



## Drax's Independent Advisory Board – H2 2025 update

In the second half of 2025, the Drax Independent Advisory Board (IAB) convened for a virtual interim meeting in August and an in-person meeting in November. These meetings continued to provide independent and strategic advice to Drax, with a focus on nature positive initiatives, regulatory developments, stakeholder engagement, and evidence-based sustainability.

In August, the IAB received an overview of regulatory and strategic updates including the EU Deforestation Regulation, RED III, and the UK Greenhouse Gas Removals Review. The meeting also featured an announcement of the new partnership for a remote sensing tool, which will support Drax's compliance and monitoring efforts ([NGIS partnership announcement](#)). The IAB also provided feedback on the [biomass tracker](#), making recommendations around internal uses and processing of data, which were taken onboard before publication of the tool in early 2026.

In November, the IAB met in person for site visits, presentations, and in-depth discussions. This included a site visit to Drax Power Station and the nearby [Skylark Nature Reserve](#), with discussion about its valuable use for community and stakeholder engagement, with recommendations for how it could be used for greater outreach.

The IAB reviewed the Nature Positive Plan for Drax Power Station, focusing on translating TNFD reporting requirements into actionable site-level data and ensuring robust baselining for nature assessments. Restoration projects such as Barlow Mound were highlighted as opportunities for community engagement and knowledge sharing. The IAB discussed the value and cost-effectiveness of current monitoring practices if there were suitable alternative approaches.

The [Evidence Hub's](#) progress was reviewed, with recommendations for a clearer structure, inclusion of diverse evidence types, and enhanced engagement strategies to broaden its reach. Communications strategy remained a focus, with the IAB emphasising a role for Drax's scientific work and evidence in underpinning its narrative.

At the close of the November meeting, the IAB and Drax expressed their deep gratitude to Lord John Krebs for his contributions since 2019, and leadership as Chair since 2024. Lord Krebs stepped down as Chair at the end of 2025, and members of the IAB acknowledged the positive impact of his guidance on Drax's sustainability journey. Starting in 2026, Sir Ian Boyd will serve as Chair of the IAB, and we welcome his knowledge and experience, contributing to continuity and insight into Drax's sustainability journey.

In addition to the regular meetings, the IAB Chair and Vice Chair also held discussions with the Drax Board, followed by a meeting between the IAB and Drax's Executive Committee later in the year. These engagements addressed the work programme and the key topics on which the IAB had advised in 2025.