



Meeting note

Project name	Hinkley Point C New Nuclear Power Station Material Change 1
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Author	The Planning Inspectorate
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Meeting with	NNB Generation Company (HPC) Limited
Venue	Telecon
Meeting objectives	Project Update Meeting
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed, and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

Project Update

The Applicant gave an update on the proposed changes, including:

- Removal of the acoustic fish deterrent system.
- A change to the interim spent fuel store, from wet to dry storage and a new equipment storage building.
- Provision of four new sluice gate storage racks.
- Relocation and a reduction in height of the meteorological mast.
- Retention of the Hinckley Point substation (not to be confused with the National Grid Shurton substation).
- Creation of 5ha of Kelp Forest. Originally 15ha was planned, but this is now thought to be unviable.
- Following consultation, provision of weirs has been reduced from seven to four. Weirs in England shall form part of this application, with the two in Wales going through the TCPA process.
- Following consultation feedback, some proposed sites are being removed from the scheme and new alternative sites have been identified. Consultation on these sites shall be held in January 2025.

Level of design and survey data

Ecological and other surveys are being undertaken, using s172 to access land.

Consultation

Consultation is ongoing with statutory bodies and other key stakeholders. The Applicant is setting up an adaptive monitoring and management plan working group. An additional public consultation phase is planned for January 2025.

Pre-application program

The Inspectorate asked if the applicant had started to compile at risk assessment and issues trackers, as these tools would help provide evidence of consultation and refinement of issues leading up to submission.

The applicant acknowledged that this application would be separate from the new tiered pre-application process but has developed its own internal issues tracker for measuring progress.

Submission and examination

The application for the material changes is likely to be made in April 2025. The Applicant confirmed that it was in the process of refining its consultation list with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ).

The Applicant confirmed that they would not be seeking to rescope the Environmental Impact Assessment but would seek to rescreen the Habitats Regulations Assessment.

The Inspectorate advised that The Environmental Statement should explain this approach.

The Applicant stated that there was potential for some survey data to be submitted after the application had been made (likely during the pre-examination period), but that sufficient information would be supplied at submission to allow adequate assessment.

The Inspectorate advised that this approach may impact those making relevant representations and that it may be necessary to re-open the registration period if new information was introduced to the examination.

Next Steps

The Inspectorate proposed a follow up meeting at the end of February 2025. Any outstanding matters would be followed up by advice in writing, which would also be published on the project website.