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Dear Sirs

### **EDF Stage II Proposals for Cannington**

I wish to put the following points forward to show my views on the above proposals. I am truly amazed at the attitude of EDF with their plans for the whole area and apparent lack of understanding or even awareness of local people's problems and concerns. I am not against the proposal for building Hinkley C station but am totally opposed to the plans put forward, in particular, for Cannington.

#### **Proposed Western Bypass**

If built, this road will badly affect the lives of everyone in this village, not least, those most affected in the immediate vicinity. As the predominant wind comes from a westerly direction, it will carry noise, fumes and dust pollution across most of the village. The existing A39 bypass causes enough noise disturbance to half of the village and if the proposed bypass goes ahead, the village will be virtually surrounded with constant traffic noise for the greater part of the day and night. The original plans for this route for a bypass were proposed many years ago when traffic was far lighter than it is today, present lorry size and weight were not in existence and there were far less housing developments in the area. It is also going to ruin the access and land to Brymore School, a Grade II Listed building, cause danger to the pupils having to use a busy road and totally isolate the school from the village.

In order to avoid constant traffic chaos and gridlock through Bridgwater and the A39, particularly when an accident occurs either on the motorway or the A39, which is a regular occurrence closing roads for hours, a northern route directly from Dunball J23 Bridgwater, would secure a safer and easier access to Hinkley Point. As sat-nav will obviously route traffic onto this road, an outer western bypass for Cannington can then ensure that holiday and through traffic to Minehead will also have a safer and easier journey, which will also benefit Bridgwater's traffic problems.

#### **Proposed Park and Ride**

This proposal is again going to affect many residents with noise, light and pollution throughout most of the day and night and is on a greenfield site. The village suffers flooding problems on a regular basis and insurance companies have placed a blanket block on all TA5 postcode residences because of this problem. Cannington Brook, when it is not in flood is a lovely asset to

the village. It is a haven for wildlife with otters, water voles, Little Egrets and Kingfishers as well as the normal livestock such as fish and frogs etc. Children enjoy playing in the brook and surrounding gardens in the summertime and very careful consideration should be given to any proposals for flood relief and retention of run-off water and pollutants to ensure that this habitat is safe for the future.



## Tourism

Due to the large amount of workers expected for the proposed Hinkley Point C project, there is an obvious risk of losing all tourism for the foreseeable future, in fact, it may disappear altogether as so many beds will be taken out of long-term circulation. As the whole area depends strongly on this income and there are views that a lot more UK holidays are expected in the future, the knock-on effect could be very serious combined with the present situation of major job losses adding to an already low-paid area.

To sum up my views, I feel that EDF should look very carefully at their proposals for the area and place industrial units where there is already sites existing in Bridgwater and to bear in mind the ongoing problems that will no doubt arise, which local residents will have to bear the brunt of for the life of Hinkley C and perhaps further sites that may be built in the future. Therefore, a northern bypass route is an essential part of these plans to alleviate many problems before they arise out of all proportion. It is all very well saying that they will bring work into the area but it is a totally rural area with the infrastructure to go with it, meaning lanes not actual A roads and we value the lifestyle that we have in this area.

Yours faithfully

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