

**Schedule of public participation in the decision-making process
leading up to the Hinkley Point C Development Consent Order**

	Date	Public Participation Event	Explanation
1	May - October 2007	Public consultation by the UK Government on whether new nuclear power stations should be permitted.	<p>Public consultation. Consultation documents published (internet). 20 week period for responses. Over 5,000 written responses. Consultation website (visited by 46,000 persons/organisations).</p> <p>Meetings for members of the public, and meetings for industry and environmental groups.</p> <p>The consultation provided information and sought opinions on all aspects of nuclear power. This included information on possible environmental impacts, and information in respect of the risk of accident and the safeguards against that risk.</p> <p>The consultation was advertised in the national press, on the internet (paid-for searches on Google), by direct mailing to some 5,000 persons/organisations likely to be interested; by local advertising (for example in all public libraries).</p> <p>It was open to anyone to respond, regardless of whether they were resident in the UK. This was also the case for each consultation process referred to in this Schedule.</p>

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2	March - April 2008	Consultation by the UK Government on report that described how the Nuclear National Policy Statement SEA would be undertaken. (The National Policy Statement is a document, prepared under statute, that sets out policy for any infrastructure development of national importance. The Nuclear NPS identified specific sites where development of new nuclear power stations would be permitted.)	<p>Consultation with environmental regulators, as required by national law. This included: the Environment Agency, English Heritage, Natural England, and their counterparts for the area of each devolved administration in the United Kingdom.</p> <p>Consultation documents published (internet) permitting public response. EEA States notified of the consultation.</p>
3	February - May 2008	Consultation by the UK Government on the provision to be made by the developer to meet the costs of decommissioning nuclear power stations (known as Funded Decommissioning Programmes (FDP)).	<p>Public consultation. Respondents included energy suppliers, nuclear industry organisations, environmental NGOs, public sector organisations, advisory organisations, and members of the public.</p> <p>This was the first of a number of public consultations on this issue. These further consultation processes are not listed in this Schedule.</p>

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4	July - November 2008	Consultation on the Screening Report prepared under the Habitats Regulations (which give effect to the EU Habitats Directive).	<p>Consultation with environmental regulators, as required by national law: Natural England, Countryside Council for Wales, the Northern Ireland Department of the Environment, and Scottish Natural Heritage.</p> <p>The consultation concerned the possible effect of new nuclear power stations on Natura 2000 sites. This included consideration of accidental effect.</p> <p>Consultation documents published (internet), permitting public response. Responses provided from a wide range of interested parties, including NGOs, the nuclear industry, regulators, public authorities and members of the public.</p>

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5	July - November 2008	Consultation on what criteria should be used to identify where new nuclear power stations could be built (known as the Strategic Siting Assessment process).	<p>Public consultation. The consultation considered the criteria to be used to identify where nuclear power stations could be built. The criteria proposed were formulated by reference, among other matters, to possible environmental impact (including impact consequent on accident).</p> <p>Consultation documents published (internet). 16 week period for response. Responses received from a wide range of interested persons including nuclear industry, NGOs, regulators, local authorities and members of the public.</p> <p>Public meetings held, including at Bristol (the city nearest to Hinkley Point). Those attending the meetings included the nuclear industry, NGOs, public authorities and members of the public.</p>
6	December 2008 - March 2009	Consultation by UK Government on whether the EPR reactor (the type of reactor to be installed at Hinkley Point C) should be approved pursuant to the EU Basic Safety Standards Directive.	<p>Public consultation.</p> <p>Consultation documents published (internet). Matters within scope of the consultation included safety of the reactor in the event of accident or damage. 14 week response period. Responses from a wide range of interested parties, including NGOs and members of the public.</p>

	Date	Public Participation Event	Explanation
7	April - May 2009	Public consultation by the Government on the sites nominated for new nuclear power stations (including Hinkley Point C).	<p>Public consultation.</p> <p>Consultation documents published (internet).</p> <p>As part of its response to the consultation at 5 above, the Government asked for sites to be nominated. This consultation sought views on the nominations that had been received.</p> <p>180 responses addressed the nomination of the Hinkley Point site.</p>
8	November 2009 - February 2010	Consultation by UK Government on its proposed decision under the EU Basic Safety Standards Directive.	<p>Public consultation.</p> <p>Consultation documents published (internet). This comprised the reasons for the proposed decision, including the evidence relied on in support of the proposed decision.</p> <p>Public meetings attended by the nuclear industry, regulators and NGOs.</p> <p>15 week response period.</p> <p>Responses from a wide range of interested parties, including NGOs and members of the public.</p>

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9	November 2009 - February 2010	Consultation by UK Government on (a) the proposed Nuclear National Policy Statement, (b) the Appraisal of Sustainability prepared in respect of the NPS; and (c) the Habitats Regulations Assessment.	<p>Public consultation. 15 week response period. Consultation documents published (internet). Consultation announced in statement to Parliament and by press notice.</p> <p>Hinkley Point is identified in the NPS as a location for a nuclear power station.</p> <p>The Appraisal of Sustainability comprised an SEA of the government's policy to permit construction of nuclear power stations. The Appraisal of Sustainability and the Habitats Regulations Assessment considered possible environmental impacts, and also considered the possibility of accident.</p> <p>All EEA States notified of the consultation and provided with the consultation documents. Public meetings in major cities, and at all sites proposed as sites for possible development.</p> <p>Over 3,000 responses received, including from the public and NGOs. Responses received from Irish and Austrian Governments.</p>

