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EDF delays salt marsh consultation for Hinkley Point C

8th January [By Seth Dellow](#) Digital Reporter

EDF has delayed a formal public consultation over the proposed location of a new salt marsh which would act as an environmental mitigation for the Hinkley Point C nuclear power plant.

The consultation was due to commence in January but will now be delayed to later in 2025 to “carefully evaluate the best approach.”

Four possible locations have been proposed for a salt marsh along the River Severn, including Kingston Seymour, Arlingham, Littleton, and Rodley.

Plans were dropped for Pawlett Hams following opposition from residents and branded [a “disaster” by Bridgwater’s MP, Sir Ashley Fox](#).

In a letter to residents, EDF stated that it was “obliged to find ways” to mitigate the potential harm to fish populations from Hinkley Point C’s operation. The total amount of all fish estimated to be harmed amounts to 44 tonnes per year, according to the Environment Agency.

EDF also stated that creating a salt marsh “is the only option currently likely to be accepted as a mitigation”, but that the company’s preference remains to find voluntary ways to meet its obligations.

It is expected that residents will be updated later in the year on a revised timeline and the likely proposals.

“We continue to appreciate that some uncertainty remains and will be working as quickly as possible to provide details of our emerging plans and consultation as soon as possible. We apologise for any inconvenience caused whilst we investigate the potential for an area of new saltmarsh habitat to be created in the local area”, EDF added.

EDF also stated that it has listened to all the views and feedback provided, and “values the honest and productive conversations held with individuals, community groups and parish councils over the past couple of months.”

Residents can contact EDF on Hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com or on phone at 0333 009 7070.