



## Newsround February 2023

8 January - West Somerset Free Press (WSFP): Hinkley C 'on schedule' despite new delay claim after new agreement  
<https://www.wsfp.co.uk/news/hinkley-c-on-schedule-despite-new-delay-claim-after-new-agreement-586884>

10 January - The Leveller: Environment Agency looking again at use of Acoustic Fish Deterrent (AFD) at Hinkley C  
<https://leveller.live/2023/01/10/hinkley-c-and-the-fish-deterrent/>

10 January - Energy Live News: Dale Vince, founder of Ecotricity, has expressed his doubts about the government's backing of Sizewell C  
<https://www.energylivenews.com/2023/01/10/uk-should-not-be-building-sizewell-c-says-energy-boss/>

11 January - Somerset Live: Pontins Brean Sands is closed to the public for the next three years as major refurbishment of the site to house up to 900 workers from Hinkley Point C gets underway  
<https://www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/somerset-news/pontins-brean-sands-closes-holidaymakers-8012981>

13 January – World Nuclear News (WNN): UK must act on nuclear to meet net-zero aims, 'independent' review finds  
<https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/UK-must-act-on-nuclear-to-meet-net-zero-aims,-revi>

13 January - Planet Radio: There could be more nuclear power stations in the South West, if talks with Rolls-Royce lead to concrete plans for a new Small Nuclear Reactor (SMR) in South Gloucestershire  
<https://planetradio.co.uk/hits-radio/bristol/news/more-nuclear-power-could-come-to-south-gloucestershire/>

17 January – WNN: French bill on accelerating nuclear new build progresses to Senate  
<https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/French-bill-on-accelerating-nuclear-new-build-prog>

17 January - Daily Mail: A major crash near Cannington on the A39 in Somerset saw a bus bound for Hinkley C flipped on its side. Injuries were reported on the bus which was carrying around 80 people to work. 'A significant number' of police, fire and ambulance emergency services rushed to the scene as a major incident was declared.  
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11643177/Blizzards-batter-Britain-Snow-causes-chaos-South-West.html>

18 January - East Anglian Daily Times(EADT): Campaigners opposed to the new Sizewell C nuclear power station have written to a nuclear industry regulator calling for it to reject the new plant due to coastal erosion  
<https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/23257671.suffolk-sizewell-c-should-not-get-licence-due-erosion/>

20 January – EADT: With the Environment Agency describing Suffolk as “seriously water stressed” - will there be enough water for the nuclear power station Sizewell C without impacting the region?  
<https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/23262058.sizewell-c-enough-water/>

22 January – EADT: The developers of the new Sizewell C nuclear power station have expressed an interest in an "innovative" plan to use waste heat from the plant to heat a new lido  
<https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/23267257.suffolk-sizewell-c-explore-innovative-waste-heat-lido/>

25 January – Stop Hinkley PR: EDF Refuses to Back Down on Hinkley Acoustic Fish Deterrent  
<http://stophinkley.org/category/press-releases/>

26 January - World Nuclear Industry Status Report: Seven new nuclear reactors started operating in 2022, of which three in China and one each in Pakistan (built by Chinese companies), Finland, South Korea, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). This outcome compares with 15 expected grid connections at the beginning of the year as the startup of eight units was delayed until at least into 2023. Did we pass 'Peak Nuclear' years ago?

<https://www.worldnuclearreport.org/Did-We-Pass-Peak-Nuclear-Years-Ago.html>

29 January – FT: Ministers are under pressure to launch a government agency to develop a new fleet of nuclear reactors in Britain “as a matter of a priority”, after delays caused by a funding dispute between the Treasury and business department

<https://www.ft.com/content/86689352-2840-4d76-9bf8-f26fe28a8566>

1 February - Burnham-on-sea.com: National Grid says it is investigating after local wildlife rescuers say 10 swans have been killed near Burnham-On-Sea after striking the new Hinkley C power lines across the Somerset Levels

<https://www.burnham-on-sea.com/news/wildlife-charitys-dismay-as-10-swans-die-hitting-hinkley-point-power-lines/>

1 February - New Civil Engineer: The proposed Sizewell C nuclear power station could face funding challenges after reports that two of the country's largest pension funds will not back the project

<https://www.newcivilengineer.com/latest/sizewell-c-faces-funding-challenges-as-two-pension-funds-back-out-01-02-2023/>

4 February – Stop Hinkley: Taking up Hilda's Torch: Robert Green's account of his contribution to the 1988/9 Hinkley C Public Inquiry

<http://stophinkley.org/nuclear-new-build/taking-up-hildas-torch-robert-greens-account-of-his-contribution-to-the-1988-9-hinkley-c-inquiry/>

5 February – WSFP: ANTI-nuclear campaigners have estimated 11 billion fish off the West Somerset coastline could be killed during the operating life of the new Hinkley Point C nuclear power station

<https://www.wsfpc.co.uk/campaigners-claim-permit-change-at-hinkley-point-would-kill-billions-of-fish-592793>

5 February – The Observer: Dozens of people have been imprisoned as changes in policing and the law are used to curb the right to protest. Is this part of a turn towards a more authoritarian state, and could such draconian tactics backfire?

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/feb/05/protest-laws-state-police-crackdown-uk-activists-prison>

7 February – BANNG: Seventy years ago, on the night of 31 January/1 February, the 'Great Tide' surged down the Essex Coast from Harwich all the way round to London, bringing floods, death and destruction to communities and environments along the sea, rivers and creeks that compose the 350 mile coastline. Over 300 people were killed

<https://www.banng.info/news/when-the-great-tide-returns/>

12 February – Times: Jeremy Hunt is pushing to speed up planning permission for nuclear power plants and offshore wind to boost growth and bring down energy bills

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/jeremy-hunt-to-speed-up-approvals-for-nuclear-power-and-offshore-wind-farms-pb0ddwpgw>

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