

Meeting Report

Regarding:

EDF Hinkley Point C: Community Forum.

Participating:

Doug Bamsey, *Chair*
Richard Cuttell (RC), *W.H.A.G.*
Peter Payne (PP), *Williton Parish Council*
Leigh Redman (LR), *Bridgwater Town Council*
Allan Jeffery (AJ), *Green Party*
Roy Pumfrey (RP), *Stop Hinkley*
Mike Haycraft (MH), *Otterhampton Parish Council*
Amelia Thompson (AT), *Somerset Community Foundation*
John Roberts (JR), *Nether Stowey Parish Council*
Gill Slocombe (GS), *Somerset Council*
Shaun Ryall (SR), *Cannington Parish Council*
John Burton (JB), *Somerset Council*
Jonathan Barter (JB), *Tiverton & Minehead Labour Party*
Sarah Nason (SN), *Holford Parish Council*
Joanna Whitehead (JW), *Somerset Council*
Hugh Davies (HD), *Somerset Council*
Sue Goss (SG), *Stogursey Parish Council*
Chris Morgan (CM), *Stogursey Parish Council*
Valdo Andrade (VA), *Avon & Somerset Police*

Date: Thursday 16th May 2024 - 6pm

**Meeting held at:
Bridgwater & Taunton College, Cannington**

Claire Faun (CF), *Somerset Council*
David Woan (DW), *Somerset Council*
Ros Wyke (RW), *Somerset Council*

EDF Team:

Andrew Cockcroft (AC), *EDF*
Anne Lawrence (AL), *EDF*
Andrew Goodchild (AG), *EDF*
Nick Stone (NS), *EDF*
Drew Aspinwall (DA), *SEC Newgate UK*
Matthew Williams (MW), *SEC Newgate UK*

Apologies received:

Steve Pettitt (SP), *Cannington Parish Council*
Stuart Hill (SH), *C.H.A.I.R & Wildfowlers*
Justin Sargent (JS), *Somerset Community Foundation*
Rosemary Woods (RW), *Somerset Council*
Terry Ayre (TA), *local resident*
Mark Phillips (MP), *Wembdon Parish Council*
Nicola Hale (NH), *Somerset Council / HPC*
Bill Revans (BR), *Somerset Council*
Diogo Rodrigues (DR), *Somerset Council*

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Item	Action
1 Introductions	
1.1 Doug Bamsey ('The Chair') welcomed everyone to the meeting, ran through the venue arrangements and forum protocols, and invited all attendees to introduce themselves.	
2 Meeting Note and Matters Arising	
2.1 The Chair reviewed the previous Community Forum meeting note from 18 th January 2024 including the actions and after-notes and invited any further comment.	
2.2 There were no further comments and the meeting note was agreed.	
3 Project Progress Update_- (Andrew Cockcroft, Anne Lawrence EDF)	
3.1 Role updates	
Anne Lawrence (AL) updated members of her new job title of Technical and Safety Support Programme Manager, and Nick Stone (NS) introduced himself as he is moving into Anne's former role of Head of Site Nuclear Compliance and will be attending the Community Forum going forward.	
3.2 Project Progress Update	
Andrew Cockcroft (AC) gave an update on project progress.	
Unit 1 is progressing well, particularly the construction of the turbine hall, and AC pointed out various items of progress on an aerial image of the site. The key aim for this year, as with the reactor building itself, is to make the turbine hall watertight - and that will allow the major components that will produce electricity to be installed.	
Reactor Unit 2 has the second ring liner (of 3) installed and is progressing with the internal paintwork. Throughout the course of 2024 the same process will be repeated, the 3rd ring liner will be installed and then in 2025 the dome will be installed.	
Regarding Unit 1, AC reminded members of the arrival in mid-2023 of the reactor pressure vessel, which is the centre of nuclear steam supply system. Around the reactor core there are now steam generators, these components make the steam to go into the turbines to produce electricity. There are 4 in each reactor, these have started to arrive into Combwich and be transported to site along the C182. Overall, these are some of the largest components that will be used on site and are part of the 'heart' of HPC arriving on site.	
Due to security considerations details can't be given in advance of the sorts of components being delivered on site, but AC said it is important to celebrate these milestones.	
Leigh Redman (LR) congratulated EDF for the communications working well in relation to forewarning of AILs; he said he had received another notification that afternoon. AC replied that was good to know, and encouraged people to keep sharing the QR code and signing up to the alerts. This can also be done online using this link: https://uk.surveymonkey.com/r/XQY9VDP	
Sue Goss (SG) asked about transportation and a recent issue on the C182. AC replied that there was indeed a short-term breakdown caused by equipment failure as the AIL approached site. SG commented that it caused about an hour-long delay. AC replied	

