

Hinkley Point

News from EDF Energy



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Consultation on Changes to our Preferred Proposals

Before finalising the proposals for a new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point C, EDF Energy will be consulting on 'Update on and Proposed Changes to the Preferred Proposals'.

We will be seeking views on those elements of our proposals that have been updated since our consultation on 'Preferred Proposals' last year.

The consultation will take place from 25 February to 28 March 2011 and will focus on:

- Material changes to our plans since the close of the Stage 2 consultation.
- Other matters where we would welcome further views on aspects of our plans, including new material published since the close of Stage 2.

While the views of the local community will be influential in shaping our final plans, EDF Energy must also take into account the views of local authorities and other statutory consultees in considering what is practical and achievable in terms of delivering a new power station.



Exhibition at Bridgwater College, Cannington

Details of the proposed changes will be included in:

- the next newsletter, on the project website from 25 February;
- at Public exhibitions; and
- in our Bridgwater office during normal office hours (9am – 5pm, Monday to Friday) from 25 February to 28 March 2011.

EDF Energy will consider the public and stakeholder responses before finalising its application for submission to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC). A detailed final Consultation Report, explaining how the responses to the consultation have influenced the final proposals, will form part of the application.

We will also undertake an information exercise following submission of our application for Development Consent to the IPC, providing details of the final proposals for Hinkley Point C. This will help people to understand our proposals and facilitate the examination of our application that the IPC will undertake.

Further information on the latest stage of consultation is provided in "Hinkley Point: 'Update on and Proposed Changes to the Preferred Proposals' Consultation Strategy and Revised Statement of Community Consultation", which is available to download from the project website (www.edfenergyconsultation.info) or view at our King Square office in Bridgwater.

If you are unable to attend the exhibitions due to mobility issues, we would be happy to arrange for one of our team to visit you at your home in order to discuss the proposals and answer any queries you may have. If you would like to enquire about this service please call us on the freephone number on the back of the newsletter.

Date	Venue	Timings
Saturday 26 February	Danesfield School, Williton, TA4 4SW	12pm – 4pm
Monday 28 February	Sedgemoor Hall, Sedgemoor Auction Centre, North Petherton, TA6 6DF	2pm – 8pm
Tuesday 1 March	Otterhampton Village Hall, TA5 2QS	2pm – 8pm
Wednesday 2 March	Victory Hall, Stogursey, TA5 1PR	2pm – 8pm
Thursday 3 March	The Exchange, Bridgwater, TA6 4RR	2pm – 8pm
Friday 4 March	The Main Hall, Bridgwater College, Cannington, TA5 2LS	2pm – 8pm
Saturday 5 March	Angel Place Shopping Centre, Bridgwater, TA6 3TQ	10am – 4pm

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EDF Energy in the Community

Jobs and Skills Update

Recognising the skills gap in the UK, EDF Energy is focusing on two broad areas: training and education. Our investments in Somerset will be made in phases in tandem with the development of the project, should the new power station be built.

A Partnership Approach: We are working hard to develop strategic partnerships in the south west with the local authorities and other bodies to support the delivery of the skills and education agenda needed for the Hinkley Point C build.

We are also working with our supply chain partners to share standards of expertise, safety and quality throughout all aspects of the project.

Energy Skills Centre: As part of our strategic vision for skills and training in the UK, we are investing £3 million in a strategic partnership with Bridgwater College to create a national training centre for EDF Energy in the south west (see article below).

Employment Brokerage Scheme: In partnership with JobCentre Plus we have developed an employment brokerage scheme to support the placement of people from Sedgemoor, West Somerset and the wider county of Somerset into sustainable employment created by the building of Hinkley Point C and its associated developments.

The aim is for the brokerage to be extended to include the employment of operational staff to be recruited from the local area.

Apprenticeships and Training: We are also investing £1.6 million in West Somerset Community College - £1 million of which is for a new apprenticeship hub and £600,000 is for the Hinkley Ready Skills Project. This contribution will help the college revise the vocational curriculum and redevelop premises so that local people can gain the skills required to access the opportunities available.

Construction Skills Centre: We are investing £1.5 million in a partnership with Bridgwater College and national skills bodies to establish a construction skills centre at Bridgwater College. This will provide a 'one-stop-shop' for training requirements and enable

local people to gain the skills required to secure a job with contractors on the project.

