Press Release: First Bradwell B public consultation announced

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EARLY PLANS FOR BRADWELL B TO BE PUBLICLY UNVEILED SOON

VENUES, DATES and LOCATIONS FOR CONSULTATION EVENTS PUBLISHED

The Bradwell B Project, which aims to build a new nuclear power station at Bradwell-on-Sea, has announced that it will start its first stage public consultation on its early plans in March.

The consultation will open on Wednesday 4th March 2020, and run for 12 weeks until 27th May 2020, with exhibitions planned at 15 venues across Essex.

The consultation will be a first chance for residents, community groups and businesses to get a detailed understanding of the new nuclear power station proposals including what Bradwell B would look like, and the associated developments that will be necessary during the construction.

Expected to generate enough electricity for around 4 million homes once built, the 2.2GW power station would create tens of thousands of jobs during construction, and around 900 permanent, high quality jobs for at least 60 years during its operating lifetime.

Bradwell B's CEO, Alan Raymant, said: "We are excited to share our early plans with the community, and to hear ideas on how to deliver this project to capture the huge opportunities that Bradwell B will bring to Essex, whilst also supporting the objective for the UK of net zero carbon emissions by 2050. We also want to share and hear feedback about how we're proposing to carefully manage such a large construction project in a way which protects the community and the local environment."

Sited to the south and east of the original Bradwell power station, now under decommissioning, the proposed Bradwell B power station will have two UK HPR1000 pressurised water reactors. The reactor design is currently undergoing Generic Design Assessment by the UK's nuclear regulators. It passed a major landmark last week as it was accepted into the final step in the robust and independent process to seek approval for the design.

The proposed multi-billion-pound project will provide low carbon, reliable baseload power, and represents urgently needed investment in the UK's infrastructure to replace old, fossil fuel-based, electricity generation sources. It will complement solar, wind and other low carbon energy sources; together playing an important part in meeting the UK's goal of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

This will mean huge benefits for communities and business across the regional economy, according to Essex-born Mr Raymant. "Our proposed investment in developing Bradwell B will bring economic prosperity through jobs in construction, in operation and in decommissioning for up to 100 years on this site, at the power station, in the supply chain, and throughout the regional economy, supporting this vital piece of national infrastructure.

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"It's clear that this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and I strongly encourage all members of our community to come along to an event, find out more about Bradwell B, and tell us how they think we could deliver it in the best way for Essex."

For the duration of the consultation people will be able to see, and comment on the proposals at any of the exhibition events: online at bradwellb.co.uk; at libraries and other public venues where copies of the consultation materials will be available; and at various locations around on and around the Dengie peninsular where the project's exhibition bus will visit. Details will be available via the Bradwell B website and Twitter account @CGNBradwellB, or by contacting the Bradwell B helpline on 01621 451 451.

The events will take place as follow:

Venue	Date and time
Steeple Village Hall, Garden Fields, Steeple, CM0 7JY	Thur 5th March 2pm-8pm
Maldon Town Hall, Market Hill, Maldon, CM9 4RL	Fri 6th March 2pm-8pm
Mersea Island School, Barfield Road, West Mersea, CO5 8QX	Sat 7th March 11am-4pm
Bradwell Village Hall, South Street, Bradwell-on-Sea, CM0 7QJ	Tue 10th March 2pm-8pm
Southminster Memorial Hall, High Street, Southminster, CM0 7DE	Wed 11th March 2pm-8pm
Jacks Centre Bowls Club, Burnham Road, Latchingdon, CM3 6EX	Thur 12th March 2pm-8pm
North Fambridge Village Hall, Ferry Road, North Fambridge, CM3 6LS	Fri 13th March 11am-4pm
Tillingham Village Hall, Vicarage Lane, Tillingham, CM0 7SD	Sat 14th March 12:30pm-4:30pm
Tollesbury Community Centre, East Street, Tollesbury, CM9 8QD	Tue 17th March 2pm-8pm
Great Baddow Parish Hall, 19 Maldon Road, Great Baddow, CM2 7DW	Fri 20th March 12pm-5pm
William de Ferrers School, Trinity Square, South Woodham Ferrers, CM3 5JU	Sat 21st March 11am-4pm
Colne Yacht Club, Waterside, Brightlingsea, CO7 0AX	Tue 24th March 2pm-8pm
Royal Burnham Yacht Club, The Quay, Burnham-on-Crouch, CM0 8AU	Wed 25th March 2pm-8pm
Rawreth Village Hall, Church Road, Rawreth, SS11 8SH	Fri 27th March 2pm-8pm
Meeting Room, Parish Church of St John the Baptist, 55 Main Road, Danbury, CM3 4NG	Sat 28th March 11am-4pm