that this was unfortunate and not a situation EDF wants to be in. As always lessons will be applied to future movements.

3.3 Underground progress

AC gave an update on progress underground. Last year, the project went through a process of linking the horizontal and vertical tunnel shafts. An image was shown of a close up of the underground works.

AC explained that this is a very sensitive mining operation. The link is now in place for joining the vertical and horizontal shafts - when Commissioning starts, that cap can be released slowly, and seawater will be able to flow along the main tunnel to site (a length of approx. 3.5 km).

3.4 MEH phase

MEH team has successfully installed the first 6 Electrical Marshalling Cabinets in the Electrical Building. Five more are currently being installed. The cabinets are manufactured by Staffordshire-based Capula and are part of HPC's instrumentation and control system.

A view was shown of the inside of the reactor core (known as the Reactor Pressure Vessel).

The reactor core contains a series of internal components that hold the 241 fuel assemblies, which guide the control rods and regulate neutrons around the fuel. They were delivered safely by ship to Avonmouth in February.

3.5 Looking ahead to the rest of 2024

The key points for the rest of 2024 - towards the end of the year the reactor pressure vessel (RPV) will be installed, and there will be continued acceleration of the MEH phase; AC ran through a list of other items that will be completed throughout the rest of the year.

David Woan (DW) asked about grouting and how that works at site.

AC replied that it is a process by which pre-stressed tendons are injected into place with a grout. AC did not have the exact chemical makeup to hand but the process is approved by the ONR.

Anne Lawrence (AL) added that different types of concrete / mixes / responses are carefully selected and shown to the regulator. They use a type of 'Thixotropic' grout, which is a key learning from Flamanville, and allows the ability to position and ensure total coverage. The large red tower visible from Stogursey is a means by which EDF can test the grouting mechanism.

AC also gave an update on the progress and schedule of the Development Consent Order (DCO) Material Change application; the application is due to be submitted in early 2025; it is currently in an analysis and consolidation phase following the completion of the consultation.

LR asked about the removal of the Acoustic Fish Deterrent and the fact that the project is 2 years away from a decision on mitigation measures and asked how will that impact the completion time?

AC replied that the timeline was planned to avoid any impact on the commissioning date, and this is built in.

3.6 Pre-submitted Question - HPC Timescale

Submitted by Roy Pumfrey, Stop Hinkley

"Where is the explanation of the cost overrun to £35bn and delayed completion date to 2031 for HPC announced in Paris just five days after the last Forum that warranted a hurried note for Forum Members?"

Answer: AC said that the cost and schedule have been updated, with 2031 being the worst-case scenario, 2029 is preferred. The adjustment in the schedule is based on the impact of the pandemic, the effect on workforce availability, an appreciation of the work to get to the final design and what it takes to deliver it. HPC is a UK specific EPR reactor, the regulator gave 7,000 changes to the reference design, all of those had to be worked through from an instrument control system and smaller, minor design changes. All that adds up to a significant amount. AC added that 25-30% more steel and concrete is needed than for the construction of Flamanville. On top of that, HPC has had to deal with inflation, material shortages and labour supply issues.

