



**Re: Bradwell Power Generation Company Limited - Notice of application for an electricity generation licence**

West Mersea Town Council (WMTC) wishes to comment on the above application.

Primarily the council sees this as premature for the following reasons:

- 1) **There is no agreed site for an electricity generating plant at Bradwell.**  
The UK government has included Bradwell only as a 'potentially suitable site' in the National Policy Statement (NPS) for New Nuclear.
- 2) **The applicant does not have a UK approved design for an electricity generating plant.**  
The design has been submitted to the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) for its Generic Design Assessment (GDA). Although this is now commencing 'Stage 4' of a 4 stage process neither of the regulatory bodies (ONR and Environment Agency) have completed their elements of the GDA which they estimate will take until 2021/22. Therefore there is no approval for this design for the UK.
- 3) **The applicant has only just commenced the consultation in connection with their proposals for an electricity generating plant at this location.**  
Stage One of the pre-application consultation response deadline was July 1st 2020.
- 4) **As a Nationally Important Infrastructure Project (NSIP) the decision rests with the planning inspectorate and ultimately with the relevant Secretary of State.**  
Once the applicant has finished the consultation process (as above in point 3) they would be required to prepare a full submission to seek a Development Consent Order (DCO) from the Planning Inspectorate.

In the Council's view this is completely inappropriate at this time and request that the application is not accepted.

With regards

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