

Hinkley Point C

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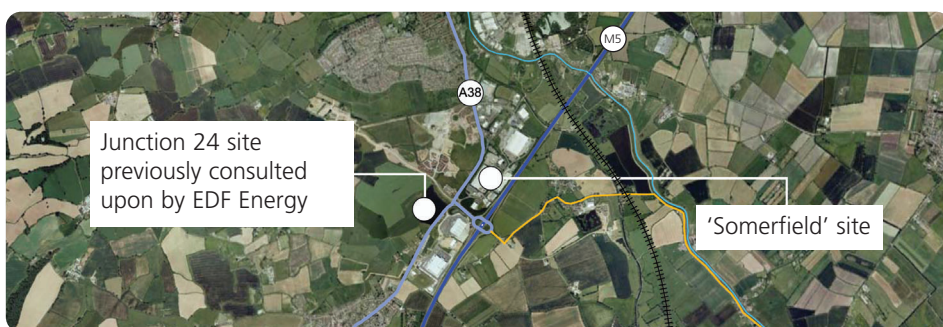
Proposed Changes near M5 Junction 24 and Highway Improvements in the Bridgwater Area

Since carrying out our Stage 2 update consultation earlier this year, some of our proposals have changed or may change. We will be consulting on a proposed alternative park and ride and freight management facility near Junction 24 of the M5 and extra highway improvements in the Bridgwater area.

This consultation explains the revised proposals and gives residents and stakeholders the opportunity to comment. Before we finalise our plans, we will take those views into account.

The consultation document, 'Hinkley Point C: Proposed Changes to the Preferred Proposals including M5 Junction 24 and Highway Improvements in the Bridgwater Area' can be found on our website at: www.edfenergyconsultation.info

This consultation is limited to these potential



Aerial picture showing the two park and ride options near M5 Junction 24

changes rather than the project as a whole. It is not a response to all comments raised during the Stage 2 Update Consultation as these will be included in a full consultation report submitted as part of the main application to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) later this year.

This consultation is needed because the potential changes could result in new or different impacts.

The main potential changes are to replace the proposed Junction 24 park and ride and freight management facility site, previously consulted on, with a similar facility on the nearby 'Somerfield' site near Junction 24 of the M5, and additional highway improvements in the Bridgwater area.

We will be holding three public exhibitions to explain the proposed changes:

- **Monday 11 July 2011, midday to 8pm at Sedgemoor Auction Centre, North Petherton TA6 6DF**
- **Saturday 16 July 2011, 10am to 4pm at the Angel Place Shopping Centre, Bridgwater TA6 3TQ**
- **Thursday 21 July 2011, midday to 8pm at Bridgwater Town Hall, High Street, Bridgwater TA6 3AS**

The exhibition boards can also be viewed at EDF Energy's office, King Square, Bridgwater and on our website,

www.edfenergyconsultation.info from 11 July to 12 August 2011. **Please let us have your comments by 12 August 2011.**

Temporary Jetty Update

EDF Energy has applied to the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) for permission to build a temporary jetty at Hinkley Point C. This is part of our strategy to carry as much heavy material as possible by sea, minimising the number of HGVs on the local road network.

EDF Energy recently submitted additional environmental information about the jetty to the MMO. This information is available at www.marinemanagement.org.uk/licensing/public_register/cases/hinkley_point_c.htm. The MMO is inviting comments on the

application, including the additional environmental information, by 29 July. A planning inquiry for the jetty application will be held in November 2011.

EDF Energy is considering whether it should also include the jetty as part of its Development Consent Order (DCO) application for Hinkley Point C to the IPC. In the event that consent for the jetty is granted by the MMO and associated consent is received from the Secretary of State, EDF Energy will ensure that the provisions are not unnecessarily duplicated in the DCO.

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Pied wagtail chooses unusual nesting spot



An eagle-eyed worker at the planned Hinkley Point C site was surprised to find that a pied wagtail had chosen a large mechanical roller as a nesting spot.

The driver of the roller spotted the nest while carrying out a routine safety inspection just before using the vehicle. The wagtail mum-to-be had built her nest in a matter of days in a corner of the vehicle while it was parked up.

The roller was immediately ruled out of action and the three new pied wagtail chicks remained in their unusual home until they fledged the nest.

Nigel Cann, EDF Energy's construction director at Hinkley C, said: "I'm pleased that the teams we have on-site demonstrated such thorough environmental awareness. Managing the natural environment sensitively as we progress is very important.

"The identification of the pied wagtail nest and the protection it received demonstrated how seriously we take our safety inspections and our commitment to the environment."