RP added that it was good that the ONR aren't here because they take time to react; but within a week EDF suggested ONR were responsible for all design changes, within days ONR put out a statement saying it's not their fault or responsibility, but at EDF's insistence following previous experience.

AC replied that this is the first of a kind reactor in the UK.

RP says it isn't because HPC is following and has a similar design to other stations.

AC said that the preference would be to replicate these other reactors, but EDF worked with the ONR to ensure that UK specific design requirements were in place.

3.7 Pre-submitted Question - C182

Submitted by Sue Goss, Stogursey Parish Council

"Have EDF now been able to assess the amount of deterioration to the C182 between the Idson Lane and Shurton / Burton junctions attributed to HPC usage - and has an agreement been reached with Somerset Highways so that structural repairs can commence?"

Answer: The project team have met with Somerset Highways, they are looking at what options there are regarding repairing the C182, and how to orchestrate with carriage closures.

SG added that she hoped discussions have concluded about which body will fund which parts, and hopes for no further delays.

AC added that a further meeting will be held the following week, so things are progressing quickly on agreeing the funding mechanism.

AFTERNOTE: Andy Coupé from Somerset Council presented an item on the C182 at July's Transport Forum, further details will be forthcoming but he outlined when and where work would be taking place, and it will mostly be taking place overnight.

AFTERNOTE

Alan Jeffery (AJ) then asked to what date the figure of £35bn was fixed to, as inflation suggests it could be £46bn.

AC replied that EDF always equate to a baseline of 2015 money to avoid complexities of inflation, in order to understand how costs have increased due to the project, not inflation.

4 Item 4 - Update: Community Fund

Amelia Thompson (AT), presented in Justin's absence, she introduced herself and her role and that of her team within the Somerset Community Foundation.

4.1 Somerset Community Foundation update

AT then provided an update on the work of the Somerset Community Foundation (SCF).

SCF has undergone a rebrand and has got a new website, previously the HPC community fund had a standalone website, this has been taken in house to sit in the SCF website - which is much smarter and tidier.

AT then outlined how meetings could be booked; arranging Teams calls, emails etc regarding small grants. She extended an invitation for groups to come and talk to SCF, particularly about their new eligibility quiz and FAQs.

£9.4m has gone out to communities - and AT highlighted the £783,000 in small grants which has gone to organisations with an Income of less than £250,000 per year. 183 of those have been awarded.

4.2 SCF's work - case studies

AT presented two recent case studies of organisations SCF has been supporting.

The first was Promise Works - a youth focused Somerset based charity. They provide a mentor for a (often vulnerable) young person for 2 years.

It was provided with £185,466 of funds in the last financial year, for a period of 3 years for a Sedgemoor coordinator. They are recruiting volunteers to work with those young people.

The second example was Stowey Gardeners in Nether Stowey, who have been awarded £1,500 towards their gardening club. This is a small, local organisation working for community cohesion etc. Nether Stowey does see large impacts as a result of HPC, so supporting things like this is really important to SCF.

There is a direct line into Amelia or Peter Stolze for organisations to call, which is 01749 344949.

Amelia Thompson: amelia.thompson@somersetcf.org.uk

Pete Stolze: peter.stolze@somersetcf.org.uk

4.3 Questions from Forum members

AT then answered a number of questions from forum members:

DW asked about where the funding comes from for SCF?

AT replied that they are an independent charity, working with donors and companies to award grants; with the average size of grant being under £5,000. The HPC

community fund works differently; and is part of the s106 agreement with Somerset Council. This is only part-managed by SCF; and this fund is aimed at offsetting challenges caused by the construction of HPC, and how communities and organisations can be supported during construction.

Ros Wyke (RW) said that she hadn't had chance to look at the new website, and asked if the eligibility rules have been changed, or are they still limited to former Sedgemoor boundaries?

AT replied that it's open to organisations within Somerset Council boundaries. Assessments require evidence of potential impact from HPC. Priority is given to communities with the greatest impact.

AT pointed out however, that if an organisation in Yeovil were to apply to the HPC Community Fund evidencing impact may be a challenge given the distance from the project itself.

