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Dear Sir,

Re: Proposed material change application from NNB Generation (HPC) Company Ltd (part of EDF Energy) to remove the Acoustic Fish Deterrent from the Development Consent Order to the Hinkley Point C (Nuclear Generating Station) Order 2013

I write to you regarding your intention to make material changes to Hinkley Point C's Development Consent Order and specifically your interest in new salt marsh creation for ecological compensation at Arlingham, within Stroud District.

I am aware that EDF has engaged with landowners and met with local communities regarding this proposal, including at a public meeting hosted by Arlingham Parish Council in October 2024. It is very disappointing that EDF has not directly engaged in any meaningful way with the District Council on such a significant issue in advance of approaching communities and landowners. In addition, the District Council has not seen any primary technical information about the saltmarsh proposal or been briefed on the process by which EDF are seeking to take forward their proposals, which means we cannot engage meaningfully.

I understand and share many of the concerns of local residents about lack of consultation on this matter and the District Council expects and values early, meaningful and thorough engagement and discussions between EDF, the District Council and communities affected by these proposals.

The District Council will of course approach this proposal as it would any significant development in the district, in a professional and impartial manner, but it needs reassurance that EDF will share their evidence and data with the District Council to facilitate this.

We acknowledge that the District Council will likely be part of the statutory decision-making process regarding any planning application or Development Consent Order variation for a potential scheme to create new saltmarsh habitat and coastal defences at Arlingham. Consequently, this letter does not provide an opinion or views on the potential scheme. I would however reiterate the need for improved, early and meaningful engagement with the District Council, together with a greater sharing of technical information, so that the District Council can meet its commitment to serve and support the communities affected by the potential scheme.

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I look forward to hearing from you and discussing how we can address the concerns raised in this letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy O'Leary".

Kathy O'Leary
Chief Executive
Stroud District Council