Power station's unexpected visitor seals escape bid

Workers at EDF Energy's Hinkley Point B site showed their adaptability when confronted with an unusual case of the wrong type of seal at the power station – an Atlantic grey seal swimming around in the power station's cooling water intake chamber.

The female seal, nicknamed Celia, was unharmed but unable to swim out again by itself. The supply of cooling water is needed

for the power station's two reactors and was unaffected.

The station set up a recovery team to ensure safe rescue of the seal. EDF Energy staff and contract partners from Cape Industrial Services and Spence Crane Hire worked together on a plan to extract the seal without causing her distress. The local RSPCA was also called to the site to advise on welfare issues.

After five days the recovery team's perseverance paid off and the grey seal was caught and lifted to safety. Following a 'once-over' from a local vet, it was then released from a beach a few miles to the west of the power station. The spot was chosen as it was far enough away and on the out-going tide so as to minimise the risk of the seal returning.

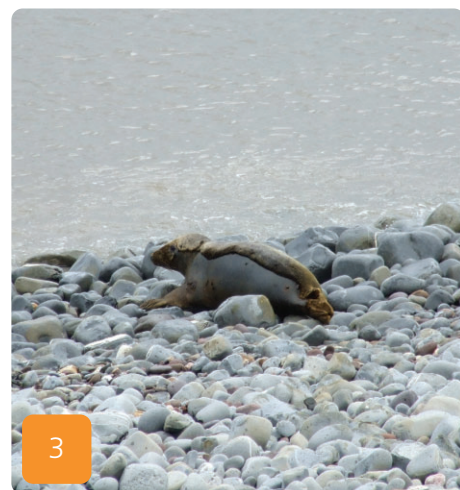
Celia's adventures attracted national and international headlines.



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Cowslips given new home

After some detailed classroom planning by Stogursey Primary School pupils, they returned to Hinkley Point to undertake a Cowslip transplant.

Led by Ms Dunwood, the budding botanists marched from the school to Bishop's Wood on the proposed Hinkley Point C site. The pupils had previously visited the wood and

undertook a field-study to identify the plants that live in the wood and marked the plants they planned to transplant.



The students successfully identified several

Flowers by Stogursey Primary School pupil, Amelia May Robbins



clumps of Cowslips (*Primula Veris*), and with the help of staff from EDF Energy and Greenslades (local grounds maintenance supplier) the group carefully went about extracting the Cowslips from the ground and transplanting them into pots so they could be transported back to the school.

Stogursey Primary School already have a flourishing garden and have plans to expand this, the Cowslips will be nurtured by the pupils until they can be planted into the new garden.

Winner of Somerset Green Schools Challenge

Crispin School in Somerset has won the EDF Energy Somerset Green Schools Challenge and scooped £10,000 to spend on a low carbon project developed by students.

Teams of 14 year olds from Ansford School in Castle Cary, Heathfield Community School in Taunton, King Alfred School in Highbridge, The Castle School in Taunton and Crispin School in Street entered the 'Dragons' Den' to present their proposals for a low carbon project at the challenge final.

The judging panel assessed each project proposal, quizzing students on their plans, before deciding which schools to award funds to from the £15,000 prize pot.

Crispin School won £10,000 for a range of low carbon initiatives including an eco-toilet, thermostats to improve temperature control and reduce energy consumption, biodiesel storage, 'skills for the 21st century'



Crispin School group photo: Jake Edwards, 12; Phoebe Collins, 13; Thomas Milroy, 14; Jake Roberts, 14; David Wrathall, Science Teacher and ESD Co-ordinator; Darren Towers, EDF Energy's Head of Sustainability and Sam Todd, 13.

trainers, willow coppice, biomass boiler and a cashless Fair Trade credits system.

Heathfield School won £2,000 to develop an outdoor environmental space, including a greenhouse made out of recycled plastic bottles. King Alfred, Castle and Ansford schools were each given £1,000 towards their sustainable efforts.

Each school is now set to showcase its ideas with thousands of others across the country as their projects will be shared with the 12,500 schools that are part of the Pod, EDF Energy's programme for greener schools, at www.jointhepod.org

Keeping an eye on EDF Energy plans

For nearly three years, the EDF Energy Hinkley Point C Community Forum has been keeping a close eye on plans for the new power station and reviewing progress.

Since its first meeting in September 2009 the Community Forum has been regularly debating the plans for Hinkley Point C and making sure that EDF Energy is fully aware of the views of affected local communities about its proposals.

Two more groups have since been established:

- The **Transport Forum** meets monthly to discuss detailed highway and other transportation plans with community representatives and local authorities.
- The **Main Site Neighbourhood Forum (MSNF)** also meets monthly to consider the specific local impacts of EDF Energy's plans on those communities closest to the site for the proposed new power station.

