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Dear Planning Inspectorate Case Team,

Apologies if I'm not engaging with this process in the correct manner – I hope this will suffice as a registration of my interest as a member of the public and local resident.

The most recent IPCC report stated we had just 12 years to stop catastrophic climate change due to green-house gases. I'm a local resident but everyone on the planet is local to Drax – we all share the same climate and need a climate that sustains us. Allowing Drax to develop gas powered electricity generation of any scale (never mind this huge one) is the exact opposite response to what is needed at this moment in time. The case for a gas as a transition to a low carbon economy doesn't stand up anymore, the time has been and gone. Plus Eggborough has already been granted permission to create a gas powered station, so the need to 'keep on the lights' isn't a valid reason when more wind power is coming on stream and overall power demand is or should be declining.

Secondly such a huge generator will only increase demand for what is a fossil fuel that should remain in the ground and make local fracking a more likely option in terms of supplying these power-stations. Local coal pits which used to supply the power stations were closed because of the need to move to renewable sources of energy. Drax have already made the move to biomass (with dubious carbon claims and externalisation of environmental costs), have secured government funding for carbon capture (but no storage!). To let them use this utilise carbon capture technology 'offset' their carbon from gas generation is an outrage.

Thirdly, there are fracking areas right up to west edge of Snaith where I live. I'm very concerned for local and 'efficient' gas generation these would be exploited to supply Drax and Eggborough. Snaith and the local area gets its water supply from an aquifer and the well-head is at Cowick just across the river Aire from Drax . Our water supply would be under threat from fracking. We've already lost one aquifer area at Pollington due to the hydrocarbons dumped at Gale Common – the fly ash tip used by Drax. We cannot risk losing this one too. This is a wrong minded development which ever way you consider it given the need to act urgently on climate change – it will just lock us into ongoing reliance on fossil fuels.

Kind regards
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