

# Puxton Parish Council

**Clerk to the Council:** Mr. Colin Hill, 84 Beach Road, Kewstoke  
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**Chairman:** Cllr A McKenzie

Dear Mr Bryant

1. 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.
2. Having just received your “detailed study report” hopefully the engineering solution is better developed, managed and implemented than the report; which is clearly in parts a “cut and paste special” report written by people not even prepared to proof read their own work. We deserve better! For example para 2.3 is without meaning as it is written. Please look at the report again and reissue something that makes sense.
3. Furthermore some of the reason for parking the options are clearly self interest and commercial; as per our letter, the costs “in the great scheme of things” is not clear – you need to make it clear in this sort of way:
  - a. Insulate your house and use better fridges etc will save you X
  - b. Using this option (option number here) will add Y to your bill.
  - c. With option (option number here) X is either bigger or smaller than Y.

Filling in this with the correct numbers would make it meaningful to people trying to understand the metrics quoted.

4. From our perspective this whole process feels very much like you “going through the motions” and we don’t believe at all that you have shown any willingness to look at new and modern options. Rather as you said over 20 times at the public meeting we went to “this is the easiest option for National Grid” This project should be looked at in the wider context of new national plans to link in a highly distributed network in an effective way with due regard for public safety and preservation of the local environment. The use of 30 year technology to connect the new network should be discounted on ground of power loss and potential health risks which could be proven in future years. I think the letter speaks for itself but if anything is not clear contact me by email or phone to discuss. As stated we are expecting and will seek replies to our letter.

Yours Sincerely

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