



Planning Inspectorate
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28 July 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

Hinkley Point C (Nuclear Generating Station) Order 2013, made 18th March 2013:

Application for a Non-Material Change in relation to the Hinkley Point C Permanent Development Site

On behalf of NNB Generation Company (HPC) Limited (hereafter referred to as "EDF"), please find enclosed an application for proposed non-material changes to The Hinkley Point C (Nuclear Generating Station) Order 2013 ("DCO"). This application has been prepared in accordance with both the Planning Act 2008 ("2008 Act") and the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 ("2011 Regulations").

NATURE OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES

Following the grant of the Development Consent Order (DCO) in March 2013 and the subsequent amendment Orders in 2015, 2017 and 2018, the design of the permanent development site at Hinkley Point C ("Site") has continued to evolve. There are four main drivers behind this design evolution, as described at paragraph 2.1.1 of the Application Statement, being safety, security, enabling use of the Sarens Heavy Lift Crane during the construction phase, and design and optimisation studies.

As a result, a number of further non-material changes are proposed in relation to the Site to those already approved. The changes can be summarised as:

- Amendments to the description of the authorised development within the DCO and amendments to the approved plans, for the purposes of changing the siting, layout and design of buildings and structures within the Site;
- Amendments to the DCO schedule of Requirements for the purposes of removing references to the permanent helipad which is no longer proposed; and
- An amendment to the DCO for the purpose of amending the procedure for the discharge of requirements, in relation to fees.

Further details of the proposals and the rationale for the proposed changes are set out in the enclosed Application Statement.

EDF has previously secured three non-material changes in connection with the project:

- the first relating to changes to the layout and form of some buildings within the Site, which was granted consent in September 2015;

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- the second relating to the accommodation campuses in Bridgwater which was granted consent in August 2017; and
- the third relating to an alteration to the alignment of the sea wall and the erection of additional pipework along the underside of the temporary jetty to enable discharges of water from the Site as well as the redesign of and the change in size and location of a number of permanent buildings and structures, which was granted consent in March 2018.

THE APPROACH TO MATERIALITY

For the reasons detailed in the Application Statement, it is considered that there is no realistic prospect that the proposed changes would generate materially different environment effects, or that the changes could be considered material when assessed against the characteristics described in the 2011 DCLG Guidance¹. In considering this issue in the context of an application under Schedule 6 to the Planning Act 2008, it is important to note that the application procedure for non-material amendments affords an opportunity for representations to be made to the Secretary of State in response to the publicity and consultation required pursuant to Regulations 6 and 7 of the 2011 Regulations. EDF has consulted key stakeholders ahead of the application (as detailed in the Application Statement) and has publicised this application at the time of making a submission.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTATION

In order to support the Secretary of State's consideration of the proposed application, we are providing electronic copies of the following to HPCNuclear@planninginspectorate.gov.uk. Due to the current pandemic we understand that the Planning Inspectorate is not working from its offices, therefore we do not intend to provide a hard copy. If this situation changes please contact me and would be happy to provide a hard copy.

- **Application Statement:** This includes:
 - details of the proposed changes and justification for these changes;
 - environmental information in respect of the proposed changes and a comparison with the environmental effects assessed for the consented scheme; and
 - details of engagement with key stakeholders in respect of the proposed changes.
- **Draft Amendment Order:** A draft Amendment Order in the form in which EDF requests that it is Made by the Secretary of State.
- **A Track Changes Version of the Original DCO:** With changes proposed by this Amendment Order shown as track changes.
- **Book of Revised Plans:** All new or revised plans are identified in the Application Statement and the draft Amendment Order.

¹DCLG: Planning Act 2008: Guidance on Changes to Development Consent Orders



- **Copy of the publicity Notice:** As required under Reg 6 of the 2011 Regulations

Regulation 4 Checklist

In order to comply with Regulation 4 of the 2011 Regulations (as amended by the 2015 Regulations) the following information is provided.

- Reg 4(2)(a) – the name and address of the applicant is as stated on the Reg 4 Notice
- Reg 4(2)(b) – the applicant is acting on its own behalf
- Reg 4(2)(c) – The Planning Inspectorate’s reference is EN010001
- Reg 4(2)(d) – details of the change being applied for are contained throughout the Application Statement
- Reg 4(2)(e) – documents and plans necessary to support the application are detailed above and have been provided in both hard copy and electronically to the Secretary of State and made available to consultees
- Reg 4(2)(f)(i) – it is confirmed that the applicant is the same person who applied for the development consent order to which the application relates and that (ii) and (iii) do not therefore apply.
- Reg 4(2)(ff) – as detailed below, the statement under Reg 7A will be submitted in due course.
- Reg 4(2)(g) – it is confirmed that the applicant has freehold ownership of the land subject to this application.
- Reg 4(2)(h) – 2 paper copies have been provided.
- Reg 4(3) – all plans are no larger than A0 and drawn to an identified scale not smaller than 1:2500 and show the direction of North.
- Reg 4(4) – no plan comprises more of 3 or more separate sheets.

TAKING MATTERS FORWARD

A notice will now be published in the Somerset County Gazette, Bridgwater Mercury, Burnham & Highbridge Weekly, and West Somerset Free Press & News advertising this application. The notice will be published in those newspapers on 28 July 2020. Letters have also been sent today to those stakeholders agreed with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to notify them of this application. The deadline for responses from all stakeholders is 4 September 2020. Following the publishing of the notices, we will provide you with our consultation and publicity statement, detailing the steps taken to comply with Regulation 7A of the Regulations 2011.

EDF also confirms that the fee of £6,891 will now be made directly to BEIS.

I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this letter and its enclosures and I look forward to hearing from you in relation to the acceptance of this application. However, if we can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me on: Tel: 01278 472076 or e-mail: andrew.goodchild@nnb-edfenergy.com.

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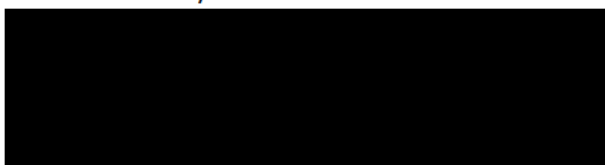
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Yours sincerely



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