Minutes and agendas are published on the project website <http://hinkleypoint.edfenergyconsultation.info/public-consultation>.

Minutes of meetings of the MSNF are also available to inspect at the Post Office in Stogursey.

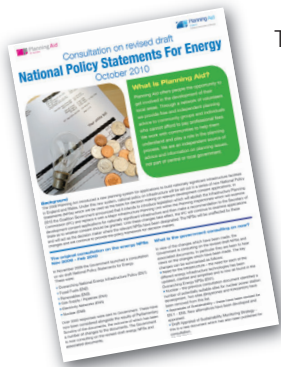
Weekly Drop-Ins for Stogursey Residents

In a further development to deepen its community engagement, EDF Energy will be holding a weekly surgery for people living close to the main Hinkley Point C site to drop in, meet members of the project team and have their questions answered.

The surgery will be held every Friday, starting on 5 August 2011, from 9am to 11am at Stogursey Church Rooms. No appointment is necessary.

Blueprint for new nuclear power

On 23 June 2011 the Government published the National Policy Statements (NPS) for energy. These “provide a clear framework for decision making and set out the need for a surge of investment in new energy sources.”



The Nuclear NPS, which identifies Hinkley Point as one of eight suitable sites in the UK for new nuclear development, will help to pave the way for a new generation of nuclear power stations. It will be the principal policy document to be considered by the Infrastructure Planning Commission when it assesses EDF Energy’s application for Hinkley Point C, which will follow later this year.

Energy Minister Charles Hendry said: “Around a quarter of the UK’s generating capacity is due to close by the end of the decade. We need to replace this with secure, low carbon, affordable energy.”

He continued: “These plans set out our energy needs to guide the planning process, so that if acceptable proposals come forward in appropriate places, they will not face unnecessary hold-ups.”

Parliament is due to vote on the NPSs in the coming weeks.

EDF Energy welcomed the publication of the NPSs. It said: “These steps are important as we and our partner Centrica progress plans for new build at Hinkley Point. As we do so, safety is our number one priority. In turn, that will drive growth in jobs, rejuvenate the UK supply chain and help drive economic recovery.”

EDF Energy team up with Jobcentre Plus



EDF Energy is partnering with Jobcentre Plus to develop an employment brokerage that opens up access to potential Hinkley Point C jobs. The brokerage will focus on helping tackle unemployment and will provide employment opportunities for residents of West Somerset, Sedgemoor and the wider county of Somerset.

Hinkley Point C Construction Director, Nigel Cann said “Hinkley Point C will provide a tremendous boost to the Somerset economy. We expect around 5,000 Somerset people will work on the site over the construction period and there will be 900 permanent jobs during operation. Our partnership with Jobcentre Plus will help Somerset people take up these opportunities.”

Jobcentre Plus Manager, Ian Gardener said “It’s tremendous to be working in partnership with EDF Energy on this exciting project, together we really can create a future workforce through the provision of a range of support and training opportunities which will help land local people jobs in this cutting edge, low carbon industry. The people of Somerset working on this project will be leading the decarbonisation of the UK economy if Hinkley Point C gets planning permission.”

To find out more about potential opportunities watch this space for the launch of the employment brokerage later this year.

Contact Us

We welcome your views on our consultation document ‘Hinkley Point C: Proposed Changes to the Preferred Proposals including M5 Junction 24 and Highway Improvements in the Bridgwater Area’. You can respond in the following ways:

Fill out our questionnaire either:

- Online on our website, www.edfconsultation.info (1 July – 12 August 2011)
- By hand at our public exhibitions
- By hand after these exhibitions, posting it back to us using the Freepost address below.

Alternatively, please contact us by:

- Email: enquiries@edfconsultation.info
- Send a letter to: FREEPOST CONSULTATION RESPONSE* (no stamp or further address required)
- Drop in to our Bridgwater office: 14 King Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3DG (9am - 5pm, Monday - Friday)
- Call us on: 01278 444 600 or 0800 169 6507*

Please ensure that you submit your comments by Friday 12 August 2011.

If you are unable to attend the exhibitions due to mobility issues, we will be happy to arrange for one of our team to visit you at your home to discuss the changes with you. If you would like to arrange a visit from 1 July until 12 August, please contact us and we will arrange a time and let you know who will be attending – please note our staff will have identification with them so please ask them to produce it if you have any queries about visitors to your home.

We have a translation and interpretation service available. This newsletter and the consultation document can also be provided in large print on request.



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 contributing to community engagement on behalf of EDF Energy