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EDF Energy to Nominate Site at Hinkley Point for New Nuclear Build



By the end of the month EDF Energy will have nominated land next to the existing Hinkley Point power stations into the Government's process to identify sites suitable for new nuclear power.

EDF Energy, which now incorporates British Energy, plans to build two new nuclear power stations on its site at Hinkley Point, subject to receiving all the necessary consents.

Both EDF Energy and British Energy consulted on nuclear new build last year. Details of the consultation and the results can be found at www.edfconsultation.info and www.british-energy.com.

Simon Dunford, Hinkley Point Project Manager said: "The feedback from the consultation undertaken last year has been very positive and we believe that our site at Hinkley Point is a good potential site for new nuclear build.

"We already have strong links with the local community at Hinkley Point through the existing power stations and are keen for local people to be involved with the proposals for the new nuclear build. We are committed to ongoing public consultation."

Earlier this year, the Government published details of the process by which the nuclear industry can nominate sites for potential new nuclear power stations and the criteria against which potential sites will be assessed.

The Government has set out how the nomination process will work. Site nominations must be received by 31 March 2009. The list of nominated sites will be published shortly after, followed by an initial month-long opportunity for the public to express their views on how the sites match up to the criteria.

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Sites judged to be suitable will be listed on the draft Nuclear National Policy Statement. This will be published for consultation so that everyone can have their say on the draft list of sites. Parliament will also examine the proposals. Once the National Policy Statement is in place it will be up to developers to take forward any specific proposals to construct new nuclear power stations through the planning process. This process will involve further consultation.

More information on how people can have their say is available on the Department of Energy and Climate Change's website at www.nuclearpowersiting.decc.gov.uk.

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