

# Meeting Report

<b>Regarding:</b> <b>EDF Hinkley Point C: Main Site Forum</b> <b>Stogursey Primary School Hall, Stogursey</b>	<b>Date:</b> <b>Thursday 27 February 2020 – 6pm</b>
<b>Participating:</b>	
<p>Jim Claydon, <i>Chair</i></p> <p>Erland Plomgren, <i>Holford Parish Council</i></p> <p>Penny Harvey, <i>The University of Manchester</i></p> <p><i>Dalton Nuclear Institute</i></p> <p>Judy Bastick, <i>Stogursey Parish Council</i></p> <p>Daniel Aplin, <i>Environment Agency</i></p> <p>Sue Jones, <i>Burton Resident</i></p> <p>Sue Spicer, <i>Burton Resident</i></p> <p>Sue Goss, <i>Stogursey Parish Council</i></p> <p>Peter Farmery, <i>West Hinkley Action Group</i></p> <p>Sue Sealey, <i>Avon &amp; Somerset Police</i></p> <p>Jenny Ody, <i>Stogursey Parish Council</i></p> <p>Susan Jones, <i>Stogursey Parish Council</i></p> <p>Alastair Higton, <i>Somerset County Council</i></p> <p>Chris Morgan, <i>Somerset West &amp; Taunton / Stogursey Parish Council</i></p> <p>John Burton, <i>Somerset West &amp; Taunton Council</i></p>	<p><b>EDF Team:</b></p> <p>Luke Stevens, <i>EDF</i></p> <p>Andrew Goodchild, <i>EDF</i></p> <p>David Eccles, <i>EDF</i></p> <p>Immy Silby, <i>EDF</i></p> <p>Drew Aspinwall, <i>Newgate Communications</i></p> <p><b>Apologies received:</b></p> <p>Chris Ford, <i>Stogursey Parish Council</i></p>

## Item

## Action

### 1 Introductions

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

### 2 Meeting Note and Matters Arising

- 2.1 The Chair reviewed the meeting note from Main Site Forum on 16 October 2019 inviting any further comment.
- 2.2 There were no further comments and the meeting note was then approved.  
This is available to view along with the respective papers and presentations on the HPC website [www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity](http://www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity)

### 3 Project Progress

- 3.1 David Eccles (DE) gave a presentation running through recent project highlights. He then introduced a short film presented Stuart Crooks, HPC Managing Director in which he reviews the latest progress in construction and looks ahead to the coming months.  
(This is also available on You Tube: [https://youtu.be/s\\_Otin1EH24](https://youtu.be/s_Otin1EH24) )

Both presentations were made available ahead of the meeting and can be viewed here:  
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- 3.2 DE also talked briefly about the apprenticeship programme, which is currently at 529 (many of whom are still in post), and the value of the supply chain both locally and nationally. DE said that work was underway to source and upskill mechanical, electrical and heating (MEH) workers and highlighted one particular role, 'cable-pullers', which will require many personnel to be trained up to undertake this role. EDF are working with Tier 1 partners to help achieve this.

Andrew Goodchild (AG) added that preparations to recruit the permanent staff are already underway with the development of the Operational Workforce Development Strategy and HPC are working with Job Centre Plus and other partners on this. As an example, reactor operator trainers have recently started their training who will then be able to train future reactor operators.

Immy Silby (IS) gave an example of a Bylor Apprentice who has risen through the ranks to a managerial role. IS also reminded the forum that you can be an apprentice at any age and it is not just for young people.

DE also gave a brief update on Sizewell C, the submission of the Development Consent Order (DCO) for which is imminent, he said that lots of evidence and learning from HPC has been included in the application.

- 3.3 Follow up questions included:

- What was happening with the Welding Centre of Excellence?  
Good progress was being made and HPC were working with Bridgwater and Taunton College so that this facility is ready to upskill welders to the high integrity standard required.
- What progress is being made on the tunnel shafts?  
To date, 77 tunnel rings have been installed and full tunnelling mode will commence at the end of March.
- How many apprentices will be employed when the HPC is operational  
There will be c15 apprentices pa during operation.

- 3.4 Erland Plomgren (EP) said he thought HPC did a good job in communicating what is going on and what is coming up on site.

### 4 Update report: Southern Area

Luke Stevens (LS) HPC's Land Management and Ecology Lead gave a presentation on the landscaping and planting works for the Southern Area. The presentation was made available ahead of the meeting and can be viewed here: [www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity](http://www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity)

LS ran through the key features of the new design, the timeline and what to expect and when. Key changes include building a reduced sized bridge, creating 1 large pond rather than 3 smaller ones, some willow trees along Bum Brook have been felled and hedge coppiced, which LS reported as looking, very severe. He reassured the forum that these will grow back each side of the bridge.

Main works are taking place Summer / Winter 2020 but it won't be possible to plant until Spring 2021. LS said that the site planting will take time to establish itself and that public access will have to be managed to facilitate growth. Installation of bench seating would follow accordingly.

