



Newsround for Stop Hinkley Meeting, 18 May 2020

21 April – Bridgwater Mercury:- ‘Hinkley C donates masks’, just a footnote that construction is ongoing!

29 April – East Anglian Daily Times:- Letter from Bridgwater & Taunton College Principal praising proposed Sizewell C. Roy wrote riposte on downside of new nuclear, published on 13 May.

6 May – EdeF HPC PR makes it clear that, despite Unite Union revealing that there are five C-19 cases connected with HPC, they think they’ve got C-19 licked and Social Distancing is fine.

9 May – Nuclear News:- Widespread absence due to C-19 by site workers on US nuclear new build.

10 May – PM’s statement on moving out of lockdown gives green light to construction; HPC already ‘ramping up’ to 2,500 workers.

12 May – Unions express disquiet about situation on many construction sites but are compromised by their acquiescence to EdeF over ongoing working at HPC.

14 May – ONR releases its responses to NGO HPC queries; clear that ONR has no intention of rocking the HPC boat, despite having received only the flimsiest evidence that EdeF is on top of SD, particularly in the tunnels, and is satisfied with bland assurances and staged still photos from the site.

15 May – Film ‘The Atom: A Love Affair’ premieres on-line.

17 May – The Observer: Letter from David Lowry, Andy Blowers & Ian Fairlie opposing SMRs under title ‘Nuclear power? No thanks’

18 May – Somerset Live: Contracts ending for up to 80 workers at Hinkley Point C construction site. One worker described the development as a 'bitter pill'.

Ongoing – Jill Sutcliffe sends Core Group daily updates on Covid-19 cases in Somerset, North Somerset and across Bristol Channel in South Wales.

Roy Pumfrey, 18 May 2020