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Dear Dr Eaglen

## Hinkley Point C and Associated Development.

Thank you for your emails of 19 and 20 February 2010, relating to the above proposals.

Since it is likely that we will be considering any future application, we cannot comment on the merits of the proposals. These are likely to be the subject of an examination into the application, if it is accepted by the IPC. If and when the application is accepted, you will have an opportunity to register to take part in the examination. Publicity in the local and national press and on site notices will explain how you can register to become an interested party by making a relevant representation.

The Planning Act 2008 requires that prospective applicants undertake pre-application consultation and have regard to responses received. We will consult with the local authority on the adequacy of consultation when any application is submitted.

If you have views on the current form of the proposals, you may wish to make them known to EDF Energy directly and also let your local authority know. We are happy to be copied into any correspondence of this nature.

There is advice on how to participate in the IPC process on our website at <a href="http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk/">http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk/</a>.

Yours sincerely

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