

# Welcome

# Agenda – Community Forum – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025

1. Welcome and introductions - *(Chair)*
2. Meeting note / matters arising from last Forum held on: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - *(Chair)*
3. Project Progress Update - *(Andrew Cockcroft, Nick Stone, Richard Clews, EDF)*
4. Update: Office of Nuclear Regulation Report - *(Alun Griffiths, ONR)*
5. Update: Community Fund - *(Justin Sargent, Somerset Community Foundation)*
6. Main Site Forum Update - *(Chair)*
7. Transport Forum Update - *(Chair)*
8. Any other business - *(Chair)*
9. Date of next meeting: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – *(Chair)*

# Item 3: Project Progress Update

Andrew Cockcroft

Head of Stakeholder Relations and Social Impact

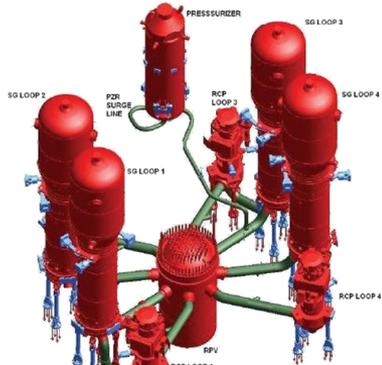
Nicholas Stone

Head of Site Nuclear Compliance

Richard Clews

Planning Manager

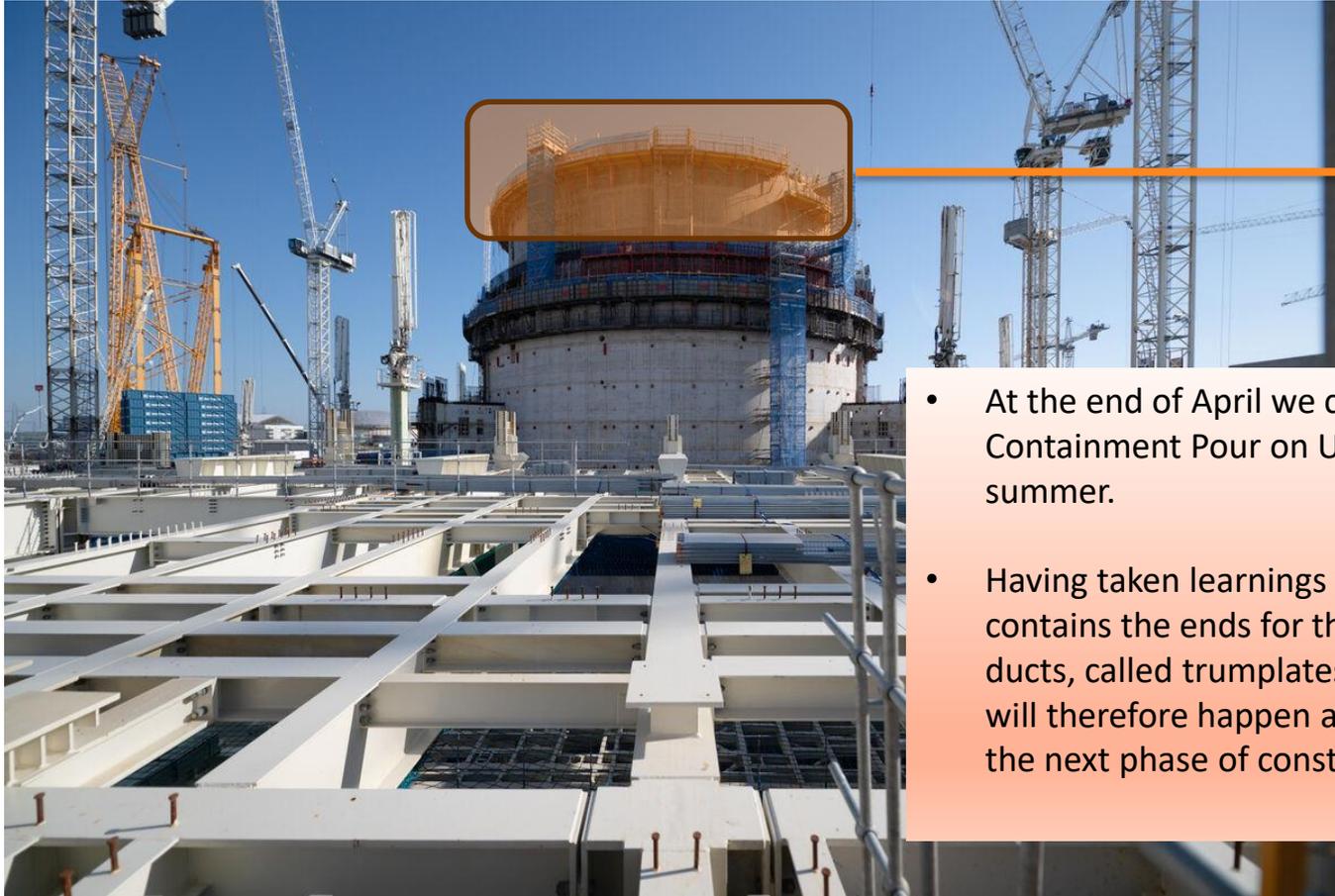
# Unit 1



- We have now completed four cold leg welds of the Primary Circuit, with work starting imminently on the first hot leg.
- The one-metre-diameter legs connect the main components for our Reactor - the Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV), four Steam Generators and four Main Coolant Pumps.
- We will make 24 welds in total to connect the four loops of the Primary Circuit, creating joint' that are less than 1mm across.

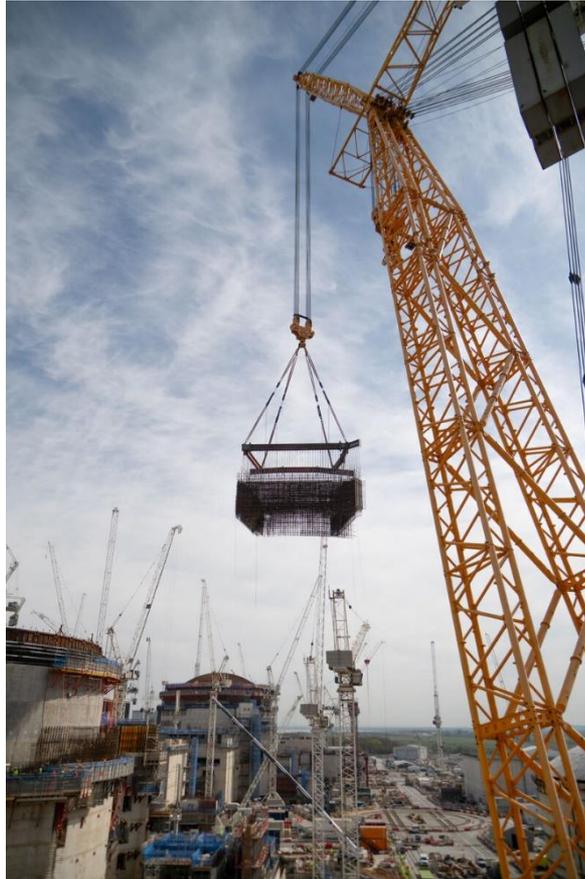
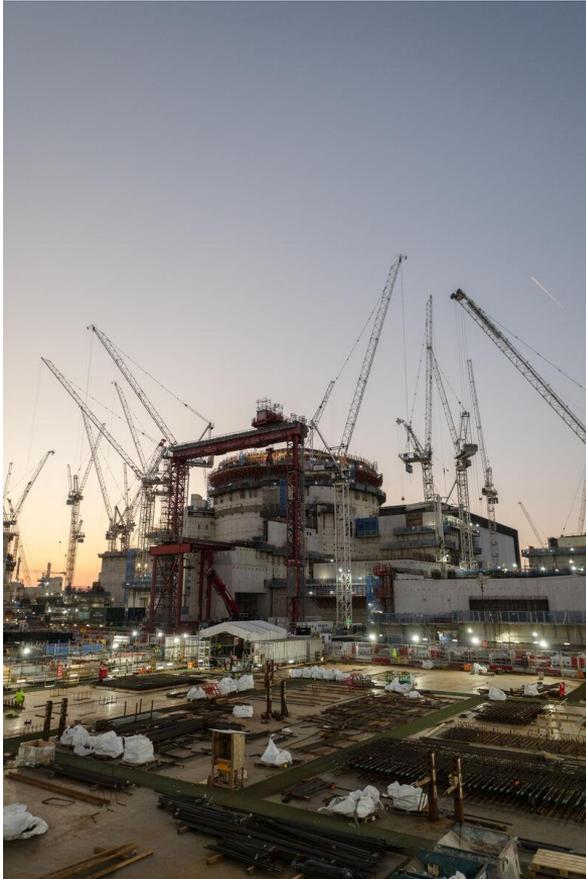


