

The Drax Power (Generating Stations) Order

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

Environmental Statement Appendix 10.1 – Local Policies



The Planning Act 2008
The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure)
Regulations 2009 – Regulation 5(2)(a)

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1 LOCAL POLICIES

1.1.1. Policies of relevance to the LVIA are outlined below and consider all administrative areas within the Study Area including Selby District Council (SDC), East Riding of Yorkshire (ERoY) and Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council (DMBC).

1.2 Selby District Council

1.2.1. Selby District Core Strategy Local Plan¹:

- Policy S15 seeks to promote sustainable development and encourages developments to consider tree planting, new woodlands and hedgerows in landscaping schemes to create habitats, reduce the urban heat island effect and to offset carbon loss.
- Policy SP 18 requires the safeguarding and, where possible, enhancement of the historic and natural environment including landscape character of the area and settings of areas of acknowledged importance. Specific reference is made to increasing connectivity to the District's green infrastructure promoting opportunities to increase its multi functionality and the need to identify, protect and enhance locally distinctive landscapes, areas of tranquillity, public rights of way and access, and open spaces.
- Policy SP 19 requires high quality design that has regard to local character and incorporates new and/ or existing landscaping and access to open space and green infrastructure.
- Selby District Local Plan "Saved Policies":
- Policy ENV 1 sets out the considerations required in relation to new development including impacts on the character of the area, standard of layout and design including materials and landscaping schemes.
- Policy ENV15 states that priority will be given to the conservation and enhancement of the character and quality of the landscape within locally important landscape areas. (Vale of York, Southern Magnesian Limestone and the Humberhead Levels). The supporting text makes specific mention to Hambleton Hough and Brayton Barff, both landscape features worthy of local recognition, located to the south west of Selby and within the Study Area (para 4.103 of Selby District Local Plan refer).
- Policy ENV 21 provides guidance on the requirements of landscape schemes in relation to development to ensure that the retention, replacement and planting of trees has been appropriately considered.
- Policy EMP 10 states that no additional industrial/ business related development should be permitted at Drax Power Station if it results in significant adverse effect on residential amenity in nearby settlements. Proposals would have to be related to the existing development and integrated into its surroundings through mounding, off site planting and should not harm nature conservation or sites of archaeological importance.

¹ Selby District Council, 2005, Selby District Local Plan Core Strategy Local Plan, adopted October 2013

1.3 East Riding of Yorkshire

1.3.1. The East Riding Local Plan Strategy document was adopted in April 2016². Specific policies of relevance to the Site and the Study Area are as follows:

- Policy EC5 Supporting the Energy Sector states that proposals will be supported where any significant adverse impacts can be addressed and the residual harm outweighs proposals. Due consideration should be given to cumulative effects of other proposals, Important Landscape Areas, local amenity including noise, traffic and visual impacts and biodiversity, geodiversity and nature.
- Policy ENV1 Integrating High Quality Design seeks to ensure that the diverse character and appearance of the area is safeguarded and respected considering the specific characteristic of the sites wider context and surrounding area. Proposals should be of an appropriate scale, density, massing, height and materials and incorporate hard and/or soft landscaping alongside boundary treatments to enhance the setting of the building, public space and views.
- Policy ENV2 Promoting a High Quality Landscape states that due consideration should be given to how the proposed development integrates into the landscape respecting intrinsic landscape qualities of the landscape setting and where possible opportunities to restore and enhance landscape characteristics and features. The policy adds that proposals should respect and enhance existing landscape character in the Landscape Character Assessment and in particular Important Landscape Areas including the Lower Derwent Valley and the Thorne, Crowle and Goole Moors which lie within the Study Area.
- Policy ENV3 Valuing Our Heritage states that the significance, views, setting, character and context of heritage assets should be conserved. This includes the landscape setting of Conservation Areas; their open spaces, key views and vistas, the setting of Listed Buildings and Historic Parks and Gardens including key views in and out of these landscapes.
- Policy ENV4 Conserving and Enhancing Biodiversity and Geodiversity seeks to optimise opportunities to enhance biodiversity through promoting and enhancing green infrastructure and protecting, strengthening and reducing fragmentation.
- Policy ENV5 Strengthening Green Infrastructure states that development proposals should seek to integrate existing and/or new green infrastructure features within their design and enhance their functionality and connectivity.

1.4 Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council

1.4.1. Doncaster's Core Strategy 2011- 2028 was adopted in 2012³. Policies of relevance to the Proposed Scheme and Study Area are as follows:

² East Riding of Yorkshire Council, 2016, East Riding of Yorkshire Local Plan 2012-2029 - Strategy Document, Adopted April 2016

³ Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, 2012, Doncaster Council Core Strategy 2011-2028 adopted 2012, Doncaster Local Development Framework

- Policy CS3 Countryside states that the countryside should be protected and enhanced. Proposals will only be supported which are not visually detrimental in terms of siting, materials or design.
 - Policy CS14 Design and Sustainable Construction seeks to achieve a high quality design with due regard given to measures which contribute to local distinctiveness and respond positively to existing local landscape character. Imaginative design solutions should be considered in line with design objectives. Proposals should not generate any unacceptable effect upon the amenity of neighbouring land uses or the environment.
 - Policy CS15 Valuing our Historic Environment refers to the preservation, protection and enhancement of the historic environment. Specific mention is made to parks and gardens of local interest and key views and vistas especially the towers and spires of Doncaster' historic churches.
 - Policy CS16 Valuing our Natural Environment seeks to protect and enhance the environment including enhancing the Borough's landscape and trees considering landscape character, sensitivity and capacity, mitigation measures, designs of a high quality and the retention and protection of appropriate trees and hedgerows and new planting.
- 1.4.2. Policy CS17 Providing Green Infrastructure seeks to protect, maintain, enhance and where possible extent the network through contributions, reduce impacts, improve connectivity and address deficiencies.

