider whether or not the consultation carried out by the developer has been adequate.

This SoCC sets out how Drax Power Limited intends to engage with consultees and details the methods in which consultees can comment on the proposed Project during the statutory consultation phase (under section 47 of the 2008 Act). This SoCC includes:

- The objectives for the consultation;
- How Drax Power Limited will consult and how this meets the requirements of the 2008 Act;
- How the consultation will be publicised;
- Details of the public exhibitions that we intend to hold;
- Details of the public consultation materials;
- Details of ways in which consultees will be given the opportunity to submit their feedback;



- Details of ways in which consultees can contact the project team if they have questions or comments;
- Details of ways in which Drax Power Limited will have regard to consultation feedback.

This SoCC sets out what will be done to ensure that the pre-application consultation on the Project complies with the statutory consultation requirements of the 2008 Act. Of note, section 47 of the 2008 Act states that:

'The applicant must prepare a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land'

This SoCC has been prepared with reference to guidance on pre-application consultation published by the Government, the Planning Inspectorate, and local authorities.

In accordance with section 47(2) of the 2008 Act, Drax Power Ltd has consulted with Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council (the local authorities responsible for the areas in which the Project is proposed) about its plans for consultation of the local communities. Drax Power Limited has had regard to these comments in finalising this SoCC and in designing the consultation programme for the Project.

The statutory consultation will inform the public about the proposed Project and will provide an opportunity for public comment which will be taken into account by Drax Power Limited as the Project develops up to the submission of the application.

Once finalised, the SoCC must be publicised in a newspaper circulating the vicinity of the land to which the Project relates. The SoCC is published in the form of a notice and will be published on Tuesday 9th January 2018 and Tuesday 16th January 2018 in the publications detailed in **Section 4.5.3**. A copy of the SoCC notice is available in Appendix A. The notice will describe the proposed Project and explain where to view information about the proposed Project and the deadline to respond to the consultation.

2. THE NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING PROCESS

2.1. THE APPLICATION

Developments of the nature of the proposed Project are defined as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) under the 2008 Act. As a result, Drax Power Limited is required to submit an application for a DCO to construct and operate the proposed Project. The application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate which will examine it and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on whether a DCO should be granted. The Secretary of State will make the final decision on whether a DCO should be granted for the Project.

The Government has published National Policy Statements (NPSs) which set out the policy against which the Secretary of State will make decisions on applications for NSIPs. Of relevance to the proposed Project are the following National Policy Statements:

- 'Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy' (EN-1);
- 'Fossil Fuel Electricity Generating Infrastructure' (EN-2);
- 'Gas Supply Infrastructure and Gas and Oil Pipelines' (EN-4); and
- Electricity Networks Infrastructure (EN-5).

More information about the Planning Inspectorate and the 2008 Act can be found by visiting <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/> or by calling the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 5000.

2.2. THE NSIP PLANNING PROCESS



The 2008 Act sets out the requirements for those wishing to seek permission for infrastructure deemed as 'nationally significant'. The key stages in the process are:

2.2.1. PRE-APPLICATION

The Planning Inspectorate is informed by the developer that it intends to submit an application for a DCO. Before submitting an application, the developer is required to carry out consultation on its proposals. The length of time taken to prepare and consult on a project will vary depending upon its scale and complexity. The developer will consider all information provided during the consultation process and as part of the application for a DCO the developer will provide a consultation report which states how the developer has had regard to this feedback in preparing the application for the project and finalising its proposals.

2.2.2. ACCEPTANCE

The acceptance stage begins when the developer submits the application to the Planning Inspectorate. There follows a period of up to 28 days (excluding the date of receipt of the application) for the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, to decide whether or not the application meets the standards required to be formally accepted for examination.

2.2.3. PRE-EXAMINATION

During this stage the Secretary of State will appoint an Examining Authority (either a single inspector or a panel made up of inspectors from the Planning Inspectorate) to be responsible for considering the application. At this stage, the public are invited to register with the Planning Inspectorate and provide a summary of their views of the application in writing. At the pre-examination stage, everyone who has registered and made a relevant representation will be invited to attend a preliminary meeting run and chaired by the Examining Authority. This stage of the process takes approximately 3 months from the developer's formal notification and publicity of an accepted application.

2.2.4. EXAMINATION

The Examining Authority has six months to carry out the examination. During this stage, people who have registered to have their say, are invited to provide more details of their views in writing. Careful consideration is given by the Examining Authority to all the important and relevant matters, including the representations of all interested parties, any evidence submitted and answers provided to questions set out in writing and explained at oral hearings.

