

Hinkley Point

News from EDF Energy



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Consultation update

Over 3,000 people participated in Stage 2 consultation events

We'd like to start this newsletter by thanking everyone who has taken the time to come to our consultation events and shared their thoughts and ideas on our 'Preferred Proposals' for Hinkley Point C site and associated development.

We have been encouraged by the level of public response to this second stage of consultation, with over 3,000 people engaging in the process.

During the consultation period, a total of 13 public exhibitions were held, together with 5 workplace exhibitions, 5 stakeholder workshops, 4 focus groups targeting 'hard to reach' groups, a tourist survey and over 40 other stakeholder meetings.

The exhibitions were well attended, with more than 1,700 people viewing the plans at venues across Somerset. As well as the



Exhibition at Bridgwater College, Cannington

public events, the consultation was also available online, at the company's Bridgwater office and via a freephone number and freepost address.

We will now review very carefully all the comments we have received on our plans. We made a number of changes to our proposals following the first stage of our

consultation and we remain committed to keeping this dialogue open.

We will continue to work together with the local authorities and communities to maximise the benefits to the local area and to limit any adverse affects as far as possible, before we look to submit our final plans to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC).

Independent research demonstrates support for Hinkley Point C

Nearly four times as many local people support plans for a new power station at Hinkley Point than oppose it, according to a new survey by independent research company ICM.

In addition, 85% of people living within approximately 25 miles of Hinkley Point say that the project is important for local jobs and nearly two thirds (63%) that it is important for the future of businesses in the area.

More than three quarters (77%) of local people surveyed support nuclear power as

part of the balance with coal, gas and wind power. Just 14% of people disagree.

Rupert Cox, chief executive of Somerset Chamber of Commerce, said: "The results of the poll demonstrate the strength of feeling that Hinkley Point C is vital to local jobs and businesses, and will have a major economic benefit for the community.

"The strong message that local businesses have been giving me is that we need to seize the employment and investment opportunities that Hinkley Point C offers.

"I'm delighted to see that the general public locally also support that view. We all need to work together to make sure the economic boost is fully realised."

The full survey results are available to view on our project website:
www.edfenergyconsultation.info

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Project update

Update on preliminary works

During our Stage 1 consultation and in the following months, we undertook consultation on our proposed preliminary works to help speed up the construction of the new power station at Hinkley Point C, subject to receiving consent from the IPC.

Originally, the preliminary works consisted of three elements:

- erecting a temporary jetty to enable bulk materials to be unloaded;
- securing the site with a fence and sea wall; and
- site preparation works: making the site ready for the main excavations by clearing vegetation, installing haulage roads and utility connections and terracing the site.

Since the Stage 1 consultation, however, the scope of the preliminary works proposals have been amended and no longer include the sea wall, while the fencing has been included in the site preparation works.

The site preparation works still form part of the preliminary works and a planning application for boundary and construction fencing, site clearance, a major programme of earthworks to level and terrace the site, the commencement of excavations for the power station foundations and major structures is due to be submitted to West Somerset Council before the end of the year.

In the same time period, we will also submit an application to the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) for the temporary jetty, which forms a crucial part of our transport strategy for the construction of Hinkley Point C, as it will enable the majority of



Drilling boreholes at Hinkley Point

bulk material required during the construction phase to be brought directly on to the site without having to use the local road network.

Both West Somerset Council and the Marine Management Organisation will consult on our applications before determination.

Update on investigation works

To develop our plans further, but without prejudging the outcome of the Stage 2 consultation in any way, we have to understand the ground conditions we could encounter where our accommodation, park and ride, freight consolidation facilities and Cannington bypass are currently proposed.

As such we are carrying out drilling into the ground in these areas throughout the autumn/winter. We will be writing separately to residents to let them know more details about this work.

It is important to note that final decisions have not been taken; we are simply using the time to best effect and conducting further research.

Environment agency reactor consultation ends



On 28 June 2010 the Environment Agency (EA) launched a consultation on the Generic Design Assessment (GDA) of two new nuclear reactor designs (UK EPR submitted by EDF and AREVA, and AP1000 submitted by Westinghouse)

The consultation ended on 18 October 2010. The aim of the consultation was to help inform the EA's assessment of the designs by sharing information with stakeholders, and by listening to and using stakeholder input in its decision-making.

All the views received will help inform the EA's final decisions about the acceptability of the reactor designs and will also inform its stakeholder engagement process.

The EA has not yet made any final decisions about the acceptability of these designs.

Next Steps

After the consultation closes the EA will:

- publish all responses before the end of 2010;
- carefully consider all the responses before coming to a final decision on the acceptability of the designs;
- publish its final conclusions;
- if the designs should be acceptable, issue

a Statement of Design Acceptability identifying any relevant caveats, for example areas where the EA considers further work is required before construction of the reactor could begin. The indicative timetable for this is June 2011.

