



Our ref: PL 2/4/5/12B
Your ref: EIA/IC/CI/5 – Hinkley Point C NPP

Mr Romas Svedas
Chair, Implementation Committee,
Convention on Environmental Assessment in a Transboundary Context and its
Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment,
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29 June 2018

Dear Mr Svedas,

I refer to your letter of 20 June 2018 requesting an update on the results of the public consultations regarding the planned construction of the Hinkley Point C (HPC) nuclear power plant in the UK.

Ireland's public consultation on the HPC nuclear power plant ran from 20 February 2018 to 17 April 2018, with submissions or observations being made to the local planning authority concerned. An extended public consultation period, well beyond the minimum 30 day period prescribed in EU legislation, was set in order to maximise the opportunity for public participation. Following the expiry of the public consultation period, the 31 planning authorities forwarded copies of the submissions and observations received during the public consultation process to this Department, as required under planning legislation. The 31 local planning authorities have since forwarded all submissions or observations received during the public consultation process, together with any submissions the authorities wished to make themselves on the potential transboundary impact of the HPC nuclear power plant, to the relevant UK authorities for their consideration. The Parliamentary Committee on Housing and Planning also made a submission, which was forwarded by this Department to the UK authorities. It was also open to anyone participating in the public consultation process to make a submission or observation directly to the UK authorities.

The results of the public consultation, including submissions made to the planning authorities and direct to the UK authorities are summarised in the table below:

Submissions made by:	No. of submissions
Individual members of the public	15
Groups (Environmental NGO's, Community Groups, Public Participation Networks, Other groups)	9
Elected public representatives (Local Councillors, Members of Parliament, Parliamentary Committee)	10
Prescribed bodies prescribed for consultation on planning applications	4
Planning authorities/Regional Assemblies	3





Total	41
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Extensive efforts were made to facilitate the broadest public participation in the HPC consultation exercise and it had been expected that there would have been a greater level of response.

As indicated in my previous letter of 30 April 2018, discussions are on-going with the UK authorities with a view to ensuring that Ireland will be subject to advance notification of any future UK proposals to construct new nuclear plants and that any necessary transboundary consultations are conducted at the earliest stage of the process and well before the commencement of construction of any such nuclear plants.

I trust that this letter will assist the Implementation Committee in its deliberations at its next meeting on 7 to 9 February 2019.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Sheridan".

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