



Hinkley Point C – Site Preparation Works Planning Application

Fact sheet

EDF Energy is proposing to build two European Pressurised Reactors at Hinkley Point. To achieve this, EDF must apply to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) for a Development Consent Order (DCO). EDF has stated that it intends to do this later this year. The government's National Policy Statement EN6 (Version for Approval, June 2011) on nuclear power generation identifies Hinkley Point C as one of eight UK sites potentially suitable for the delivery of a new nuclear power station by 2025.

In anticipation of its development plans for the site, EDF wishes to carry out early works so that it can commence construction of the nuclear power station as soon as possible if the IPC grants development consent order for the power station. EDF (through its subsidiary company, NNB Generation Company Limited) has therefore applied to the local planning authority, West Somerset Council, for planning permission to carry out site preparation works (planning application number 3/32/10/037) on a site area of 171 hectares.

NNB Generation Company Limited's site preparation works application includes site clearance, earthworks, earth retaining structures, deep excavations, drainage infrastructure and operation of plant and machinery. The site establishment work would include layover facilities, car parks, haulage roads, site access points and roundabouts. See the application documents for the full description of development.

If the IPC refuses EDF's application for a DCO or EDF does not implement a DCO that is granted, the application for site preparation works includes provision for all structures to be removed and the site reinstated.

The planning application was received and validated by the Planning Authority on November 26, 2010, and the first round of consultation letters sent to members of the public and statutory bodies on December 7 & 8, 2010. Following requests from the public, the consultation period was extended until January 31, 2011.

The Planning Authority sought further information and clarification from EDF on aspects of its Environmental Statement in the form of a Regulation 19 request.

This material was received by the Planning Authority on April 26, 2011. A second period of consultation started on the new information on April 27, 2011, for a period of 21 days. Again, in response to requests from the public, the consultation period was extended until May 31, 2011.

Members of West Somerset Council's Planning Committee will meet to consider NNB Generation Company Limited's application for site preparation works on July 28, 2011, at 10am.