

## FOREWORD



**The Government has decided that new nuclear power stations should have a role in the future electricity generating mix for the UK.**

EDF Energy supports this policy and believes there is an urgent need to invest in new nuclear power stations, to both reduce carbon emissions and increase the security of our energy supplies.

We estimate that the new nuclear power station we propose at Hinkley Point could provide more than 6% of the nation's electricity – a major contribution towards a low carbon future.

The new planning regime for major infrastructure projects requires promoters to carry out pre-application consultation. We recognise the vital role that Statutory Consultees and interested parties play in this process.

Our sincere wish is to engage with you to enable your full participation in the development of our proposals. We believe this will ensure local impacts, including potential benefits, are given the fullest consideration at the appropriate time.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Mayson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Richard Mayson**  
*Director of Planning & External Affairs*