

DRAFT Meeting Report

Regarding:

EDF Hinkley Point C: Main Site Forum

Date:

Thursday 25 June 2020 – 6pm

Zoom Webinar

Participating:

Jim Claydon, *Chair*

Erland Plomgren, *Holford Parish Council*

John Burton, *Somerset West & Taunton Council*

Sue Spicer, *Burton Resident*

Leigh Redman, *Somerset County Council*

Sue Goss, *Stogursey Parish Council*

Penny Harvey, *The University of Manchester
Dalton Nuclear Institute*

Richard Cuttall, *W.H.A.G*

Esther Lawson, *Avon & Somerset Police*

Amanda Stanley, *Shurton Resident*

Derek Wellings, *Shurton Resident*

EDF Team:

Luke Stevens, *EDF*

David Eccles, *EDF*

Immy Silby, *EDF*

Drew Aspinwall, *Newgate Communications*

Apologies received:

Sue Jones, *Burton Resident*

Kezia White, *Environment Agency*

Lisa Wright, *Environment Agency*

In addition to the forum meeting notes and agendas, all presentations and reports are available at www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity

Item

Action

1 Introductions

1.1 Jim Claydon ('The Chair') welcomed everyone to the online meeting and ran through the list of attendees; The Chair then asked each attendee in turn to check that they understood how to ask a question and use the unmute / mute controls.

1.2 The Chair paid his respects to Peter Farmery who sadly passed away recently. Peter made a valuable contribution to the Main Site Forum over many years and will be sadly missed. The Chair referred to the comments Peter made at his last Main Site Forum, when he said, 'Well Done' and that HPC 'had done a great job of keeping everyone informed' regarding the works on the Southern Area.

Plans for a memorial are being developed and David Eccles (DE) has drafted a letter to his widow.

AFTERNOTE: Mrs Farmery has replied to DE and confirmed she is very happy with the plans.

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2 Meeting Note and Matters Arising

- 2.1 The Chair reviewed the meeting note and afternotes provided from Main Site Forum on 27 February 2020 inviting any further comment.
- 2.2 Sue Goss (SG) thanked Immy Silby (IS) for the very comprehensive Afternote 6.1 regarding the stockpile heights and for sourcing the information from the site team. 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

3 Project Progress

- 3.1 David Eccles (DE) gave an overview of the changes which have taken place to working arrangements since the last meeting due to coronavirus. He covered the reduction in staff numbers to facilitate social distancing and the monitoring facilities that have been put in place. DE said that the focus now was to incrementally increase the staff numbers and expand the activities on site. Shift patterns are being utilised to facilitate this.
- 3.2 DE highlighted Stuart Crooks latest update film on You Tube – where he talks about the project as it reaches its latest milestone - the completion of Unit 2's reactor building foundation. (1 June 2020 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yji0jpQJ8G0&feature=emb_rel_end)

DE then gave a presentation with the latest images from site.
The presentations was made available ahead of the meeting and can be viewed here: www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity

DE also talked briefly about feedback received from West of England Combined Authority Metro Mayor, Tim Bowles, regarding the quality of the support the project has been giving to the supply chain in finding way rounds issues facing suppliers during the lockdown.

DE also made reference to the ramping up of the 'digital outreach' that is underway working with the employment services, apprenticeship programmes and partner organisations.

Questions included:

- 3.3 *What are the current workforce numbers?*
Approximately 3,500, with numbers increasing as people come back having been furloughed, we expect the staff numbers to be back at the 5,000 mark by the end of the year.
- 3.4 *Can we have an update on the concrete batching plant incident earlier in the month?*
At around 07:30 on 10 June one of the silos in our concrete making area failed and the material in the silo fell to the floor. The material is called ground granulated blast furnace slag and it's a normal part of the mix used to make concrete. It's not harmful to people and because it's a fine, light powder it made a visible cloud of dust after falling. Our on-site emergency teams attended and they quickly confirmed that no-one was injured and everyone was safe. It is not part of the permanent power station we are building. An investigation is ongoing as how this happened and the independent regulator has been informed.
- 3.5 *How are the HPC job roles advertised, specifically the recruitment of youngsters?*
The best starting place for recruitment is the Hinkley Jobs service website, www.edfenergy.com/hpcjobs where people can register their interest in job opportunities for the project. Or they can call the team via Freephone 0800 029 4289.

