

Drax Cruachan Expansion Limited

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017

Notice is hereby given that Drax Cruachan Expansion Limited, (company registration number 06657393 with registered office at Drax Power Station, Drax, Selby, North Yorkshire, YO8 8PH), has submitted additional information to the Scottish Ministers in relation to the application for consent under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a new underground pumped storage hydro power station and associated infrastructure adjacent to the existing Cruachan 1 power station, Dalmally PA33 1AN (Central Grid Reference NN 080 282). The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be up to 600MW in operation. The proposal is subject to Environmental Impact Assessment. An EIA Report has been produced to accompany the application for consent.

Drax Cruachan Expansion Limited has also applied for a direction under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

Drax Cruachan Expansion Limited has now submitted additional information to Scottish Ministers, which includes information relating to Heritage, Ecology, Transport, Hydrology and Ground Conditions.

Copies of the additional information and the application ('the information') are available for public inspection in person, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

Location	Opening Hours	Address
Cruachan Visitor Centre	Monday – Friday 9.15am to 3.45pm	Cruachan Visitor Centre Dalmally Argyll Scotland PA33 1AN

A copy of the application, including plans showing the lands to which it relates and the EIA Report, together with the additional information, is available for public inspection, free of charge on the application website <https://www.cruachanexpansion.com/s36-application/> or on the Scottish Government Energy Consents website at <https://www.energyconsents.scot> under application reference ECU00004492.

Copies of the additional information may be obtained from Drax via Stantec (telephone: 0141 352 2360 / email getintouch@cruachanexpansion.com at a charge of £50 hard copy and £10 electronic copy. Copies of a short non-technical summary are available free of charge.

All previous representations received by Scottish Ministers in relation to the above application will still be considered.

Any new representations to the application may be submitted via the Energy Consents Unit website at www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx; by email to representations@gov.scot; or by post to the

Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation.

Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals) and full postal address of those making representations. Emailed representations should also include the full return email address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to representations@gov.scot will receive acknowledgement.

All representations should be received not later than 8th February 2023, although Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Any subsequent additional information which is submitted by the developer will be subject to further public notice in this manner, and representations to such information will be accepted as per this notice.

As a result of a statutory objection from the relevant planning authority, or where Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, Scottish Ministers can also cause a Public Inquiry to be held.

Following examination of the environmental information and all views and representations received, Scottish Ministers will determine this application for consent in one of two ways:

- Consent the proposal, with or without conditions attached; or
- Reject the proposal

General Data Protection Regulations

The Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit processes applications under the Electricity Act 1989. To support transparency in decision making, the Scottish Government publishes representations online at www.energyconsents.scot. A privacy notice is published on the help page at www.energyconsents.scot. This explains how the Scottish Government processes your personal information. If you have any concerns about the processing of your personal information by the Scottish Government, please email EconsentsAdmin@gov.scot or write to Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU.