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Dear Mr Harrold,

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Drax Power Station Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage (BECCS)

1. We write on behalf of Drax Power Limited ('the Applicant') to provide the documents requested by the Examining Authority ('ExA') for Deadline 6 of the Examination.
2. This is in accordance with the request set out in the Rule 6 letter dated 13 December 2022 and as updated and confirmed in the Rule 8 letter dated 24 January 2023 and the further letters dated 27 February 2023 and 26 April 2023.
3. Accordingly, the following documents are enclosed with this submission:

Application Document Reference	PINS Document Reference (Most up to date submitted version)	Document Details	Date
1.3	REP5-001	Application Guide (Clean)	9 May 2023
1.3	REP5-002	Application Guide (Tracked)	9 May 2023

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1.4	REP5-003	Application Document Tracker (Clean)	9 May 2023
1.4	REP5-004	Application Document Tracker (Tracked)	9 May 2023
3.1	REP4-022	Draft Development Consent Order (Clean)	9 May 2023
3.1	REP4-019	Draft Development Consent Order (Tracked)	9 May 2023
3.1.4	N/A (new document)	Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order	9 May 2023
4.1	REP2-012	Statement of Reasons (Clean)	9 May 2023
4.1	REP2-013	Statement of Reasons (Tracked)	9 May 2023
4.1.1	REP4-001	Schedule of Negotiations and Power Sought (Clean)	9 May 2023
4.1.1	REP4-006	Schedule of Negotiations and Power Sought (Tracker)	9 May 2023
4.2	REP4-024	Funding Statement (Clean)	9 May 2023
4.2	REP4-018	Funding Statement (Tracked)	9 May 2023
6.5	AS-121	Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (Clean)	9 May 2023
6.5	AS-122	Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (Tracked)	9 May 2023
6.6.1	AS-119	Outline Landscape and Biodiversity Strategy (Clean)	9 May 2023
6.6.1	AS-120	Outline Landscape and Biodiversity Strategy (Tracked)	9 May 2023
6.7	APP-184	Draft Lighting Strategy (Clean)	9 May 2023
6.7	APP-184	Draft Lighting Strategy (Tracked)	9 May 2023
6.8.1	REP2-101	Habitats Regulations Assessment – Volume 1 – Main Text (Clean)	9 May 2023
6.8.1	REP2-102	Habitats Regulations Assessment – Volume 1 – Main Text (Tracked)	9 May 2023
6.8.3.3	REP2-103	Habitats Regulations Assessment – Volume 3 – Appendix 3 (Screening Matrices) (Clean)	9 May 2023
6.8.3.3	REP2-104	Habitats Regulations Assessment – Volume 3 – Appendix 3 (Screening Matrices) (Tracked)	9 May 2023
6.8.3.4	REP2-105	Habitats Regulations Assessment – Volume 3 – Appendix 4 (Adverse Effect Matrices) (Clean)	9 May 2023

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6.8.3.4	REP2-106	Habitats Regulations Assessment – Volume 3 – Appendix 4 (Adverse Effect Matrices) (Tracked)	9 May 2023
6.10	REP5-013	Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment (Clean)	9 May 2023
6.10	REP5-014	Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment (Tracked)	9 May 2023
8.8	REP5-026	National Policy Statement Compliance Tracker (Clean)	9 May 2023
8.8	REP5-027	National Policy Statement Compliance Tracker (Tracked)	9 May 2023
8.10.5	N/A (new document)	Applicant's Response to Issues Raised at Deadline 5	9 May 2023
8.16	N/A (new document)	Applicant's Responses to the ExA's Second Written Questions	9 May 2023

In considering this documentation, please note the following:

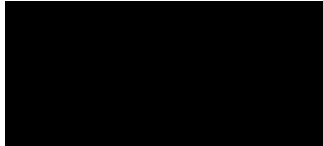
4. The Application Document Tracker and Application Guide have been updated to reflect the latest status and list of documents submitted as part of the Examination process.
5. The Draft Development Consent Order has been updated to reflect changes arising from Northern Endurance Partnership taking over the HLCP project from NGCL, an update to Requirement 7(1) following discussions with the Environment Agency, and other minor grammatical changes and updates to reflect updated document references.
6. The Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order has been updated to detail these changes.
7. The Statement of Reasons has been updated to provide a consolidated version as requested by the ExA in their Procedural Decision dated 26/04/23.
8. The Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought document has been updated following the submission of the Second Changes Application to set out the engagement that the Applicant has undertaken in respect of those amendments.
9. The Funding Statement has been updated to provide a consolidated version as requested by the ExA in their Procedural Decision dated 26/04/23.
10. The REAC has been updated to reflect the commitment to the provision of a Stakeholder Communication Plan (Ref ID G21), as confirmed in the Applicant's response to WQ2 GEN.2.2.

11. The Outline Landscape and Biodiversity Strategy has been updated to reflect the Applicant's response to the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions and to provide clarity on the retention of vegetation.
12. The Draft Lighting Strategy has been updated to reflect discussions with NYC regarding the information that would be included in the detailed Lighting Strategy.
13. The Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) is submitted as the concluding HRA Report and to note no further work is required on the HRA following agreement with Natural England. The HRA has been updated to incorporate:
 - to capture cumulative updates (regarding two developments – Short List ID103 and ID106);
 - the Second Changes Application; and
 - to capture updates relating to Appendix 8 (Lower Derwent Valley Habitats and Soil Analysis) of the HRA having been submitted.
14. The Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Assessment has been updated to reflect:
 - the changes to Work No. 8 as a result of the Second Change Application;
 - set out clearly how the delivery of BNG is secured; and
 - the recent updates around the River BNG work and Colne and Calder Rivers Trust project.
15. The Applicant continues to engage with all SoCG parties, and will submit updated Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) to reflect the status of ongoing discussions with the applicable stakeholders at Deadline 7. Similarly, the Statement of Commonality will be updated at Deadline 7 to reflect updates to SoCGs and the position more generally at that time.
16. The National Policy Statement Compliance Tracker (EN-1 and EN-3) has been updated, having also noted the additional points raised via the ExA's Second Written Questions.
17. The Applicant's comments on Interested Parties' submissions at Deadline 5 is provided in Document 8.10.5.
18. The Applicant's responses to the ExA's Second Written Questions are provided in Document 8.16.
19. The draft Section 106 Agreement is being discussed with the North Yorkshire Council (NYC). The parties are discussing a minor proposed amendment to address further comments made by NYC at the hearings (as recorded in the Applicant's oral summary of submissions made at ISH4 (REP4-030), in particular paragraphs 9.6 – 9.8 in respect of BNG). This is the only outstanding point of drafting for the agreement, and it is anticipated it will be in agreed form and ready for execution by the parties shortly. The Applicant will provide a further update at Deadline 7.

20. Enclosed with this letter are the above documents via the file upload facility on the project application website¹, as agreed with the Inspectorate via the Rule 6 letter on 13 December 2022.

21. We trust the above and enclosed are helpful. However, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any queries regarding these documents.

Yours sincerely



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¹ <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/drax-bioenergy-with-carbon-capture-and-storage-project>