

Meeting Report

Regarding:

EDF Energy Hinkley Point C: Transport Forum

Date:

1 November 2018

Participating:

Jim Claydon *Chair*
 James Brereton *Stogursey Parish Council*
 Sue Goss *West Somerset Council*
 Richard Cuttell *West Hinkley Action Group*
 Rob Morgan *Cannington Parish Council*
 Anne Reed *Wembdon Parish Council*
 Doug Bamsey *Sedgemoor District Council*
 Alan Hurford *Bridgwater Town Council*
 Liz Leyshon *Somerset County Council*
 Alistair Highton *Somerset County Council*
 Alyn Jones *Somerset County Council*
 Lisa Rogers *Somerset County Council*
 Anne Fraser *Sedgemoor District Council*
 Julie Evans *Otterhampton Parish Council*
 Ann Bown *Sedgemoor District Council*
 John Sivyver *Stockland Bristol Parish Meeting*
 Gary Perrett *Hinkley Community Cyclists*
 Leigh Redman *Somerset County Council*
 Hugh Davies *Somerset County Council*
 Mark Walton *Kilve Parish Council*
 Robin Kinahan *Fiddington Parish Council*
 Peter Downing *Sedgemoor District Council*

Esther Lawson *Avon & Somerset Police*
 Adrian Moore *Bridgwater Town Council*
 Adam Beswick *Steer Group*

EDF Energy Team:

Andrew Wagstaff *EDF Energy*
 David Eccles *EDF Energy*
 John Bower *EDF Energy*
 Phil Douglas *EDF Energy*
 Tristan Brooks *Go-Surveys*
 Isaac Casson *Newgate*
 Scott Harker *Newgate*

Apologies:

Rosemary Woods *West Somerset Council*
 Andy Coupé *Somerset County Council*
 Claire Pearce *Sedgemoor District Council*

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1. Introductions

- 1.1 Jim Claydon ('The Chair') welcomed everyone and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 2 August 2018 were approved by attendees and the following amendments and matters arising were noted:

Sue Goss (SG) noted that under item 6.7 of the previous minutes she was not referring to the size of the buses but to their frequency.

Ann Bown (AB) expressed her thanks to David Eccles (DE) for liaising with her regarding item 3.2 of the previous minutes.

Gary Perrett (GP) noted that the three questions that he had asked under item 8.1 of the previous minutes had been answered, but he also had a wider question as to whether EDF Energy were willing to provide funding for repairs to the verges of the C182. DE said

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that EDF Energy's funding is provided to Somerset County Council (SCC) Highways and that EDF Energy liaises with SCC Highways to offer support on a variety of highways matters. Alyn Jones (AJ) added that due to limited resources, only sections meeting the definition of being in need of repair would be repaired.

John Sivyer (JS) expressed his thanks to Andy Coupé for the introduction of a 50mph speed limit on the C182. JS also noted that he had received a letter from Andy Coupé and asked when orders will be placed to introduce chevrons and signage at the Stockland Bristol junction of the C182. AJ stated that the order had been placed.

Leigh Redman (LR) said that he could see no answer to his question under item 4.2 of the previous minutes. DE said that the matter is delegated to the local authority and that the documents were yet to reach SCC. LR also noted that under item 4.11 the documents should have been with councils in September and asked whether electronic copies could now be shared. DE said that this was not a consultation and that the decision on how to gather reasonable representations was one to be made by the local authorities. LR noted that as the matter concerned road safety due process should be followed. AJ confirmed that once the documents had been reviewed by SCC, a decision will be reached on the process required.

Alan Hurford (AH) said that he had received assurances that Bridgwater Town Council would be consulted with during the process of delaying the implementation of the modifications to the Bristol Road/Wylds Road junction. AJ confirmed that this would be the case once a way forward had been agreed. DE noted that it was ultimately up to SCC as to how they wish to gather the views of other stakeholders on the matter.

The Chair noted that under item 4.12 of the previous minutes he was committed to attend at the Transport Review Group (TRG) when any transport or traffic related scheme of significant public interest was to be discussed. The Chair proposed to members that he check the agenda of each meeting and resolve himself whether or not to attend. Members agreed. LR asked whether the Bristol Road/Wylds Road junction had been discussed at the previous TRG and DE confirmed that it had not been.