2.2.5. DECISION

The Examining Authority must prepare a report on the application to the relevant Secretary of State, including a recommendation, within 3 months of the end of the six month examination period. The Secretary of State then has a further 3 months to make the decision on whether to grant or refuse development consent.

2.2.6. POST DECISION

Once a decision has been issued by the Secretary of State, there is a six week period in which the decision may be challenged in the High Court. This process of legal challenge is known as Judicial Review.

2.3. THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

The proposed Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. An Environmental Statement will be submitted as part of the DCO application and, in accordance with regulation 12, Drax Power Limited will provide preliminary environmental information, in the form of a Preliminary Environment Information Report (PEIR), which will form part of the consultation documents and will be available for the community and stakeholders to examine during the consultation process.



Drax Power Limited submitted a request for a scoping opinion to the Secretary of State in September 2017, to seek an opinion from the Secretary of State on the scope and level of detail of the information to be included in the Environmental Statement to be submitted with the DCO application. Before adopting a scoping opinion the Secretary of State must consult prescribed consultation bodies.

The PEIR will present environmental information that has been collected to date in relation to the likely significant environmental effects of the proposed Project, and will indicate the mitigation measures that Drax Power Limited expects to implement in order to reduce and mitigate any residual impacts.

All comments received from the community and stakeholders will be considered and will inform, where practicable and appropriate, any further refinements to the proposed Project and Drax Power Limited's approach to environmental mitigation.

3. THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

3.1. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSULTATION

In accordance with section 47 of the 2008 Act, Drax Power Limited will consult people living in the vicinity of the proposed Project, including those affected by the Power Station's operations.

Drax Power Limited is committed to ensuring that the local community, residents, local interest groups, businesses, local authorities, visitors and local highway users, have the opportunity to fully understand the proposed Project and comment on its proposals.

As well as meeting requirements for consultation set out in the 2008 Act, the consultation process is designed to provide the opportunity for people of all ages, ethnic groups and life circumstances to get involved, including traditionally 'hard to reach' or excluded demographic groups. This includes making use of online media and scheduling public events at times that are likely to be convenient for the local community.

The statutory minimum timeframe for consultation is 28 days. Drax Power Limited has chosen to carry out a six week public consultation starting on 16th January 2018 and ending on 27th February 2018. The consultation materials will provide information on the proposed layout of the Project, access arrangements and alignment of the proposed gas pipeline route options. In addition, and pursuant to Regulation 12 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, as the proposed Project is EIA development, the consultation materials will include preliminary environmental information about the likely environmental impact of the Project.

3.2. OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTATION

Our objectives throughout the statutory consultation process will be to:

- Meet the requirements for statutory consultation as set out in section 47 of the 2008 Act and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017
- Provide clear guidance to prescribed consultees, stakeholders and the local community as to how they can get involved in the consultation process
- Ensure that all prescribed consultees, stakeholders and members of the wider community understand what is proposed, the proposed Project's benefits, its impacts, as well as the purpose of the consultation process
- Ensure that everyone that has an interest in the proposed Project is given an adequate opportunity to get involved, using a range of different media
- Give due consideration to every comment received from consultees and seek to ensure that the proposed Project responds to the aspirations and concerns of the wider community



- Be clear about how the comments received during the consultation have influenced the proposed Project submitted for consent to the Planning Inspectorate.

3.3. SCOPE OF THE CONSULTATION

The purpose of the consultation will be to seek views on the design and layout of the infrastructure and buildings at the Power Station Site, proposals for the location and route of the proposed gas pipeline route options and the preliminary results of the likely environmental effects including on surrounding local communities. The information presented at the consultation will also cover any proposed mitigation measures considered necessary in relation to traffic, noise, air quality, visual impact, flood risk and economic impact and benefit (including job creation).

4. CONSULTATION METHODOLOGY

4.1. WHO WE WILL CONSULT

Drax Power Limited intends to consult residents and businesses living and operating within three Consultation Zones; the Core Consultation Zone (CCZ), the Outer Consultation Zone (OCZ) and the Gas Pipeline Consultation Zone (GPCZ).

The CCZ is defined by Civil Parish boundaries closest to a 3km radius of Drax Power Station. People living, working and studying in this geographical area are deemed to have a direct interest in the proposed Project as they may have visibility of the Power Station Site from their residences or workplaces and may experience some form of direct impact from the proposed Project.