You can view the responses at:

<https://consult.environmentagency.gov.uk/portal/ho/nuclear/gda>

If you have further questions about the Environment Agency's role in nuclear new build email:

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Jobs for local people



Alan Cumming explaining job opportunities at the Supply Chain event

As part of our commitment to enable local people to benefit from the socio-economic opportunities provided by a new power station in the area, EDF Energy has already started to brief local people and businesses so that they are in a good position if planning permission is granted for new nuclear build at Hinkley Point C.

Supply Chain events

Following the success of our first local Supply Chain event in July 2010, it became apparent that there was significant demand for further, more focussed events in the area. As a result, a second day of supply chain sessions was held in Bridgwater.

The events were managed by EDF Energy with guidance and advice from Somerset Chamber of Commerce, ensuring that the most local businesses were prioritised and given the opportunity to participate.

The first session focussed on technical businesses unable to attend the initial July session, attracting over 240 registrations with 213 delegates invited.

The second session focussed on local service suppliers and included bed and breakfasts, hotels, recruitment agents, clothing suppliers, first aid suppliers and many others. The session was focussed on the needs of these businesses, how they

can work with EDF Energy and gave potential timescales should planning approval be awarded.

To register your interest in becoming a supplier to EDF Energy please go to the Somerset Chamber of Commerce's dedicated website www.hinkleysupplychain.co.uk

Recruitment consultants in action

EDF Energy's team was in action at the Homes in Sedgemoor Annual Tenants' Conference in September. Toby Fletcher, our in-house recruitment consultant, ran a surgery to help tenants polish up their CV and interview techniques in anticipation for the jobs we expect to create.



EDF Energy team at Conference

We also had a stand at the event to encourage tenants to get involved in our consultation for the new power station at Hinkley Point.

Gary Ore, Homes in Sedgemoor Chief Executive, said: "Our annual Tenants' Conference is an important part of how we involve our customers and work with them to shape our services. The event is also a great opportunity for other organisations, like EDF Energy, to come along and reach out to the communities that we work with. The presence of our partners and exhibitors helped to form an important part of the day, that was enjoyed by everyone involved."

Government consults on draft Nuclear NPS

On 18 October 2010 the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, the Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP, launched the consultation on the coalition's revised draft National Policy Statements (NPSs) on Energy.



The Government has decided to run a further consultation as a result of the changes made to the draft NPSs and Appraisals of Sustainability following the previous consultation and Parliamentary scrutiny. More information about the consultation can be found at www.energynpsconsultation.decc.gov.uk

The draft Nuclear NPS lists eight sites as potentially suitable for new nuclear power stations, including Hinkley Point.

EDF Energy in the community

As part of our ongoing involvement in Somerset, we are keen to meet local people and help promote sustainable projects. Details of some recent events and initiatives are detailed below.

The Somerset Green Community Challenge

We wrote to all secondary schools in Somerset in July to announce that we'd be launching the EDF Energy Pod's Somerset Challenge competition in the autumn term, where schools could potentially win up to £15,000 to invest in a green project.

All the schools can register to enter for this fantastic opportunity at www.jointhepod.org/somersetchallenge, where the information pack can also be downloaded.

The Somerset Green Community Challenge is being run through the Pod, the online hub of EDF Energy's programme for greener schools.

Through the Pod, the challenge offers young people in Somerset the opportunity to learn more about climate change, the environment and the sustainable use of energy, working with their local community and businesses to create and design a local carbon reduction project.

If your local school would like to be involved, please encourage them to sign up.



The Pod website



David Eccles, Head of Bridgwater office, enjoying the street fair

Bridgwater Town Hall relaunch

EDF Energy had a stand at the Bridgwater Town Hall relaunch street fair on Sunday 18 July. We believe it was a huge success and would welcome any further opportunities to attend similar events engaging the local community, an aspect we see as extremely important to the success of the Hinkley Point C project.

Jonathan Warner, Sedgemoor District Council member of organising committee, said: "It was good to see EDF Energy engaging with the people of Bridgwater, answering questions and concerns whilst providing them with an array of energy saving tips, tricks, balloons and frisbees."

Stogursey Winter Warmer

As part of EDF Energy's work to sensitively relocate the badger population on our land at Hinkley Point we have coppiced some hedgerows. Residents have previously asked that we make any spare wood available to them to fuel their fires. We have now agreed with Stogursey Parish Council that this sustainable resource will be made available as fire wood, via the Parish Council, to residents living closest to the proposed new power station. We are committed to facilitating simple sustainable initiatives such as this which benefit both the environment and the local community.

Contact details

If you have any queries or would like to find out more about our proposals for Hinkley Point C, please contact us in one of the following ways:

- Visit our website: www.edfenergyconsultation.info
- 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@edfconsultation.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