There are a number of virtual job fairs and outreach programmes planned for the coming months.

It was agreed that the employment team would be invited to give an update on recruitment initiatives at a forthcoming Community Forum.

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As agreed at the meeting, IS sent Amanda Stanley (AS) a link to the Socio-Economic Report – 2019/2020 (specifically pages 16-39 would be most relevant) – link to which is here:

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<https://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&edid=dd86b444-cd47-459c-8e34-fdca673f1808>

There is also an independent evaluation of the Inspire Education programme (November 2019). The report sits towards the bottom of the page – link here:

[https://www.edfenergy.com/energy/nuclear-new-build-projects/hinkley-point-c-for-teachers-students-and-educators/inspire#:~:text=The%20research%20found%20that%3A,and%20Maths%20\(STEM\)%20subjects](https://www.edfenergy.com/energy/nuclear-new-build-projects/hinkley-point-c-for-teachers-students-and-educators/inspire#:~:text=The%20research%20found%20that%3A,and%20Maths%20(STEM)%20subjects)

Sue Goss (SG) congratulated HPC's efforts in engaging young people over the past decade.

3.7 *Are workers returning from staying in the campus accommodation and how is that being managed?*

DE highlighted that due to the measures put in place HPC has not experienced a spike in infections; the monitoring systems are working and we have been educating people as to what they need to do if they were experiencing any symptoms. People are still being encouraged to use the campuses where possible.

HPC buses are filled to around 25% capacity and we are currently using an additional 60 buses from Cornwall. AS highlighted that there are more cars on the roads in Shurton, so more capacity on buses would be welcome as it comes in line with Government guidelines.

There will be a further update regarding transport arrangements at the Transport Forum on 16 July 2020.

4 **Update report: Southern Area**

4.1 Luke Stevens (LS), HPC's Land Management and Ecology Lead, gave an update 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

LS talked the forum through the key features of the design, and the timeline. With contracts now signed, works will begin in the next few weeks, they will be starting on the road from the site end – during mid to the end of July works will become more obvious with welfare units being put in place. There will be a footpath diversion. The design of the new bridge is currently in consultation and subject to consent for the bridge being granted, these works will start later in the summer. All efforts will be made to keep disruption to a minimum.

The video, 'Introducing the Southern Infrastructure Works' – on YouTube was circulated ahead of the meeting is available to view here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5GaOedrlc1k>

LS ran through slides taken from the film to illustrate his points.

4.2 Questions / points included:

AS felt she had not been kept properly informed about the developments which are happening just behind the boundary to her property.

LS apologised for not introducing himself when in the vicinity. IS highlighted that an email

had been sent on the 9 June giving notice of the filming activity but this may have not been received and would send a test email with weblinks previously mentioned.

4.3 *Will there be a rescheduled Southern Area Walk?*

AFTERNOTE: There will be a walk around of the Southern Area of Site at 5pm on Tuesday 7 July 2020 (with a second session an hour later if there is demand) Maximum groups size is 6 to include LS & IS unless Government guidance changes.

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Please email: edfenergy@hpcenquiries.com if you would like to join the walk, using the subject 'Southern Area Walk 7 July'.

4.4 *Could there be an alternative to the footpath diversion down Ben Hole Lane as it is prone to flooding as previously highlighted.*

LS said that work would be undertaken to try and keep that diversion passable but there were not any feasible alternatives on land under HPC's ownership.

