

DRAFT Meeting Report

Regarding:

EDF Hinkley Point C: Transport Forum

Date:

Thursday 17th November 2022 – 6pm

**(Meeting held at: Bridgwater and Taunton College,
Cannington)**

Participating:

Jim Claydon, *Chair*

Sue Goss, *Stogursey Parish Council*

Esther Lawson, *Avon & Somerset Police*

Nikki Coleman, *Avon & Somerset Police*

Gary Perrett, *Sustrans / Community Cyclists*

Andy Coupé, *Somerset County Council*

John Roberts, *Nether Stowey Parish Council*

Roy Pumfrey, *Stop Hinkley*

Anne Reed, *Wembdon Parish Council*

John Addison, *Cannington Parish Council*

Briony Waterman, *Somerset West and Taunton
Council*

Jane Tomaney, *EDF*

Andrew Darch, *Otterhampton Parish Council*

Nicola Hale, *Sedgemoor District Council*

Penny Everett, *Nether Stowey Parish Council*

Chris Morgan, *Stogursey Parish Council & Somerset
West and Taunton Council*

Robin Kinahan, *Fiddington Parish Council*

EDF Team:

Andrew Cockcroft, *EDF*

Andrew Goodchild, *EDF*

Brian Buckingham, *EDF*

Rachel Lister, *EDF*

Jason Lee, *EDF*

Robyn Evans, *SEC Newgate*

Drew Aspinwall, *SEC Newgate*

Apologies Received:

Hugh Davies, *Somerset County Council*

John Burton, *Somerset West and Taunton Council*

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Item	Action
1 Welcome and Introductions	
1.1 Jim Claydon ('The Chair') welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked everyone to introduce themselves and ran through the venue arrangements and forum protocols.	
1.2 Traffic Incident Andrew Cockcroft (AC) informed the Forum of the sad news that Jason Waring, a construction worker at HPC, died in a fatal construction incident on site. Response to the incident is taking place both externally and internally and the incident is being investigated by the Police and the Health and Safety Executive. Work at site was shut in the week following this and support has been offered to colleagues affected by the event. AC said he should be able to give an update on EDF's response at the next Community Forum meeting. The Forum offered their condolences to Jason's family and all those that worked with him.	
1.3 Ann Bown The Chair paid tribute to Ann Bown, a regular member of the Transport and Community Forums, who recently passed away. The Chair said Ann represented her constituents "fairly and fearlessly" and was always willing to record her praise as well as criticism. He commended Ann's commitment to the project over a long period of time. AC added that all the input Ann has provided over the years has helped shape the project in many ways. The Forum offered their condolences to Ann Bown's friends and family.	
2 Meeting Note and Matters Arising	
2.1 The Chair referred to the meeting note of 14 July 2022 and invited any further comment on the draft and the afternotes provided.	
2.2 Item 3.16 – AC reported that a Harbour Master is required if operating a jetty. There is no need for a Harbour Master if the jetty is removed. There were no further comments, and the draft meeting note was agreed.	
3 Project Progress Update - (Andrew Cockcroft, EDF)	
3.1 Andrew Cockcroft (AC) provided an update on the project.	
3.2 Project Progress Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first stage of third level for the outer containment wall was completed on 25th August. 27-hour pour with four pumps working to deliver the 4.5m high, 1.3m thick circular wall. 	
3.3 Unit 1 - Internal Structures	

- Over the rest of 2022 the internal structures will grow towards the +19.5m level with the completion of the ring wall.
- The radial walls, clearly visible in December last year are now almost invisible.
- Focus on many smaller pours forming the various rooms and walls within the reactor building.

3.4 Unit 1- Reactor Cavity Panels

- Another huge reactor cavity panel has been lifted into the East Pool Bunker and installed onto the cavity base.
- More panels will be lifted, stitched together and welded to form the final pool
- The complete pool will then be lifted into the reactor building later this year.