3. Project Progress

3.1 David Eccles (DE) gave an update on project progress. Details given included:

- Excavation of the heat sink is 21 metres below sea level, the pump house that will be built there will be taller than the Arc de Triomphe;
- Construction of the common raft for Unit 1 has continued and is well on track to be complete in Q2 2019;
- Progress has been made on the construction of the sea wall which is now 82% complete;
- Work has begun on the site of the reactor dome, once ready the dome itself will be lifted in to place by the largest crane in the world;
- Great care continues to be taken to survey the nuclear-grade concrete being used in construction;
- Phase 1 of the dredging of sediment at the site of the water cooling inlets in the Bristol Channel is now complete;
- HOST's Sedgemoor Campus will open at the end of the year, two successful recruitment events mean that 24% of the workforce who will work there live locally to Sydenham;
- The project has taken on its 275th apprentice and recently launched a programme for people with special educational needs;
- To date £1.5 billion worth of contracts have been awarded to contractors in the south west with over £800 million having been spent so far.

3.2 JS asked how high the completed sea wall will be, DE stated that the wall will be 13.5

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metres tall.	
3.3 Liz Leyshon (LL) asked for an update on the construction of the HPC Jetty. DE stated that BYLOR are currently fitting the conveyor belt to the jetty. The facility is due to be fully operational in spring 2019.	
3.4 JS asked how the world's largest crane will be delivered to site. DE said that it will be delivered to site in pieces requiring 280 deliveries in total.	
4. Combwich Wharf update	
4.1 Phil Douglas (PD) delivered a presentation updating members on the plans for Combwich Wharf. Among the points PD raised were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some deliveries to the site cannot be made by road and therefore the wharf is crucial to the project's delivery; The original plan for Combwich Wharf was to redevelop the facility's existing structure given that the present layout does not meet the needs of the HPC project. For a number of reasons, the decision has now been taken to completely demolish the existing structure and replace it; The project has now reached its detailed design phase with the designs to be reviewed in January 2019; site enabling works will also commence in January 2019; The wharf needs to be in a place to receive its first load in January 2020; Under the current schedule, work on site will be finished entirely in the second or third quarter of 2020; The access road to the C182 will be widened in order to allow it to receive abnormal loads. This will involve the construction of a layby that will handle abnormal loads waiting for an appropriate time to use the highway. This work is scheduled commence in March or April of 2019. 	
4.2 Julie Evans (JE) asked what was meant by the slide which suggested that the project was due to be completed ten months earlier. PD said that this was because the original plans for Combwich Wharf required that the facility remain operational during construction. This plan has now been revised and the wharf will now close for a period of time during construction reducing the total construction time by ten months.	
4.3 DE said that once construction starts in spring 2019 there will be drop in sessions in Combwich to keep interested parties updated.	
5. Update from Transport Review Group	
5.1 Tristan Brooks (TB) updated members on matters discussed at the meeting of the Transport Review Group (TRG) held on 22 nd September 2018. TB's presentation focussed upon construction workforce movements. Points raised included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bus route through Nether Stowey is now a one-way system and this has resulted in a reduction in the number of buses passing through the area since September 2018; journeys through Stogursey have also been reduced The Washford Cross Park and Ride has now opened and bus routes in the area have now been amended as a result; Smaller buses are now being used on the network where possible. 	
5.2 John Bower (JB) presented on matters relating to construction traffic that were discussed at the latest meeting of the TRG. Points covered included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once the HPC Jetty is fully operational the cap on the number of construction traffic movements per day will fall back to an average of 500 movements per day. There was one violation of the DCO conditions relating to construction traffic in the last quarter; There is currently a proposed change to switch to a GPS system to track 	

