

# Meeting Report

## Regarding:

**EDF Hinkley Point C: Transport Forum**

## Date:

**Thursday 26 March 2020 – 6pm  
(Online Conference)**

## Participating:

Jim Claydon, *Chair*

Erland Plomgren, *Holford Parish Council*

Julie Evans, *Otterhampton Parish Council*

Rosemary Woods, *Williton Parish Council*

Doug Bamsey, *Sedgemoor District Council*

Jean Stanford, *Williton Parish Council*

John Burton, *Somerset West and Taunton Council*

Gary Perrett, *Sustrans / Community Cyclists*

Robert Downes, *Somerset West and Taunton Council*

Alastair Higton, *Somerset County Council*

Anne Reed, *Wembdon Parish Council*

Leigh Redman, *Sedgemoor District Council*

Robin Kinaham, *Fiddington Parish Council*

Andy Coupé, *Somerset County Council*

Hugh Davies, *Somerset County Council*

Rob Morgan, *Cannington Parish Council*

## EDF Team:

Andrew Wagstaff, *EDF*

Brian Buckingham, *EDF*

Rachel Lister, *EDF*

David Eccles, *EDF*

Jamie Jamieson, *EDF*

Drew Aspinwall, *Newgate Communications*

## Apologies:

Esther Lawson,  
*Hinkley Point Neighbourhood Policing Team*

## Item

## Action

### 1 Introductions

- 1.1** Jim Claydon ('The Chair') welcomed everyone to the online meeting and ran through the list of attendees detailed on-screen to ensure the register was accurate. The Chair gave an overview as to the arrangements for the meeting, making specific reference that attendees would be invited in turn to comment or ask a question at the end of each respective presentation.

### 2 Meeting Note and Matters Arising

- 2.1** The Chair referred to the meeting note of 21 November 2019 and invited any further comment on the draft.
- 2.2** Julie Evans (JE) requested the Item 4.2 be amended to remove the reference to Combwich, as they were not looking to create new car parking as there was no space.
- Item 5.2 - Alastair Higton (AH) reported that Bolham Road Layby signage had been installed but printed with the incorrect prohibition. AH said he was working to get this changed but indicated that the working practices precautions around Coronavirus may impact the timescale.

The meeting note was then approved and is available to view along with the respective papers and presentations on the website [www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity](http://www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity) (Transport Forum section under 26 March 2020)

### **3 Project Progress**

**3.1** David Eccles (DE) firstly gave a brief update on fatal road incident which happened on the C182 on 20 January 2020.

**3.2** DE then gave an overview of the actions that had been taken so far around Coronavirus, which on the date of the meeting had the following critical elements:

- Significantly reducing the staff numbers on site from over 4,000 to fewer than 2,000 to enable social distancing
- Providing extra buses to limit the number of passengers, facilitating social distancing
- Additional walkways had been introduced to allow travel on foot between construction site buildings – reducing the need for travel on internal buses

A Coronavirus Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section on the website has been created at [www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity](http://www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity) where the latest information can be found.

**3.3** Follow up questions / discussion topics included:

- John Burton (JB) asked if HPC had spoken directly to Government regarding arrangements on site regarding Coronavirus. DE confirmed that HPC's CEO has been having conversations directly with Government
- Leigh Redman (LR) asked if people would be losing their job? DE said it was too early to comment on the long-term economic impact at this point

**3.4** DE then gave a presentation running through recent project highlights. The slides are available on the website: [www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity](http://www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity) (Transport Forum section under 26 March 2020)

**3.5** JB asked to what extent the reduction in staff numbers would impact the project timeline. DE said that the project was determined to maintain the critical path and that these changes to staffing and other factors would be modelled and reported on as we go forward.

### **4 Update from Transport Review Group (TRG)**

**4.1** Rachel Lister (RL) presented the TRG Quarterly Report Summary for Q4 2019 – slides available on the website: [www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity](http://www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity) (Transport Forum section under 26 March 2020)

**4.2** Follow up questions / discussion topics included:

- Brian Buckingham (BB) clarified that the HGV non-compliances were local deliveries, drivers are given verbal warnings and they are generally first offences due to drivers following sat nav rather than designated route
- Andy Wagstaff (AW) discussed the measures being taken on the buses regarding Coronavirus. These included hand sanitiser provision; enhances cleaning at Junction 24 depot; staggering access to site to maintain social distancing; changes to seating arrangements on the buses; PPE and cleaning equipment and more buses running
- AW added that from 30 March shift patterns were changing, along with changing arrangements at the P&Rs regarding the assembly of people; buses will now travel from the P&R direct to point of work and not stop on the way; walking routes have been increased on site so that staff do not need to use internal buses

- AW confirmed that heating and air conditioning brings air in from outside the bus and does not circulate the same air inside the vehicle
- RL explained the process of dealing with people who fly park who are identified as HPC or tier 1 employees
- It was confirmed that HGV breakdowns are not a significant factor in the performance monitoring, with only 'a couple reported in the last 4 years'
- LR wanted to express a "big thank you to the fly parking team" and also for "the big drop in HGV numbers, well done."

**4.3** LR requested more details on the revised HPC workforce transport arrangements in response to Coronavirus. AW supplied this Afternote. Also attached to this meeting note (information correct as of 26/03/2020 and subject to constant review).

## AFTERNOTE

**4.4** There was a discussion regarding the Minehead to Bridgwater community bus, which was set have its final service on 27 March. Hugh Davies (HD) asked how widely this has been consulted upon, as he was not aware of this decision. DE suggested that the concerned parties discuss this outside of the forum to ensure all stakeholders who need to be involved have the opportunity to do so. Then advise EDF accordingly.

## 5 Update on Comwich Wharf

**5.1** Jamie Jamieson (JJ), Marine Service Manager gave an update on works at Comwich Wharf. Slides available on the website: [www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity](http://www.edfenergy.com/hpccommunity) (Transport Forum section under 26 March 2020)

**5.2** Follow up questions / discussion topics included:

- JE said thank you on behalf of Otterhampton Parish Council for some very good engagement around the works at the wharf and said they were quite happy. She also welcomed some future initiatives suggested by JJ such as 'show and tell' for the primary school
- Erland Plomgren (EP) asked what will happen to the wharf once HPC is open. JJ said is a 60-year legacy so will remain in use
- Doug Bamsey (DB) asked about if the workforce scale-down will impact the wharf works. JJ said they will continue as scheduled. The relatively low numbers of people on site and the space there means they should be able to follow any guidelines with relative ease.

## 6 Any other business

**6.1** Gary Perrett (GP) reported to Andy Coupe (AC) and the forum that the cycle network audit was underway and there will be an electronic version available in a couple of months.

## 7 Dates of futures meetings

The next Transport Forum is currently scheduled for:

**Thursday 16 July 2020, starting at 6pm.** (venue / arrangements to be confirmed)

The Chair thanked everyone for taking part in the online Transport Forum and wished everyone well.

Meeting ended.