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Dear resident,

We recently updated you on the latest progress of Hinkley Point C's offshore marine operations. As you know, several boats, including two large rigs are in position and being used to link the existing tunnels with the intake heads that are already positioned on the seabed. Six vertical shafts will be installed at depths of more than 20-metres and will connect the six miles of tunnels and the intake and outtake heads. Once complete, the link will allow seawater to flow through the power station's cooling water system.

In the first phase of this operation, we are installing six 40m long steel casings through the centre of the intake heads. These casings are lifted, lowered and then hammered into the seabed before drilling operations can begin. The nature of these components and the means by which they have to be installed does mean that the work is noisier than our normal construction activity. It will though continue to be short term and limited to only a small number of events throughout the next couple of months.

We are very conscious of the concerns raised during the first casing installation and are doing everything possible to limit noise disturbance during a technically difficult and critical phase of Hinkley Point C's construction. Work was paused to fully investigate the cause and extent of the noise. With the installation of the casings now continuing, I want to reassure you that we will, at all times, remain within the strict noise limits set within our planning conditions and will be constantly monitoring the situation as work takes place.

In the weeks ahead we will endeavour to complete the casing installations during the day time but owing to a range of external factors such as the tide and weather conditions there may be rare instances where work continues into the evening.

We are committed to working with our local community to ensure that the project is delivered safely and with minimal disruption to residents and your understanding and patience is very much appreciated. If you do continue to experience excessive noise disturbance do please continue to let us know via e-mail at: [edfenergy@hpcenquiries.com](mailto:edfenergy@hpcenquiries.com) or calling 0333 009 7070.

Yours sincerely

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