

Meeting note

Project name	Drax Re-Power
File reference	EN010091
Status	Final
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	27 April 2018
Meeting with	Drax Power Limited
Venue	Temple Quay House
Attendees	The Planning Inspectorate Chris White – Infrastructure Planning Lead Kay Sully – Case Manager Michele Gregory – Case Manager Karl-Jonas Johansson – Case Officer Hannah Pratt – Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor The Applicant Oliver Baybut – Drax Jim Doyle – Drax Rob Warren – Drax Chris Taylor – WSP Lara Peter – WSP
Meeting objectives	Project update and HRA update
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA)

The Inspectorate highlighted the recent judgment European court ruling C-323/17 - People Over Wind, Peter Sweetman v Coillte Teoranta (2018) which held that it is impermissible to take account of measures intended to avoid or reduce the harmful effects of the plan or project on a European Site (i.e. mitigation measures) at the screening stage.

The Applicant confirmed that it would take the judgement into account in drafting the HRA Report.

Submission

The Inspectorate advised that Michele Gregory would replace Kay Sully as Case Manager for the project but confirmed that the rest of the team would stay intact. The Applicant

reconfirmed its intention to submit the application at the end of May 2018. The Applicant offered to conduct a site visit for Michele if needed.

It was confirmed that the Applicant will provide the Inspectorate with the relevant local authority contacts before the application is submitted and a word version of the draft Development Consent Order as a non-application document. The Inspectorate also requested that Word versions of the HRA matrices are also submitted. It was confirmed these documents would not form parts of the application.

Any Other Business

The Applicant was advised to check that the shapefile required prior to submission is submitted in the polygon format as prescribed in [Advice Note Six: Preparation and submission of application documents](#)