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Hinkley Point C cost ballooning amid further delays

The Stop Hinkley Campaign has reacted to the news that the cost of Hinkley Point C has ballooned to £46bn and that the first reactor may not now be open until 2031.

Stop Hinkley Spokesperson Roy Pumfrey said:

“The Government will have known for days if not weeks that this announcement (1) was coming – we certainly heard rumours. You would have thought it would have provoked them into at least re-examining their nuclear roadmap. Instead, on Monday they decided to waste another £1.3bn of taxpayers’ money (2) on a carbon copy of Hinkley Point C on the Suffolk Coast. Any sensible Government would be urgently looking at the overwhelming case to provide our power from 100% renewables. (3)”

“And it’s not just HPC’s costs that are ballooning, the whole project is swirling around making a horrid noise like a punctured balloon. And trying to cram 15,000 workers toe to toe on the site to play catch up will mean H&S rules go out the window.”

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Notes

- (1) EDF Press Release 23rd Jan 2024 <https://www.edf.fr/en/the-edf-group/dedicated-sections/journalists/all-press-releases/hinkley-point-c-update-1>
- (2) DESNZ 22nd Jan 2024 <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-steps-to-prepare-sizewell-c-for-construction>
- (3) See for instance: <https://100percentrenewableuk.org/new-report-shows-100bn-savings-with-100-renewable-energy-net-zero-plan>