

DRAFT Meeting Report

Regarding:

EDF Hinkley Point C: Transport Forum

Date:

Thursday 13th July 2023 – 6pm

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

Participating:

Drew Aspinwall, *Chair*

Hugh Davies, *Somerset Council*

Bruce Eyley, *Kilve Parish Council*

Andy Coupé, *Somerset Council*

John Roberts, *Nether Stowey Parish Council*

Roy Pumfrey, *Stop Hinkley*

Sue Goss, *Stogursey Parish Council*

Penny Everett, *Nether Stowey Parish Council*

Robin Kinahan, *Fiddington Parish Council*

John Addison, *Cannington Parish Council*

Nicola Hale, *Community Safety Officer, Somerset Council*

Valdo Andrade, *Avon & Somerset Police*

EDF Team:

Andrew Goodchild, *EDF*

Stacy Walker, *EDF*

Andrew Wagstaff, *EDF*

Jamie Jamieson, *EDF*

Rachel Lister, *EDF*

Robyn Evans, *SEC Newgate*

Matthew Williams, *SEC Newgate*

Apologies Received:

Mike Best, *Somerset Council*

Rosemary Woods, *Somerset Council*

Gary Perrett, *Sustrans*

Item	Action
1	Welcome and Introductions
1.1	Drew Aspinwall ('The Chair') welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked everyone to introduce themselves and ran through the venue arrangements and forum protocols.
2	Meeting Note and Matters Arising
2.1	The Chair referred to the meeting note of 16 March 2023 and invited any further comment on the draft and the afternotes provided. There were no further comments and the meeting note was approved.
3	Project Progress Update - (Stacy Walker, EDF)
3.1	Stacy Walker (SW) provided an update on the project.
3.2	Safety and Learning
	SW noted that Net Zero Week took place between 3 rd -7 th July. In line with the UK national initiative HPC took some time as a project to understand what net zero means.
3.3	Concrete Pour
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teams from Unit 1 have finished the last concrete pour, finalising the safety barrier around Unit 1. This was delivered ahead of schedule, and the project is on track for the dome lift at the end of the year.
3.4	Turbine Hall
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Turbine Hall has now reached the 16.6m level. • Work can now begin on the upper steelwork, roof trusses and cladding, which paves the way for the installation of the 300-tonne crane later in the year.
3.5	First Nuclear Island Pump
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first of a series of pumps that will be used across the Nuclear Island has been successfully installed in one of the Unit 1 Safeguard Buildings. • The pump will deliver cooling water for the sprinkler safety system located on the underside of the Dome, which would activate in the unlikely event of a fire or accident in the Reactor Building. • Once delivery from Avonmouth was complete it was picked up by crane, maneuvered through one of the Safeguard Building's equipment hatches, lowered down to the -9.6m level, slid into position on skates and finally raised onto its installation plinth.
3.6	Offshore Marine Works – Casing Drives
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All six casings are now fully installed. • The team will shortly be installing the liners which will complete the vertical shafts.
3.7	Offshore Marine Works – Drilling and Mining
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the installation of both the casings and liner, drilling will take place to excavate the vertical shaft. • Below ground, work has commenced on excavating the first "adits" which will be 20m long and 4m wide. • These will link the vertical shafts with the horizontal tunnels.
3.8	Pre-submitted Question – Offshore Marine Works
	Submitted by Roy Pumfrey, Stop Hinkley 'Regarding the Offshore Marine works – Drilling & Mining: how noisy will this next phase be and will there be notice of when noise from the work will occur?'

SW said the six casings have been completed and gave assurance that the drilling work is much more in line with previous works that have been undertaken. HPC continue to monitor noise and if the work carried out is close to the previous levels, they will inform local residents in the same way that they did with the casings, either through maildrops or future forums if the timing allows.

3.9 Sue Goss (SG) asked whether the noise level will comply with the original noise levels or whether it will go to the latest levels agreed with the Council, which was up to 75dB.

SW confirmed that they are now back to the original levels, in line with previous drilling works that have been undertaken, so HPC have a better understanding of the noise levels generated. The extended noise levels were solely for the installation of the six casings which have now been completed.

3.10 RP asked what the original decibel levels were agreed as maximum.

Andrew Goodchild (AG) said this was 65dB in the day, which dropped to 55dB in the evening and 45dB overnight.

He reiterated that HPC do not anticipate anyone being affected by the works, which is much more in line with previous tunnelling operations undertaken.

