

# Hinkley Point

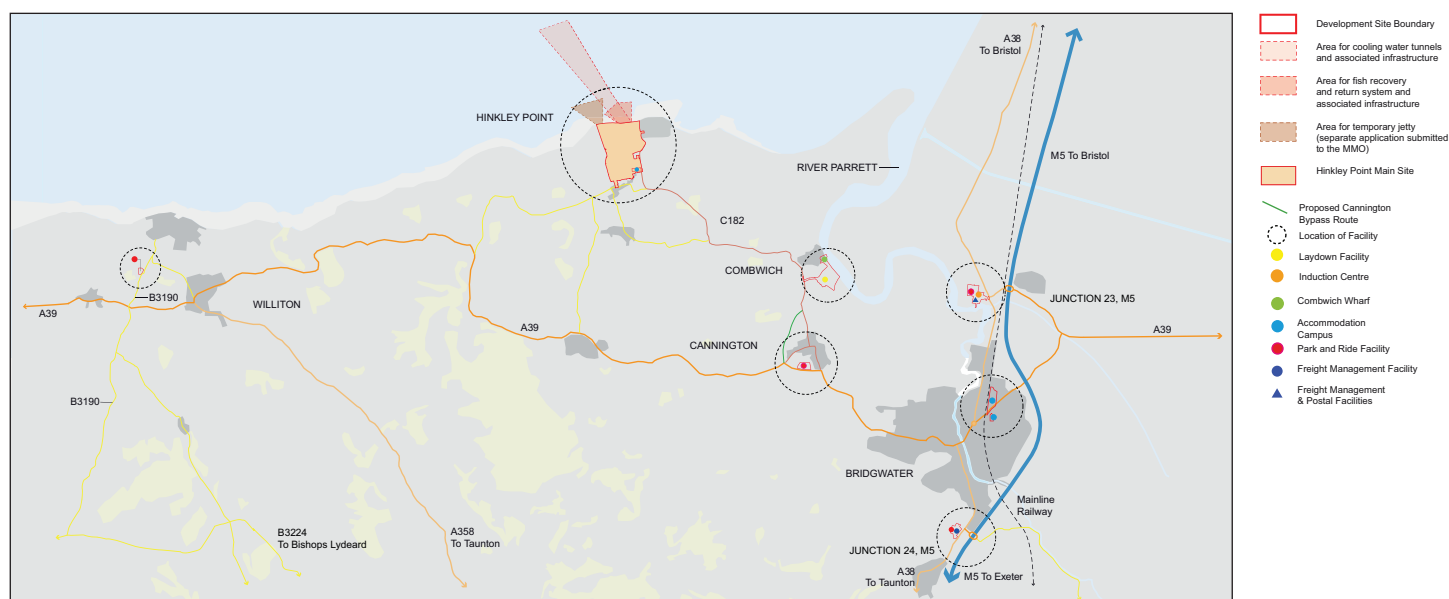
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## Update on and Proposed Changes to the Preferred Proposals for Hinkley Point C



Map showing proposed location of main Hinkley Point C site and associated development sites

### This consultation

Since carrying out our Stage 2 Preferred Proposals consultation, some of the detail of our plans has changed in response to feedback received and ongoing detailed studies. The fundamentals of the Hinkley Point C Project remain the same.

This consultation explains the main changes and gives stakeholders and residents the opportunity to make their views known. We will take those views into account before we finalise our proposals and submit an application for Development Consent to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC).

The consultation document can be found on our website at [www.edfenergyconsultation.info](http://www.edfenergyconsultation.info)

It should be noted that this consultation is not a comprehensive response to all

comments raised with us during the Stage 2 consultation, although the plans outlined here have been shaped by feedback. This consultation is limited to material changes that we are proposing to make to the project. These are changes that EDF Energy considers it appropriate to consult on following Stage 2. They include any changes that could result in new or significantly different impacts on people living in the vicinity of any of our proposed development sites.

Due to the relatively limited scope of this consultation, we are not publishing an interim consultation report on our response to all of the issues raised at Stage 2. A full consultation report setting out a comprehensive overview of issues raised during the entire consultation process, together with details of how EDF Energy has responded to each issue, will be provided when we submit our application to the IPC.

### The need for nuclear power

Government supports the development of new nuclear power stations, provided that there is no public subsidy. It recognises that new nuclear power stations are urgently needed to:

- replace existing and fossil fuel power stations, many of which are nearing the end of their working life;
- provide additional low carbon electricity-generating capacity;
- improve the UK's security of supply by reducing reliance on imported energy;
- ensure a reliable supply of electricity to the grid to balance intermittent supplies from renewable energy sources; and
- provide affordable supplies of electricity.

