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**Over 300,000 people call for Hinkley to be scrapped**

**Stop Hinkley Campaigners will join Greenpeace at 11am on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September to hand in a petition at No.10 Downing Street.**

In advance of a possible Hinkley decision due sometime before the end of September, Stop Hinkley campaigners will join Greenpeace to hand in a petition with over 300,000 signatures at No.10 Downing Street on Thursday.

This follows on from a public opinion poll commissioned by Greenpeace which showed that support amongst the general public for Hinkley Point C has fallen to a new low of only 25%, whilst nearly half (44%) oppose it.

The petition calls on Theresa May to drop the eye watering expensive Hinkley and invest in renewable power instead.

Stop Hinkley spokesperson Sue Aubrey said:

*"Virtually all major national newspapers and commentators have been calling for Hinkley to be cancelled for months. This petition and recent opinion polls show that the public agrees with them and supports Stop Hinkley's view that there is no widespread support for new nuclear, particularly at Hinkley Point. Consumers can tell that the project may be unconstructable, requires vast subsidies and would generate electricity too expensive to use."*

Aubrey continued: *"The Government's nuclear delusions are trying to put the brakes on a renewable energy revolution taking place around the world. They can't bring themselves to admit that smart, efficient and renewable energy systems are sounding the death-knell for nuclear power and are standing in the way of the West of England joining this energy revolution – they really do make King Canute look like an amateur. It's time that Somerset was given the opportunity to join the future."*

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