3.5 Unit 1 – Reactor Building

- First Neutron Door installed in the Reactor Building late September. Installation on the +5.15m level (1 of 11 doors for this area).
- Inner Containment lift 8 completed 29/09. Known as the ‘horseshoe’ as it goes around the Equipment Hatch. This is the last layer of concrete before Liner Ring 3 can be lifted.

3.6 Main Control Room

- Great progress with the Main Control Room (box-in-box).
- Final welding for completion for w/c 21st November 2022.

3.7 Wider Achievements

- Drum screens manufacturing is in progress.
- The final slab pour of the operational service centre took place.

3.8 A film was played showing the floating cranes lower the 5,000 tonne intake heads down to seabed at HPC.

The film is available to view here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQR3Rjo51WU>

3.9 ALL Deliveries

- Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AILs) have been moving along the C182 from Combwich.
- Plan to pause deliveries and movements until the end of the year whilst final improvement work is carried out at Combwich Wharf.
- Notification system is working well – AC encouraged Forum members to let the HPC team know if they feel they are not being informed.

3.10 Looking towards the end of 2022

AC highlighted several milestones taking place before the end of the year.

3.11 Unit 2 – Reactor Building

Construction of the +1.5m slab. This will allow placement of the Radial Walls and building the structures upward.

3.12 Unit 1 – Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV)

The RPV will be completely finished by year end, ready to leave Framatome in St. Marcel (France) and begin its journey to HPC.

3.13 Unit 1 – Liner Ring 3 lift

The next Liner Ring before the Dome will be lifted onto Unit 1. Teams will then continue working upward both on the containment structures and in the building.

3.14 Application for DCO Material Change

Hinkley Point C's initial Development Consent Order was granted by the UK Government in March 2013. Since that time, there have been a number of non-material changes to the plans for the new power station, but no-changes that have constituted a full material change to the original DCO have occurred.

3.15 HPC will be submitting a material change application that will include:

- Permission to remove the acoustic fish deterrent system.
- A change in the method of spent fuel storage from “wet” to “dry” which would require a larger building.
- Changes to the plot plan to accommodate a relocated and re-designed Meteorological Mast.
- Permission to retain the existing Temporary Substation as a permanent feature to supply electricity to HPA and HPB.
- The addition of four new structures to house sluice gates and lifting beams which would be used during outages.

3.16 As a material change, a full public consultation will take place with the public and all statutory consultees in advance of the application submission.

3.17 Accommodation Developments

- Part of a range of options considered as Hinkley Point C's workforce expands.
- The site would allow space for around 900 people – helping to increase local accommodation capacity and provide a balanced offering.
- The use would be temporary during peak construction only. This would be around 3 years.
- Includes a multi-million investment into the site to upgrade and increase the level of quality.
- Working with local communities and businesses to understand concerns and apply mitigation.
- The site would operate in a very similar way to the Sedgemoor Campus in Bridgwater.

3.18 Pre-submitted Question

Roy Pumfrey – Stop Hinkley

“Why has it taken so long to get round to considering Pontins for worker accommodation when its use was being discussed pre-2012?”

Response: AC said all manner of different accommodation options were considered back in 2012. Pontins was one of the creative solutions put forward at the time but was discounted for a variety of reasons, including the availability of the site for use.

RP argued that HPC knew they were planning to extend the workforce by 50% but that it was not until now that HPC got into discussions on how to find a further 900 beds. AC said this is correct, explaining that a range of ideas were presented years ago and HPC went back to explore these options.