# Hinkley Point C vision

At our Stage 2 consultation we set out **our vision** for the Hinkley Point C Project:

*“EDF Energy intends to deliver a nuclear power station at Hinkley Point C that will make a major contribution to the nation’s low carbon energy needs. The development, operation and ultimate decommissioning of the power station will be undertaken in a manner consistent with the highest standards of safety, reliability and sustainability.*

*“EDF Energy will strive to ensure that the inherent benefits of its investment in Hinkley Point C are captured in a way which maximises its practical contributions to the local and regional economy.*

*“EDF Energy will ensure that any significant adverse effects of the construction, operation or decommissioning of the power station are appropriately mitigated in a way which is environmentally responsible and sensitive both to the needs of the community and to the strategies of the relevant authorities.”*

This vision is informed by **our objectives** for the project which we have discussed with the local authorities. We aim to build the new power station in a way which:

- helps the local economy by enabling businesses from the region to be part of and to benefit from the project’s supply chain;
- provides local people with new job opportunities and information on vacancies, both during the construction phase and operational phases of the power station;
- equips the local workforce with skills so that jobs created in Somerset can be offered to people from Somerset;
- creates new technical apprenticeships and graduate opportunities for young people from the area;
- accommodates members of the workforce from outside the area in a way which strikes a balance between making use of existing local accommodation and new purpose-built facilities;

- provides access to new sports facilities for the general public where the new campus accommodation is built;
- instils high standards of behaviour by workforce members in the community, on and off duty;
- ensures local public services receive sufficient resources to meet any increased need resulting from an increase in the local population during the construction period;
- promotes an efficient and safe construction schedule;
- improves the local road network so that we reduce the impact of workforce and materials moving to and from the construction site on people’s daily lives;
- makes use of sea transport where possible for the movement of heavy freight and materials;
- landscapes the main and associated development sites sensitively; and
- mitigates adverse impacts of the development.

These objectives have continued to inform our thinking as we have worked up the detail of the proposals and considered comments raised through consultation and our continuing engagement with the local community.

As a result of that work, **we have made some refinements and changes to our proposals** since our Stage 2 consultation. These changes will have different effects on different people but, overall, we believe that they will improve the project.

We welcome your views on these proposed changes before we finalise our plans.

For a copy of the full consultation document please visit our website, [www.edfenergyconsultation.info](http://www.edfenergyconsultation.info), or get in touch using the contact details on the back page of this newsletter.

# Key changes since

## JOBS

- Our estimate of the peak construction workforce has increased from 5,000 to 5,600 workers.
- 20,000 – 25,000 individual jobs provided over the lifetime of the construction programme, with 5,000 of those expected to be filled by Somerset residents.
- We are working with Jobcentre Plus and investing in local colleges to provide people with access to vacancies and the skills they need to secure jobs on the project.
- We are making apprenticeship provision available through the Construction Skills Centre and Hinkley Ready Skills Project, instead of through an Apprenticeship Hub.

## COMMUNITY

- We propose to increase our overall Community Fund from £1 million to £20 million.
- Additionally, a £5 million Housing Fund is proposed, to mitigate potential effects on the local housing market.
- We are consulting residents of Burton, Shurton, Knighton and Wick on a local property price support scheme and a local mitigation scheme.
- We have committed to providing Bridgwater College with £4.5 million for the Energy Skills Centre and the Construction Skills Centre, once relevant planning consents are received.
- We are also providing £1.6 million to West Somerset Community College to help it offer training to match the needs of the project.

## ACCOMMODATION

- We are proposing to reduce the number of campus bedspaces from 1,925 to 1,510.
- At each of the accommodation sites, the boundaries and layouts have changed to reflect the reduction in numbers.

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- We will establish an accommodation office to provide information to the workforce about locally available accommodation.
- We are exploring whether we can facilitate the development of some permanent housing.

## **On-site Campus**

- We are proposing 190 fewer bedspaces, down from 700 to 510.
- We will provide local residents with access to campus sports facilities.
- The campus will occupy a smaller area of land.
- The visual impact of the campus from surrounding villages will be reduced.
- We will reposition the car park to reduce potential noise impacts.

## **Bridgwater A – former Innovia site**

- We intend to reduce the number of bedspaces from 1,075 to 850 (or 1,000 if Bridgwater C cannot be developed).
- We will provide access to sports facilities for the public.

## **Bridgwater C**

- Sports and amenity facilities previously located on the Bridgwater C site will now be located at the Bridgwater A site.
- A new access road will be created.
- A new bus stop will be situated close to the campus to enable workers to be picked up to go to Hinkley Point C.
- Site boundary changes have been made to reflect the changes to the proposals.

## **CONSTRUCTION WORKING HOURS**

- We intend to adopt double shift working within the first year of securing consent for the new power station.
- Changes to shift patterns will facilitate a more gradual arrival and departure of workers to and from the construction site.
- It may be necessary to have night shifts, which will start between 8.30pm and 10pm and will end between 6.00am and 8.00am.