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	construction traffic in place of the current ANPR camera tracking system.	
5.3	AB said that she had received reports from people in Wembdon about white minivans parking in the area and asked if these vehicles were related to the HPC project. JB asked that AB provide vehicle registration numbers (VRNs) and timings for the incidents to enable the team to investigate. AB noted that she had also been made aware that some HPC workers drove to site rather than catch the bus. JB said that as there were only 126 parking spaces on site and the workforce numbered 3370, this was likely to be a very small number of people. DE added that parking spaces on site are tightly-controlled and are not free for all staff to use.	
5.4	GP said that he had been briefed that the impact of the jetty on transport movements would first see a reduction in movements but then subsequently an increase and asked if a member of the transport team could clarify if this is so and why. JB replied that as 80% of Hanson aggregate movements will be coming off the roads, other material will then come on to the road to replace these movements within the DCO cap.	
5.5	JS asked if timings of abnormal loads using the C182 from Combwich Wharf will be publicised in advance. JB said that it was ultimately up to the police to agree a time for transportation. EDF Energy wish for the loads to be transported at the least inconvenient times. JS asked if people would be able to use the C182 during these times as it forms the only point of access to Stockland Bristol. JB said that the police, Highways England and SCC would follow the correct process in moving the loads. AJ added that SCC would work to maintain access during these times. JS asked that Stockland Parish Meeting be notified in advance of the loads being moved.	
5.6	LR expressed his thanks for the changes to bus routes in Bridgwater that have resulted in fewer stops being made. LR asked that given not all vehicles carry GPS systems, how would these be tracked under the proposed new system? JB said that drivers of the vehicles would be given GPS trackers before beginning their delivery and this would notify the team if the vehicle went off course.	
5.7	TB noted that the number of reported incidents of fly parking fell in the previous quarter.	
5.8	Richard Cuttell (RC) asked whether the new passenger tracking system had been fitted to all the buses currently in use. Andrew Wagstaff (AW) said that the rollout across all buses was 80% complete. The tracking system will be present on the new larger buses being rolled out on the J23/J24 bus route. In addition to this, double decker buses will be utilised on main routes to and from Bridgwater from Jan 19.	
5.9	Sue Goss (SG) thanked the team for the significant reduction in the number of buses passing through Stogursey, a 65% reduction since the opening of Washford Park and Ride. AW thanked SG for her feedback and encouraged all members to continue to feedback as it plays an important role in introducing improvements across all transport functions of the HPC project.	
5.10	Hugh Davies (HD) noted that not all members of staff were using the park and ride facilities. AW said that the policy was that if a member of the workforce lives within 800 metres of a bus stop, they must use it. Otherwise, they are given a parking space at one of the park and ride facilities.	
5.11	AB said that she had answered questions from residents regarding convoys of Somerset Passenger Solutions (SPS) buses and that her response had been that they were travelling to different places. AW said that this was correct.	
5.11	AH noted that Bridgwater Town Council had been alerted to a number of vehicles fly parking on the pavement on Durleigh Road and that the matter had been reported to	

