



## Meeting note

<b>Status</b>	<b>FINAL</b>
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<b>Date</b>	19 July 2016
<b>Meeting with</b>	EDF Energy (EDF)
<b>Venue</b>	Temple Quay House, Bristol
<b>Attendees</b>	Tim Norwood – EDF Carly Vince – EDF Mark Wilson – PINS Richard Hunt - PINS
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	To discuss progress on Hinkley Point C, including possible future applications to make changes to the DCO
<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees

### Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

EDF were made aware of the Planning Inspectorate's openness policy, that any advice given will be recorded and placed on the Planning Inspectorate's website under s51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). Any advice does not constitute legal advice on which the developer or others can rely. Where this note refers to the developer, it means EDF Energy.

EDF reconfirmed its confidence in the HPC project, which has now reached the stage for the Board's final investment decision. The HPC Development Consent Order (DCO) has now been implemented. Enabling works include construction of compounds, hardstanding, batching plants, silos and an entry plaza. These works will take place over the next 6 months with currently about 500 people on site. EDF also updated on other works which were complete or underway such as the Cannington Bypass which opened in Dec 2015 and other highways works in and around Bridgwater.

The developer explained that in relation to the Sizewell C Project it is working on its plans for its Stage 2 consultation and will be able to announce further details after a final investment decision on HPC has been reached by EDF.

Potential change applications

The developer confirmed that they are considering making further applications to make a change to the HPC DCO as follows:

- Potential changes to the main site plant structures and service buildings.. EDF consider the changes to be minor in nature, arising from lessons learned from reference plants e.g. Flamanville as well as construction contractor input.

- The consolidation of the accommodation campus provision in Bridgwater on to 1 site, with the removal of BRI(C) and an increase of BRI(A) from a capacity of 850 workers to ~1000 workers. Also, the change would seek the inclusion of solar panels to meet changes to Building Regulations and the removal of sports changing facilities at BRI(A). PINS enquired whether EDF had considered the impact of glint and glare from the new proposed solar installation at BRI(A). EDF noted the concern and also commented that an update to the Book of Reference; Design and Access (in part) and Flood Risk Assessment would be needed. The developer also commented that the proposed improvements to the bus stop on the turning loop near the College may not be needed because all the workers were likely to use the on-site bus stop at BRI(A) as a result of the consolidation of the campuses onto BRI(A).

EDF asked whether the main site and campus changes could be included in a single application, rather than separately. PINS commented that it was up to EDF how the application(s) were made but in administrative terms it would be easier to deal with a single application (assuming they were both deemed to be non-material by the SoS). EDF stated they would consider the timing of submission further.

PINS enquired whether the developer had a view on the materiality of these proposed changes. EDF stated that their outline view was that all the changes were non-material; however, further work was underway to consider issues of materiality. None of the changes involved a change to the DCO boundary, or required compulsory acquisition of any additional land. EDF was of the view that changes to the main site and accommodation campuses were unlikely to require a change to the Environmental Statement.

Further work is being undertaken on the transport strategy. The current focus relates to the consented improvement works to a junction (Wylds Rd / Bristol Rd) on the A38 in Bridgwater, as unforeseen additional works will be required. The implications of this are currently being discussed with the relevant stakeholders, including the local authorities. EDF will update PINS as necessary.

PINS commented that EDF need to carefully consider the cumulative effect of any further changes, in addition to the non material change application that was granted by the Secretary of State in 2015.

EDF sought clarification about whether a track changed version of the DCO would still be required given that an amending order had been made by the SoS for the last non-material change application. EDF were happy to provide a draft version of the amending order in respect of these applications. PINS commented that this was something the SoS would need to advise on. It may be useful for the SoS to understand how the past and present changes are manifesting themselves in the DCO as made.

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