## **TRANSPORT**

- We are making improvements to the road network and enhancing road safety.
- Operational hours of the park and rides will reflect the revised shift patterns.

### **Cannington park and ride**

- We are proposing a reduction in the number of parking spaces from 381 to 252.
- There will be changes to the internal layout of the site.
- Access arrangements have been improved.
- The site boundary has been altered to reflect the changes outlined above.

### **Williton park and ride**

- We are proposing to locate the park and ride at the existing Smithyard Terminal (known locally as the Lorry Park) instead of on the greenfield site at Mamsey Lane.
- We are proposing to reduce the number of parking spaces from 328 to 160.

### **M5 Junction 23**

- We will increase the number of parking spaces from 772 to 1,300.
- We will increase the number of HGV holding spaces from 75 to 85.
- We are changing the layout of the site so that freight will now be located adjacent to existing commercial buildings.
- An Induction Centre with 120 car parking spaces will be located at this site.
- There will be no freight consolidation at this location although there will be a consolidation facility for courier deliveries.
- The site boundary has been changed to accommodate landscaping and a drainage outfall.

### **M5 Junction 24**

- We will increase the number of HGV holding spaces from 45 to 55.
- The site boundary has been changed to accommodate landscaping.

## **Combwich Wharf**

- We are no longer planning to have fabrication facilities at Combwich.
- Freight will be stored in containers rather than buildings.
- No provision will be made for bus parking.
- There will be fewer administrative buildings than originally envisaged.
- The size of the proposed site has reduced from 13 to 10 hectares.
- A new access road linking the Wharf to the laydown area will be created.

## **HINKLEY POINT C MAIN SITE**

- We have developed our landscaping phasing plans close to the southern boundary.
- We are proposing 190 fewer bedspaces, down from 700 to 510, at the on-site campus (see Accommodation section).
- We have made small changes to the site boundary.
- Applications have already been submitted for the temporary jetty and therefore it is proposed not to include it in our application for Development Consent.
- A system for returning fish to the sea will be included in the design of the power station.
- We may need additional provision for extreme rainfall on the site.
- Junction details for the emergency access road near the southern boundary with Shurton have been set out.
- Permission for the National Grid towers (pylons) and wires (downleads) on the Hinkley Point C land will now be applied for by National Grid directly, rather than by EDF Energy. Proposals for the National Grid 400kV substation remain within EDF Energy's application.

# Your comments welcome

**This is an additional consultation which builds on the nine week first stage of public consultation and the 12 week second stage of consultation about our proposals for Hinkley Point C. This further consultation on the changes will run from 25 February 2011 until 28 March 2011 (the deadline for responses).**

We are only consulting on changes to our previous plans for Hinkley Point C, which were covered by our Stage 1 and Stage 2 consultations. The principle of whether the site itself is suitable for a new nuclear power station was part of the Government's consultation on the draft nuclear National Policy Statement (NPS).

The deadline for responses to this consultation is **Monday 28 March 2011**.

There are many ways in which you can make your views known:

- Complete the questionnaire and return to us online via our website at [www.edfenergyconsultation.info](http://www.edfenergyconsultation.info)
- Pick up a copy of the questionnaire at our public exhibitions – fill out and return using the freepost facility.

- Email your comments to us at: [enquiries@edfenergyconsultation.info](mailto:enquiries@edfenergyconsultation.info)
- You can write to us using our freepost address: 'Freepost Consultation Response'. No further address or stamp is necessary.
- You can drop in to our offices at 14 King Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3DG anytime during normal office hours: weekdays from 9am until 5pm, or telephone us on 01278 444 600.

A series of consultation events (see table below), staffed by members of the EDF Energy project team, have been arranged to help people understand and comment on the proposed changes to our plans. The public exhibition boards used at the consultation events are also available to view at EDF Energy's offices in Bridgwater.

The consultation document will be widely available at the public exhibitions and can be downloaded from the website. A summary of the document will be translated into key minority languages used in the Bridgwater area and made available on the website [www.edfenergyconsultation.info](http://www.edfenergyconsultation.info).

A large print version of the summary will also be available on request. A translation and interpretation service can be provided if required, while EDF Energy staff will undertake, on request, home visits to people with mobility problems who are directly affected by its proposals.

On our website you will also find some background information and updates on our supporting draft strategies for our current proposals. In addition, you can also see our previous Stage 2 proposals.

## CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

1. Do you have any comments on our proposals for the workforce and for employment, skills and business engagement?
2. Do you have any comments on our updated accommodation proposals?
3. Do you have any comments on our proposed community mitigation and benefits?
4. Do you have any comments on our working hours proposals?
5. What are your views on the proposed changes to our transport proposals?
6. What are your views on the main site plans?
7. Do you have any other comments?

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

### Public Exhibitions

## Contact details

**If you have any queries about the consultation or would like to request 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](mailto: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