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**Is there anyone left who thinks this unsustainable Hinkley Point C nuclear project is a good idea?**

Following the latest remarks from a retired nuclear scientist that Hinkley Point C is the wrong design and too expensive, (1) the Stop Hinkley Campaign asks “*how many more attacks on the proposals will it take before the Government and EDF finally call a halt?*”

Stop Hinkley spokesperson, Roy Pumfrey said:

*“The critical comments have been coming thick and fast over the past few years– including from utility chiefs, City analysts, the Chancellor’s father-in-law and a former Tory Chancellor. How many more nuclear supporters have to stand up against this scheme, which has left the City flabbergasted, before the Government and EDF do the sensible thing and call a halt to this ludicrously expensive deal?”*

*“Apart from DECC civil servants stuck in their (nuclear) bunker in Whitehall, Government Ministers with their heads in the sand and EDF bosses up their ivory tower in Paris, is there anyone left who thinks Hinkley Point C is a good idea?”*

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**Some critical views on the Government’s nuclear plans**

<b>What they said</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Source: Date</b>
“...there is a risk of being lumbered with a white elephant under current plans. The energy secretary needs to reassess them before committing taxpayers to what may be an unsustainable project at Hinkley Point.”	Daily Telegraph	Editorial	Telegraph Aug 12 2015 <a href="http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/11796778/Nuclear-warnings.html">http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/11796778/Nuclear-warnings.html</a>
Re Hinkley: “We will look back and think that nuclear was an expensive mistake... my children, and my children’s children, are going to be thinking, ‘Was that a good deal?’”	Paul Massara	Chief Executive, RWE Npower	Sunday Times Aug 9 2015 <a href="http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/business/Ind">http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/business/Ind</a>

			<a href="http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/aug/09/planned-hinkley-point-nuclear-power-station-energy-industry">ustry/article1591057.ece</a>
for the same price as Hinkley, (about 15) new gas-fired power stations could be built... replacing entire UK thermal generation fleet	Peter Atherton	Jefferies investment bank	Guardian, Aug 9 2015 <a href="http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/aug/09/planned-hinkley-point-nuclear-power-station-energy-industry">http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/aug/09/planned-hinkley-point-nuclear-power-station-energy-industry</a>
Hinkley “one of the worst deals ever for British households and British industry”.	Lord Howell, father-in-law to Chancellor	former Energy Secy:	Independent Aug 4 2015 <a href="http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/government-under-pressure-to-abandon-plans-to-construct-uks-first-nuclear-reactor-for-more-than-20-years-10436235.html">http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/government-under-pressure-to-abandon-plans-to-construct-uks-first-nuclear-reactor-for-more-than-20-years-10436235.html</a>
Hinkley “becoming harder to justify” "ample reason for the UK government to delay or cancel the project"	HSBC analysts	HSBC	Independent Aug 4 2015 <a href="http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/government-under-pressure-to-abandon-plans-to-construct-uks-first-nuclear-reactor-for-more-than-20-years-10436235.html">http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/government-under-pressure-to-abandon-plans-to-construct-uks-first-nuclear-reactor-for-more-than-20-years-10436235.html</a>
”...a growing chorus of critics are calling for the unthinkable: to bin Hinkley Point altogether.”	Editorial	Sunday Times	Sunday Times June 21 2015 <a href="http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/business/Industry/article1571248.ece">http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/business/Industry/article1571248.ece</a>
Hinkley Point C reactor-type - the EPR - is “Unconstructable”	Tony Roulstone	Cambridge Nuclear Engineer	Carbon Commentary Oct 22 2014 <a href="http://www.carboncommentary.com/blog/2014/10/22/cambridge-nuclear-engineer-casts-doubt-on-whether-hinkley-point-epr-nuclear-plant-can-be-constructed">http://www.carboncommentary.com/blog/2014/10/22/cambridge-nuclear-engineer-casts-doubt-on-whether-hinkley-point-epr-nuclear-plant-can-be-constructed</a>
“Large-scale power generation ... will be the dinosaur of the future energy system: Too big, too inflexible, not even relevant for backup power in the long run.”	UBS analysts	UBS	UBS Global Research Aug 20 2014 <a href="http://knowledge.neri.org.nz/assets/uploads/files/270acd1V0tO4LmKMZuB3.pdf">http://knowledge.neri.org.nz/assets/uploads/files/270acd1V0tO4LmKMZuB3.pdf</a>
“Why has Britain signed up for the world’s most expensive power station?” “MPs owe it to the taxpayer to throw out the proposed Hinkley deal.”	Editorial	Spectator	Spectator, Feb 21 2014 <a href="http://www.spectator.co.uk/features/9141142/why-has-britain-signed-up-for-the-worlds-most-expensive-power-station/">http://www.spectator.co.uk/features/9141142/why-has-britain-signed-up-for-the-worlds-most-expensive-power-station/</a>
“nuclear power is very, very expensive indeed”	Lord Browne	former BP CEO,	Guardian, Nov 28 2013 <a href="http://www.theguardian.com">http://www.theguardian.com</a>

