

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
Infrastructure Planning Team

Hinkley Point C
NNB Generation Company (HPC) Ltd

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Dear Sir/Madam

The Hinkley Point C (Nuclear Generating Station) Order 2013, Non-Material Change Application, Regulation 7(3): Written consent from Secretary of State for not consulting a person or authority.

NNB Generation Company (HPC) Limited ("the Applicant") is proposing to make an application for a non-material change under Schedule 6 of the Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (amended in 2015) ("the Regulations").

The proposed application will request changes to the above Development Consent Order (DCO) in order to effect changes to the Site Layout Plan, Parameter Plan, Plans for individual buildings and Works Plans.

Under the Regulations, an applicant must carry out a consultation with persons as identified in Regulation 7. Regulation 7(3) states that "the applicant need not consult a person or authority listed above if they have obtained written consent of the Secretary of State".

This letter notifies the Secretary of State of those persons that the Applicant considers should or should not be consulted as a result of the proposed non-material change. The rationale for inclusion or non-inclusion within the Consultee Schedule (attached) is explained in more detail below.

The Applicant requests the following of the Secretary of State:

- Written approval that the Applicant should not consult those persons that it has proposed should not be consulted ;
- and • Confirmation as to whether the Secretary of State considers any other person should be consulted.

Nature of the Proposed Change

There are two distinct sets of proposals within the proposed non-material change application. One set is located at the HPC main site, and the other at our M5 Junction 23 Park and Ride site. The proposals are detailed separately below.

Proposals at J23 Park and Ride

The proposed amendment to the DCO at the J23 Park and Ride site consists of the removal of two parcels of land from the DCO Works Plans (specifically sheet 7). The proposed areas to be removed are shown in orange outline below. Please note that these areas may be subject to minor alternations in the final plan, to take account of ongoing design and surveys.



The purpose of their removal from the DCO is to facilitate a use as temporary storage and a 9000sqm B2/B8 warehouse unit. The intention is that the B2/B8 unit will remain after HPC construction is complete as a permanent building. During the HPC construction phase both the temporary storage and building will be for HPC use.

NNB recognises that the proposed use is incompatible with the consented DCO use of the area, which is as topsoil storage for restoration purposes, and as a temporary windrowing area for the drying of soil. Therefore the parcels are proposed to be removed from the DCO and taken forward under separate TCPA applications, to be consented by Somerset Council.

Under the EIA regulations and relevant caselaw, projects must be assessed holistically. Therefore the application will present an assessment of both the removal of the parcels from the DCO and the ongoing storage and B2/B8 uses within the non-material change application.

Proposals at HPC Main Site

Three changes are proposed at the HPC main site.

1: Meteorological Mast

It is proposed that the existing meteorological mast on the Hinkley Point C site is lowered by 34m and relocated to a new position 60m to the southwest to reduce the potential for interference from

surrounding buildings and infrastructure which could lead to inaccurate wind speed and temperature readings.

The current approved design features a mast at 50m in height, located on a platform at 14m Above Ordnance Datum (AOD) making it a total of 64m AOD.

The proposed change will reduce the height of the mast to 10m, on a platform 20m AOD, making it a total of 30m AOD. The change will omit the requirements for a meteorological station to house the equipment, and this station (currently authorised by the DCO) will not be constructed. The mast will be relocated approx. 60m south-west of the currently proposed position, closer to the western boundary on an embankment.

2: Hinkley Point Substation

It is proposed that the temporary Hinkley Point Substation on the Hinkley Point C site is retained as a permanent feature to supply electricity to Hinkley Point A and Hinkley Point B.

The proposed change involves switching the Hinkley Point Substation from importing electricity, to exporting an 11 kV supply to Hinkley Point A and Hinkley Point B (to support decommissioning activities) at the end of the construction of Hinkley Point C.