RW said that she was delighted to here that it was county-wide, and particularly relevant given the community she represents.

AT added that the SCF are always happy to talk to organisations, especially where there may be a lengthy application process.

Gill Slocombe (GS) (who on the HPC Community Fund board) commented that the criteria are stringent, but impacts are important and the amount of money that has gone out has been incredible, as is the work and is pleased to be part of it.

Hugh Davies (HD) requested handout of contact details.

AT said she will ensure those details are shared.

AFTERNOTE contact details have been shared with HD following the meeting via the HPC community relations team.

5 Item 5: Overview of changes to the workforce

5.1 Andrew Goodchild (AG) and Andrew Cockcroft (AC), EDF.

AG started by saying this was his last Community Forum as he was leaving HPC soon for a new role.

AG gave an overview of the presentation and background to it. The original assumption regarding peak workforce was 5,600 (back in 2013 when the application was approved).

In 2019, HPC started a process of reconsidering the number of workers needed to complete the power station, this discussion was interrupted by the pandemic. In the middle of 2022 a package of mitigation was agreed with the Councils in a series of topic areas around forecasted peak of 8,200.

Following a full review of cost and schedule in January 2024 Hinkley Point C has looked to gain a more accurate view of the workforce required to complete the project. Although further detailed work was on-going to develop an accurate and robust figure, the project is now forecasting that the number of workers at peak will be over 12,000. EDF are looking at what that means, how that could work, and what to do to minimise the level of impact.

5.2 Why the change?

There was a clear segregation between the earthworks, civils and MEH phases, and mobilised pre-operations / commissioning team.

What EDF have found is pretty much all of those (except earthworks) are working simultaneously. The overlap of key phases is one factor; the second is the necessity of power from HPC in the UK, and desire from the UK government to complete the project safely as quickly as possible.

The third element is clarity - having a complete Mechanical, Electrical and Heating (MEH) design end-to-end, an understanding of what that looks like, how long it will take and how many workers needed.

5.3 What is Mechanical, Electrical and Heating (MEH)?

AG used the example of the radioactive waste processing building. The Civils structure is shown and handed over to MEH; showing all the components and pipework going in it.

AG outline that there are approx. 50 different buildings on site; the MEH phase will see all of them filled with the equipment, and piping required for the operation of the power station.

AG said that a key question is whether an increase in workforce means a change to planning permission / DCO?

AG continued that it doesn't, because the physical form of the power station remains the same, there are no obligations in the s106 etc that limit the number of workforce on site. This is in contrast to the DCO material change application that AC spoke about earlier.

AG and AC's teams' responsibility is to ensure that the impacts of the project are minimised and the benefits to the community magnified as much as possible.

EDF are reviewing relevant topics from the DCO application, to consider impacts and strategies - community safety, accommodation and travel plan etc. All of these are understood from previous experience. Conversations are expected in terms of additional contributions as part of a supplemental s106 agreement, as when they looked at 8,600 workers.

5.3 Mitigation changes

In May 2022, an assessment was carried out and underpinned by 6 topic papers. 4 key strategies were looked at, including a supplemental s106. Looking at how the impact has been managed and discussed at meetings of the Socio-Economic Advisory Group (SEAG), Transport Review Group (TRG) and established working groups.

AG showed the evolution of provision in terms of accommodation campuses etc. - the comparison from 5,600 (2 accommodation campuses, 4x park and ride, 34% or 1,900 local workers) to 11,000+ - 3 campuses, 9 parks and ride and 3,500 local workers. 1,200 buses per day are assessed by the DCO, with workers at current levels. According to the TRG report there are just over 1,064 bus movements, this lower number than anticipated is largely thanks to the use of double decker buses.

What is a worker? It's based on the pre pandemic assumption that they are 5+ days a week on site. In 2019, AG team were on site 5 days a week. Post pandemic, AG's team are only in once or twice a week, others are home working or in the office in Bridgwater rather than on site. Lots of teams are like this.

