

An artist's impression of the proposed new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point

We don't need nuclear power

WE don't need a new nuclear power station, and certainly not one already running months late, well over-budget, funded and built by two foreign powers.

The National Audit Office doesn't like the look of it either, and I suppose they know what good value looks like.

They know that the electricity produced – if it gets that far before technical problems stop it altogether – will be produced and paid for at a rate that will cost taxpayers, via government subsidies paid to the producers, far more than electricity produced in other ways.

Renewable sources of energy – sun, wind and water power, are already being used successfully, economically and safely.

We have been producing waste from nuclear reactors since the 1950s.

No safe way of disposing of it has been found. It will continue to be extremely dangerous to all life for many thousands of years, and the best we can do is to continue to guard it at huge expense.

is this what we want to hand on to our children and grandchildren? We are not caring for the future of life on earth, if we continue wasting our resources on this dangerous technology.

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