

**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION  
FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE (ON  
BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR BUSINESS ENERGY AND  
INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY) UNDER SECTION 56 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008**

**THE DRAX POWER STATION BIOENERGY WITH CARBON CAPTURE AND  
STORAGE EXTENSION DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER**

REGULATION 9 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE)  
REGULATIONS 2009  
REGULATION 16 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (“the Secretary of State”) has accepted an application by Drax Power Limited (company number 04883589) of Drax Power Station, New Road, Selby, North Yorkshire, YO8 8PH (“the Applicant”) for a Development Consent Order under the Planning Act 2008 (“the Application”). The Application (Reference No. EN010120) was submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate on 23 May 2022 and was accepted on 20 June 2022.

### **Summary of the Project**

The Application is for development consent to install post combustion carbon capture technology to capture carbon dioxide from up to two existing 660-megawatt electrical (‘MWe’) biomass power generating units at the Drax Power Station (Unit 1 and Unit 2). The installation of this technology constitutes an extension to the Existing Drax Power Station (of which biomass Units 1 and 2 are part) and is referred to as post-combustion carbon capture. The Proposed Scheme is designed to remove approximately 95% of the carbon dioxide from the flue gas from these two Units, resulting in overall negative emissions of greenhouse gases. The Proposed Scheme is referred to as the Drax Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage “Drax BECCS” project.

The Proposed Scheme the subject of the Application is located at the existing Drax Power Station site and adjacent land, at New Road, west of the village of Drax, approximately 6km south east of Selby and 8km to the north west of Goole, within the District of Selby and County of North Yorkshire.

A map showing the location of the Proposed Scheme can be viewed on the National Infrastructure Planning website at the following link:  
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/EN010120/EN010120-000108-2.1%20Drax%20BECCS%20Site%20Location%20Plan.pdf>

The Site is approximately 125 ha and is split into the following parcels:

- Drax Power Station Site – the land occupied by the Drax Power Station;
- East Construction Laydown Area – area required during the construction phase of the Proposed Scheme for temporary works situated to the east of the Drax Power Station, across New Road. (N.B. There are several parcels of land within the Drax Power Station Site which would be used for construction laydown. These areas have been termed ‘Drax Power Station Site Construction Laydown Areas’);
- Habitat Provision Area – the land within the Order Limits that may be used for environmental mitigation for the Proposed Scheme. This parcel is located to the north and north east of the Drax Power Station; and

- Parts of the surrounding road network where street works are required in connection with the construction of the Proposed Scheme.

Development consent is required to the extent that development is or forms part of a nationally significant infrastructure project pursuant to sections 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and (2) of the Planning Act 2008, as an extension to an existing, onshore generating station in England with a capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW). It is for this reason that the project falls within the remit of the Secretary of State's decision making powers.

The Development Consent Order would authorise the compulsory acquisition of interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily. The Development Consent Order would also authorise the construction of temporary accesses to the Scheme, the temporary stopping up or diversion of public rights of way, street works and highway works, and the application and disapplication of certain legislation.

### **Environmental Impact Assessment Development:**

The proposed works are environmental impact assessment (EIA) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and accordingly an environmental statement accompanies the Application.

### **Application form and accompanying documents:**

The application form and the accompanying documents, plans and environmental statement (ES) and Non-technical Summary (NTS) ("Application Documents") can be viewed and downloaded free of charge online on the Drax Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage Project page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website under the documents tab: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/drax-bioenergy-with-carbon-capture-and-storage-project/?ipcsection=docs>

The Application Documents will be available to view online at least until the Secretary of State makes their decision whether or not to grant the Development Consent Order.

If you require a copy of the Application Documents to be supplied on a USB stick, this can be provided free of charge (one USB stick per household). Please use the contact details for the Applicant below to request for this to be provided.

It is intended that, subject to access limitations or social distancing imposed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic or any other reason, the Application Documents will be available via the Drax Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage Project page on the National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/drax-bioenergy-with-carbon-capture-and-storage-project/> accessible via computer or tablet from 28 July 2022 at the following Community Access Points:

| Location   | The documents will be available for viewing at the following times:   |
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| Selby Library<br>52 Micklegate, Selby, YO8 4EQ<br>01609 534521             | Monday 9:30am to 7:30pm<br>Tuesday 9:30am to 5:30pm<br>Wednesday 9.30am to 5:30pm<br>Thursday 9:30am to 12:30pm<br>Friday 9:30am to 5:30pm<br>Saturday 9:30am to 12pm<br>Sunday CLOSED  |
| Snaith Library<br>27 Market Place, Snaith, Goole, DN14 9HE<br>01405 860096 | Monday CLOSED<br>Tuesday 12:00pm to 6:00pm<br>Wednesday CLOSED<br>Thursday 10:00 am to 4:00pm<br>Friday CLOSED<br>Saturday 10:00am to 12:00pm<br>Sunday CLOSED                          |
| Goole Library<br>Carlisle Street, Goole, DN14 5DS<br>01405 762187          | Monday 9:30am to 7:00pm<br>Tuesday 9:30am to 7:00pm<br>Wednesday 9:30am to 7:00pm<br>Thursday 9:30am to 5:00pm<br>Friday 9:30am to 5:00pm<br>Saturday 9:00am to 4:00pm<br>Sunday CLOSED |

If you have any questions about the Application Documents, you can email [info@BECCS-Drax.com](mailto:info@BECCS-Drax.com), write to FREEPOST CARBON CAPTURE BY DRAX, or contact the Applicant by telephone on 01757 618381.

The Application Documents can be supplied in hard copy format on request at a cost of:

- Consultation Report, Planning Statement and Statement of Need - £325;
- Environmental Statement Report Volumes 1-3 - £675;
- Environmental Statement Volume 4 – NTS - £60;
- Plans - £65; and
- Total cost for all documents (including files, covers and spines) - £1,075.

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### Representations:

The period in which relevant representations are invited to be made to the Planning Inspectorate is between 05 August and 05 September 2022. Any representations (giving notice of any interest in, or objection to, the Application) **must** be made on the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form which can be accessed and completed online by following the relevant link: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/drax-bioenergy-with-carbon-capture-and-storage-project/?ipcsection=overview#>

If you require guidance on, or other methods of, obtaining and completing a Planning Inspectorate Registration and Relevant Representation Form, please telephone the

Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 5000 or e-mail [DraxBECCS@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:DraxBECCS@planninginspectorate.gov.uk).

The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Notice 8.2: How to register to participate in an Examination, provides further guidance on how to register and make a relevant representation and can be accessed via the following link: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-8-2-how-to-register-to-participate-in-an-examination/>

Please note that representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by **11.59pm on Monday 05 September 2022**.

Representations will be made public and will be subject to the Planning Inspectorate's privacy policy at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notice/customer-privacy-notice>