

Strategic Management Board

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Dear Paul

Didcot Power Station

On behalf of my two councils I am writing to say how disappointed we were to hear that RWE npower's contractors are planning to blow up the first 3 cooling towers at Didcot Power Station between 03:00 and 05:00 on Sunday 27 July.

The cooling towers are of huge significance to Didcot and the wider area for many local residents they have lived with them all their lives. Whilst the vast majority will be pleased to see them go they would also like to witness the event and your timing will make this very difficult.

We would like to suggest that you look at pushing the demolition time back to 06:00. I think that many people would see this as a reasonable compromise; it is still early enough to avoid significant disruption to road and rail services but is late enough for local families to get up and watch this once in a lifetime special event.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope that your company responds to the local feeling that exists around this.

Yours sincerely

David Buckle
Chief Executive

cc: Matthew Trigg and Neil Scott, npower and Ed Vaizey MP