

Puxton Parish Council

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Chairman: Cllr A McKenzie

For the attention of the Right Honourable Mr Ed Miliband M.P.

Re. Consultation Hinkley Point C Connection Project Somerset

Dear Sir

Please find attached a letter that has been developed after discussions at our recent Parish Council meetings. You will not be surprised to learn that we have strong views on the proposals to connect Hinkley Point power station when and if EDF build additional generation capacity. As stated in the letter we are in a difficult position as all the proposed routes cross our parish and we simply cannot run a “not here” campaign. So we need your help to make sure that our interested are properly regarded.

We think that in your position you need to ensure that a holistic view to how the many new power generation facilities will be connected up and that in this case National Grid are taking a very short term “this is easiest for us” view of what the options are. In their badly written “cut and paste special” report they rule out options for Ultra High voltage, undersea connections and super conductors for reasons such as not tested in the UK or not mature technology etc. Yet many of the connections required nationally will be to facilities which are currently either not tested in the UK or mature technology; wind and wave was not used 10 years ago in the UK.

Please ensure that commercial expedience between a French owned generator and a privately held company working as part of the electricity alliance (which looks and smells like a pricing work-share cartel) are not allowed to blight our environment for years to come when other options are available.

As stated we are expected and will seek a reply to the points we have raised. Contact me by email or phone if you need to discuss any element of what we have said.

Yours faithfully

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