		Gov't advisor	<a href="http://www.environment/2013/nov/29/browne-fracking-not-reduce-uk-gas-prices-shale-energy-bills">om/environment/2013/nov/29/browne-fracking-not-reduce-uk-gas-prices-shale-energy-bills</a>
“We don't do nuclear energy.” “The World Bank Group does not engage in providing support for nuclear power.”	Jim Yong Kim	World Bank President	Physics News, Nov 27 2013 <a href="http://phys.org/news/2013-11-world-bank-money-nuclear-power.html">http://phys.org/news/2013-11-world-bank-money-nuclear-power.html</a>
“Britain might well be able to do without atomic power altogether...real priority should be on developing ways of storing electricity so as to be able to depend on intermittent sun and wind.”	Sir David King	former Chief Gov't Scientist	Telegraph, Nov 21 2014 <a href="http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/earth/energy/nuclearpower/11244499/Nuclear-power-may-not-be-needed-says-top-atomic-advocate.html">http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/earth/energy/nuclearpower/11244499/Nuclear-power-may-not-be-needed-says-top-atomic-advocate.html</a>
Energy Secy had let EdF “take the British Government for a ride” over the “ludicrously high” subsidy to fund proposed £24 billion Hinkley plant	Lord Lawson	former Chancellor	Times, Nov 8 2013 <a href="http://tinyurl.com/ljaamms">http://tinyurl.com/ljaamms</a>
“Flabbergasted... we are frankly staggered.... Hinkley will be the most expensive power station in the world”.	Peter Atherton	Director, Liberum Capital	Guardian, Oct 30 2013 <a href="http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2013/oct/30/hinkley-point-nuclear-power-plant-uk-government-edf-underwrite">http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2013/oct/30/hinkley-point-nuclear-power-plant-uk-government-edf-underwrite</a>
“Britain runs towards nuclear energy as other countries flee.” “UK alone in the EU in having advanced plans for more nuclear power, apart from Finland.”	Editorial	Economist	Economist, Oct 26 2013 <a href="http://www.economist.com/news/britain/21588410-britain-runs-towards-nuclear-energy-other-countries-flee-nuke-it">http://www.economist.com/news/britain/21588410-britain-runs-towards-nuclear-energy-other-countries-flee-nuke-it</a>
“Deal shows the government and its negotiators were and are convinced that electricity prices will double in the next decade and beyond. This is naïve.”	Tony Lodge	Director, Centre for Policy Studies	City AM, Oct 23 2013 <a href="http://tinyurl.com/qz3djun">http://tinyurl.com/qz3djun</a>

(1) Western Morning News 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015 <http://www.westernmorningnews.co.uk/Somerset-nuclear-plant-wrong-design-expensive/story-27587836-detail/story.html>