

**Meeting Note**

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<b>Meeting with</b>	<b>Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service (DSF)</b>
<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>27 September 2011</b>
<b>Attendees (IPC)</b>	<b>Janet Wilson (Head of Case Management)      Katherine Chapman (Case Officer)      Nik Perepelov (Case Officer)</b>
<b>Attendees (non IPC)</b>	<b>Nick Matthews      Steve Yates</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>IPC offices, Bristol</b>

<b>Meeting purpose</b>	<b>To discuss the proposed Hinkley Point 'C' project</b>
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<b>Summary of key points discussed and advice given</b>	<p>IPC advised on its policy of openness and transparency. Issues discussed and advice given will be recorded and placed on the IPC's website under s.51 of the 2008 Planning Act (PA 2008). IPC advised that, under Section 51, no advice can be given on the merits of an application.</p> <p>The IPC advised on several aspects of the development consent procedure:</p> <p>Developers are required to consult widely at the pre-application stage. Once an application has been submitted, there is limited scope for changes to be made to the application.</p> <p>Following the submission of the application, the IPC has 28 calendar days to decide whether or not to accept the application for examination. If the IPC accepts the application, the developer is required under s56 of PA 2008 to publish a notice to that effect and notify certain statutory bodies. This notice will include a deadline for the submission of relevant representations. Relevant representations provide an opportunity for views and issues around the proposal to be communicated to the Examining Authority (ExA). Around three months after acceptance, a preliminary meeting (s.88 PA2008) will be held to finalise procedural matters.</p> <p>Following this, the IPC will have six months to examine the application. The examination will be conducted primarily through the submission of written representations with hearings providing an opportunity to test and expand upon evidence submitted in</p>
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	<p>writing. The examination will be largely inquisitorial with a presumption against the use of cross-examination (though the ExA can request cross-examination where necessary).</p> <p>Once the examination has closed, the ExA will have three months to make a recommendation to the Secretary of State (subject to the passage of the Localism Bill), who will have a further three months to make a final decision on the case.</p> <p>s.174 of the PA 2008 amends the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to allow for development consent obligations (s.106) to be entered into in connection with schemes for development consent under PA2008. These are separate legal agreements between the relevant parties; therefore the IPC is unable to enter into discussion on their content at the pre-application stage. Where they relate to an application for development consent, the IPC would expect to see heads of terms agreed and included with the application. The ExA is likely to set a deadline for their finalisation as part of the examination timetable and they may be subject to questions from the ExA or discussed at a hearing.</p>
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<b>Specific decisions/ follow up required?</b>	IPC to contact DSF in connection with venue arrangements for future meetings/hearings in connection with the application.
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<b>Circulation List</b>	Attendees
	IPC Hinkley Point C case team