#### 4.1 Follow up questions included:

- How deep will the ponds be?  
The pond depth will be dictated by the final design. LS said he will present again to forum with an update when this revised design work has been undertaken.
- Is there an ecology plan for the rest of the site and will there be a conservation officer for HPC?  
There will be. The type of role and the exact management plan for the restored site is to be confirmed. The aim of the ecology work is that there should be a net-gain in biodiversity and this will be monitored and reported upon.
- Could there be a walking tour of the Southern Area outside the fence?  
Yes. LS suggested April time may be better when the weather may be more favourable. IS will co-ordinate a visit.

#### AFTER-NOTE:

In response to the request above there will be walk around of the **Southern Area on Thursday 30 April at 5.30pm**. Anyone interested in joining the walk please confirm by email: [hinkley-enquiries@nnb-edfenergy.com](mailto:hinkley-enquiries@nnb-edfenergy.com) using the subject 'Southern Area Walk 30 April'.

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- #### 4.2
- Sue Goss (SG) queried the surface material of the planned access road, recalling that earlier plans included permeable paving grids. LS will provide an afternote after looking back at the plans but he was certain that the requirement was tarmac due to its suitability for use by heavy, emergency vehicles.

#### AFTER-NOTE:

The Emergency Access Road (EAR) will have a black tarmac finish; its function is to provide suitable access to the site for a range of vehicles should the C182 be impassable. This is to meet ONR requirements for an alternative road to the HPC site. Alternative surfaces are not suitable for these requirements as they are generally for car parking areas where speed is low, and there is a shorter design life. The nature of the landform and landscape planting will soften the appearance of the emergency access road.

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- #### 4.3
- Peter Farmery (PF) said 'Well Done' and that HPC 'had done a great job of keeping everyone informed'.

### 5 Update report: Proposed DCO Non-Material Change Application

- #### 5.1
- Andrew Goodchild (AG) gave a presentation on the proposed changes to the plot plan and affected buildings which will form part of an application for a Non-Material Change Application to the DCO.

The presentation was made available ahead of the meeting and can be viewed here: [www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity](http://www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity)

AG ran through a marked-up version of the plot plan which highlighted 'new, removed, relocated and repurposed buildings/structures' along with reasons for the proposed changes to each building and structure. He gave a rationale as to where and why buildings were being grouped together and where buildings were proposed to be relocated or used for different functions.

The presentation included a table categorising 'new, removed, relocated and repurposed buildings/structures' in order to summarise the changes clearly along with a timeline for the next steps.

AG also gave a more detailed explanation of the written process for formal consultation post submission, highlighting the opportunity for individuals and organisation to comment to the Planning Inspectorate.

## 5.2 Follow up questions included:

- Is the Secretary of State (SoS) asked to consider if the change to the DCO is 'Non-Material' or 'Material' in nature?  
The application will include in the Application Statement section the reasons why EDF consider the application is considered 'non-material'. The SoS will then consider if they agree with EDF's view that it is a non-material application.
- How will HPC engage on this proposed change?  
The main site forum marks the first step in early engagement regarding this proposed application, with further engagement planned for April / May prior to submission, this is likely to the presentations to the Community Forum and Stogursey Parish Council. Following submission of the application, written responses should be directed to the Planning Inspectorate.

## 6 Any other business

The Chair asked if there was any other business.

### 6.1 SG asked about the current height of the spoil heaps and how close were they to the 45m limit? IS will establish this and provide an afternote.

**AFTER NOTE:** HPC's earthworks team confirmed that the stockpiles are all below the permitted +45m AoD (above ordnance datum) limit.

There are a number of factors that impact the height of the stockpiles. The height of each varies significantly and are impacted by the type of material, the weather and the rate that materials are deposited and extracted for use elsewhere on site. Surveys are regularly conducted and the information regarding the heights of the parts of the stockpile closest to the hamlets will be shared at the next Main Site Forum.

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### 6.2 SG also asked about a recent incident regarding a bus and a Hanson lorry near Comwich. IS said they were aware of the situation which involved a Berrys coach and a Hanson lorry. The coach had no connection to the project. In summary. The coach attempted to perform a U-turn near the Comwich bus stop and became grounded on the road. In an attempt to get around the coach, the lorry got also became stuck. There were no injuries and the road was cleared in under 30 minutes, allowing traffic to flow freely.

### 6.3 A question was asked on behalf of Mike Laver (ML) in his absence regarding whether any improvements were planned for cycling provision to site, given the recent fatality on the C182. DE confirmed that HPC were working with the police and the transport agencies on this but there were no plans to provide further facilities for cycling. DE clarified that the Site Director's policy is to discourage cycling on C182.

### 6.4 Chris Morgan (CM) raised that he knew of several potential planning applications for new homes near to site which appeared to use HPC as a justification for the proposals. John Burton (JB) said the Local Plan for Somerset West and Taunton is being worked on and any application coming forward will need to be compliant with it.

### 6.5 IS informed the forum that there will be an RAF exercise at HPB on Monday 2 March and not to worry if local residents see and hear helicopters landing and taking off or hear unusual noises.

### 6.6 IS asked if there was an appetite for another site tour. Uptake was currently low for the one planned for 2pm on 16 March 2020.



Forum members suggested prompting the parish council clerks and to share it on the 'Stogursey Pulse' Facebook page along with a response deadline.

IS will follow this up. If there is insufficient take up, the tour will be cancelled.

**7 Date of next meeting:**

Date / time: Thursday 25 June 2020 – 6pm.

Venue: Stogursey Primary School Hall, Stogursey.