

## PLANNING ACT 2008

# The Drax Power Station bioenergy with carbon capture and storage extension development consent order

## SECTIONS 91 AND 93 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND RULE 13(6) INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010. NOTICE OF OPEN FLOOR HEARINGS AND ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARINGS. PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: EN010120.

Notice is hereby given that, at the date, times and locations set out below, the following Hearings will be held by the Examining Authority for the examination of the application made 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 Examining Authority was appointed on 1 September 2022 to examine the application and the Preliminary Meeting is scheduled to be held on 17 January 2023. The Examination is due to close by 17 July 2023. After the examination has closed, the Examining Authority will submit a report to the Secretary of State who will then make a decision on whether or not to grant the development consent order.

### Hearing Dates and Times

The Hearings listed below will be blended events, which will be held in person at the venue identified below, but will also be accessible virtually:

Hearing*	Date	Hearing Start Times (Seating times given in brackets below)	Virtual Attendance**	Hearing Venue for attendance in person (Note: This is a blended Hearing, so you can also attend by virtual means using Microsoft Teams)
Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) Scope of the Proposed Development	18 Jan 2023	10:00am (9:15am)	See Note ** below for joining instructions and requirements to register with the Planning Inspectorate	Parsonage Hotel & Spa's Crystal Suite, Escrick, York, YO10 6LF
Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFF1)	18 Jan 2023	6:00pm (5:15pm)		Parsonage Hotel & Spa's Crystal Suite, Escrick, York, YO10 6LF
Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) The draft Development Consent Order	19 Jan 2023	10:00am (09:15am)		Parsonage Hotel & Spa's Crystal Suite, Escrick, York, YO10 6LF

\*Please note that if any of the above hearings are not required, it will be cancelled through a banner on the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website

\*\*The Planning Inspectorate will provide joining details in due course for persons wishing to join the Hearings by either Microsoft Teams or by telephone dial-in. Joining instructions will be issued by the Planning Inspectorate via email in advance of each hearing to Interested Parties who notify the Planning Inspectorate of their wish to speak via virtual means. Information about how and when to register to attend the Hearings is available on the Planning Inspectorate's project webpage. Interested and Affected Parties are encouraged to check the National Planning Infrastructure website for updates. Please refer to the following link: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/drax-bioenergy-with-carbon-capture-and-storage-project/>

For more information on these hearings, please contact the Case Manager for this Application, George Harrold, via contact details below:

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**Post:** Drax BECCS Case Team, National Infrastructure Planning, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN.

Procedural Deadline A and all subsequent Deadlines are set out in the Examination Timetable, which is available to view on the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website

Please note that hearings will be Livestreamed and recorded, and the recordings will be published on the project page of the Inspectorate's website as soon as practicable after each hearing has taken place.

Any further hearings will be publicised as required by the Inspectorate and by the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

### Requests to appear at hearings

If you wish to participate in any of the above hearings you must let the Planning Inspectorate's case team know by emailing the mailbox for this Application, [DraxBECCS@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:DraxBECCS@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) no later than 06 January 2023. People who have not made a request to speak will still be able to access the Livestream and/or the recording of the hearings or attend the hearing in person.

### Summary of the 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.

The Application relates to 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 Proposed Scheme is or forms part of a nationally significant infrastructure project (a "NSIP") pursuant to sections 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and 15(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.

### Availability of Application Documents and Representations

The submitted Application and representations are available to view electronically and download, free of charge, on the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/drax-bioenergy-with-carbon-capture-and-storage-project/>

If you require alternative methods for inspection of the application documents, please telephone the Applicant on 01757 618381 or email: [info@BECCS-Drax.com](mailto:info@BECCS-Drax.com).

Hard or electronic copies of the application documents can be requested but will be subject to costs, as follows:

- 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.

For any bespoke document reproduction please contact us and we will provide the cost.

Requests for electronic or hard copy documents can be made, or further information about the Application, can be obtained from the Applicant using the following contact details:

- **Email:** [info@BECCS-Drax.com](mailto:info@BECCS-Drax.com)
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