This was originally assessed as someone on site 5+ days a month to capture part time workers. Significant (1+ year) evidence that 20% of people are only on site 1 or 2 days a week, which is quite a large figure.

EDF are now seeing that 21% of home-based workers are travelling more than 90 minutes to get to work, as people not needed to be on site every day are choosing to do the occasional longer commute. Previously they may have searched for accommodation closer to site. This means that the impact of this tranche of the workforce has changed.

5.5 Accommodation

Looking at the numbers staying in rented accommodation as an example of impact, AG ran through the figures that were anticipated in the original DCO. AG said that Somerset Council does a fantastic job delivering bed spaces. Just short of 4,000 bed spaces have been created using the housing fund.

5.6 Travel plan

HPC are still hitting the travel by bus target. Numbers travelling by car are less than anticipated.

5.7 Consideration of actual impact

AC continued - HPC are tracking key impact areas. Since the beginning of 2022, AC showed a graph showing the number of complaints received regarding fly parking and worker behaviour. Numbers aren't accelerating as workforce numbers increased. There was a slight spike in the beginning of 2024; but this was attributed to more engagement eg. community walks.

5.8 Ambulance callouts

From 2021, there was a rise in 2022 but this stabilised and there has been no real increase relative to workforce numbers. Reports from local NHS is that local GP appointment availability isn't impacted by HPC workers and has anecdotally provided a net benefit - reducing some burden on local services as home-based workers use the health facilities on site.

5.9 Crime

AC showed a graph of crime figures from A&S police, reported linkages (both committed and as a victim or crime). As with other areas, it shows stability and has not increased with workforce numbers. Considering this, something is being done right and should continue.

5.10 Social and economic benefit

AC continued that opportunities have been coming forward from the project, and showed a map of figures across the country. £5.3bn has been spent, much of that going locally. AC said that he had visited small manufacturing company near J24 of the M5 which had secured another large contract recently.

There has been a boost to local businesses and EDF is not taking foot of gas in that respect. The supply chain engagement effort will continue, both for the MEH and commissioning phases etc. AC emphasised that there will be lots of opportunities for local businesses.

AC said that it has been a boost to local skills, in terms of the volume of apprentices and skills investment. 65% of those apprentices are based locally.

All the centres of excellence - welding, electrical and mechanical - are open. A map showed the location of all people undergoing training at centres of excellence. There is a density of people based in Somerset, SW and S Wales. In total, 8,000 people have been through those centres, about 1/3 from some of Britain's most deprived areas. Providing jobs is not enough; but the project is providing jobs with a higher skill level and higher pay.

5.11 Outcomes - economic improvement

AC said that they are still using old district figures - with Sedgemoor seeing growth in lower age groups. This compares positively against the wide SW regional average. So younger generations are staying and moving to area.

AC mentioned the increase in employment rate - using Sedgemoor as an example - there the increase is far higher than in the wider South West. Economically, Bridgwater has a 10% higher productivity than the surrounding area.

5.12 Scenarios to be tested

AG continued by stating what does above 12,000 mean? EDF doesn't have a figure in mind, they know that there are limits to the numbers of workers that can be hosted at site and within the community. The most obvious question is where would more than 12,000 people sleep?

There is a piece of work ongoing by the construction director looking at who needs to come to site, how best to utilise modern ways of working to minimise the number of people physically needed on site at HPC.

5.13 Mitigation being considered

A slide was shown with possible mitigation in 6 areas:

- Community Safety (additional funding and support for Emergency Services / Community Safety posts)
- Health (further expansion of Hinkley health service)
- Transport (Maximising use of the bus service to minimise local car movements and remain within DCO caps)
- Accommodation (Additional funding for the Council alongside options for Campus extensions and caravan park expansion)
- Opportunity and benefits (Local business engagement and maximisation of training and employment support)
- Community Fund (Continued use of the Community Fund beyond the peak of construction and focus on sustainability)

The process and engagement plan was then outlined with the various advisory groups and strategies / actions plans highlighted.

