

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 Highton *Somerset County Council*
 Gemma Houltyby *44 Communications*
 Neil Kimmins *Avon and Somerset Police*
 Anne Reed, *Wembdon Parish Council*
 Mike Dixon, *Kilve Parish Council*

Richard Cuttall *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*

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1. Introduction and apologies

- 1.1 Jim Claydon (JC) welcomed attendees and asked them to introduce themselves.
- 1.2 Apologies were recorded from: *Dick Best – Otterhampton Parish Council, Anne Fraser – Sedgemoor District Council, Williton Parish Council, Rosemary Woods – West Somerset Council*

2. Matters arising

- 2.1 The following afternotes and matters arising from the previous minutes from the meeting on 15 November 2018 were raised:

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- 2.2 Relating to item 8.7 of the previous minutes, David Eccles (DE) stated that EDF Energy will present an update to the forum in May on the HPC accommodation strategy.
- 2.3 Relating to item 11.1 of the previous minutes, the chair confirmed that an agenda item on the Acoustic Fish Deterrent consultation is on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

3. Project Progress

- 3.1 David Eccles (DE) gave a presentation and displayed a number of pictures which outlined the most recent project milestones.

Looking forward to 2019, the key project milestones are:

- Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) ready to launch – end of Q1.
- Completion of the concrete pour for the common raft for Unit 1 at end of Q2, which is seen as a significant Hold-point by the Office for Nuclear Regulation.
- Start of manufacturing of Pressuriser for Unit 1 in ENSA Workshop in Q3.
- Engineering for inner containment Lift 1 complete in Q4.

Elsewhere on the project, he added that:

- There are 3,787 workers currently working at site, rising to probably over 4,000 by the end of 2019, when all internal infrastructure will be complete.
- The jetty will be complete mid-2019 and become fully operational by September.
- The base platform is being prepared on site ahead of the arrival of the world's biggest crane, capable of lifting 5,000 tonnes. The Unit 1 dome lift will take place in 2021.
- The sea wall is 85% complete and will be fully complete in the next few months.
- Sedgemoor Campus opened at the end of 2018 and occupancy is increasing. The Hinkley Campus is 85% full on average.
- Work to demolish and rebuild Combrich Wharf will start in April and continue for around twelve months.
- Workforce upskilling planning is increasing and the focus is on the requirements of the Mechanical, Electrical and Heating (MEH) contracts.
- There are now 13 tower cranes on site with 1 million crane lifts anticipated for this year.
- There are 378 apprentices now working on site and 155,000 students have been engaged by the Inspire team.
- There were 724 attendees at the most recent HPC jobs event and the supply chain committed spend in the south west has risen to £1.55Bn. £941M of that figure has already been spent.

- 3.2 Alan Jeffrey (AJ) asked to explain the change to the dewatering via the jetty. DE explained that water that had been pumped from site is now being discharged further out to sea, instead of onto the foreshore. Lisa Wright (LW) added that discharging water further into the sea protects resident species on the foreshore.
- 3.3 Roy Pumfrey (RP) asked about asbestos remediation on site and the final completion date for the project. DE stated that there is one small portion of the site still to be remediated and that the operational date for the first unit is 2025.

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- 3.4 Stuart Hill (SH) asked when the coastal path will re-open to the public. Luke Stevens (LS) stated that the diversion will be moved when the sea wall is complete later in 2019.
- 3.5 John Burton (JB) asked when the peak level of workforce is expected to be. DE replied that 5,600 workers will be on site in two years time.

4. Community Fund Update

- 4.1 Justin Sargent (JS) from the Somerset Community Foundation presented the latest activity of the Community Fund. A copy of this presentation is available on request by emailing Hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com.
- 4.2 In response to a question, JS explained that the fund is for projects that can improve quality of life and wellbeing that have been impacted by Hinkley Point C. Outcomes of funding bids for projects can be social, ecological and environmental. Andy Coupe (AC) added that the Quantock AONB service hold a ring-fenced fund for groups to apply to under the Hills Landscape Development Scheme.

