



# **COVER LETTER (24)**

## **Drax Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage**

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Dear Mr Harrold,

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**Document Reference: 8.2.23 Cover Letter (24) – Submission of Documents Requested for Deadline 7 of the Examination**

**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 7 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:

<b>Application Document Reference</b>	<b>PINS Document Reference (Most up to date submitted version)</b>	<b>Document Details</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1.3</b>	REP6-001	Application Guide (Clean)	24 May 2023

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<b>1.3</b>	REP6-002	Application Guide (Tracked)	24 May 2023
<b>1.4</b>	REP6-003	Application Document Tracker (Clean)	24 May 2023
<b>1.4</b>	REP6-004	Application Document Tracker (Tracked)	24 May 2023
<b>4.1.1</b>	REP6-012	Schedule of Negotiations and Power Sought (Clean)	24 May 2023
<b>4.1.1</b>	REP6-013	Schedule of Negotiations and Power Sought (Tracker)	24 May 2023
<b>4.3</b>	AS-116	Book of Reference (Clean)	24 May 2023
<b>4.3</b>	AS-117	Book of Reference (Tracked)	24 May 2023
<b>4.3.6</b>	N/A (new document)	Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference	24 May 2023
<b>6.5</b>	REP6-015	Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (Clean)	24 May 2023
<b>6.5</b>	REP6-016	Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (Tracked)	24 May 2023
<b>8.1.9</b>	REP3-013	Statement of Common Ground between East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Drax Power Limited	24 May 2023
<b>8.4</b>	REP5-025	Statement of Commonality	24 May 2023
<b>8.7</b>	REP3-016	Draft Section 106 Agreement (Clean)	24 May 2023
<b>8.7</b>	REP3-017	Draft Section 106 Agreement (Tracked)	24 May 2023
<b>8.10.6</b>	N/A (new document)	Applicant's Response to Issues Raised at Deadline 6	24 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 not been updated at this deadline as there are no changes proposed (other than a minor update to Schedule 11, and to update the revision numbers and dates in Schedule 13 (documents and plans to be certified) which will be done at a Deadline 8).

6. The Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought document has been updated to set out the engagement that the Applicant has undertaken since Deadline 6.
7. The Book of Reference has been updated to reflect minor changes including updates to address details for three parties.
8. The Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference has been updated to reflect these changes.
9. The Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments has been updated to reflect an update to the Watercourse Pollution Prevention Plan (widening the boundary to include two more watercourses) and text changes to Ref ID WE14 in response to the ExAs Deadline 6 Responses to WQ2.
10. The Applicant continues to engage with all SoCG parties, and will submit the following updated Statement of Common Ground (SoCGs) to reflect the status of ongoing discussions with the applicable stakeholders at Deadline 7:
  - Statement of Common Ground between East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Drax Power Limited
11. The Applicant has received confirmation from three parties: Historic England; Selby Area Internal Drainage Board; and, Goole and Airmyn Internal Drainage Board, that they have no comments to make regarding the Second Change Application, and that the signed Statements of Common Ground previously submitted remain valid and unchanged.
12. The Applicant provides an update on the progress with other Statements of Common Ground that are not submitted at Deadline 7 in Section 4 of the updated Statement of Commonality (see paragraph 14, below).
13. The Applicant noted at Deadline 6 that it may have been appropriate to progress a Statement of Common Ground with the Northern Endurance Partnership/bp as they will be progressing the Humber Low Carbon Pipeline Project in the future once the transfer of assets has been agreed with National Grid Carbon Limited (NGCL). However, it appears unlikely that the asset transfer process will be completed in time for such a document to be prepared before the end of the Drax BECCS examination. For this reason, the discussions are ongoing with NGCL and the Statement of Common Ground with NGCL is expected to be updated at Deadline 8 to reflect this position.
14. Similarly, the Statement of Commonality has been updated at Deadline 7 to reflect updates to SoCGs and the position more generally at that time.
15. The draft s106 Agreement is now in agreed form, following discussions with NYC. The agreement will be shortly circulating for the parties to execute. At this Deadline 7 the Applicant has provided a clean final draft of the agreement, and a comparison against the previous version submitted at Deadline 3. Once completed, a copy of the signed and dated version of the agreement will be submitted to the Examination.
16. The National Policy Statement Compliance Tracker (EN-1 and EN-3) has not been updated at Deadline 7 because there are no changes to report.



17. The Applicant's comments on Interested Parties' submissions at Deadline 6 is provided in Document 8.10.6.
18. The Applicant is finalising a Technical Note reporting on the work completed at Barn Hill Meadows SSSI in relation to the acid deposition points, and will issue this to Natural England as soon as its ready. This will hopefully allow time for Natural England to consider and for discussions to be progressed between the parties, as needed, prior to Deadline 8.
19. Enclosed with this letter are the above documents via the file upload facility on the project application website<sup>1</sup>, as agreed with the Inspectorate via the Rule 6 letter on 13 December 2022.
20. 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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<sup>1</sup> <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/drax-bioenergy-with-carbon-capture-and-storage-project>