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Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010001 – NMC2

Date: 06 January 2017

**By email**

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Dear Ms Vince,

## **The Hinkley Point C (Nuclear Generating Station) Order 2013**

### **Proposed application to make a non-material change in relation to Bridgwater A and C Accommodation Campuses**

Thank you for your letter and schedule of the 22 December 2016. We note your intention to submit an application in early 2017.

#### **Materiality**

This advice follows on from advice we provided to you in relation to the proposed change to consolidate the worker accommodation in Bridgwater on to a single site at Bridgwater A Accommodation Campus. That advice was provided at a meeting on 19 July 2016 and was published in accordance with s51 of the Planning Act 2008 - <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/hinkley-point-c-new-nuclear-power-station/?ipcsection=advice&ipcadvic=b87525c075>

We note your summary assessment of the proposed changes against the example criteria set out in the DCLG Guidance. While we understand this is just an outline summary of what you intend to include in the application documents, for the avoidance of doubt, we would expect to see explicit reference to the impact (or not) of the proposed change on transport and traffic in the vicinity of the site, and on the wider transport strategy for the HPC project.

We acknowledge your contention that the proposed amendments would not result in any materially different or new significant effects. The Secretary of State will need to consider these proposals alongside the other changes to the consented HPC DCO for the HPC project including those to the main site. It will be important for the application to clearly demonstrate that the proposed amendments do not result in new

or materially different significant effects beyond those originally assessed. In this regard careful consideration should be given to incremental changes that have occurred to the consented HPC DCO and subsequently the original environmental assessment.

## **Application Documents**

The range of application documents set out in your letter seems proportionate, subject to the following comments.

It is not clear what the scope of the Application Statement will be. For the avoidance of doubt, we would expect this to report on and justify your view that the changes are non material in relation to the information contained in the Environmental Statement. If this is not intended to be covered in the Application Statement we would advise that you include this as a separate "Environmental Report".

In addition to the draft Amending Order, a tracked change version of the HPC DCO showing the first (consented) non material change amendments, differentiated from the latest proposed changes, would be useful. This would assist the SoS and others to understand the cumulative impact of both sets of changes on the DCO. If there are more applications to make changes to the DCO in future then this may assist legal professionals and others to understand the evolution of the DCO changes over time.

## **Consultation**

We acknowledge your proposed request to the Secretary of State under Regulation 7(3) of The Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, DCOs) Regulations 2011. The schedule you provided showing which of the original the s56 persons you intend to consult, for the purposes of this application, is very helpful. The scope of the consultation as outlined is proportionate to the scale and location of the proposed non material change application.

In stating this, we are assuming that the land interests noted on the Schedule at Bridgwater A and C, which are **not** proposed to be consulted, no longer have any land or interest following the making of the original Order. For example, Innovia Films Ltd and Bridgwater Sports and Social Club. It would be useful to explain this in the Schedule if this is the case, otherwise all those with land or an interest in land within the DCO boundary at the BRIA and BRIC sites should be consulted about this non material change application.

In addition to consulting with the s56 persons, we would also recommend some additional (discretionary) consultation with the residential properties immediately adjoining the BRIA site (southern end) on Bath Road, and the properties facing the proposed location of the access road into the BRIA site, also on Bath Road.

You will need the following PINS project email address for your public notice [HPCNuclear@pins.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:HPCNuclear@pins.gsi.gov.uk). The email address is live now and ready to receive responses to your notification / consultation.

Please make sure we receive the application documents in advance of the start date of the consultation. We will need the documents at least 24 hours (work day) before the start of the consultation in order to arrange for their publication on the HPC project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

I hope you find this advice useful and please let us know if you have any questions relating to the content of this letter.

Yours sincerely

*Tom Carpen*

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