5.14 Next steps and timetable

There are 6 steps before the conclusion of this by the end of summer 2024.

A Spatial Distribution Note will be updated and finalised. Topic papers will be revised and presented to the Council, Emergency Services and Health Authority. Discussions on the extent of the mitigation required, revisions to the strategies will be prepared.

A joint forum meeting will be held to discuss the content of the papers, mitigation and strategies.

These strategies and supplemental agreement will be discussed at SEAG and TRG.

5.15 Pre-submitted Question - Worker Numbers

Submitted by Roy Pumfrey, Stop Hinkley

"You appear to be offering a moving target for the increased worker number - is it 11k, 12k or 15k?"

Answer:

AG said that it's 11,000 at the moment, this will surpass 12,000, but he does not believe numbers will get to 15,000; but work is ongoing on this.

EDF are also looking at further utilisation of offices at Aztec in Bristol and in Bridgwater.

5.16 Pre-submitted Question - Execution Design

Submitted by Roy Pumfrey, Stop Hinkley

"Can you explain the term 'execution design' as it relates to MEH work at HPC?"

Answer: AG said that the MEH alliance have been looking to gain an understanding as to what needs to be done and how many people need to do this work.

AC added that it is *the* design that will be built, ie. The final design that will be handed to the contractor.

RP referred to a piece in 'Private Eye' which reported that Execution Design is when modifications have to be made to work already done in MEH, resulting in large cost increases and delays.

AG replied that he doesn't recognise what RP just read out.'

RP mentioned changes to estimates with 5,600 that was initial total. What is the ballpark figure now for number of people impact in terms of demand for residential accommodation that we wouldn't otherwise have here?

AG replied that the MD doesn't want to see more than 12,000 on site. If the MEH phase is going well, quality is high and bringing another 500 workers on will get the job done quicker and to the right level of quality, then he will consider. But the baseline view is around 12,000.

HPC are Looking to test those scenarios that mitigation in place to avoid waiting or a workforce uplift 3. It's a difficult process and to tell people not to come to site. The non-home-based worker figure will be 8,500-9,000; but taking in campuses, caravans etc. Bringing it down to 2,000 in some form of rented accommodation.

RP replied that it said in the presentation that EDF don't know where these people are going to go.

AG said that this is why we need to limit people on site, it can't be a free for all as they are unable to accommodate that in the community, or safely on site.

There were a number of other questions from members:

SG welcomed that the conclusion had been reached that 15,000 on site was unrealistic. When she had previously raised this, the response was that unsure whether it would be 15,000 or not. Another question relating to MEH and civils - there will be increase in workers as EDF are wanting these to work simultaneously - these workers have to be on site rather than at home, so those workers would have an additional impact.

AG said that they are looking at those with desk jobs etc.

SG then asked if there was an estimate for the number of extra bus journeys?

AG replied that a piece of work was to be undertaken but doesn't foresee it rising that much or to the number quoted in the DCO, SPS work hard to ensure an efficient bus service.

John Roberts (JR) said that fly parking was being spoken about, and said the big problem was people staying in Nether Stowey and cars being there for a week at a time. Last time this was reported night after night - the response was individual is resident and therefore nothing can be done. JR would like a conversation as to who to report it to and what to expect.

AC replied that there is an awareness that individuals who are living there and who have moved into area. The controls that EDF have include utilising the code of conduct when parking is inappropriate. People have lost their jobs because of fly parking, but there is a limit when people are renting a place and parking their personal car etc. If parking is inappropriate, then action will be taken.

AG asked JR whether Nether Stowey Parish Council has progressed their plans for an additional car parking for workers to use which HPC has previously agreed to fund. JR said that this was with Somerset Council and not with the Parish.

5.17 There were further questions from members

GS thanked EDF for the work being done on fly parking. Coordination is good and there is a way forward and it works. The hope is that mitigation will be extended, she believes it's important for communities. There is a concern about the private and rented sector, and a worry as to what plans are in place for extra thousand workers. Wished AG all the best for future roles.

