



For Immediate Release
11th April 2018

Hinkley Point C reactor – a slow motion car crash.

Commenting on today's news that EDF has found defects in the welding in pipework of the reactor it is building at Flamanville in Normandy (1) which is the same type as the one proposed for Hinkley Point C, Stop Hinkley spokesperson Roy Pumfrey said

“The European Pressurised Water Reactor (EPR) reactor proposed for Hinkley Point C is like watching a car crash in slow motion. It is the unloved, unwanted, and unbuildable child of former EDF boss Vincent de Rivas. We can still stop this before it gets even worse. Although abandoning this ill-fated project now would incur cancellation costs consumers could still save almost £1.5bn per year for 35 years from 2027 onwards. (2)”

“25 years after French engineers began working on the EPR, EDF has yet to get one up and running. Flamanville is seven years late, one in Finland is ten years late and even two in China will be at least five years late.” (3)

Stop Hinkley Contact:
Roy Pumfrey
roy@stophinkley.org
Tel: 07886 028 910

Notes for editors:

- (1) Times 11th April 2018 <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/business/fallout-from-edf-reactor-hits-hinkley-point-d0clkd0lr>
- (2) Time to Cancel Hinkley Point C by Emeritus Professor Steve Thomas
www.no2nuclearpower.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Time-to-Cancel-HinkleyFinal.pdf
- (3) Reuters 11th April 2018 <https://uk.reuters.com/article/china-nuclear-cgn/corrected-china-begins-fuel-loading-at-long-delayed-epr-nuclear-project-idUKL3N1RO1Z8?rpc=401&>