

HINKLEY POINT C PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

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- 6.1.1 The development of EDF Energy’s proposals for a new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point will bring considerable benefits to the local community. These will include:
- Improved infrastructure in the area, including improvements to the road network and accommodation. All of the Off-site Associated Development would have potential legacy uses including care centres, student accommodation, a hotel, amenity space and park and ride facilities.
 - High quality local employment and training – around half of the construction workers are expected to be recruited locally and will acquire valuable transferable skills. Once the nuclear power station is operational it will have around 700 permanent employees, all of whom will have to live within a 25 mile radius of the site. Additionally, regular maintenance outages will require significant worker and skills input.
 - Opportunities for local businesses to benefit by getting involved in the supply chain for the new nuclear power station during its construction and operational phases.
 - Wider beneficial economic effects with increased demand for local goods and services.
- 6.1.2 EDF Energy acknowledges that there will be impacts of the development which, if not properly dealt with, could have a detrimental impact on the local area. EDF Energy is undertaking detailed studies of the impacts of all aspects of the proposed development. Further information is provided in the Environmental Status Report attached at **Appendix A.1**.
- 6.1.3 EDF Energy is developing a package of mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate these impacts. Areas that we have already identified where mitigation measures may be needed are:
- construction time limits;
 - construction phasing restrictions;
 - building design;
 - landscaping, e.g. restoration and landscaping details;
 - ecology and mitigation, e.g. habitats, species, fauna and flora;
 - flooding, drainage and coastal defence, e.g. Sea Wall;
 - transport, e.g. Travel Plan, park and ride facilities, freight consolidation facilities, Comwich Wharf, Temporary Aggregates Jetty, Cannington bypass, road improvements and parking provision;
 - accommodation, e.g. construction workforce campus – on-site, and potential sites at Cannington, Bridgwater and Williton, and potential for legacy uses;
 - local economy, e.g. information for ‘supply chain’, and local recruitment;
 - skills and education, e.g. school places, skills training, further education courses and local apprenticeships;
 - health, e.g. on-site medical facilities and potential contributions to local medical services;
 - tourism, footpaths and recreation, e.g. potential legacy uses, public information centre, footpaths and nature trails;
 - safety and security;
 - waste management;
 - other community benefits, e.g. community facilities, legacy uses and potential contributions to projects; and
 - construction, e.g. working and delivery hours, contamination, storage, protection for retained features, and environmental controls for noise, vibration, dust, odour, emissions and light.



- 6.1.4 It is likely that some of these measures will become formal conditions or obligations that EDF Energy and others must fulfil as part of the development. EDF Energy will provide further details of our proposed mitigation and community benefits at Stage 2 of the consultation.
- 6.1.5 EDF Energy will be discussing with the local authorities and other stakeholders the potential for further measures of benefit to the local community. The intention would be to recognise the contribution of the local community in hosting the new nuclear power station and to support the development of local facilities that the community can enjoy.