3.11 Team News

- Ben Ring, Hinkley Point C's new Project Director formally took up his new role last week.
- For the past 18 years Ben has worked for Shell and has managed large projects across the globe. As a mechanical engineer and also a solicitor by training, he brings a broad range of experience from construction, project management as well as political relations.
- Ben will coordinate a range of teams and will be focused on planning successful construction delivery. He will be in frequent contact with Rob Jordan, Project Construction Director, who leads the day-to-day operation of Site.

3.12 2023 Socio-Economic Impact Report

Stacy Walker (SW) discussed the findings from the 2023 socio-economic impact report which is available [here](#).

- £24 million invested directly into Education, Skills and Employment
- 30,000 training places available between now and Hinkley Point C's completion
- 1,131 apprentices have been trained at HPC so far with an original target of 1,000
- 19,250 jobs created directly on site so far with a target of 25,000
- Hinkley Point C proves that the transition to net-zero can also deliver huge social and economic benefits, changing lives and communities for the better.
- New training centres will offer 30,000 places as we reach peak construction. The project will help them to upgrade their skills to get better jobs and better pay which in turn supports regional productivity.

3.13 Wider News and Planning Updates

Andrew Goodchild (AG) gave an update on wider planning related news.

Hinkley Point C Material Change Consultation and Application

AG highlighted the EA consultation on Hinkley Point C's water discharge activity permit. He also pointed to discussions which have been progressing in relation to HPC's material change application. He said detailed consultation has been taking place with the statutory nature consultation bodies regarding a compensation scheme. This is something that HPC will be consulting on in the Autumn.

3.14 Cycle Path

AG said HPC received feedback on the proposal for a cycle path at the end of last year and they have since been engaging with the workforce to determine how many workers would use it for community or leisure purposes. This has involved using the biannual workforce survey to ask

workers for their views, as well as engagement with colleagues at A and B station. He said a decision has not yet been made on this and that it will be revisited.

3.15 Transport

- Proposals for the Hinkley Logistics Hub at J24 has been submitted to the Council.
- The application for additional car parking spaces at Sedgemoor Campus has been submitted to the Council.

3.16 Pre-submitted Question – Offshore Marine Works

Submitted by Roy Pumfrey, Stop Hinkley

'How many of the 19,250 jobs at HPC no longer exist?'

AG said it is not possible to give a precise answer as some people have worked in several different roles since 2016 and in some cases have left the project and then re-joined. He said there were over 11,500 individual unique employees who accessed the main HPC site last month and can therefore estimate that around 7,000 people who have held roles are now no longer working on the project. AG gave an example, saying that at the peak of the earthworks phase of the project there were around 3,500 KierBam employees, whereas today, the earthworks have been completed and there are only around 300 KierBam employees who help manage the stockpile and undertake backfilling work. He said this was entirely anticipated due to the evolving nature of roles.

3.17 Sue Goss (SG) asked whether HPC are still looking at increasing the size of the on-site campus.

AG said HPC do not want to impact the local housing market and along with the Council are exploring the idea of a campus extension of two or three years to help with the peak.

SG said presumably this will come with extra parking.

AG said the use of the former outage car park at Pixie's Field (near HPA) is being explored as part of this, but the ideas are not yet fully formed.

3.18 Robin Kinahan (RK) spoke on the forthcoming expansion of the Mill Farm camp site near Fiddington to accommodate Hinkley Point workers. He said part of the planning permission included an agreement that passing places on the road would be created before Hinkley workers are accommodated. He sought assurance on behalf of the Parish Council that this will take place as soon as possible.

AG said the condition attached to the planning permission for the 58 new pitches was that the passing places needed to be in place before the pitches were occupied. The work is underway and HPC have been re-assured by the people who run Mill Farm that they are in contract with a contractor to do the work on the passing places. AG said they are not anticipating the accommodation will be in use until the end of September and the works will be done in advance of that.

AFTERNOTE: Representatives of Fiddington Parish Council, Mill Farm and HPC met to discuss Mill Farm and the programme of work for the caravan pitches and the passing places.

AFTERNOTE

3.19 David Thomas (DT) asked whether there are any routes in mind for the cycle path.

AG explained that HPC proposed a route last year and invited comments on this. He said this included proposed surfacing treatment, indications on signage as well as other details. He reiterated that HPC received feedback on the proposal at the end of last year and have since been engaging with the workforce and will revisit this in the future.

3.20 RP asked how much extra HPC traffic will be generated as a result of the expansion at J24.

AG said it will generate a small amount of additional traffic in the early hours of the morning, but that there will not be any movements in the 8-9am peak. He said the afternoon peak will see some movements as some workers finish their shifts at 5-5.30pm and will therefore be back in the vicinity of J24 at the end of the 5-6pm peak.