- 3.19** Robin Kinahan (RK) asked when the accommodation at Pontins would open.
AC said HPC are looking to have the first guest move in on 5th December 2022 and that it will be a very small, phased ramp up.
- 3.20** Sue Goss (SG) reiterated her point that the Pontins proposal is good in principle but that she does not know how successful it will be in practice as Brean is a long way from the site. She questioned how HPC will entice 900 workers to be based so far from site.
AC recognised the challenge of this and said HPC are working to ensure the rents are correct and that the quality is of a high standard. He said it is also about differentiating the offer, giving the example of the site being close to the coast and a golf course which makes it different to the offer elsewhere. AC reported that there is an order book and there seems to be a market. AG added that 75 people signed up in the first week that the offer was advertised and this number is likely to have gone up since then.
- 3.21** On the rolling road blocks, SG asked whether HPC has trained up its own operatives to do this.
Brian Buckingham (BB) said the course itself is five days, two days in the classroom and three days practical. The two theory sessions have already taken place, and the first practical sessions will take place w/c 21st November 2022. BB said it starts on site and gravitates out onto the C182.
- 3.22** **Pre-submitted Question**
Roy Pumfrey – Stop Hinkley
“Is EdeF yet able to provide a timescale for the consultations on proposed material changes to the DCO?”
Response: AC reported that HPC are currently looking at the best time to hold the consultation. They are planning to launch the consultation at the end of November 2022, running until the end of January 2023, giving a nine-week consultation period. All Forum members will be kept up to date on this.
- 3.23** RP said a Minister has already ruled against HPC’s application not to install the AFD, yet this is first on the list of material changes in the DCO that HPC intend to apply for.
AC said HPC are considering whether to challenge the Defra Secretary of State’s decision separately.
He explained that HPC may run the consultation on the material change at the same time as the legal challenge in order to ensure that timelines are met. He reiterated that it is a consultation not an application at this stage and that the application for the material change would not be submitted until further into next year when there will be more clarity on the legal challenge and approvals regarding the AFD.
- 3.24** RP said the bodies that objected to the AFD in the first instance will do exactly that if it appears in the list of material changes to the DCO.
AC acknowledged this point, saying it is an open consultation very similar to the last one and therefore some of the same responses can be expected.
- 3.25** The Chair asked whether a different minister will determine the application.
Andrew Goodchild (AG) responded yes.
- 3.26** AG explained that one of the reasons why HPC are slightly behind the DCO consultation programme is because the consultation will include an analysis of the permit decision and

is likely to set out two options. These being: to proceed with the primary case that the AFD does not need to be installed as there is no significant impact which arises, and the secondary case which includes ideas around compensating the impact which the Secretary of State, inspector and other bodies were concerned about as part of the permit application.

4 Update on Shared Cycleway – (Andrew Goodchild, EDF)

4.1 Cycle Path Consultation

AG gave an update on the cycle path consultation which ran between the end of September and October. Two open sessions for the public to drop in were held (on 27th September 2022 and 6th October 2022), a discussion was held with members of the Steart Forum, and a workshop was held as part of the Main Site Forum on 20th October 2022.

4.2 AG reported that around 75-80 people attended these events, and 61 responses were submitted either in writing or via the website. 51% of people were in support overall of the project, 44% opposed and 5% undecided. Just under half of people opposed the proposed route and 43% did not like the surface materials shown on the plans.

4.3 AG said there is a degree of support but more work to do. The four key issues that HPC will need to think about before progressing to the next stage are:

- Concerns about using Steart Drove as part of the route.
- Issues in terms of the connection from the C182 at Comwich through to the proposed start of the route.
- The fact that there was no support for additional signage and also opposition to the standard package of signage.
- Agricultural vehicles and farmers are using the footpath to access their fields along the foreshore at the top of the route. A number of people have suggested that a more naturalised surface would be most appropriate and therefore there is a need to consider how compatible this would be with agricultural vehicle movements.

4.4 AG reiterated that no decisions have been made on this yet and there is still some work to do to answer these questions.

4.5 Pre-submitted Question

John Addison – Cannington Parish Council

“How many Car Parking spaces are provided for people involved in the construction of the ‘C’ station at the site?”

AG said there are 300 car parking spaces in the main site car park with 200 available for HPC workers and the other 100 are for those with mobility issues or visitors. The majority of visitors get directed to the Cannington Park and Ride. Separately there is a car park associated with the campus at the main site, which has 356 car parking spaces. Both numbers are controlled by requirements in the DCO and are therefore enforceable by the Council.

4.6 John Addison – Cannington Parish Council

“What are the frequency of Car Parking patrols in Cannington? There is still complaints regarding ‘fly-parking’ in the village.”

