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Dear Ms Finsland,

APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER FOR A GENERATING STATION AT HINKLEY POINT, NEAR BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET PROPOSAL BY NNB GENERATION COMPANY LIMITED (“the applicant”) PLANNING ACT 2008 (“the Act”) SECTION 55 (ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION)

IPC Reference: EN010001

Thank you for your recent letter.

The Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) has received an application for an order granting development consent for the above development. The IPC must decide by **29 November 2011** whether or not to accept the application for examination.

Your comments on the adequacy of consultation carried out by EDF will be kept on file and made available to the appointed Commissioners. Unfortunately, it is not possible for us to consider any representations on the merits of the application as this is not the appropriate time to make them.

If the application is accepted, you will then have an opportunity to register as an interested party and make representations to the IPC about the application. The period for registration will be set by the applicant and will be advertised in the local and national press, by site notices, and on our website. The registration period will last for at least 28 days.

Your letter also queried the IPC’s consultation in regard to Cannington Parish Council and Exmoor National Park Authority. The Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) provides that only host local authorities and those local authorities that share a border with host local authorities are consulted on the adequacy of the applicant's pre-application consultation.

The definition of "local authority" in S43(3) of the PA 2008 includes both county and district councils and National Park authorities, but does not include parish councils. We have no discretion in regards to which organisations we consult for these purposes.

However, Cannington Parish Council falls within the definition of a relevant parish council under Schedule 1 of the Applications: Prescribed Form & Procedure Regulations 2009 for the Hinkley Point C application. This makes the parish council a statutory consultee and it is therefore automatically considered an ‘interested party’.

Interested parties receive all of the IPC's general correspondence regarding the project; will be notified of the application's key milestones; will have the opportunity to submit further written representations during the application's examination and can participate in the examination hearings.

I trust this response is helpful. If you have any queries about this matter, please contact us on 0303 444 5000.

Yours sincerely



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