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Dear Sir/Madam,
Please find attached Natural England's response to your consultation on EDF Energy's application for non-material changes to the Development Consent Order (2013) for construction of the Hinkley Point C nuclear new build project.

Regards,

Barry Phillips
Natural England

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where wildlife is protected and England's traditional landscapes are
safeguarded for future generations**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – HPC Development Consent Order 2013 (as amended)
Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017
Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2017**

Proposal: Application for a non-material change in relation to the Hinkley Point C Permanent Development Site: Consultation under Regulation 7 of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011

Location: Hinkley Point C, Hinkley Point Road, Stogursey, Bridgwater TA5 1UF

Applicant: EDF Energy (NNB Generation Company (HPC) Ltd)

This reply comprises our statutory consultation response under the provisions of the Hinkley Point C (Nuclear Generating Station) Order 2013 (as amended), Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2017 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

I am writing to respond to your consultation on EDF Energy's application to make non-material changes to the site layout plan, parameter plan and plans for individual buildings within the Hinkley Point C development site.

Natural England agrees with EDF's assessment that the proposed changes are not likely to cause any new environmental effects in addition to those identified in the Environmental Statement submitted with the Development Consent Order application. We also agree that the proposed changes are unlikely to have any impact on the qualifying features of the Severn Estuary suite of European Sites (Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar Site) and do not need to be investigated in a new Habitats Regulations Assessment.

It should be noted that Table 3-2 (Page 45) of the Application Statement includes the Severn Estuary SAC and Ramsar Sites as statutory designated sites of international importance, but has omitted the Severn Estuary SPA which is of equal significance.

In accordance with Section 4 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, Natural England expects to be consulted on any additional matters that may arise as a result of, or are related to, the present proposal. This includes alterations to the application that could affect its impact on the natural environment. Natural England retains its statutory discretion to modify its present advice or opinion in view of any and all such additional matters or any additional information related to this consultation that may come to our attention.

Yours sincerely

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