

**LAA/14/E**

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SECTION 77 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – REFERENCE  
OF APPLICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COMMUNITIES  
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (INQUIRIES PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND)  
RULES 2000

**APPENDICES TO REBUTTAL PROOF OF EVIDENCE OF  
SEAN MCGRATH BA (HONS) MSC MRTPI**

**PLANNING MATTERS**

In respect of:

Planning Application Reference: Y06/1647/SH (New Terminal  
Building)

Planning Application Reference: Y06/1648/SH (Runway  
Extension)

relating to land at London Ashford Airport, Lydd, Romney Marsh,  
Kent, TN29 9QL



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## **APPENDIX 1**

Letter from British Energy, 6 December 2010



Helen Wilson,  
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6<sup>th</sup> December 2010

FAO Helen Wilson – Programme Officer

Dear Helen,

**ERECTION OF NEW TERMINAL BUILDING AND RUNWAY EXTENSION, LYDD  
AIRPORT, KENT.  
APPLICATION NO's YO6/1647/SH and YO6/1648/SH  
PUBLIC INQUIRY**

Further to our recent telephone discussion, I can confirm that British Energy (part of EDF Energy) do not wish to appear at the Public Inquiry which commences in February 2011.

The basis of our concerns in relation to the above proposal is unchanged from the representations we made in December 2007.

The main reason for the objection is the focus on the very small increase in risk presented by the development.

We recognise the increased risk is extremely small and would not compromise our current or future activities at the site, however, as a nuclear operator we are duty bound to resist any increase in risk however small.

The position in respect of Dungeness B is therefore unchanged, but the position in respect of the building of new nuclear power stations has moved forward since 2007.

The Government has made clear, in its draft National Policy Statement for Energy published in October 2010, that there is an urgent need for

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new electricity generation plant, including new nuclear power. Although the Government's assessment is that Dungeness is not suitable for deployment of a new nuclear power station by 2025, this does not rule it out as a site for possible future development, as long as the reasons for deeming it unsuitable can be addressed.

Accordingly, we would wish the Planning Inspector to consider the written representations made and construct his decision in the light of these comments.

If this position changes and we wish to supplement our representation or appear at the Public Inquiry I will contact you.

**Yours sincerely**

**Nick Cofield**  
**Planning & Development Manager**