The Civil Parishes that fall within this zone are:

- Drax
- Camblesforth
- Long Drax
- Carlton
- Newland
- Barlow
- Hemingbrough
- Barmby on the Marsh (within East Riding of Yorkshire)
- Rawcliffe (within East Riding of Yorkshire)

The GPCZ is deemed as the area falling within a 1km distance of the area directly affected by the proposed gas pipeline route options. This area falls wholly within the CCZ and therefore the GPCZ has not been defined separately.

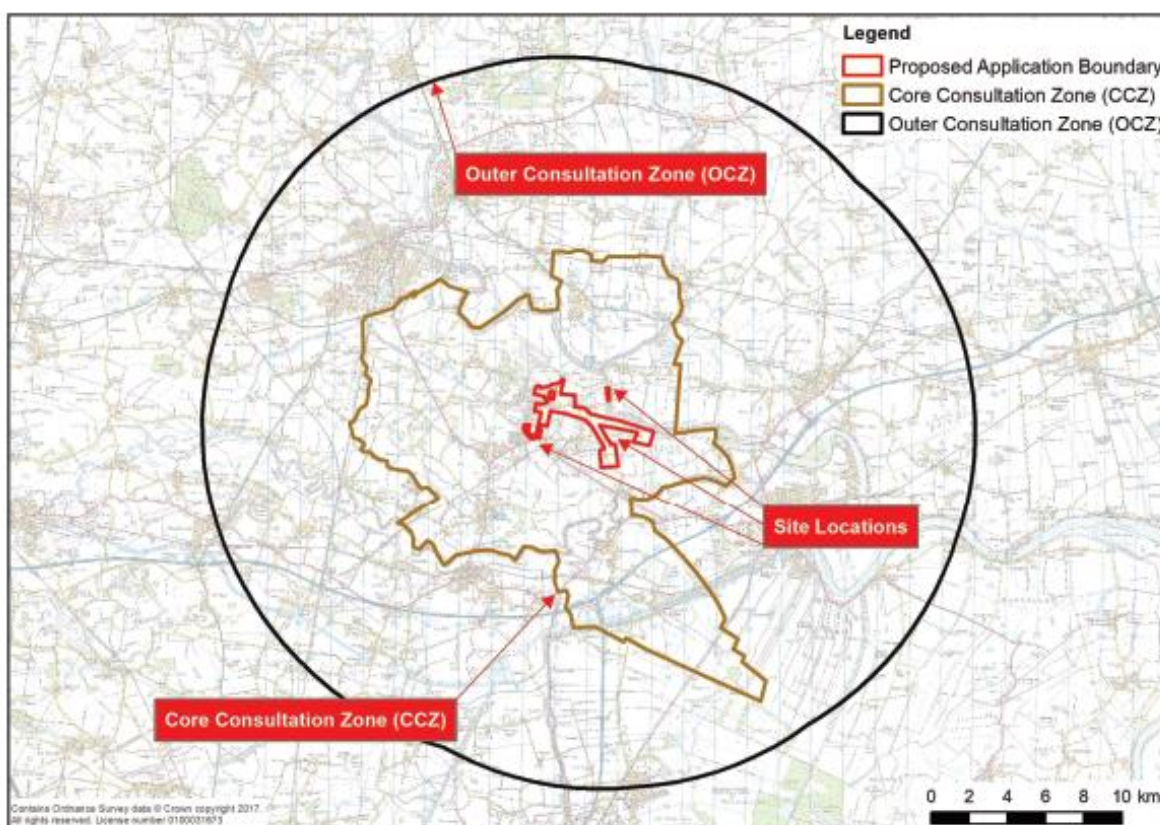
The OCZ equates to a radius of 10km of Drax Power Station. Residents and businesses living and working within OCZ are deemed to have an interest in the wider environmental and economic impact of the proposed Project.

The CCZ and OCZ were chosen based on Drax Power Limited's local knowledge and experience of local community engagement and on the local area consultation that was undertaken by Capture Power, of which Drax was a consortium member, for the White Rose project, statutory consultation of which took place during 2014.

Details of how people within each Consultation Zone will be informed about the consultation is detailed in **Section 4.6** and the geographical area covered by each Consultation Zone is illustrated in **Section 4.2**.



