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The Planning Inspectorate
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Re : Rule 8 Letter concerning the Hinkley Connection Project – EN020001

Dear Sirs

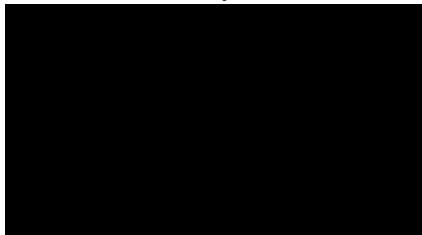
We refer to the e-mail recently received enclosing the Rule 8 letter and associated information following on from the Preliminary Hearing held on January 19th in Weston super Mare.

Your letter informs us of a change to the date for an Issue Specific Meeting on the Portbury Option A/B question, indicating a date now of the 22nd of May 2015. At the Preliminary Hearing we made it clear that the dates around the 19th of May were difficult for us because of the absence of key residents who have been involved with us in consultation. We had expected, following suggestions from the Chair of the Preliminary Hearing, that the date for Portbury would move forward to either the 14th, 15th or 16th of April, dates that would have been acceptable to us.

The date now proposed of 22nd of May, a Friday immediately prior to a Bank Holiday weekend, is no more acceptable to us than the original date of 19th of May. In addition to this being a Friday before a Bank Holiday it may well also be an “in service” day for schools which would potentially affect the ability of some of our residents to attend. We request therefore that you reconsider this date once more, we can accept any date of those suggested already for April and have made provisional bookings for our Village Hall.

Your reconsideration of this matter would be much appreciated by us.

Yours faithfully,



Peter Cooke
Chairman, Portbury Parish Council.

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