The centre will continue to serve the construction and civil engineering sector in the south west beyond the build of Hinkley Point C.



Apprenticeship and construction workers

From Primary Schools to Universities: One of our aims is to engage future generations before they take the educational decisions that will shape the rest of their working lives. We are proud that our POD initiative (www.jointhepod.org) has already helped educate 3 million primary school pupils in the UK about the low carbon economy.

We are implementing a programme in the south west to reduce the skills gap, enhance community benefits to the region, raise vocational and academic aspirations for young people and increase awareness and understanding of the nuclear industry.

We are also working very closely with the university sector to ensure that the courses they offer provide graduates with the skills and education required for a project like Hinkley Point C.

Of the 300 trained technicians needed for the operation of Hinkley Point C in 2018, 75% will be sourced through EDF Energy's four year apprenticeship programme.

For further information please visit www.edfenergy.com

New Energy Skills Centre opened by Secretary of State

The Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP opened the new Energy Skills Centre at Bridgwater College on 24 January 2011. This state of the art, energy efficient training hub will benefit from a £3 million investment from EDF Energy, which will be phased in tandem with the development.



Chris Huhne MP and Vincent de Rivaz with Bridgwater College students

Chris Huhne MP said: "A new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point has the potential to make an important contribution to the UK's future low carbon, secure energy supplies.

"It's important that local communities benefit from energy projects. Making the most of local skills is going to be crucial

Makeover for Nether Stowey Primary School's Nature Reserve

Despite the wintry weather, Nether Stowey primary school's nature reserve has been given a makeover as part of EDF Energy's "Helping Hands" initiative.



David Eccles and Vicki Boyland from EDF Energy help head teacher, Richard Adams, transform the nature reserve

The school's nature reserve was overgrown with nettles and thorns, which the head of the energy company's Bridgwater office, David Eccles, and his team managed to hack back, restoring the area to reveal a natural, outdoor classroom.

Locally sourced woodchip and tools for the job were kindly donated by Cannington firm, Greenslades; one of the local firms that is already benefiting from the opportunities that the Hinkley Point C proposal brings to the local economy.

The reserve includes a babbling brook, bug reserve, wooded glade, two ponds and an outdoor wooded amphitheatre.

David Eccles said: "Our Helping Hands initiative allows employees to spend two days a year away from their day job carrying out work for a charity or in the local community. This was a great team-building event and has brought this secluded corner of Nether Stowey primary school back to life."

Richard Adams, Nether Stowey primary school head teacher, said: "The EDF Energy team have done a wonderful job of improving the nature reserve. They battled snow, sleet and hail on the day and have really made a difference to the area. We will definitely be using the reserve for lessons again once the snow has melted."

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and I'm encouraged to see EDF Energy's support for Bridgwater College's new Energy Skills Centre."

EDF Energy Chief Executive Vincent de Rivaz said: "We want Somerset people to have the maximum opportunity to benefit from our plans. Our investment in Bridgwater College is designed to ensure

people and businesses in the local community can develop the skills they need to secure jobs and contracts on our project.

"Initiatives like the Energy Skills Centre are key to ensuring that the local community and local businesses can make the most of these opportunities."

Launch of Stogursey Parish Lengthsman

EDF Energy has launched a pilot lengthsman scheme in the Parish of Stogursey. The original role, first used in the Peak District National Park, involved a lengthsman taking responsibility for a small stretch of road to keep its surrounding drainage ditches clear and foliage cut.

The modern lengthsman, who will now work in the parish, has a modernised job scope to include a greater depth of activities to benefit the local community.

Throughout the year the lengthsman will carry out roles such as ditch and gully clearance, litter picking, hedge and grass cutting, signage maintenance and cleaning and other more specific jobs to be identified by the Parish Council and the wider community.



Phil Venning, new lengthsman

Phil Venning, EDF Energy lengthsman, will liaise with Stogursey Parish Council and EDF Energy to quickly identify and remedy potential issues in the Parish. He will also link into key authorities in the area such as the Environment Agency, Highways Agency and Internal Drainage Board to escalate major issues and tasks to the appropriate organisation.

Applications Update

Somerset County Council approved EDF Energy's application for remedial work at Hinkley Point last month.

The application relates to remediation work to the west of the existing A station, including the removal of the mound artificially created during construction of Hinkley Point A; re-use of existing stockpiled materials; construction of temporary areas of hard standing, including relocation of the helipad to a temporary location, creation of temporary segregation and stockpile areas; and erection of temporary contractor office facilities.