4.2. CONSULTATION ZONES MAP



4.3. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

The following Consultation Documents will be made available during the consultation process, at public events, online and at designated viewing locations (see **Section 4.5** for details):

- A consultation brochure outlining background information to the proposed Project, details of what is proposed, a plan of what is proposed and ways to submit feedback (including the URL of the Project website)
- An environmental overview report, providing a summary of potential benefits and impacts of the proposed Project and mitigation measures that are proposed
- The Preliminary Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)
- This Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)
- A feedback questionnaire



4.4. HARD-TO-REACH GROUPS

Drax Power Limited has identified a number of hard to reach groups in the local area that require special consideration when planning consultation publicity and methodology. These are:

GROUP	MEASURES TAKEN
Time-poor people	77% of Camblesforth & Carlton ward residents are in employment and 74% are in full-time employment, according to the 2011 Census. Arranging public exhibitions at times both inside and outside of normal working hours, as well as providing opportunities to view the consultation information online and at a number of publically accessible venues throughout the consultation period at their convenience.
Older people and people with disabilities	Arranging public exhibitions at venues close to local residents in the neighbouring Civil Parishes and at venues that have adequate means of access, including car parking, footpaths, ramp access and suitable opening hours. Everyone that receives postal publicity will be invited to request the consultation information in alternative formats, including large text. Publicity will also invite people with mobility issues to request that a representative of Drax Power Limited visit their home to explain the proposals.
People whose first language is not English	Publicity for the consultation will invite recipients to request consultation information and the feedback questionnaire in other languages or formats.

4.5. SCHEDULE OF CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES

Drax Power Limited will be using a range of methods during the consultation to publicise the consultation and make information available for the community and stakeholders to view and comment on. **The consultation period will run from 16th January 2018 to 27th February 2018 (42 days).**

METHOD	DETAIL
Project website	<p>A website will be created to provide background information on the Project, details of the public exhibitions, digital copies of all materials available at the public exhibitions, contact details for the Project team and a link to an online questionnaire for the community and stakeholders to submit their feedback online.</p> <p>This will be updated as the consultation progresses, and digital copies of the exhibition display materials will be made available on the day of the first public exhibition.</p> <p>http://repower.drax.com</p>
Stakeholder briefings	<p>Personally addressed letters and emails will be sent to political, environmental and community stakeholder groups and organisations, outlining:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background information to the Project • How the local community is being consulted



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the recipient can get involved in the consultation • Contact details of the Project team, should any questions or queries arise
Stakeholder meetings	<p>Representatives of political, environmental, economic and community stakeholder groups and organisations will be invited in writing and by telephone to attend face-to-face presentations and meetings with the Project team to discuss the Project.</p> <p>In addition, the Project team may attend existing planned meetings in the local area, such as Parish Council meetings, to brief local organisations on the Project and listen to issues that they wish to raise.</p> <p>Meetings with officers and Councillors at Selby District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, and with CCZ Parish Councillors about the proposed Drax Repower Project will be arranged.</p>
Documents available for inspection	<p>The Consultation Documents (detailed in Section 4.2) will be available for inspection at the following locations from 9am on Tuesday 16th January 2018 to 5pm on 27th February 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selby Library (52 Micklegate, Selby, YO8 4EQ) (Outer Consultation Zone) • Snaith Library (27 Market Place, Snaith, Goole, DN14 9HE) (Outer Consultation Zone) • Goole Library (Carlisle Street, Goole, DN14 5DS) (Outer Consultation Zone) • Selby Town Council (York Street, Selby, YO8 4AH) (Outer Consultation Zone) • North Yorkshire County Council (Northallerton, DL7 8AD) (offices are outside the Consultation Zones) <p>The documents will be available to view from 9am to 4pm from Monday to Friday.</p>
Public exhibitions	<p>Public exhibitions will be held at the following dates, times and locations (subject to availability):</p> <p>Saturday 20th January 2018 (10am – 4pm) Selby Town Hall (York Street, Selby, YO8 4AJ) (Outer Consultation Zone)</p> <p>Tuesday 23rd January 2018 (3pm – 9pm) Drax Sports and Social Club (Main Road, Drax, Selby, YO8 8PJ) (Core Consultation Zone)</p> <p>Wednesday 24th January 2018 (2pm – 7pm) Junction, 2 Paradise Place, Goole, DN14 5DL (Outer Consultation Zone)</p> <p>Thursday 1st February (10am – 4pm) Selby Town Hall, York Street Selby, YO8 4AJ (Outer Consultation Zone)</p>



