

PLANNING ACT 2008

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

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: EN010120

NOTICE PUBLICISING CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

On 20 June 2022, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (“the Secretary of State”) accepted an application by Drax Power Limited (company number 04883589) of Drax Power Station, Selby, North Yorkshire, YO8 8PH (“the Applicant”) for a Development Consent Order under the Planning Act 2008 (“the Application”). The Application was submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate (“the Inspectorate”) on 23 May 2022 and was given the reference number EN010120.

The Application is in the pre-examination stage and an Examination by a panel of independent Inspectors appointed by the Inspectorate (‘the Examining Authority’) on behalf of the Secretary of State is due to commence at a date yet to be confirmed. If the Secretary of State decides to grant development consent for the Scheme, the DCO would authorise the installation of 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 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 Scheme is referred to as the Drax Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage “Drax BECCS” project.

The submitted Application is available to view at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/drax-bioenergy-with-carbon-capture-and-storage-project/>

Notice is hereby given that:

- The Applicant proposes to submit to the Examining Authority an application for two proposed changes to the Application which is due to be examined in late 2022 or in early 2023 (‘the Proposed Changes Application’).
- The Applicant is holding a non-statutory consultation on the Proposed Changes Application (‘the Proposed Changes Consultation’).
- This notice includes a brief description of the two proposed changes.
- This notice also includes information about the Proposed Changes Consultation and how you can take part in it.
- The Examining Authority will decide whether or not to accept the proposed changes for inclusion in the examination of the Application and will issue a Procedural Decision on this in due course.
- Any responses to the Proposed Changes Consultation must be submitted to Drax Power Limited (via the contact details below) by 11:59pm on Sunday 20 November 2022.
- After the Proposed Changes Consultation has closed on 20 November 2022, Drax Power Limited will submit a Changes Application Report on the proposed changes, including details of the Proposed Changes Consultation to the Examining Authority. Interested Parties will then have a further opportunity to make written submissions to the Examining Authority about the Proposed Changes Application and about the Proposed Changes Consultation.

Summary of the Proposed Changes

The Proposed Changes Consultation Booklet sets out the proposed changes to the Scheme. Drax Power Limited considers that each of the changes is relatively minor in the context of the Scheme as a whole. The two proposed changes ('PCs') are briefly described below:

1. **Proposed change PC-01** – to provide replacement floodplain capacity in the form of a Floodplain Compensation Area (FCA). This Change reflects the previous commitment in the submitted Application documents to provide the FCA and clarifies the location of the proposed FCA.
2. **Proposed change PC-02** – to relocate existing Overhead Lines (OHLs) in respect of two electrical overhead lines and two telecommunications lines which cross the access route to the site at A614 (Rawcliffe Road) and the A645, to allow for the delivery of Abnormal Indivisible Loads ('AILs') to the Site.

Full descriptions of each of the two proposed changes are provided in Drax Power Limited's Proposed Changes Consultation Booklet – details of how you can view this are set out below.

Additional land

PC-01 would require a small area of additional land which was not previously included in the Application. The additional land comprises land owned and under the control of the Applicant located immediately to the north of the existing Drax Power Station Site boundary fence, west of New Road.

PC-02 requires additional areas of land which were not previously included in the Application. The additional land comprises small areas of land outside of the current Order Limits not under the control of the Applicant, in specific locations to the west and east of the A645, and to the north and south of the A614 Rawcliffe Road and this proposed change seeks to acquire rights over this additional land to facilitate the necessary works to OHLs.

Environmental Appraisal

The Applicant is reviewing and appraising each of the proposed changes in the context of each environmental topic previously assessed in the original Environmental Impact Assessment carried out in respect of the Scheme, to ascertain whether any of the proposed changes, either individually or cumulatively, would give rise to any new or materially different likely significant effects, beyond those reported in the Environmental Statement.

A summary of the anticipated environmental effects in respect of each proposed change are set out in the Proposed Changes Consultation Booklet. The Changes Application Report, which will accompany the Proposed Changes Application in due course, will consider whether, individually or collectively, the proposed changes would be likely to result in any new or materially different likely significant environmental effects beyond those already assessed and reported in the Environmental Statement.

Copies of the Proposed Changes Consultation Booklet

Copies of the Proposed Changes Consultation Booklet are available for inspection free of charge from 21 October 2022 until 20 November 2022, at the locations below. We would recommend calling venues before attending to confirm opening times.

Location	The documents will be available for viewing at the following times:
Selby Library 52 Micklegate, Selby, YO8 4EQ 01609 534521	Monday 9:30am to 7:30pm Tuesday 9:30am to 5:30pm Wednesday 9:30am to 5:30pm Thursday 9:30am to 12:30pm Friday 9:30am to 5:30pm Saturday 9:30am to 12pm Sunday CLOSED
Snaith Library 27 Market Place, Snaith, Goole, DN14 9HE 01405 860096	Monday CLOSED Tuesday 2:00pm to 6:00pm Wednesday CLOSED Thursday 10:00 am to 4:00pm Friday CLOSED Saturday 10:00am to 12:00pm Sunday CLOSED
Goole Library Carlisle Street, Goole, DN14 5DS 01405 762187	Monday 9:30am to 7:00pm Tuesday 9:30am to 5:00pm Wednesday 9:30am to 7:00pm Thursday 9:30am to 5:00pm Friday 9:30am to 5:00pm Saturday 9:00am to 4:00pm Sunday CLOSED

The Proposed Changes Consultation Booklet can also be viewed online at least until the close of the consultation at 11:59pm on 20 November 2022 through the Drax BECCS website: www.BECCS-Drax.com.

Making representations about the Proposed Changes to the Application

Any responses to the Proposed Changes Consultation, or any representations (e.g. giving notice of any interest in, or objection to, any of the changes set out in the Proposed Changes Consultation Booklet) must be made in writing, with the reference '**Drax BECCS – Application for Proposed Changes**', and must be sent to Drax Power Limited, **not** to the Planning Inspectorate, via either of the contact details below, **by 11:59pm on Sunday 20 November 2022**:

- **Post:** FREEPOST CARBON CAPTURE BY DRAX
- **Email:** info@BECCS-Drax.com

Any elements of responses that refer to aspects of the Scheme that are unrelated to the proposed changes will be disregarded by the project team.

Please note that in due course, responses to the Proposed Changes Consultation and Drax Power Limited's response to them will be included in the Proposed Changes Consultation chapter of the Changes Application Report which will be submitted to the Examining Authority and made publicly available on the Inspectorate's website.

In doing so, we will request that your personal details are not placed on public record and will be held securely by Drax Power Limited in accordance with data protection law and will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and subsequent examination process and, except as noted above, will not be passed to third parties.

Please note that any representations on the proposed changes to the Scheme must be received by Drax Power Limited via the contact details above no later than 11:59pm on Sunday 20 November 2022.

If you have any questions about this consultation, you can email info@BECCS-Drax.com, write to FREEPOST CARBON CAPTURE BY DRAX, or contact the Applicant by telephone on 01757 618381.