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Dear Mr Gordon,

**Application reference EPR/HP3228XT/V004**

Forum 21 previously made a submission against the application to remove the planning requirement to have an Acoustic Fish Deterrent installed, as part of construction of Hinkley C Power Station. The Board wish to support the Environment Agency in their case that it should be retained and are concerned that the international awareness of the catastrophic loss of biodiversity and wildlife, is not being taken into account by EDF. We support other environment-based groups from the region who have made a detailed case for the retention of the AFD. The loss of fish stocks and their breeding ability will be widespread.

Forum 21 joins with the other local and regional groups to object to this damage, which will carry vast long-term cost for the sake of producing energy which could be by generated by renewable, non-lethal means instead.

Yours sincerely  
Forum 21