# Infrastructure Planning Commission

# **Meeting Note**

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Meeting with	EDF Energy, Natural England, Environment Agency, Countryside Council for Wales and the Local Authorities.
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Location	EDF Barnwood Offices, Gloucestershire

Meeting purpose	EDF Energy to present a summary of progress with
011	the Habitats Regulations Assessment for the
	proposed Hinkley C Nuclear Power Station, for
	discussion with Natural England, Environment
	Agency, Countryside Council for Wales and the Local
	Authorities.

# Summary of outcomes

All present introduced themselves. The IPC identified that they are present in an observational capacity.

## Fish entrainment and impingement studies

Cefas described the proposed cooling water system and presented the initial findings of the fish entrainment and impingement studies. The need to take into account the relevant guidance for impingement mitigation was highlighted, and the proposed mitigation measures were described.

The initial conclusions of the studies suggest that with the possible exception of cod, significant impingement impacts are unlikely.

The need for post project monitoring and for an operational management plan was discussed.

### **Habitats Regulations Assessment**

Royal Haskoning introduced the HRA and explained:

- 1. Elements of the project are still evolving and a final HRA is expected this summer;
- 2. The structure and scope of the report;
- 3. A separate HRA screening report will be included as an appendix to the main report;
- 4. The focus of the HRA is on Bridgwater Bay area;
- 5. It identifies the European sites that could potentially be affected by the Hinkley C Project, based upon a 20km search area and potential linkages to sites beyond the search area;
- 4. Some sites were screened 'in' and some sites were screened 'out' of the HRA;
- 5. The interest features for the designated sites were identified, together with the potential impacts;
- 6. The designated features assessed as part of the HRA;
- 7. The implications of the proposed development for these features and subsequently the integrity of the designated site:
- 8. The methodologies applied for the impact assessment for each feature.

Statutory consultees raised questions in relation to a number of assessments and identified a number of areas where it was considered that further activity may be required, for example monitoring of the effectiveness of the fish recovery and return system.

Where potential impacts were identified, mitigation measures were identified and discussed. It was agreed that all mitigation measures will need to be incorporated

	into the HRA.
Specific decisions/follow up required?	no
Circulation List	Ian Bryant and Andrew Jones