

FORUM VISIT TO DRAX POWER STATION April 12th 2016

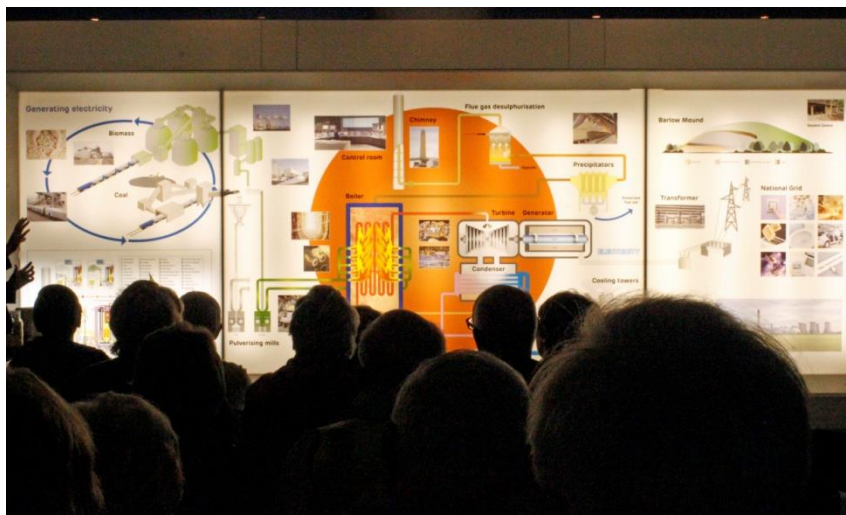
A coach full of members recently visited the nearby power station at Drax. Our main interest was in the bio-mass section of the operation.



We started our trip with a soup and sandwich lunch at Drax Social Club which gave people a chance to chat.



We then moved on to the Visitor Centre where our tour started with a familiarisation talk and short video before splitting into two groups.



One group went by coach around the site to see the environmental improvements being made and where raw materials come in and are stored.



The other group was bussed to the working part of the process, suitably dressed in high visibility jackets, safety helmets and ear defenders with in-built communications equipment which meant we could hear the guide without the deafening sound of machinery.



After a 'swap over' we returned for tea and biscuits in the Visitor Centre and a chance to play with some of the educational 'toys'



We were all impressed by the size of the operation – Drax is the biggest power station in Britain. Built on a site of over 2000 acres it generates almost 8% of UK electricity.



There are 11 guides, very knowledgeable and rightly proud of the achievements at Drax. They are hoping to increase the 11,000 visitors of 2015 to over 20,000 in 2016. Despite the weather we did not get wet and a very enjoyable day was had by all

Thanks to John for the pictures and to Pauline for organising the day . . .