However, AG said the majority of movements are from 6-7pm onwards. He added that HPC's movements in the key peak hours would be less onerous compared with the movements you would anticipate from others running their business as a warehouse / distribution centre.

3.21 RP asked about the case study of an apprentice that SW had referred to in her presentation, questioning whether she will have a job from now through to the completion of the project. SW said the apprentice referred to is undertaking a degree apprenticeship which would take her through to the next five years on the project. SW said that she may then choose to stay on the project, noting that many apprentices have gone on to secure employment on the project.

3.22 Hugh Davies (HD) asked about the Community Bus timetable and route plan. Andrew Wagstaff (AW) said a review of the Community Bus was completed last week and some changes have been made to the timetable following requests from passengers.
AFTERNOTE: The revised Community Bus route and timetable was issued to all concerned and publicised in the local parishes.

AFTERNOTE

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

4.1 Transport Review Group Quarterly Report

Rachel Lister (RL) summarised the Transport Review Group Quarterly Report for January to March 2023 (Q1).

4.2 Construction Workforce Travel Plan (CWTP)

Final journey to HPC site (last Quarter)

- Walk – 6.8%
- Cycle 0.2%
- Motorcycle – 0.8%
- Car – 2.5%
- HPC Bus Service – 89.7%

4.3 HPC Bus Passenger Boarding Locations (last Quarter)

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

- North of Bridgwater – 11%
- Washford Cross P&R & Minehead – 2%
- Local Area– 13%
- Taunton & J25 P&R – 11%
- Bridgwater (including Campus & non secure J23 and J24 P&R) – 44%
- J23 P&R (secure) – 13%
- J24 P&R (secure) – 6%

4.4 HPC Helpline Complaints

Fly parking complaints received by HPC Helpline for Q1 2023 was 112.

- HPC Worker not Fly Parking – 7 – 19%
- HPC Worker Fly Parking – 28 – 45%
- Not a HPC Worker – 77 – 36%

4.5

- The HPC Fly Parking Team also undertake their own checks and investigated 428 potential observations.
- During the last Quarter, 192 bus passengers were found to be fly parking.
- This represents 2% of the total workforce and based on a full working week (Monday to Sunday) during the Quarter equates to 2 HPC workers fly parking a day.
- All those identified will go through the 3 Step Fly Parking Process.

4.6 AW added that three people have been suspended from site for fly parking in the last two months.

4.7 HPC Car Share

- HPC Car Share Strategy and Liftshare App Launched 28th September 2022.
- A monthly competition HPC workers enter by signing up to the website or App and registering their journeys.
- Promotion of HPC Car Share continues.
- 32% of those arriving via car to a Park and Ride were car sharers (2,509 bus passengers arriving via car and of these 802 via Car Sharing 365 car share driver and 437 car passengers).
- At J23, 39% of those who arrived via car were recorded car sharing.

4.8 Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)

28 breaches (0.3% of total HGV movements) during Q4

- 3 HGV outside of permitted delivery hours
- 0 HGV over permitted time limit
- 25 HGVs deviated from the approved HGV route

2022 Q4 (average):

Daily HGV Movements 115

Daily HGV Deliveries 58

2023 Q1 (average)

Daily HGV Movements 120

Daily HGV Deliveries 60

Forecast 2023 Q2

Daily HGV Movements 172

Daily HGV Deliveries 86

4.9 John Addison (JA) said he is surprised motorcycles are allowed to site and that he is aware of two major accidents which have been caused by motorcyclists going to the site.

RL said there is a limit of 50 motorbikes going to site and agreed to provide details on the recent changes to HPC's motorcycle policy guidance.

AFTERNOTE: From June 2023, motorcyclists had to reapply for a new HPC Motorcycle Parking Permit Application. Motorcyclists are only allocated to park at HPC site if there is not a suitable bus service or Park and Ride site available to ensure travel by motorcycle to HPC remains limited and is not promoted. Priority is then given to CAT A and A1 licence holders who have completed 'Raise your Ride' training or with evidence of completing comparable training within the last 5 years. As part of the Motorcyclist Code of Conduct, all motorcyclists are expected to follow the "HPC Motorcycle Parking Guidelines and Conditions of Access". An ANPR camera has been installed at the motorcycle entrance to the HPC Car Park which only allows pre-approved motorcyclist access via a Security Access Permit. The identification of Motorcyclist Champions is currently taking place at HPC site.

