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Stop Hinkley welcomes Somerset's unanimous vote against waste imports

The Stop Hinkley Campaign has welcomed the news* that Somerset County Council has unanimously rejected proposals by Magnox to transport waste from three other nuclear power sites to Hinkley Point A – Oldbury in Gloucestershire; Dungeness in Kent; and Sizewell in Suffolk. The latter is on the other side of the country and would involve transporting waste along four different motorways.

Stop Hinkley Spokesperson, Roy Pumfrey, said

"We welcome the fact that these three nuclear sites will now probably be forced to look after their own waste. This whole episode demonstrates clearly what a mess we have got ourselves into with nuclear waste. Hinkley Point A is not scheduled to be finally dismantled for almost another century. My own great-grandchildren will be too old to work there even if they wanted to. As Denis Healey famously said 'when in a hole stop digging'. It's not too late to cancel Hinkley Point C and avoid adding to this horrendous legacy."

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Notes

*This is the West Country 5th Sept 2019

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