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<p>EDF Energy. Esther Lawson (EL) asked that the police were notified of this also. TB asked AH to continue to report the vehicles if the problem persists and that the enquiry had been picked up.</p>	
<p>5.12 LL asked whether current works to the A371 had affected Hanson lorries travelling to and from the site. JB said that he did not believe they had been affected.</p>	
<p>5.13 JS asked what happens when VRNs are reported. JB replied that the tracking system allows the team to identify the vehicle and driver involved and take any necessary action.</p>	
<p>5.14 Anne Fraser (AF) noted that she had recently reported a vehicle following an incident that she was involved in at J24 of the M5 and that she had received a response within 24 hours.</p>	
<p>6. Update on transport matters</p>	
<p>6.1 AW noted that smaller buses were now in use operating on restricted roads around Nether Stowey.</p>	
<p>6.2 JB added that there will be an increase in HGV movements in the next quarter, but still within the approved DCO limits. As the area of the site known as the southern plaza had been opened up to handle HGVs this would assist with receiving deliveries. JB also noted that deliveries of sections of the world's largest crane to site would be appropriately staggered.</p>	
<p>6.3 TB stated that the next meeting of the TRG would be on the 28th January 2019.</p>	
<p>6.4 RC said that following the opening of the Dunball freight facility at J23 of the M5 in February 2018, it had been expected that HGVs would no longer be using laybys along the C182 yet given that they continue to do so would the southern plaza address this? JB asked RC to provide VRNs and details of the vehicles involved as they should not be using the laybys.</p>	
<p>6.5 JS asked whether JB was aware of HGVs stopping in laybys overnight with drivers sleeping in them. JB asked JS to report any vehicles seen doing so.</p>	
<p>6.6 AJ gave an update on transport matters from SCC. This covered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The request for a 50mph limit on the C182 has now been implemented; • Slow markings have been order for Shurton and Burton alongside road markings for Stockland Bristol; • Otterhampton Parish Council had recently been awarded CIM funding for improving a layby and SCC were in the process of liaising with them to implement this; • Negotiations are continuing with contractors regarding the proposed works to the Quantock Road roundabout; • Where safety defects are present on the C182, work will be commissioned to address them. 	
<p>6.7 AB asked AJ whether SCC would ensure that the works to the Quantock Road roundabout would not take place at the same time as works by Wessex Water on Alfoxton Road. AJ said that SCC would seek to ensure that this does not happen.</p>	
<p>6.8 HD said that he had received a complaint from Clayland Corner of works happening outside of restricted hours at 7:00pm on Sunday 6th October. HD added that it transpired that this was BT working on behalf of SCC and asked if anything could be done about it. AJ said that he will look in to the matter.</p>	

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6.9 RC asked whether SCC were monitoring use of the cycle path along the C182. AJ said that SCC will look to get some details to report back.	
6.10 GP noted that the forum had received a presentation from Andy Coupé regarding improved cycling infrastructure in Bridgwater some time ago and asked if the plans had been progressing. AJ replied that designs were in place and that orders were being given to contractors. Lisa Rogers noted that SCC would be in a position to give an update at the next forum.	
7. Any other business	
7.1 RC stated that he had heard reversing sounds from vehicles operating on site that were still not compliant with the DCO conditions. DE said that EDF Energy will re-brief workers on site to use white noise and thanked RC and others for reporting such incidents as it allows the team to act and introduce improvements.	
8. Date of future meeting	
8.1 The date of the next meeting is Thursday 31 st January 2019. Location to be confirmed.	

Addendum

The Transport Forum scheduled for 31 January 2019 was cancelled due to an adverse weather warning. Members of the Transport Forum were then invited to attend the Community Forum Meeting on 7 February 2019 – below are the notes from the Transport section of the meeting

Meeting Report

Regarding:

EDF Energy Hinkley Point C: Community Forum

Date: 7 February 2019

Attending:

Jim Claydon, *Chair*
Terry Ayre *Holford Parish Council*
Doug Bamsey *Sedgemoor District Council*
Ann Bown, *Sedgemoor District Council*
Alan Bradford *North Petherton Town Council*

John Burton *Somerset West and Taunton Council*
Hugh Davies *Somerset County Council*
Robert Downs *Somerset West and Taunton Council*
Mike Facey *Sedgemoor District Council*
Allan Jeffery, *Bridgwater and West Somerset Green Party*
Andy Coupe, *Somerset County Council*
Roy Pumfrey, *Stop Hinkley*