AFTERNOTE

4.10 SG asked whether sanctions can only be applied against fly parkers if they have registered their VRNs.

RL said the team are looking to bring in an external provider to assist with this.

AW explained that the team are looking at a partnership with a company which has access to DVLA records which will enable focused interventions for those who have not submitted their VRNs. It is hoped that this partnership will start in the next couple of months. AW added that there are also various other means to investigate those who may be fly parking, noting that they can also use the webcams to match this to CCTV of people going through the turnstiles.

4.11 SG said the other issue is sometimes workers use the vehicles of family members who are not registered.

RL said people have the option to add on a second car but recognised that this will do little to deter those who will fly park.

- 4.12 SG asked whether HPC will provide any more information on their plans for the cycle path. RL said they only recently received the data from the workforce survey and may be in a better place to give an update at the next Transport Forum. SG questioned why they are asking people on A and B sites if they will use the cycle path for leisure purposes as she thought the whole purpose was to find out how many people would use it to keep them off the C182. RL said the survey will provide data on the residence of workers and they will therefore be able to filter the data to determine the interests of those who are within a commutable cyclable distance.
- 4.13 Bruce Eyley (BE) asked whether there is a target for 9% of cyclists. RL said there is no target for cycling and the 9% figure is for walking to the Hinkley Campus. BE suggested that cycling levels would improve if there were a cycle path.
- 4.14 RP asked when the report into the bus incident will be made available. AW said they are still awaiting the findings and once available, HPC will form a view on what information can be provided under the constraints of the investigation.
- 4.15 RP said 90% of the workforce come to site by bus, asking what effect this has had on the number of buses needed to accommodate the daily workforce. RL said they are currently still under the limit included in the DCO.
- 4.16 RP asked how many bus journeys are made on a daily basis. AW said it varies due to weekend working and bank holidays. RL agreed to provide the average daily bus service numbers.
AFTERNOTE: RL provided the bus numbers reported in the Transport Review Group Quarterly Report 2023 Q1. The total number of bus movements is below the number in the Development Consent Order.

AFTERNOTE

Bus Movements	2022 Q4 (30/11/22)	2023 Q1 (15/03/23)
To HPC (with passengers)	348	366
To HPC (with passengers Skeleton Service)		
From HPC (with passengers)	391	406
From HPC (with passengers Skeleton Service)		
To HPC (without passengers)	147	145
From HPC (without passengers)	124	123
Total	1,010	1,040

- 4.17 RP asked who is on the Transport Review Group. RL said this is made up of HPC, Somerset Council and National Highways.
- 4.18 SG asked about the links for the proposed cycle path. RL said it will link to the public highway at Hinkley Point.
- 4.19 DT said the cycle path should not exclude leisure use.
- 4.20 Mark Phillips (MP) said there are issues with fly parking in Wembdon Parish, particularly of people removing the HPC stickers from their windscreens. MP also said that he does not understand why a minibus does not run through the village to pick up workers, saying that it seems to be people working long days who park in the area.

AW said there are 28 different shift patterns on site to consider when putting on bus services. He recognised that whilst it would be good to run more small services to accommodate the smaller villages that HPC serve, it is not always practical to do that.

RL said they will discuss the issue of people removing stickers at the next fly parking meeting. SW added that anyone issued with a sticker would have had to provide their VRN and therefore removing the sticker will not benefit them.

The EDF team encouraged people to report instances of fly parking.

5 Update on AIL Escorting - (Jamie Jamieson, EDF)

5.1 Jamie Jamieson (JJ) gave an update on AIL escorting.

- G4S are now the only CSAS accredited escort team in the UK with the first CSAS Escorted delivery taking place in March 2023.
- There is a maximum transport limit of 7.5m in Width (over 7.5m will remain a Police escort).
- 32 operatives to be trained and vetted by 2024.
- 5 accredited escort vehicles.
- The team was nominated for Innovative Security Project at The British Security Awards 2023.

5.2 EDG delivery March 2023

This was the 1st operational use of G4S CSAS Capability and they were shadowed by Avon & Somerset Police and their trainers.

5.3 Abnormal Indivisible Loads – Escorting Update

- JJ spoke on the importance of extensive multi agency engagement and the key role each organisation plays in getting the load to site. Multi agency work is key in creating clear travel route including the removal of lighting columns, signs and tree cutting to allow up to 9.5m wide AILs.
- JJ welcomed that there has been good engagement with local people and also encouraged people to sign up for the AIL advanced notifications.

6 Any Other Business - (Chair)

6.1 It was confirmed that the new Fora Chair, Doug Bamsey, will chair the next meeting.

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

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

The meeting ended.