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Green MEP Molly Scott-Cato to attend Stop Hinkley Demo – 26th Sept

Green MEP for the South West Molly Scott-Cato to meet with Stop Hinkley and Green Campaigners at Hinkley Point on Friday 26th September in an urgent call to the EU.

Responding to leaked reports, that the £16bn Hinkley Point project is on the verge of getting the green light after a spokesman for EU Competition Commissioner Joaquin Almunia said on Monday that Brussels will “propose ... to take a positive decision in this case”, Somerset campaigners will demonstrate at Hinkley Point this Friday.

Across Europe there has been great dismay about the anticipated decision, Austria has announced that it will launch a fresh legal challenge if the European Commission approves Britain’s plan to build the new nuclear plant and other European countries are likely to follow suit. (1)

Stop Hinkley Campaign spokesperson Allan Jeffrey said: “Irrespective of what we think about the possibility of an accident or routine emissions of radioactivity into the environment, or the fact that there is no solution to dealing with the dangerous waste, this deal is economically bonkers”.

Green MEP Molly Scot-Cato said: “A decision like this demonstrates why so many British people are sceptical about the EU. The rules on fair competition are perfectly clear but can apparently be ignored when there is a political deal to be made. Agreeing such a huge implicit subsidy for Hinkley will make it impossible for those who generate electricity in a clean and sustainable way to compete”.

Campaigners to meet at 2pm on Friday 26th September at the entrance to the Hinkley Point site. Molly Scott-Cato and Stop Hinkley Spokespeople will be available to speak to press at 3pm.

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Notes to Editors

1 <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/newsbysector/energy/11119631/Austria-to-launch-legal-challenge-if-EU-approves-British-nuclear-plan.html>