

22 May 2019

Dear Otterhampton Parish Council,

## **Deliveries of Tunnel Boring Machine into Combwich Wharf**

We are writing to inform you about a planned delivery into the Wharf.

The delivery will contain the large components of the tunnel boring machines which will start work at Hinkley Point C this year. In preparation for this, dredging works will take place in the area of the wharf from 27<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May. Works are expected to take place during normal working hours.

The barge delivery is currently planned to arrive on a high tide on Monday  $3^{rd}$  June 2019 between 0600 - 2200. This will be dependent on the prevailing weather conditions. The team will keep disruption to a minimum, however there will be some noise during unloading. Noise monitoring will be in place throughout the duration of the works. Once unloaded, the vessel delivering the components will depart on the next available high tide between 06:00 and 22:00.

To facilitate a smooth delivery to Hinkley Point C, we are undertaking works on obstructions along the C182. These obstructions are a mixture of conventional highway signage, overhead power lines and heritage finger posts. These works are already underway.

Somerset County Council have approved the relocation of finger posts, but where this is not feasible, they have approved substitution of traditional concreted foundations with replacement, droppable post sockets that allow our staff to simply lower and raise posts to allow the loads to pass. This solution minimises disruption to road users. Unfortunately, the heritage finger posts are not all compatible with this solution, so we have proposed to remove, store, then reinstate the four affected heritage finger posts at the end of the construction. In the interim we have proposed to install replica heritage finger posts.

As a goodwill gesture, Hinkley Point C has agreed to fund and install ten additional safety signs along the C182 at the same time as these works.

We will update you closer to the time of delivery with further information. In the meantime, if you wish to find out further information, please visit <a href="www.edfenergy.com/hpc">www.edfenergy.com/hpc</a>, call us on 0333 009 7070 or email us at <a href="https://hinter.com/hpc">Hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com</a>, our Tunnelling Project Manager Thomas Barrett and Immy Silby will respond to your enquiries.

Kind regards,

Immy Silby

**Community Relations Executive** 

**Hinkley Point C** 

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