	<p>Friday 2nd February (09:30am – 1:30pm) Hemingbrough Methodist Church Hall, 2 Main Street, Hemingbrough, Selby, YO8 6QE (Core Consultation Zone)</p> <p>The exhibitions will provide an opportunity for the local community and stakeholders to view the Project proposals, speak to the Project team and comment on the proposals in writing.</p> <p>The Consultation Documents detailed in Section 4.3 will be available to view at all public exhibitions. In addition, the information contained within the Consultation Documents will be summarised and displayed on large format, floor-standing display panels.</p>
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4.6. HOW THE CONSULTATION WILL BE PUBLICISED

4.6.1. COMMUNITY POSTCARD

An A5 information postcard will be distributed to every residential and business address within the Core Consultation Zone (CCZ) (see **Section 4.1**), containing:

- A brief description of what is proposed
- Ways in which recipients can get involved in the consultation, including by viewing the project information and submitting feedback online
- The URL of the Project website
- Email and telephone contact details for the project team

4.6.2. PUBLIC NOTICES

Posters outlining details of the public consultation, and ways to get involved, will be placed at:

- **Drax Community Primary School** (36 Castle Hill Lane, Drax, Selby, YO8 8NP) (Core Consultation Zone)
- **The Read School** (Drax, Selby, YO8 8NL) (Core Consultation Zone)
- **Drax Village Hall** (32 Castle Hill Lane, Drax, Selby, YO8 8NP) (Core Consultation Zone)
- **Camblesforth Community Primary Academy** (17 Mill Lane, Camblesforth, Selby, YO8 8HW) (Core Consultation Zone)
- **Barlow Village Club, Park Lane** (Barlow, Selby, YO8 8EW) (Core Consultation Zone)
- **Barlow C of E Primary School** (Park Road, Barlow, Selby, YO8 8ES) (Core Consultation Zone)

In addition, posters will be sent to all Civil Parishes detailed in **Section 4.1** to display on Parish notice boards.

4.6.3. LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

An advert will be placed in the following publications, both in print and online, to outline the background to the proposed Project and invite participation by the readership in the planned consultation by people in the CCZ, GPCZ and OCZ:

- Selby Times
- Goole Times
- The Press (York)
- Yorkshire Post



- Yorkshire Evening Post
- Hull Daily Mail
- East Riding Mail

This will include details of the planned public exhibitions, the URL of the Project website and contact details for Drax Power Ltd in the event of questions or queries.

4.6.4. SOCIAL MEDIA

The local community and stakeholders within the CCZ and OCZ will be informed about the consultation using Drax Group's existing social media channels (Twitter and Facebook) and encouraged to visit the project website for further information.

<http://twitter.com/DraxNews>

<http://www.facebook.com/DraxGroup>

4.6.5. DRAX WORKFORCE

Drax Power Limited will use internal communication channels and printed notices to inform their workforce about the consultation and ways to get involved.

4.7. HOW PEOPLE CAN RESPOND TO THE CONSULTATION

A feedback questionnaire will be provided in paper form at the public exhibitions and online. In addition, more detailed written comments will be invited by post and by email addressed to:

Drax Repower Project Team
Drax Power Station
Selby
North Yorkshire
YO8 8PH

draxrepower@drax.com

The deadline for consultation responses will be 5pm on Tuesday 27th February 2018.

4.8. CONSULTATION RESPONSES

In addition to this consultation, we will also be carrying out statutory consultation with statutory consultees and those with an interest in the land under sections 42, 43 and 44 of the 2008 Act and publicising the Project in local and national publications under section 48 of the 2008 Act.

All comments made during the consultation will be recorded and carefully considered by Drax Power Limited when further developing the Project proposals. An explanation of how regard has been had to comments received, and where practicable, how they have shaped and influenced our proposals will be reported in a Consultation Report which will accompany the DCO application as required by section 37(3)(c) of the 2008 Act.

The Consultation Report will include a summary of the consultation process undertaken in accordance with this document, the feedback received and how it has influenced the Project evolution.

The Planning Inspectorate will decide whether the application meets the required standards to proceed to examination, and will determine whether our statutory consultation process has been adequate.



We need to collect and assess all responses to consultation before preparing and submitting the DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate for determination. To allow time to do this, we ask for feedback to be submitted by the close of statutory consultation at 5pm on Tuesday 27th February 2018.

Our intention is to submit our DCO application in spring 2018.

