

Salt marsh motion passed by Council, 12 Nov 2024

North Somerset Council expresses serious concern regarding the scale of impact on the migratory fish populations of the Severn Estuary Special Area of Conservation (SAC) which will result once Hinkley Point C becomes operational.

This Council does not support the proposed material change application from NNB Generating Company (HPC) and EDF to remove the Acoustic Fish Deterrent from the 2013 Development Consent Order for Hinkley Point C.

This Council recognises the future impact of rising sea levels and insufficient infrastructure along its coastline. As a local authority it is our responsibility to help protect our residents from flood risk, to protect precious nature and to avoid flooding extensive tracts of land that already provide high wildlife value.

We recognise that the salt marsh proposal and how it has been handled by EDF, has rightly caused considerable concern and upset amongst residents in Kingston Seymour.

This council resolves to:

continue to work with the Environment Agency and our communities in an open and transparent manner to develop a strategy that protects all our residents and natural habitat.

This council requests: that the Executive write to the Secretary of State for Local Government and the Secretary of State for Energy to outline North Somerset Council's support for the government to enforce the planning requirement on EDF for the provision of an ADF system.