



ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT – VOLUME 3 – APPENDIX 4.1

Relevant Expertise and Competency

Drax Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage

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1. RELEVANT EXPERTISE AND COMPETENCY

- 1.1.1. In line with Regulation 14(4)(a) of the EIA Regulations 2017, this Environmental Statement (ES) and all technical assessments which inform it have been undertaken by a suitably qualified project team.
- 1.1.2. WSP has been appointed by the Applicant to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Proposed Scheme and is responsible for both the EIA and ES. The team that has prepared the ES are competent experts in EIA and the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) has awarded WSP the EIA Quality Mark for holistic activity around EIA. WSP has continued to maintain this following ongoing, annual examination in relation to ongoing products, staff, innovation and promotion of EIA within the industry. WSP has and continues to support and lead nationally recognised guidance for EIA in the UK.
- 1.1.3. It is a combination of the EIA Quality Mark and the experience and qualifications of WSP's practitioners that form part of the EIA team that ensure we comply with this requirement.
- 1.1.4. Furthermore, all technical assessments have been subject to a thorough technical review, to assure technical credibility, followed by subsequent review of all chapters by the EIA coordination team and review of technical appendices, where appropriate. To ensure that all deliverables are produced to the necessary high standards, WSP's Business Management System is certified to ISO 9001:2015 standards.
- 1.1.5. In accordance with Regulation 14(4)(b) of the EIA Regulations 2017, the relevant expertise or qualifications of the WSP technical experts responsible for the preparation of this ES are outlined in **Table 1.1** below

Table 1.1 - Overview of the Competence of WSP Technical Experts Responsible for the Preparation of the ES

Name	Role	Qualifications
Sarah Falconer	EIA Technical Director	MSc (Coastal Zone Management), BA (Geography), AIEMA
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Esteban Olmos	Noise and Vibration	MSc (Acoustic Engineering), BSc (Acoustics), CEnv, AMIOA, PMQ
Philip Peterson	Ecology	BSc (Ecology), MCIEEM, CEnv
Paul Nicholson	Landscape and Visual Impact	BA Hons (Landscape Architecture), CMLI
Natasha Powers	Heritage	MSc (Osteology, Palaeopathology and Funerary Archaeology), BSc (Archaeological Science), MCIfA, MCMI, FSA
Roisin Lindsay	Ground Conditions	MSc (Environmental Hydrogeology), BSc (Archaeology / Palaeoecology), CEnv
Lucy Gilbert	Ground Conditions (Agricultural Land and Soils)	MSc (Environmental and Geographical Science), BSc (Environmental Science), CSci
Andy Smith	Water Environment (Surface Water)	MSc (Water Management (Environmental)), C.WEM CEnv
John Chapman	Water Environment (Groundwater)	MSc (Hydrogeology), FGS
Jennifer Collins	Water Environment (WFD)	BSc, PhD, MCIWEM, C.WEM, CEnv
Tim Danson	Materials and Waste	MSc (Environmental Diagnostics), BSc (Environmental Biology and Ecology), MCIWEM, CSci, PIEMA
Stephanie Hands	Climate Resilience	MEnvSci (Environmental Science), CEnv, MIEMA
James Peet	Greenhouse Gases	MSc (Environmental Science), BSc (Geography), CEnv, MIEMA
Julia Laver	Population, Health and Socioeconomics	MSc (Town and Country Planning), BSc (Urban Planning, Design and Management), LRTPI
Laura Dugdale	Major Accidents and Disasters	MSc (Environmental Management), BSc (Environmental Science), MIEMA, CEnv, Tech IOSH
Bryony Stocking	Cumulative Effects	BSc (Marine Biology and Coastal Ecology), MRes (Environmental Biology), MIEMA, CEnv