4.9. CONTACT DETAILS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

If you want to contact us or find out more about the Project, you can:

- Visit the scheme webpage: <http://repower.drax.com>
- E-mail us: draxrepower@drax.com
- Call us: **01757 618381**
- Write to us: **Drax Repower Project Team, Drax Power Station, Selby, North Yorkshire, YO8 8PH**

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APPENDIX A – SOCC NOTICE

Notice Publicising the Statement of Community Consultation

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SECTION 47(6) PLANNING ACT 2008 – THE DRAX REPOWER PROJECT
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Notice is hereby given that Drax Power Limited of Drax Power Station, Drax, Selby YO8 8PH (the "Applicant") proposes to make an application (the "Application") under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") to authorise the construction, operation and maintenance of up to two gas-fired generating units each with integral battery energy storage on land within and to the east of the Drax Power Station site (the "Repower Project").

The Repower Project would comprise the repowering of up to two existing coal-powered generating units (units 5 and 6) at Drax Power Station with new gas turbines that would operate in both combined cycle and open cycle modes. Each repowered unit would have a new capacity of up to 1,800MW, replacing existing units each with a capacity of up to 650MW. Each repowered unit would be connected to its own integral battery energy storage facility with a capacity of up to 100MW. The total combined capacity of the Repower Project is, therefore, up to 3,800MW. Each repowered unit would include up to two gas turbines and up to two Heat Recovery Steam Generators. It is proposed that some of the existing infrastructure in the Drax Power Station site would also support the proposal including the steam turbine and cooling solution. The fuel supply for the gas fired generating units is natural gas which would be supplied via a new gas pipeline from the gas transmission network to the east of the Drax Power Station site. The electricity generated by the gas fired generating units would be exported from the units to a new banking facility on the Drax Power Station site, from which an underground cable connection would transport the electricity to the existing 400kV substation. The Repower Project also includes such infrastructure as is integral and necessary for the generation of electricity.

As the Repower Project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, the Applicant

will apply to the Secretary of State for a DCO under the Planning Act 2008.

Before the Application is submitted, the Applicant has a duty to consult the local community under section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 in accordance with its Statement of Community Consultation ("SoCC"). The SoCC explains how the Applicant will be consulting the local community about the proposed Application.

The Applicant has produced a SoCC in respect of the proposed Application and which can be inspected at the places on the dates and times set out below.

Details of the consultation for the proposed Application, the consultation events that are to be held and how to get involved are set out in the SoCC. The consultation will take place between **16 January 2018 and 5pm 27 February 2018.**

The Repower Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The Applicant is therefore required to carry out an EIA and submit an Environmental Statement with the proposed Application containing information about the likely significant effects of the Repower Project on the environment. Information currently available about the likely significant environmental impacts of the Repower Project will be set out in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR") that will form part of the consultation documents and the SoCC sets out how the PEIR will be made available to view and comment on.

The SoCC may be viewed free of charge:

1. on the project website <http://repower.drax.com> from 2nd January 2018; and
2. at the deposit locations on the dates and times set out below from 2nd



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- Emailing DraxRepower@drax.com
- Telephone 0800 731 8250

Should you have any questions about the SoCC or the consultation on the proposed Application please visit the project website or contact the Applicant using the above details.

Venue Details	Opening Hours
Selby Library, 52 Micklegate, Selby, YO8 4EQ	Mon – 9.30am-7.30pm Tues, Weds & Fri – 9.30am – 5.30pm Thurs & Sat – 9.30am-12.30pm Sun – closed
Snaith Library, 27 Market Place, Snaith, Goole, DN14 9HE	Mon, Weds, Fri, Sun – closed Tues – 2pm-6pm Thurs – 10am-4pm Sat – 10am-noon
Goole Library, Carlisle Street, DN14 5DS	Mon & Weds – 9.30am-7pm Tues, Thurs & Fri – 9.30am-5pm Sat – 9am-4pm Sun – closed
Selby Town Council, York Street, Selby, YO8 4AH	Mon-Fri – 10am – 4pm Sat & Sun - closed
North Yorkshire County Council, Northallerton, DL7 8AD	Mon-Thurs – 8am-5.30pm Fri – 8am-4.30pm Sat & Sun - closed

Requests for a copy of the SoCC can be requested from the Applicant from 2nd January 2018:

- Writing to FREEPOST DRAX REPOWER



APPENDIX B – SITE LOCATION PLAN

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