



Hinkley Point C Project – Latest update (Dec 2011)

EDF Energy's application accepted for examination

The Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) has validated for examination the application by EDF Energy for permission to build two new nuclear reactors at Hinkley Point and associated development. This means that the Commissioners will now begin the process of considering all the proposals and listening to the arguments of interested parties and those they are obliged to consult to help them decide whether or not to recommend consent.

EDF Energy has advertised the fact that its application has been accepted and told people who are interested in the proposal how they can register with the IPC. Registering allows people and organisations to make formal representations of their views, positive or negative, on the plans. Deadline for registration has been set at **January 23 2012** and must be done on an IPC form.

Everyone who registers in the correct way can be sure that their evidence will be considered by the IPC Commissioners. Details of how to do this are on the IPC website as are all the application documents. Printed copies are available for public inspection at EDF Energy's Bridgwater Office, West Somerset and Sedgemoor District Council offices and at Taunton Library on behalf of Somerset County Council. People who need help with the forms can ask the Major Projects Team at Sedgemoor.

Sedgemoor, West Somerset and Somerset County are working together on their relevant representations to the IPC and compiling a joint Local Impact Report and will keep everyone informed on progress. Topic papers to inform planning obligations and requirements are being developed. Initial & detailed representations will need to be made by the end of January and April 2012 respectively. The Preliminary meeting with the IPC is expected towards the end of March 2012.

IPC Outreach events and EDF Energy Exhibitions

The IPC is keen for everyone to understand what will happen during the examination of EDF Energy's application and how people can be involved. It has arranged a series of outreach events in the communities most affected by EDF's proposals. People are welcome to drop in to any of the venues below to find out more between 10am – 9pm. Presentations will be given at 2,4 and 7pm. These events only deal with the IPC examination process NOT the application itself.

- Stogursey Victory Hall – Monday, December 5
- Cannington Village Hall – Thursday, December 8
- Williton, West Somerset Council Chamber – Friday, December 9
- North Petherton, The Walnut Tree Hotel – Monday, December 12
- Otterhampton Village Hall – Tuesday, December 13
- Bridgwater Town Hall. – Thursday, December 14

Further events are planned for Angel Place, Bridgwater and Puriton in January.

Meanwhile, EDF Energy has arranged to hold Information Events in the area in January with the dates as follows:

- Danesfield School, Williton – Saturday, January 7 10am - 2pm
- Main Hall Bridgwater College, Cannington – Saturday, January 7 10am – 2pm
- Sedgemoor Auction Centre, North Petherton - Monday, January 9, 4 - 8pm
- The Exchange, Bridgwater – Monday, January 9, 4 – 8pm
- Otterhampton Village Hall – Tuesday, January 10, 4-8pm
- Bridgwater Town Hall – Wednesday, January 11, 4-8pm
- Victory Hall, Stogursey – Wednesday, January 11, 4-8pm

These events will outline the nature of the proposals as submitted to the IPC.

Site preparation

Work is still yet to start on the development that was given conditional permission by West Somerset Council in the summer. This is because the section 106 legal agreement and associated deed of consent has not been signed by all parties. The legal agreement sets out the required conditions and obligations that EDF must adhere to when carrying out the work which is designed to give them a head start on construction should the IPC give consent for the power station.

Temporary jetty inquiry

A public inquiry, into whether or not EDF Energy can build a temporary jetty at Hinkley Point C to take delivery of some of the construction materials, opened on November 15. Further negotiations between EDF Energy and a number of those scheduled to speak resulted in most of the objections being withdrawn which means that proceedings are likely to be shorter than previously expected. Among those still against the scheme are members of the Stop Hinkley Campaign. Most of the arguments have been heard but there were detailed round table discussions on the conditions that might be imposed should an order be granted. At the end of the hearings, the Inspector will make a report to the Marine Management Organisation. If an order is granted, it is not likely to be before Spring 2012.

Remediation work extended

Somerset County Council has extended planning permission until the end of February 2012 so that EDF Energy can continue remediation work on an area of land in the North East section of the Hinkley Point C site, close to existing offices. The company has used the redundant turbine hall at the A station for some of the spoil material, reducing the number of HGV movements.

Traffic study will have update this month

There are plans for an interim report from the consultants commissioned by the three councils to look into EDF Energy's Transport Proposals for Bridgwater and how they compare with a bypass. Further work could be done from January when more data and traffic modelling should be available.