AC said regular and reactive controls take place on fly parking, explaining that it depends on the level of fly parking and that HPC react whenever there are reports. The team visits

the area regularly, especially when there have been reports. Usually either the same day or the following day.

- 4.7** He added that HPC are committed to combating the issue and have a robust team in place to tackle fly parking. AC acknowledged that it is a challenge as they are dealing with a changing population, with new workers coming in who need educating on this and the disciplinary action that they face for fly-parking offences.
- 4.8** John Addison (JA) said he is unsure how many people get on the buses at Cannington, but that it seems to be those people who he suspects are fly parking. AC said Cannington has the benefit of being a relatively closed space and explained that HPC looks at hotspot areas and has deterrent patrols in place there.
- 4.9** Gary Perrett (GP) thanked HPC for holding the public consultation events and asked whether timescales could be provided on when concrete proposals will be brought forward. AG said HPC are currently analysing the results of the consultation and that they are likely to have an update at the next Transport Forum (Thursday 16th March 2022) on the next steps.
- 4.10** Andrew Darch (AD) asked whether people who use camper vans to park are reported under fly parking. AG confirmed this.
- 4.11** SG asked what weight HPC gives to the responses of parish councils to ordinary people. AG said HPC will take the concerns of the parish councils very seriously. He reiterated that HPC are looking at all responses as they work on changes and the next steps for the plans. This will take place over the coming weeks, with a view to report back in the new year.
- 4.12** SG said the majority of the proposed cycle path is within Stogursey Parish Council. The Chair suggested that EDF may want to negotiate with the parish council. AG gave assurance that all views will be taken into account.

5 Update from Transport Review Group – (Rachel Lister, EDF)

5.1 Transport Review Group Quarterly Report

Rachel Lister (RL) summarised the Transport Review Group Quarterly Report for April to June 2022 (Q2) and July to September 2022 (Q3), presented to the Transport Review Group (TRG) on 19 July and 17 October 2022.

5.2 Construction Workforce Travel Plan (CWTP)

Final journey to HPC site (last quarter)

- 86.7% travelled by bus
- 9% pedestrians walking to site (including those walking to campus)

5.3 RL gave a summary of HPC bus passengers from key locations:

- Washford Cross P&R – 2%
- Quantock Lakes P&R / Cannington – 10%
- Combwich / Chilton Trinity – 2%
- Taunton & J25 P&R – 10%
- Bridgwater (including Campus) – 34%

- Local – 1%
- Bristol – 2%
- WSM / Worle / BoS – 5%
- J23 P&R – 23%
- J24 P&R – 12%

5.4 HPC helpline complaints

Fly parking complaints received by HPC Helpline for Q2 2022 was 247.

- HPC Worker not Fly Parking – 32 – 13%
- HPC Worker Fly Parking 74 – 30%
- Not a HPC Worker 141 – 57%

5.5 Fly parking complaints received by HPC Helpline for Q3 2022 was 119.

- HPC Worker not Fly Parking – 20 – 17%
- HPC Worker Fly Parking 26 – 22%
- Not a HPC Worker 73 – 51%

5.6 The HPC Fly Parking Team also undertake their own checks. During the last Quarter, 300 (5%) bus passengers were found to be parking at the incorrect P&R or on the local highway. All those identified will go through the 3 Step Fly Parking Process.

5.7 HPC Car Share

RL reported that the HPC Car Share Strategy and Liftshare App launched on 28th September 2022.

A recent survey showed that 25% of those arriving via car to a Park and Ride were car sharers (2,290 bus passengers arriving via car and 568 via Car – 260 car drivers and 308 car passengers).

RL said the HPC team could provide a demonstration of how the car sharing system works and encouraged Forum members to let EDF know if they would be interested in this.

