

# Where Are All Britain's Reactors?

Every civil reactor the United Kingdom has ever built, operated, planned, or abandoned - 1953 to 2026

When people talk about Britain's nuclear pause, they imagine a country that changed its mind. It didn't. For three decades, British engineers built reactors at speed; by the mid-1990s, they supplied roughly a quarter of the country's electricity. Then construction stopped. But ambition didn't. The one exception, Hinkley Point C, is projected to generate power sometime in the 2030s. The map, the dendrogram, and the timeline below describe a country that kept deciding to build - and kept failing to finish.

## 31 years

since Britain last switched on a new nuclear reactor.

## 30+ reactors

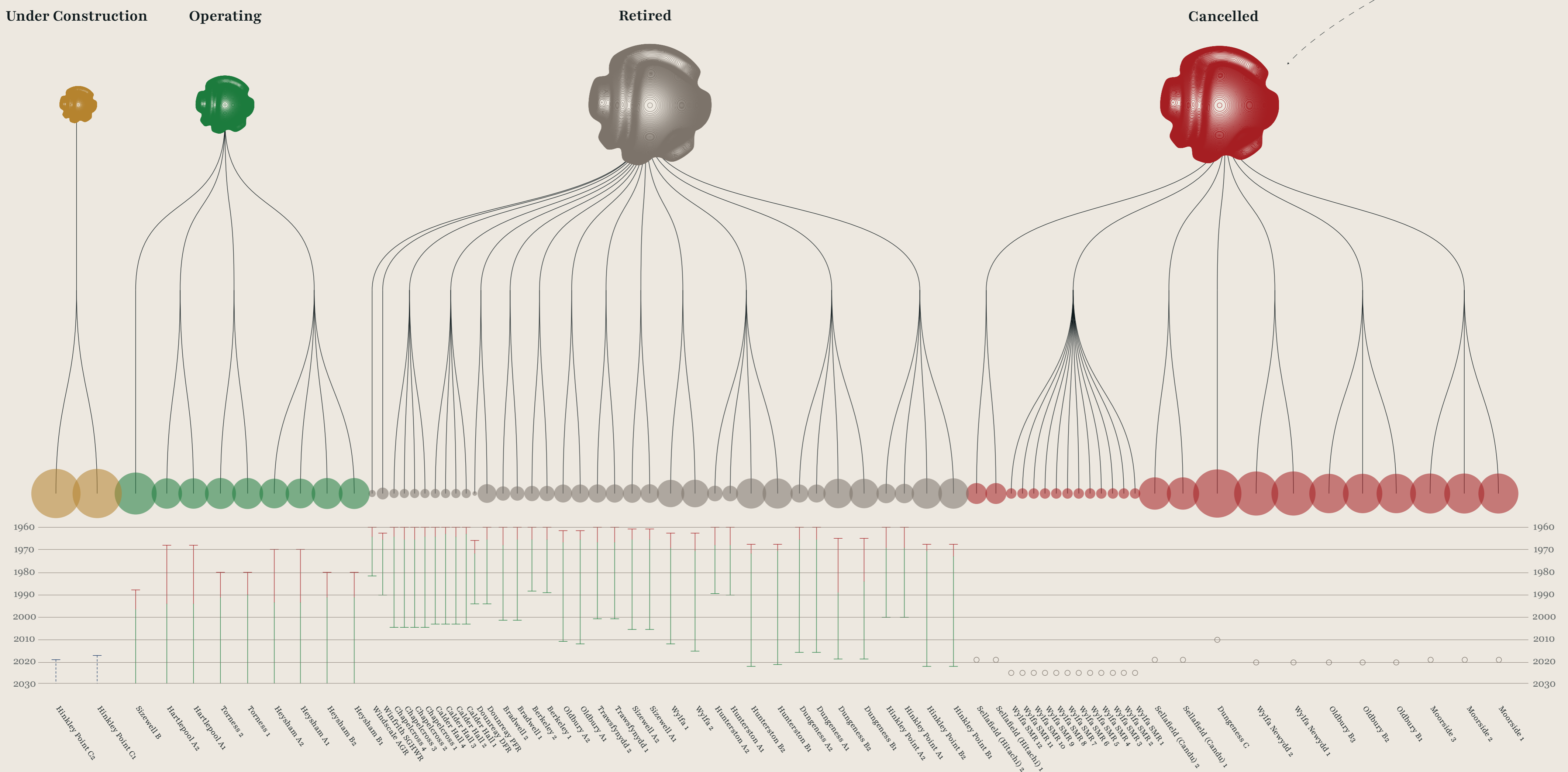
announced by government and industry since 1995. Almost none were built.

## 14,141 MW

of planned capacity - more than twice the capacity of Britain's entire operating nuclear fleet today.



14,141 MW announced and never built - more than twice the UK fleet currently operating.



### Legend

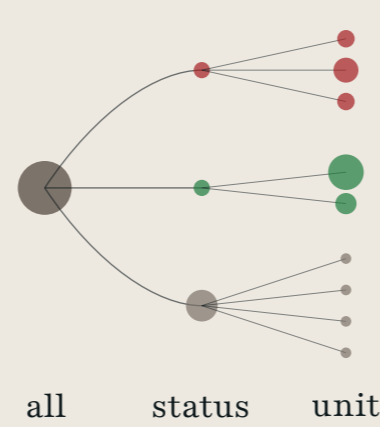
Each dot marks one reactor at its geographic location.

- Operating
- Under construction
- Shelved
- Retired
- Cancelled

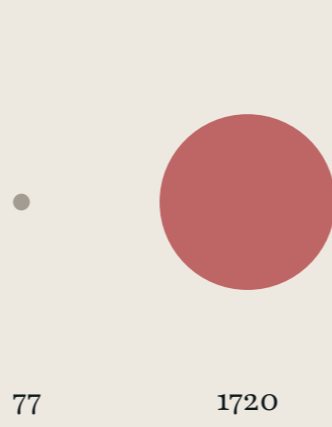
Cluster insets



72 reactors organised by status and project. Size shows capacity.



Leaf size = capacity (MW)



One horizontal bar per reactor. Colour shows phase; x-axis is years.

- | Retired
- | Built, operated, shut down
- | Operating
- | Still running, no end tick
- | Under construction
- | Dashed: projected to target COD
- | Cancelled
- | Dot at cancellation year only

### Methodology

The data records what happened, not why - a cancelled project looks the same here whether the developer walked away, the government killed it, or the programme lapsed.