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## **Don't increase UK waste stockpile by 80% - cancel Hinkley Point C**

The Stop Hinkley campaign has written to the Planning Inspectorate to object to EDF Energy's application for a Non-Material Change in relation to the Hinkley Point C Development Site.

A copy of the letter is attached.

The main feature of this Application which concerns Stop Hinkley is the proposed change to the radioactive waste storage system from a wet to a dry system. This requires modification of the interim spent fuel store on site, making it twice as big by volume and 30m high (as opposed to 25m).

Stop Hinkley argues that this should not be deemed a "non-material" change.

Stop Hinkley spokesperson Roy Pumfrey said:

*"There has been virtually no discussion nationally about how the nuclear waste generated by Hinkley Point C will be managed, despite the fact that we still don't know what is going to happen to the waste we have already created. By the time the station closes around 2085, the radioactive content of the waste will amount to the equivalent of 80% of the waste which currently exists in the whole of the UK. (1) Sending it to Cumbria and reviving reprocessing would send radioactivity back here via the Irish Sea. The best answer is not to produce the waste in the first place. According to most commentators, virtually nobody wants this power station to go-ahead. We cannot simply pass the nuclear waste problem on to future generations. It is time to cancel Hinkley Point C". (2)*

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### **Notes:**

- (1) See Stop Hinkley Briefing on Hinkley Point C and Nuclear Waste  
<http://www.stophinkley.org/WManDecom/HinklCWaste.pdf>
- (2) See Professor Steve Thomas' report "Time to Cancel Hinkley?" available at:  
<http://www.no2nuclearpower.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Time-to-CancelHinkleyFinal.pdf>