David Harper *Bridgwater and Taunton College*

Andy Hicklin *Environment Agency*

Simon Hill *Archdeacon of Taunton*

Stuart Hill *Wild Fowl Association*

Alistair Higton *Somerset County Council*

Gemma Houltyby *44 Communications*

Neil Kimmins *Avon and Somerset Police*

Anne Reed, *Wembdon Parish Council*

Mike Dixon, *Kilve Parish Council*

Richard Cuttell *W.H.A.G*

Sue Goss, *West Somerset Council*

Sue Spicer *Stogursey resident*

Gary Perrett *Hinkley Cyclists*

Robin Phipps, *Cannington Parish Council*

Leigh Redman *Somerset County Council*

Malcolm Reid *Nether Stowey Parish Council*

Jim Ridout *Fiddington Parish Council*

Trevor Howes, *Civil Nuclear Constabulary*

Claire Faun *Sedgemoor District Council*

Aaron Miller *Environment Agency*

Ade Murphy *Stockland Bristol Parish Meeting*

Elizabeth West, *Devon and Severn IFCA*

Tim Whittingham *CPRE Somerset*

Lisa Wright *Environment Agency*

David Eccles, *EDF Energy*

Andy Wagstaff, *EDF Energy*

Brian Buckingham *EDF Energy*

Tom Thayer *EDF Energy*

Cora Heal *EDF Energy*

Hayley Terrell *EDF Energy*

Luke Stevens *EDF Energy*

Justin Sargent, *Somerset Community Foundation*

Isaac Casson, *Newgate*

Drew Aspinwall *Newgate*

8. Transport Forum meeting

8.1 The Transport Forum meeting due for 31 January was cancelled due to severe weather. As a result all members of the Transport Forum were invited to attend this meeting and the key items were discussed.

8.2 DE presented the update from the transport team given at the last Transport Review Group. A copy of this presentation is available by emailing Hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com.

8.3 Alan Bradford noted that while 94% of the workforce travel by bus, there seems to be far more traffic around the area consisting of individual cars. DE stated that not all traffic on the road is related to Hinkley Point C.

8.4 In response to general comments about traffic, DE reminded the forum that the biggest infrastructure project in Europe will unfortunately, but inevitably, generate additional traffic. Andy Coupe (AC) added that it's difficult to track most traffic's origin.

8.5 Anne Reed (AR) observed that HPC bus drivers are stopping at unofficial stops. Andy Wagstaff (AW) stated that HPC buses are only allowed to stop at approved stops, which are approved following regulated assessments, and encouraged members to report vehicle registration numbers or fleet numbers painted on the rear to Hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com.

8.6 In response to questions about the park and rides, AW reminded members that workers living within 800m of an approved bus stop cannot use the park and rides, and must alight at their local approved stop. This prevents more traffic travelling to the park and rides than is necessary.

8.7 Sue Goss (SG) asked why workers living in a camp site near Shurton/Burton area are not using the nearby bus stop and are instead getting picked up within the camp site. AW stated that

this is an official stop as it was assessed that walking down the road to the other bus stop was unsafe.

8.8 Richard Cuttall (RC) asked how many workers have been disciplined due to fly parking. AW stated that two have had their site passes withdrawn, and a further 48 have had further warnings. There is a 4-person team monitoring up to 6-700 vehicles a week that is helping combat the problem.

8.9 **Action:** Andy Coupe suggested that a presentation on Somerset County Council's Corridor Transport Scheme would make a good topic at the next forum. The forum agreed.

8.10 Brian Buckingham (BB) noted that a successful marine transport delivery for the Tunnel Boring Machines was conducted recently and thanked the local community for their patience. Hayley Terrell added that there were lessons learned relating to community engagement around the delivery and they will be implemented next time. Stuart Hill (SH) thanked those responsible for being considerate of the community during the delivery.

8.11 RC asked Somerset County Council if they have figures for cyclists using the C182.

Afternote: Although there is no automatic cycle counter on the C182, there is one on the A39 just south of Cannington. This counter shows a significant and sustained increase in cycling along the A39 Cannington - Sandford Hill cycleway.

When the site was visited on September 15th 2014 for cycleway feasibility report work only 7 cyclists were observed between 10-30am and 4pm riding the narrow footway, and 4 on the road itself.

During 2018 count data showed significant cycle usage:

- May-September 2018 shows an average daily use of between 67 and 77 users over a 7-day week, or 15,000 journeys.
- Peak usage was typically between 6-6:30am and 4:15-6:30pm

Overall the general trend remains upwards which is good news and we expect usage to increase further. In addition to cyclists the route is being used by pedestrians, runners and dog walkers.

8.12 SG complained about the condition of the C182 laybys. AC stated that with the funding available, the main carriageway was the main priority, and the emphasis is on persuading drivers not to use the laybys. HPC has done a good job in trying to dissuade Hinkley related traffic from using the laybys. BB added that HPC has instructed their drivers not to stop in laybys and have written to all their transport companies on this subject.

8.13 The next Transport Forum meeting will take place on 9 May.