4.5 *Richard Cuttall (RC) requested reassurance about traffic movements onto the Southern Area. LS acknowledged the previous conversations and agreements with residents and will provide an Afternote regarding the traffic figures as soon as they are available.*

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DE added that when the work programme become clearer, then engagement with the local community with ramp-up in earnest.

4.6 *Concern was raised as to the condition of the trees which are plated in plastic tubs. LS explained that the trees in tubs are temporary and provide wildlife corridors for bats, whilst bats are active up until the autumn. The trees are being watered and looked after but they perform a function until the permanent trees can be planted.*

5 Planning Update

DE gave a brief update on planning issues in Andrew Goodchild's (AG) absence.

5.1 DE referred to the application for a Non-Material Change Application to the DCO in relation to the plot plan, which had been an agenda item at the last meeting. The proposal seeks to amend the position and size of some of the minor, ancillary buildings at the main HPC site. This will not include proposals to amend the Interim Spent Fuel Store which will be revisited in the future.

The proposals will be subject to a period of public consultation once the application is accepted by the Planning Inspectorate and we are currently designing how that can take place in light of Covid-19 restrictions. We will use the normal channels to communicate how people can view the application and engage with us during the consultation.

Questions included:

5.2 *There was concerns about the cumulative effect of the various amendments of the DCO over the years and how are people going to be informed about the changes and by whom.*

DE confirmed that the planning inspectorate was live to the issue of the cumulative impact of these applications and this situation may not have arisen previously.

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In accordance with the relevant regulations EDF has agreed the list of appropriate consultees with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and we will write to these organisations at the start of the consultation explaining where information regarding the application can be viewed and also setting out the timescales and details of how comments can be sent to the Planning Inspectorate for those wishing to make

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representations. Newspaper adverts regarding the consultation will be placed in the Bridgwater Mercury, West Somerset Free Press and Somerset County Gazette for 2 consecutive weeks and EDF will contact those on our various mailing lists providing details as well as using our social media channels and our website to bring the consultation to the attention of the public.

5.3 *What is the status on the Acoustic Fish Deterrent application?*

In relation to the AFD, there was a question posed to the Environment Agency at the Community Forum (14 May 2020) which it was agreed would be reproduced here as there was nothing further to report at this stage:

“Lisa Wright (LW) from The Environment Agency (EA) responded to the question. She confirmed that this currently sat with them and that there had been a delay, having previously reported that may have been more to report in around June time. The delay was due to the provision of requested documents and processing the 110 responses the EA received to their consultation which took place in February 2019. LW said there was still a lot of work to do with regards to the Habitats Regulations Assessment, given the Severn Estuary importance regarding the habitat. EA are not yet ready to announce their decision. If the EA are minded to approve the application for the permit, then the EA will go out to consultation again on that decision. If the EA are minded to refuse it, there will be no consultation.” HPC Community Forum 14 May 2020

5.4 *When will the Shurton Drop-ins at the Babbling Brook re-start?*

IS said she will be in discussion with the pub once they re-open to see if the drop-in originally scheduled for August could be held in the garden.

6 Any other business

The Chair asked if there was any other business.

6.1 *Is there any plan for 24 hours working on the Southern Area?*

LS said no there would not be. Noise monitors will be Used to monitor noise levels for the duration of the works.

6.2 *It was felt that the lighting report supplied to RC was too vague to be particularly helpful to local people.*

IS confirmed that the information contained within the report was what has been agreed with the environment and planning team, and that it was made clear from the outset it would not include specific lighting data

6.3 *Erland Plomgren (EP) said “I’m seriously impressed with the way HPC have conducted themselves in the short time I have been involved. In 12 months, the amount of communication and hard work in keeping us all informed is fantastic. Long may it continue.”*

6.4 The meeting ended.

7 Date of next meeting:

Date / time: Thursday 22 October 2020 – 6pm.
Venue: TBC