AG replied that he thinks it's important that effective use of funds that have been paid and might not have been used. There is a conversation with Somerset Council about these. He is equally concerned about private rented sector; contractors as they mobilise where they can say to workers that they'll stay. A solution needs to be found, the discussion is ongoing.

LR said that fly parking was not the problem but fly bike parking. He asked if bike spaces are needed near bus pickup points?

AC replied that they're looking at this and have a few ideas.

LR continued that he sees the workforce surveys etc. EDF can say how much metal is in buildings but EDF is unable to say where staff are staying, as he would challenge where staff are staying as per pictures. People trying to rent in Bridgwater, it becomes a bidding issue, being priced out or similar. LR pointed out the 3 month wait for campus, there are issues that need clarification - his biggest challenge is factual evidence as to where staff are living.

AC said that he understands the concerns, it would be a lot easier if it was all a direct EDF matter. But there are 300 tier 1 contractors, 3,000 tier 2s. 4,000 tier 3s. All of these would have to report where their workforce lived. Extracting that from HR teams is difficult.

LR said that a 25% response rate to surveys was poor.

AG said that the survey was ongoing, but the rate was higher than this.

AJ asked about bedspaces, AG made a comment that Council had provided thousands of new bedspaces. How did they do this? Surely private landlords doing their own thing, local people losing accommodation.

AG replied that the Council used money to contribute to enabling development, trying to close funding gaps. Increasing affordable numbers on schemes. Lots of initiatives maximising use of empty homes, improve standard of accommodation. There are approximately 10-12 initiatives that are running.

The Chair said that there has been a presentation to this forum by the Council previously. When joint forum is held, this is something that should be presented again.

AG - council hasn't used money to accommodate HPC workers.

RW asked could include in contracts that tier 1,2,3 contractors have obligation to provide data? Would move figures in right direction.

AG replied that it takes the workforce survey results, triangulate as to who is staying in campuses, and look at other forms of information e.g. from Nicola Hale. This enables a statically robust way to set out where people are staying using hopeful 30% response rate.

LR asked for clarification about the development strategy, particularly what is meant by local and he would like clarification about this. 34% is the minimum being spoken about, at some point it talks about 34-40%.

AG mentioned that there will be reports on the 'old' district authority areas.

ACTION AC

SG - would appreciate West Somerset figures. AG could do this.

6 Item 6: Main Site Forum 15 February 2024 - (Chair)

6.1 There were no comments on the draft meeting note of the Main Site Forum (available [here](#)).

7 Item 7: Transport Forum 14 March 2024 - (Chair)

7.1 There were no comments on the draft meeting note of the Transport Forum (available [here](#)).

8 Item 8: Any Other Business

8.1 RP offered his thanks to the Borsele group, who brought with them a conditions document that representatives had formulated (who visited last year). This was done independently.

The Chair thanked those who were present on 30th April at Dutch delegation visit.

RP thanked EDF for recent archaeology event. RF told the forum that some findings were of national significance and the site has been in continual occupation from the Bronze Age, including in Dark Ages. He asked, was this unique and could a copy of the map go online and be shared with the forum?

AFTERNOTE - MW checking with Bob C to get link to map.

SG added that it was an interesting event, Stogursey residents also visited the archaeological digs when they were happening in 2012.

AC said that someone will attend the MSF on this topic.



AFTERNOTE Bob Croft from South West Heritage Trust has been invited to attend the MSF on June 20th.

LR asked if EDF could circulate the dates for 'work force update' workshop as soon as possible.

GS asked if there was an opportunity for the forum to be held virtually, especially in the winter months?

AC replied that they had taken the decision not to run hybrid meetings as these tend to disenfranchise people, so at present they aren't thinking of doing that.

9 Item 9: Date of next Community Forum

9.1 The next Community Forum will be held on **Thursday 19th September at 6pm.**

9.2 The meeting ended.