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Dear John and Maureen Randall

**Hinkley Point C and Associated Development.**

Thank you for your letter of 15 July 2010, enclosing copies of your correspondence with Mr de Rivaz of EDF Energy.

We are very worried to read that you are concerned for your safety, and that you feel that you have been a victim of crime. We suggest in the strongest possible terms that you raise your concerns with the Police.

I have read your comments regarding the history of the site, your views on the merits of the proposed development, and your request that a Public Inquiry be held. As the organisation which will consider any application, we cannot at this stage express any views on the merits of the case. If a valid application is made, an impartial Commissioner or Commissioners will consider all the evidence, including your representations, and will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State. This will be a public process to which all parties will have an opportunity to contribute.

I also note your view that the consultation being conducted by EDF is inadequate. When an application is submitted, the Commissioner(s) will decide whether EDF has met its statutory duty to consult effectively with the local community. A copy of your correspondence will be placed on our file and seen by the Commissioner(s) before that decision is made.

If you have any concerns about EDF's consultation at this pre-application stage please make sure they are aware of your specific concerns, and also let your local authority know. The local authority will be asked for their views on how effective EDF's consultation has been at the time the application is submitted to us. We are happy to be copied into any correspondence of this nature.

Yours sincerely

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