Separate applications have been submitted to West Somerset Council for Site Preparation Works and to the Marine Management Organisation for a temporary jetty and associated works at Hinkley Point.

Do you have accommodation to rent?

If you own local accommodation and would be interested in letting it to contractors working on the Hinkley Point C project should we receive development consent, please contact our accommodation officer, Jeremy Damrell, at the EDF Energy Bridgwater office on 01278 444 600 to register your details.

Any information received in response to our accommodation survey advert or via the Somerset Chamber of Commerce's website has already been registered.

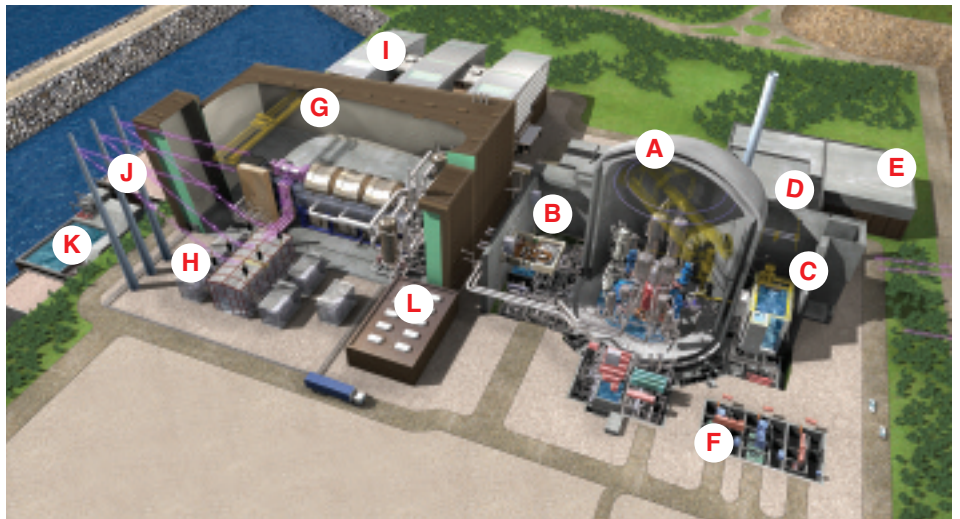
Good News for Reactor Design

EDF Energy is a step closer to having a UK EPR after the UK nuclear safety authority's decision to close the only Regulatory Issue on the EPR, which related to Control and Instrumentation.

The safety authority, the Nuclear Directorate of the Health and Safety Executive, said that EDF Energy and Areva had put in "a considerable amount of high quality work" and "have addressed satisfactorily the Nuclear Directorate's concerns".

EDF Energy Chief Executive, Vincent de Rivaz, said, "This decision by the UK safety authority is very good news for the EPR. We are committed to continuing the high quality work that led to today's decision, to secure licensing of the EPR in the UK in line with the timetable."

The UK assessment of the EPR continues through the Generic Design Assessment (GDA) process, on which EDF Energy has been working closely with Areva. We will continue to work closely with the safety authority, providing high quality and timely input, so that the authority's timetable to complete a meaningful assessment by June 2011 can be met.



Indicative cut away drawing of a single EPR

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| A | Reactor building | G | Turbine building |
| B | Four safeguard buildings | H | Power transmission platform |
| C | Fuel building | I | Operator building |
| D | Nuclear auxiliary building | J | Pumphouse building |
| E | Radioactive waste processing building | K | Outfall structure |
| F | Emergency diesel generator building | L | Conventional electrical building |

Contact Details

Further details of our 'Update on and Proposed Changes to the Preferred Proposals' will be available from 25 February 2011. If you have any queries in the meantime about the consultation events or would like to book a home visit, please contact us in one of the following ways:

- Drop in to our Bridgwater office: 14 King Square, Bridgwater TA6 3DG (9am to 5pm Monday to Friday excluding Bank Holidays)

- Call us on: 01278 444 600 or 0800 169 6507*
- Email: enquiries@edfenergyconsultation.info
- Send a letter to: FREEPOST CONSULTATION RESPONSE* (no stamp or further address required)

If you have a general EDF Energy customer/billing enquiry, please call 0800 096 9000.

*These contact details will put you in touch with PPS, who are managing the public consultation programme on behalf of EDF Energy