5.8 Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)

HGV Movements against HGV Average / Maximum Daily / Quarterly Limit for HGV Routes – Q2 2022

5.9 RL said HPC were compliant with HGV movements in terms of number and routes for Q2 and Q3. Reported the following.

5.10 There were 15 breaches (0.001% of total HGV movements) during Q2:

- 0 HGV outside of permitted delivery hours
- 0 HGV over permitted time limit
- 14 HGVs deviated from the approved route
- 1 HGV deviated from HGV route and outside of permitted delivery hours

There were 24 breaches (0.002% of total HGV movements) during Q3:

- 0 HGV outside of permitted delivery hours
- 0 HGV over permitted time limit

- 24 Vs deviated from the approved route

5.11 RL provided a breakdown of the average daily HGV movements and deliveries for Q2 and Q3, along with the forecast for Q4 2022.

Q2 (average)

- Daily HGV Movements 187
- Daily HGV Deliveries 94

(below 500 DCO average Limit)

Q3 (average)

- Daily HGV Movements 157
- Daily HGV Deliveries 79

(below 500 DCO average Limit)

Forecast Q4 2022

- Daily HGV Movements: 280
- Daily HGV Deliveries: 140

5.12 RP noted that there were 640 walkers in the last quarter yet the campus at site only holds 500, asking where 140 have walked from.

RL said there are some that are local who choose to walk, some who may have been dropped off by car but have been captured as walkers, and some that have come from the campus.

AG added that vehicles coming onto site are only allowed one person in them and therefore the other passengers must walk into the campus and are captured as walkers.

5.13 RP said there are people arriving via buses from Bristol, asking whether it is EDF organised transport.

RL said the buses are organised by EDF.

AFTERNOTE: The latest bus timetable has bus services from Bristol operating from Temple Meads Train Station, Portway Park and Ride, and Bristol Airport. **AFTERNOTE**

6 Update on Combwich Wharf and AIL Movements – (Brian Buckingham, EDF)

6.1 Brian Buckingham (BB) gave an update on works and activity at Combwich Wharf.

6.2 BB highlighted the high-level barge plan for this year and the available berthing windows, providing an update on the marine AILs deliveries to Combwich

6.3 A video was shown of the polar crane beam delivery which took place between 29th August – 6th September 2022.

6.4 Combwich Wharf Construction Timelines and Phase 2C Construction

BB discussed a high-level timeline on construction at Combwich Wharf and reported that they are currently halfway through the construction window. The first berthing opportunity will be in January which will be proof of concept as they are raising the height of the berth bed and they need to ensure the barge can come onto the berth with no issues.

6.5 BB said that the need to clean up silt is proving to be a constant challenge for the team, creating a demanding and challenging environment.

6.6 Looking ahead to 2023, BB said there will be 27 delivery windows, some of these being just a couple of days and some only a week.

7 Any other business - (Chair)

7.1 GP highlighted the issue that cut hedgerows cause for cyclists, pointing to the road between the agricultural centre, C182 and the wharf road in particular, asking for this to be cleared as soon as possible.

Andy Coupé said it is a district matter and therefore an instruction to take back to Sedgemoor District Council colleagues in the immediate term. He recognised GP's point and said farmers need to take responsibility for deposits into the public highway.

7.2 AC paid tribute to Jim Claydon in his last Forum as Chair following eight years in the role on the Community, Transport and Main Site Forums. He said Jim has provided a steady, balanced and respectful environment on all of the Forums and created a space where people are able to have good, honest, challenging and friendly debate. He praised Jim's steady chairmanship and the way he has handled challenges and difficult issues. He said Jim has held HPC to account and also ensured everyone in the community has been able to share their views. On behalf of all the Fora, AC thanked Jim for his chairmanship.

7.3 JC thanked everyone involved in the various forums, including the statutory and voluntary organisations and the people representing their communities for their commitment, dedication and frankness. JC said he has learnt a lot in his time as Chair and feels that he has helped contribute to managing the relationship between the project and people who live locally with very constructive results. He wished HPC good luck with the remaining years of the project.

The process is ongoing to find a new Chair for the Fora.

7 Date of next meeting: Thursday 16th March 2022 at 6pm

7.1 The next Transport Forum will take place on Thursday 16th March 2022 at 6pm.

7.2 The meeting ended.