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Vivienne Westwood becomes Stop Hinkley Campaign Patron.

With EDF Energy's plans to build two massive new nuclear reactors at Hinkley Point in Somerset looking ever more precarious, Dame Vivienne Westwood DBE has announced that she will become a patron of the Stop Hinkley Campaign.

The French Trade Unions have declared that they remain convinced the Hinkley project should be postponed until a litany of problems has been solved, (1) and there is increasing speculation that the project will be ditched after the Brexit vote. (2) Now the Stop Hinkley Campaign is re-doubling its efforts to ensure that this foolhardy scheme is cancelled as soon as possible.

Fashion designer and activist, Vivienne Westwood said:

"Hinkley Point C is not a solution to the climate change problem. It will simply trap us into the same system that gave us fossil fuels. We need a different sort of economy - a fair economy founded on true human values, and cheap and infinite sustainable energy."

She continued: *"Climate change is a global emergency, we can't wait around while the big utilities build expensive and dangerous nuclear plant, which is late and over-budget. We need to start building a sustainable energy system now. I tell my customers 'Buy Less – Choose Well'. We need to do the same with energy. Our priority should be saving energy first. It is perfectly feasible, quicker and cheaper, to replace all the proposed nuclear stations by reducing our energy consumption."* (3)

Stop Hinkley spokesperson Roy Pumfrey says:

"Vivienne Westwood is a welcome addition to our growing list of patrons. She will be helping us to spearhead a drive for new members. Unlike Government Ministers, she understands that nuclear power is seriously damaging our efforts to tackle climate change. The campaign against the white elephant Hinkley Point C project is going from strength to strength."

The Stop Hinkley Campaign's other patrons are:

- Jonathon Porritt – environmental campaigner
- Molly Scott Cato – Green Part MEP
- Caroline Lucas – Green Party MP
- Raymond Briggs – author
- Julie Christie - actor
- Terry Jones –of Monty Python
- John Williams - musician

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Notes

Please support Stop Hinkley. The larger our membership is, the louder our voice. The suggested annual subscription is £12 for an individual (£5 unwaged) or £20 for a family. We ask you to donate as much as you feel able, but whatever you give, however small, is gratefully received.

To join go to the Stop Hinkley website at <http://stophinkley.org/JoinDon.htm>

Or send your name and address to Vivienne Westwood, c/o 259 Burntwood Lane, London SW17 0AW [with optional donation]

Or donate via PayPal to admin@stophinkley.org

- (1) See letter from the Fédération Française des Cadres Supérieurs de l'Énergie (FNCS), which represents senior managers at EDF, to Angus McNeil MP, Chair of the House of Commons Energy and Climate Change Committee 13th June 2016 <http://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-committees/energy-and-climate-change/Correspondence/correspondence-fnCS-chair-edf-hinkly-c-130616.pdf>
- (2) Times 28th June 2016 <http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/hinkley-project-likely-to-become-18bn-casualty-k750f6xtv>
- (3) LED light bulbs could cut peak electricity demand by two and a half times the amount Hinkley Point C will increase it - saving about 15% of all power consumption. See Ecologist 8th June 2016 http://www.theecologist.org/blogs_and_comments/commentators/2987760/the_urgent_case_for_an_mass_switch_to_led_lighting.html
By 2030 domestic energy efficiency alone could save 160% of what Hinkley Point C is expected to produce every year and help eliminate fuel poverty into the bargain. See Energy Efficiency: Fighting to keep Bills Down Permanently, ACE November 201 <http://ukace.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/ACE-November-2013-Energy-efficiency-fighting-to-keep-bills-down-permanently.pdf> (See table 16, page 54)
Around 4 times the amount of electricity expected to be produced every year by Hinkley Point C could be saved according a report for the Government by McKinsey. These are savings which don't currently feature in Government plans. McKinsey, 2012 Capturing the full electricity efficiency potential of the U.K Draft report. <http://www.decc.gov.uk/assets/decc/11/cutting-emissions/5776-capturing-the-full-electricity-efficiency-potentia.pdf>