5. HPC Jetty and Combswich Wharf Environmental Mitigation

- 5.1 Luke Stevens (LS) presented the environmental mitigation plans for the north Somerset coast required by the Development Consent Order. A copy of this presentation is available by emailing Hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com.
- 5.2 LS explained that a mitigation plan has been submitted to the local authority based on six years of monitoring and surveying local wildlife populations, including Shellduck.
- 5.3 RP asked if the ducks were disturbed by vessels related to HPC. LS stated that there is no significant number of Shellduck in HPC's area of operation based on a six year survey.
- 5.4 After discussion about specific geographical areas and species, LS agreed to answer any questions outside the forum. Please email Hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com if there are any questions relating to environmental mitigation of the jetty.
- 5.5 JB stated that the pre-application for this mitigation programme was approved by West Somerset Council and that the full application had been submitted that day.

6. Update on the application for a material change to the Development Consent Order relating to the Acoustic Fish Deterrent

- 6.1 DE gave an update to the forum on the progress of the consultation relating to the Acoustic Fish Deterrent.
 - The application to the Environment Agency to vary the Environmental Permit is to be submitted in the next couple of weeks.

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- Once submitted and the Environment Agency make the application “duly made”, there will be two consultations running in parallel, one by EDF Energy and one by the Environment Agency, both for eight weeks.
- Consultees will be written to and newspaper notices will be published in advance of the consultation beginning. Full details of where to view supporting information, public information events and how to respond will be published in these notices.

Public information events will take place on the following dates.

LOCATION	ADDRESS	DATE	START	FINISH
Cannington Village Hall	Brook Street Cannington Bridgwater TA5 2HP	09 April 2019	17.00	19.00
Angel Place Shopping Centre	EDF Energy Visitor Centre Units 18-19 Angel Place Shopping Centre	23 April 2019	16.00	20.00
Stogursey Victory Hall	Stogursey, TA5 1PR	30 April 2019	17.00	19.00

- 6.2 Lisa Wright added that should any members of the Community Forum wish to be kept up to date from the Environment Agency’s perspective, contact Wessex_Engagement@environment-agency.gov.uk and ask to be added to the HPC mailing list they will get direct briefings from us about the site.

LW asked Community Forum members to keep an eye on the EA’s Citizen Space portal at <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/> as all public consultation materials are hosted there, including the supporting permit documentation which will be available to view.

- 6.3 The Chair noted that this meeting and the next forum meeting in May are not formally recognised as part of the consultation process and instead encouraged members to submit their views formally through the Hinkley Point C website (www.edfenergy.com/afdconsultation) or EA as appropriate.

7. Inspire Education Programme

- 7.1 Tom Thayer (TT) presented some of the engagement work with students throughout Somerset as part of the Inspire Education Programme. A copy of this presentation is available by emailing Hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com.
- 7.2 Ann Bown (AB) congratulated TT and was encouraged by the efforts of the Inspire Education Programme.

8. Transport Forum meeting

- 8.1 The Transport Forum meeting due for 31 January was cancelled due to severe weather.

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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)

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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.

9. Main Site Forum meeting

9.1 The Chair updated the forum on the topics discussed at the last Main Site Forum which included lighting and noise monitoring.

9.2 SG noted that the Knighton noise monitor was still not working. DE stated that the noise monitor is recording currently and data will soon be sent automatically to the local authority.

10. AOB.

10.1 SH enquired as to the current plans with Comwich Wharf and explained that the disruption to Comwich residents will be significant. DE explained that the plan is to rebuild the wharf and that drop in sessions will take place shortly to explain the detail. Doug Bamsey (DB) added that there will be sufficient mitigation for residents.

10.2 Tim Whittingham invited members to take part in CPRE's night sky survey, which surveys

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the night sky for observable stars. More detail can be found at:

www.cpre.org.uk/what-we-do/countryside/dark-skies/star-count-2019

- 10.3 DE notified that forum that Hayley Terrell is leaving EDF Energy. The forum thanked her for her dedication and hard work.

12. Date of next meeting

The date of the next Community Forum meeting is;

- Thursday 16 May 2019

This meeting will be held at Main Hall, Bridgwater College, Cannington TA5 2LS