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Dear Mr Huhne

**HINKLEY POINT C: PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PREFERRED PROPOSALS INCLUDING  
M5 JUNCTION 24 AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BRIDGWATER AREA  
CONSULTATION: 1 TO 28 JULY 2011 - PLANNING ACT 2008**

You will be aware from our previous consultations that EDF Energy proposes to apply for consent to construct a new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point.

The Government's National Policy Statement, which is due to be voted on in Parliament before the summer recess, identifies land adjacent to the existing Hinkley Point A and B power stations as potentially suitable for development of a new nuclear power station. However, to authorise development EDF Energy must obtain a Development Consent Order from the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC)

In advance of its application to the IPC, EDF Energy is required by Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 to consult people whose properties may be affected by its proposals. Due to the complexity of the project EDF Energy has decided to consult in stages and has previously undertaken consultation on its plans as follows:

- Stage 1: 'Initial Proposals and Options for Hinkley Point C', from 16 November 2009 until 18 January 2010;
- Stage 2: 'Preferred Proposals for Hinkley Point C', from 9 July until 4 October 2010; and
- Stage 2 Update: 'Update on and Proposed Changes to the Preferred Proposals', from 25 February to 28 March 2011.

At all stages, views were sought on proposals for development of the main site and other development considered necessary off-site to support the main development.

Since the close of our Stage 2 Update consultation, our proposals have evolved further and more information has become available. EDF Energy is therefore now launching its 'Hinkley Point C: Proposed Changes to the Preferred Proposals including M5 Junction 24 and Highway Improvements in Bridgwater Area' consultation.

The deadline for response to this consultation is **28 July 2011**. You can respond by any of the means set out at the back of the consultation document.

As a result of feedback from this consultation and further technical studies, EDF Energy intends to refine its proposals with a view to making an application to the Infrastructure Planning Commission later in 2011 for consent for the Hinkley Point C project.

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Further information on EDF Energy's full consultation programme is available online at **[www.edfenergyconsultation.info](http://www.edfenergyconsultation.info)**.

Yours faithfully

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