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National Grid
Freepost RRKX/EBGK/XXHT
Hinkley C Connection Project
Consultation Response
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Dear Sir/Madam

Yatton Parish Council has asked me to write to you to express its strong concern about the proposal for the Hinkley Point C connector. The Parish Council does not believe that any of the overground options are acceptable. The 46 metre high pylons will be an obtrusive feature of the North Somerset moors and all the routes pass over Sites of Special Scientific Interest. Route 2 passes close to the hoses in North End, Yatton, and one alternative passes close to the Strawberry Line. Parish councillors are not in fact convinced that Route 2 is being presented as a serious option. The Parish Council is also not convinced that the potential health risks have been properly assessed.

Yatton Parish Council is concerned that laying the line under the Bristol Channel was not even referred to as an option, even though in councillors' opinion it is easily the preferable option. Although we understand from National Grid staff that the undersea option is costlier no costings have been made available to the public. The Parish Council would be interested to see costings of all options, including the undersea option.

The Parish Council is also concerned about the way in which the consultation has been carried out. The level of detail in the mailshot to residents was inadequate to alert them properly to the consequences the proposals might have for them. Indeed many residents of North End were unaware that they would be affected at all. In view of this, and now that more publicity has been given to the effect on residents, Yatton Parish Council would ask you to hold another consultation meeting in Yatton.

I look forward to hearing from you. Parish councillors would of course be happy to meet your staff to discuss their concerns in more detail.

Yours sincerely

Crispin Taylor
Clerk to the Council