



| Transboundary screening undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) for the purposes of Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations) | |
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| Project name: | Drax Repower Project |
| Address/Location: | On and adjacent to the existing Drax Power Station near Selby, North Yorkshire |
| Planning Inspectorate Ref: | EN010091 |
| Date(s) screening undertaken: | First screening – 7 February 2018 following the Applicant’s request for a scoping opinion Second screening – 30 July 2018 following submission of the application documents |
| EEA States identified for notification: | First screening: None identified Second screening: None identified |

| FIRST TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING | |
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| Document(s) used for transboundary Screening: | Drax Repower Project – Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report (‘the Scoping Report’) dated September 2017 |
| Screening Criteria: | The Inspectorate’s Comments: |
| Characteristics of the Development | <p>The Proposed Development would comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the conversion of up to two coal fired units of the existing Drax Power station to gas turbine units with the ability to run in either combined cycle or open cycle mode and capable of generating up to 3,600MW; a new gas pipeline of approximately 3km (which would either form part of the DCO application for the Proposed Development or would be subject to a separate consent application through the Town and Country Planning Act); a battery storage facility with capacity of up to 200MW; an upgrade to the existing National Grid 400kV substation on the power station site may be required (but these works may be undertaken separately through permitted development rights); and a range of associated development. <p>The Scoping Report does not identify the start date for construction; however, it confirms that the Proposed</p> |

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| | <p>Development would take approximately 68 months to construct. Phasing of construction of the Proposed Development is detailed in Section 5.4 of the Scoping Report.</p> <p>The Scoping Report acknowledges the potential for the accidental release of hazardous materials during demolition, construction and operation.</p> <p>The Scoping Report acknowledges the potential for the demolition, construction and operation of the Proposed Development to produce pollution and nuisances from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • emissions to air and water; • dust; • noise; and • traffic. |
| <p>Location of Development (including existing use) and Geographical area</p> | <p>The proposed application site is located on and adjacent to the existing Drax Power Station near Selby, North Yorkshire. It comprises approximately 222ha of land; approximately 60ha of which comprises the curtilage of the existing Drax Power Station and jetty. There are currently two route corridors under consideration for the proposed gas supply pipeline, covering approximately 162ha of agricultural land to the east of the Drax Power Station. A site location plan is provided at Figure 1 of the Scoping Report and existing land use is detailed within Table 4.1 of the Scoping Report.</p> <p>The Applicant has not identified within the Scoping Report the nearest EEA state to the Proposed Development. No information is provided in the Scoping Report about any areas which could be affected which are under the jurisdiction of another EEA State.</p> <p>The Scoping Report states that cumulative effects with other projects will be considered within the Environmental Statement, however does not identify any specific projects in proximity to the Proposed Development</p> |
| <p>Environmental Importance</p> | <p>The Scoping Report identifies the following European sites as being located within 10km of the Proposed Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River Derwent Special Area of Conservation (SAC); • Humber Estuary SAC, Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar site; • Lower Derwent Valley SPA and Ramsar site; • Skipwith Common SAC; • Thorne and Hatfield Moors SPA; and • Thorne Moor SAC. |
| <p>Potential impacts and Carrier</p> | <p>The Scoping Report identifies the potential for adverse impacts on designated sites during the demolition, construction and</p> |

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| | operational phases of the Proposed Development. Potential impacts would likely be via air (e.g. emissions and accidental release of hazardous material) or water (e.g. accidental release of hazardous materials and sedimentation of watercourses). |
| Extent | The Scoping Report has not identified any impacts which would be likely to significantly affect the environment in another EEA State. |
| Magnitude | The Scoping Report has not identified any impacts which would be likely to significantly affect the environment in another EEA State. |
| Probability | The Scoping Report has not identified any impacts which would be likely to significantly affect the environment in another EEA State. |
| Duration | The Scoping Report has not identified any impacts which would be likely to significantly affect the environment in another EEA State. |
| Frequency | The Scoping Report has not identified any impacts which would be likely to significantly affect the environment in another EEA State. |
| Reversibility | The Scoping Report has not identified any impacts which would be likely to significantly affect the environment in another EEA State. |
| Cumulative impacts | The Applicant's cumulative impact assessment has not yet been undertaken and the Applicant has not identified any likely significant cumulative effects at this stage. |

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Under Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations) and on the basis of the current information available from the Applicant, the Inspectorate is of the view that the Proposed Development **is not likely** to have a significant effect on the environment in another EEA State.

In reaching this view the Inspectorate has applied the precautionary approach (as explained in its Advice Note Twelve: Transboundary Impacts), and taken into account the information currently supplied by the Applicant.

Action:

No further action required at this stage.

Date: 7 February 2018

Note: The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

| SECOND TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING | |
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| Document(s) used for transboundary Screening: | The Drax Power (Generating Stations) Order Environmental Statement (May 2018) and The Drax Power (Generating Stations) Order: Habitats Regulations Assessment Report (May 2018) |
| Date screening undertaken: | Re-screened on 30 July 2018 on receipt of application documents |
| <p>Transboundary re-screening undertaken by the Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS</p> <p>Following submission of the DCO application, which included an Environmental Statement and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) report, the Inspectorate has reconsidered the transboundary screening decision made on 7 February 2018.</p> <p>The Inspectorate has identified the following matters that differ from those considered at the time of the previous transboundary screening decision, as identified below. However, the Inspectorate considers that the changes will not result in significant effects on the environment in another EEA State.</p> <p><u>Change in the description of the Proposed Development</u></p> <p>The Environmental Statement contains several minor changes to the description of development from the Scoping Report. These include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • changes to site areas – the Scoping Report states that the site comprises of 222ha of land within the curtilage of Drax Power Station, which includes 162ha for the pipeline route. The ES states that land within the Pipeline Construction Area is 25.4ha and land within the Pipeline Operational Area is 2.4ha; • change to stack height from 70m to 120m; • changes to level of the site – the Scoping Report states that the site is 6m Above Ordnance Datum (AOD) whilst the ES states that it is 4m AOD; • the ES also removes the use of the jetty for the delivery of abnormal loads/plant equipment. <p><u>Identification of an additional European site</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Environmental Statement and the HRA report include an assessment of one additional designated site that was not previously identified in the Applicant’s Scoping Report. This site is the Lower Derwent Valley Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The HRA report concludes no adverse effects on the integrity of this European site. <p>Under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations and on the basis of the current information available from the Applicant, there is no change to the previous conclusion, and the Inspectorate remains of the view that the Proposed Development is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment in another EEA State.</p> <p>In reaching this view the Inspectorate has applied the precautionary approach (as explained in its Advice Note twelve: Transboundary Impacts); and taken into account the information currently supplied by the Applicant.</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>No further action required at this stage.</p> <p>Date: 30 July 2018</p> <p>Note: The SoS’ duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues</p> | |

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Note:

The Inspectorate's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in the Annex to its Advice Note Twelve, available on our website at <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>