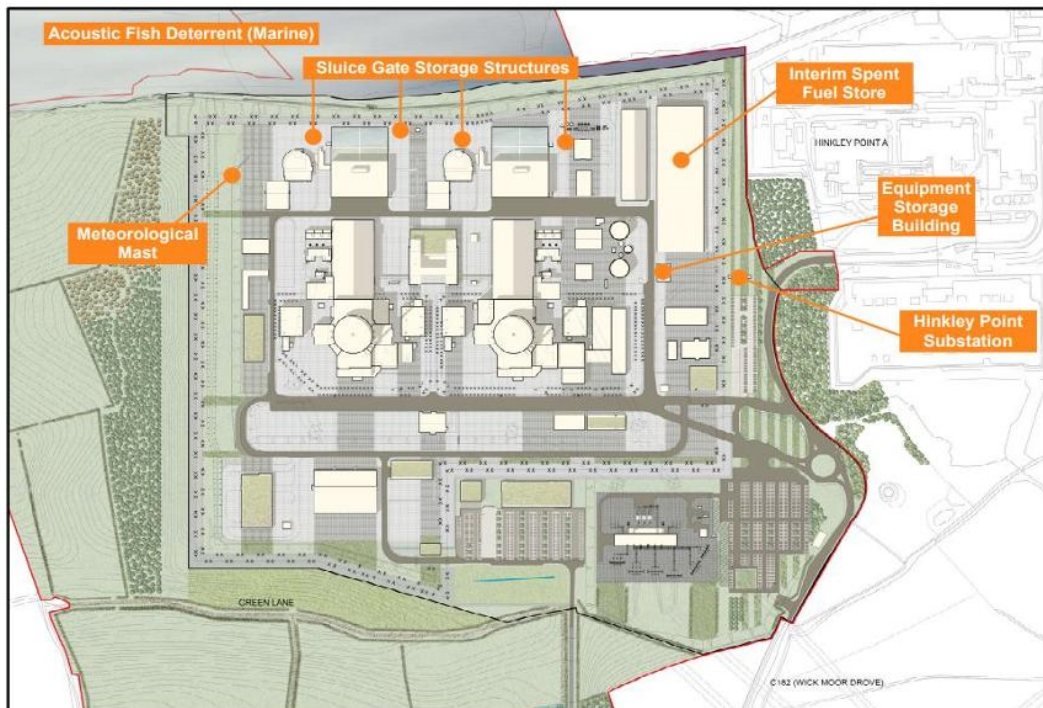
3: Sluice Gates Storage Structures

The current design of the Hinkley Point C does not include an area for the storage of sluice gates and lifting beams for the Forebay and Outfall Pond (surge chamber) and the lifting beams of the Pumphouse sluice gates. It is proposed that four new structures are provided to house sluice gates and lifting beams. Two storage structures are required for each Unit of Hinkley Point C (Unit 1 and Unit 2). The structures will provide toaster-style storage racks which will be local to each Unit and fixed to a concrete base.

The on-site proposals have already been subject to EIA Scoping (undertaken by NNB in 2022), in which the following three discipline assessment areas were scoped in:

- Groundwater.
- Traffic and Transport.
- Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment.

The plan below shows the location of the on-site proposals. Please note that the plan also shows the location of the Interim Spent Fuel Store and Equipment Storage Building, these elements are not part of this application.



Materiality

As outlined in the DCLG guidance document Planning Act 2008: Guidance on Changes to Development Consent Orders, there are certain “characteristics” that would indicate the proposed change should be treated as material. These “characteristics” are: i. ii. iii. iv. Where a change would require an updated ES; Where a change would require an HRA; Where a change would require the compulsory acquisition of land or “an interest in or rights over land” not authorised through the DCO; and Where a change would result in an impact on local people (including businesses and residents) that would be sufficient to indicate the change should be considered material. In line with these “characteristics”, as the proposed changes do not have the potential to result in different effects on the environment than those originally identified, a non-material change is the appropriate consenting route.

Consultation

The Applicant has prepared a schedule of persons to consult, in accordance with Regulation 7. The consultee schedule is attached to this letter. In compiling this schedule, the Applicant has had regard to the following:

- Those who were consulted for the DCO;
- Those who were consulted for the previous non-material amendments;
- Other persons who the Applicant consider would be appropriate to notify of the consultation; and
- Advice from BEIS in the previous request under Regulation 10(2) letter of 30 August 2022.

The list of Statutory Consultees includes all the consultees listed in s56 of the Planning Act 2008. Those Statutory Consultees the Applicant considers it should consult are shaded in blue. Those consultees not thought appropriate or relevant to consult are shaded in pale pink and a justification provided. The

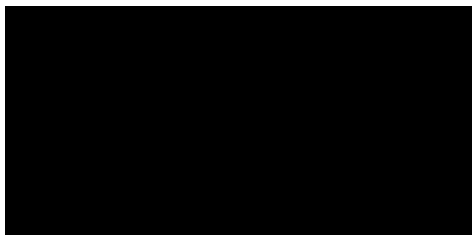
Applicant requests written consent from the Secretary of State) that it does not need to consult those bodies shaded in pink within the Statutory consultee sheet.

In addition, the Applicant advises the Secretary of State that Somerset Council came into being on the 1st April 2023 to provide services previously provided by four District Councils (Mendip, Sedgemoor, Somerset West and Taunton, and South Somerset) and Somerset County Council.

Timing

It is our intention to submit the application to PINS in mid-September, in which case it would be appreciated if this request could be expedited.

Yours sincerely,



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