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Radioactive Waste in Somerset

Following revelations this week of the huge hurdles (1) still in the way of an investment decision for Hinkley Point C, the Stop Hinkley Campaign turns its attention to the radioactive waste legacy the proposed reactors would leave behind if they were ever built.

The Stop Hinkley Campaign will be holding a public meeting in Taunton on Thursday 19th March at the Temple Methodist Church.

The meeting will be addressed by South-west Green MEP Molly Scott-Cato who will update attendees on Europe's position on the nuclear project.

Marine Radioactivity Consultant, Tim Deere Jones will speak about discharges of liquid radioactive waste into the Severn Estuary from the huge proposed facility.

Allan Jeffery from the Stop Hinkley Campaign will highlight concerns that highly radioactive spent nuclear fuel waste from the reactors could be stored on the Somerset site for at least the next 160 years.

Katy Attwater, who will chair the meeting for the Stop Hinkley Campaign said:

"We are only now beginning to learn how difficult, dangerous and expensive it is to deal with the radioactive waste that has been piling up at Sellafield – some of which is from Hinkley A & B. Despite searching for somewhere to dispose of waste since 1976, we still haven't come up with a solution. The current plan is to leave waste fuel from Hinkley C on site for up to 100 years after the station is closed because it will be much hotter than waste from older stations. It is immoral to create such a legacy for future generations when we still have no idea what to do with the waste we've already created".

The meeting will take place on Thursday 19 March at 7pm for 7.30 at the Temple Methodist Church, Upper High Street Taunton TA1 3PY.

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(1) See for instance <http://www.jonathonporritt.com/blog/hinkley-point-beginning-end>