	Date	Public Participation Event	Explanation
10	November 2009 - August 2011	Public consultation by the developer prior to application for development consent to build at Hinkley Point.	<p>The UK planning system requires developer to consult relevant local authorities and the public before making an application for development consent.</p> <p>Consultation material was published on the developer's website, and advertisements were placed in national and local press.</p> <p>In addition, the developer published a Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC) in full in local newspapers. The SOCC detailed the consultation the developer intended to undertake with the local community about the project. The developer was then required to carry out its consultation with the local community as set out in the SOCC.</p> <p>The developer set up representative Forums representative of local interest groups to ensure that local groups and organisations had, and continue to have, a say in plans and proposals as they develop. Community newsletters were distributed.</p> <p>The developer staged public exhibitions and held meetings with parish and town councils, local authorities and other organisations.</p>

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			<p>Issues covered included accommodation, transport, socio-economics, sustainability strategy, waste management, environmental mitigation, health impact, environmental impact, and the assessment for the purposes of the Habitats Directive.</p> <p>The Stage 1 consultation (November 2009-January 2010) set out the developer's initial proposals.</p> <p>The Stage 2 consultation (July-October 2010), following consideration of responses to the Stage 1 consultation, set out the developer's preferred proposals.</p> <p>Two further consultations were held by the developer before making its application (February-March and July-August 2011), following further consideration of responses to the Stage 1 and 2 consultations, which set out the developer's updated preferred proposals.</p>

	Date	Public Participation Event	Explanation
11	June - October 2010	Public consultation by the Environment Agency in relation to its findings to date on the EPR reactor's potential impact on the environment and the measures in the design which would prevent or mitigate any impact.	Public consultation. Consultation documents published (internet), and a public meeting held. Press advertisements and articles.
12	November 2010	Debates in both Houses of United Kingdom Parliament on whether the EPR reactor (the type of reactor to be installed at Hinkley Point C) should be approved pursuant to the EU Basic Safety Standards Directive.	The decision to approve the EPR reactor could take effect only when both Houses of the United Kingdom Parliament had voted to approve it.
13	October 2010 - January 2011	Consultation by UK Government on revised draft Nuclear National Policy Statement.	Public consultation. Revisiting the process referred to at 9 above in light of revised proposals. Consultation documents published (internet). 14 week response period. Public meetings held, including at Bristol. All EEA states notified of consultation and provided with copies of the consultation documents. Over 2,500 responses received, including from NGOs and members of the public. Responses received from Irish and Austrian Governments.

	Date	Public Participation Event	Explanation
14	November 2010 - January 2012	Application to West Somerset District Council for planning permission to undertake site preparation works for new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point C.	Council held two public meetings and sought written comments from local residents.
15	13 January & 18 July 2011	Parliamentary consideration of proposed National Policy Statements.	<p>Debates in House of Commons and House of Lords. By virtue of section 9 of the Planning Act 2008, each NPS must be approved by Parliament.</p> <p>The House of Lords' debated the NPSs but the debate was not pressed to a vote; the House of Commons debated and voted to approve the NPSs.</p>
16	July - September 2011	Application by EDF to the Environment Agency for environmental permits for the proposed nuclear power station at Hinkley Point in respect of: radioactive substances regulation, combustion activity and water discharge activity.	<p>The applications covered the measures in the design and the site which would prevent or mitigate environmental impact.</p> <p>Application published (internet). Responses invited from all interested parties, including members of the public. Period for response lasted until December 2011</p>

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17	October 2011	Application for development consent order in respect of the proposed Hinkley Point C nuclear power station.	<p>Documents relied on in support of the application for development consent order for new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point C were published on the Planning Inspectorate's website. These documents included a Consultation Report which summarised the developer's pre-application consultation activities.</p> <p>Any interested person was able to register with Planning Inspectorate to receive correspondence relating to the application and decision-making process. Applications for registration could be made online.</p>
18	24 November 2011	Planning Inspectorate agreed to examine the application for development consent.	Application advertised in national and local press. Details of how to make representations, and how to register as an interested party also publicised in local and national press and on Planning Inspectorate website.
19	21 March 2012	Preliminary meeting.	Public meeting held by Planning Inspectorate to consider how the application for development consent would be examined.

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20	22 March 2012 - 21 September 2012	Public examination by the Planning Inspectorate of the application for development consent.	<p>Included public hearings on 6, 10, 16 & 17 May, 17 July, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26 & 28 August in respect of matters such as habitats and ecology, mitigation measures, socio-economic effects, traffic and transport. Some of the hearings were open-floor hearings at which any topic could be raised.</p> <p>Meeting were advertised in the press and on the Planning Inspectorate's website and interested parties were informed by letter. Any person who had registered as an interested party could attend. Audio recordings of the hearing were made available on the Planning Inspectorate's website.</p> <p>Any interested person was able to register with Planning Inspectorate (including online) to receive correspondence relating to the application and decision-making process. In addition, interested parties were able to make written representations on any aspect of the application for development consent. 1,200 written representations were made to the Examining Authority.</p>

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21	August - November 2012	Consultation by Environment Agency on draft environmental permitting decisions for new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point C (including draft assessment for the purposes of the Habitats Directive), in respect of: radioactive substances regulation, combustion activity and water discharge activity.	<p>The proposed decisions related to the measures in the design and the site which would prevent or mitigate environmental impact.</p> <p>Public consultation. Consultation documents published (internet). Public meetings held; additional meetings with local authorities.</p>
22	November 2012 - March 2013	Consideration by Secretary of State of representations volunteered after the close of the Examination in Public.	<p>The Planning Inspectorate's report following its examination of the application for development consent was sent to the Secretary of State on 19 December 2012.</p> <p>Before reaching his decision, the Secretary of State considered any representations received by him following the close of the examination in public. These included representations from the Communicant and the Government of Austria.</p>
23	19 March 2013	Development consent order made by the Secretary of State.	