

Date: 11 November 2020  
Our ref: 332835  
Your ref: HPC Project – Non-material Change 4



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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 (as amended)  
Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2017 (as amended)**

**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 the letter of 4 November 2020 sent by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy requesting our comments on the applicant's response to a comment we made in our letter of 27 August 2020 (our reference: 323708).

We note the applicant's acknowledgement that the Severn Estuary Special Protection Area was omitted from the Application Statement, and confirm our view based on the information submitted that it and the other Severn Estuary European Sites are unlikely to be affected by the work proposed in the application.

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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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