

## The future of nuclear energy in the UK

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### Our energy objectives

#### **Security of supply:**

- Electricity demand may double by 2050
- We need diverse reliable and resilient electricity supplies to keep the lights on

#### Climate change:

- by 2050, we need 80% reduction in carbon emissions (across the economy) on 1990 levels
- •By 2020, we need 15% of energy from renewables sources

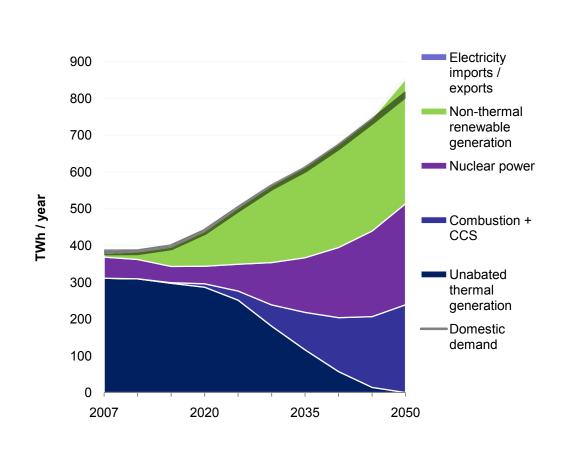
#### Affordability:

 Minimise costs to taxpayers and keep energy bills down



### **DECC 2050 pathway analysis**

A balanced path (Pathway Alpha) will get us there but will require effort on all fronts



The "balanced" scenario means that by 2050:

- 30-60% of home heating is electric
- 80% of cars miles are in electric cars
- 33% improvement in insulation properties in buildings
- Electricity demand doubles
- 25-40 new CCS power stations built by 2050
- An average of one new nuclear power station a year
- About 1000 new wind turbines a year
- Bioenergy crops cover 12% of UK land

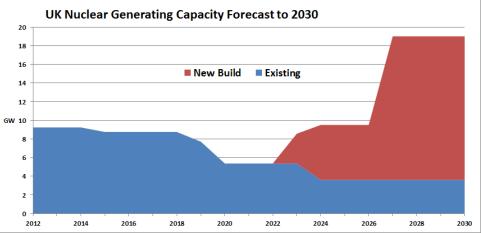
#### **CURRENT NUCLEAR GENERATION AND PLANNED TO**

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- Sites currently generating
- NPS sites with development in progress
- NPS Sites, no firm plans at present



- Current nuclear capacity in the UK is 9.23GW. This is expected to decline substantially as plants "end of life' approaches in mid-2020's.
- 8 new nuclear designated sites contained within Nuclear National Policy Statement.
  Firm site development plans for Hinkley, Sizewell, Wylfa, Oldbury and Moorside.



### **New Nuclear Plans for UK**



NNB GenCo (EDF) intends to build four new EPR reactors (amounting to 6.4GW) at Hinkley Point and Sizewell. Currently under negotiation for CFD.

Horizon Nuclear Power, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hitachi Ltd, plans to develop up to 7.8GW of new nuclear capacity at sites in Wylfa and Oldbury. FID expected by 2018

**NuGen, (GDF and Iberdrola)** have plans to build up to 3.6GW of new nuclear capacity at Moorside near Sellafield with Westinghouse/Toshiba AP 1000 technology

## Challenges for new nuclear in the UK



- Imperative to get started but prospect of significant larger programme possible – up to 70 GW by 2050
- Introducing competition; need for cost certainty
- SMRs a future for the UK?
- Challenges for the future : finding new sites and building regulatory capacity

## Challenges for new nuclear in the UK



- Better alignment between energy and industrial strategy (supply chain, wider local, regional and economic benefit)
- Plutonium Disposition
- Long term waste disposal

# **EU Energy policy and State Aid**



- Nuclear is seen very differently among member states
- 2030 package
- Renewables vs nuclear?
- State Aid no specific guidelines; considered under Treaty
- State Aid case crucial test for nuclear in UK and EU
- Opening decision published in EU Journal and open for four week consultation – now ended; decision expected by October 2014