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Open Letter from Stop Hinkley to Sizewell C PINS re HPC site visit 22nd June 2021

Dear Sir

We write regarding your site visit to Hinkley Point C (HPC) in Somerset on 22nd June.

Your Inspectors are doubtless looking to gather some objective insight into the construction of the only nuclear reactor being built in the UK, which is of course the same design as the proposed Sizewell C (SZC). It is pleasing to note that you have invited representatives from organisations opposed to the SZC build to accompany your Inspectors.

At the same time, the format and operation of the day is very much in the hands of EdeF, the developer of HPC and the Applicant for SZC. The recent documentary about HPC on BBC2 shows how skilled EdeF are at presenting a one sided and virtually unchallenged picture of what's been happening at their site in Somerset.

We'd like to make some observations about the day and suggest some relevant questions you could pose that EdeF would rather not answer that would make your visit more worthwhile.

Firstly, your day doesn't start in Bridgwater, nearest town to HPC, so you will need to negotiate the traffic jams in and around the town due to HPC on your own. How is EdeF going to deal with the thousands of HGVs for SZC without even the paltry bypass you'll travel between Cannington and HPC?

The geology at HPC has been known for ages. Yet not recognising the problems it would cause has made life building HPC difficult. Has EdeF investigated properly at SZC?

SZC will, like HPC, require vast volumes of fresh water during construction. How will this be supplied for SZC in Suffolk, a county with water supply problems?

Since getting permission for HPC, EdeF has changed, or wants to change, the method for storing the radioactive waste and the buildings for storing said waste, the method for preventing billions of fish being syphoned from the Bristol Channel, the site for dumping its dredged mud and increased by 50% the number of workers required on the HPC site. How robust are its proposals for SZC in these and other critical areas?

By 22nd June, the severity of the accidental radiation release at the Taishan EPR in China should be known. What will EdeF have to say about the safety of their HPC and proposed SZC reactors?

One last thing. If, at any point, someone from EdeF says, "We're learning from the mistakes of HPC", please ask them why they told us in Somerset that, at HPC, they would be, "Learning from the mistakes of Flamanville", their ill-fated and currently unfinished EPR in France!

I hope you will enjoy your visit to Somerset and gain some insight into the undesirability of

building SZC in Suffolk. Stop Hinkley has been engaged in monitoring HPC throughout the Planning and Construction process and would be happy to provide a representative to join you on your tour of the site.

Yours faithfully,

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