# Unit 2



- At the end of April we completed the final Inner Containment Pour on Unit 2 before Dome lifting this summer.
- Having taken learnings from Unit 1, the final pour contains the ends for the short vertical prestressing ducts, called trumplates. The first phase of prestressing will therefore happen ahead of Dome Lift and speeding the next phase of construction.

# Increasing Efficiency



- The biggest single lift of rebar so far was achieved in April when the largest “mega-cage” of rebar was lifted into Unit 2.
- The cage weighed 170 tonnes and formed part of an outer stairway.
- This load was 40 per cent taller than the first cage lift last year. Using Big Carl and bespoke 38-tonne lifting beam we hoisted the 14 prefabricated cages to form part of the staircase unit for the west of the building.
- We are now beginning pre-fabrication of entire rooms as well as continuing the regular use of smaller pre-fabricated rebar cages manufactured in Bristol and on-site.

# Marine Works

- The Triple Point Connection lies at the bottom of the Outfall Tunnel Shaft which is located between Unit 1 and Unit 2's Pump Houses.
- Over the coming weeks, further formwork will be delivered to Site. The Triple Point Connection will eventually be made up of 1,700 individual steel components.
- Balfour Beatty will use the formwork to create the Triple Point Connection structure out of concrete above ground before hoisting it down to the bottom of the Outfall Tunnel Shaft later this year.



# Operational Service Centre – Milestone Complete

- Filling a space roughly the same size as a football pitch with 47,000 tonnes of backfill material we will now build underground networks, connecting buildings across the Power Station, before the final layer of backfill is placed and permanent roads added.



**PROJECT  
MILESTONES  
2025 >>>>>>>>**

**COMMENCE NETWORKS  
INSTALLATION BETWEEN THE  
UNIT 1 TURBINE HALL AND  
OPERATIONAL SERVICE CENTRE**



**Journey to Fuel on Site**

# Exceeding our Commitments

- The immense scale of Hinkley Point C means that it can be a **force for good and a catalyst for change**.
- Our investment in people, skills and industrial capacity is driving **growth across Britain**, increasing productivity and giving thousands of people new skills and jobs.
- We have far now surpassed the commitments made on socio-economic impact when the project was proposed.
  - **1,520 apprentices trained** against a target of 1,000
  - **£5.3 billion spent** in the region against a target of £1.5 billion
- Our investment to re-establish nuclear skills in Britain has paved the way for our twin project at Sizewell C, the development of small modular reactors and other low-carbon energy projects.
- We are helping Britain develop the expertise to deliver the infrastructure it needs for growth and future prosperity.



Letty, just one of 1,520 apprentices trained so far

**£13.3 billion**

➤ contribution to the British Economy<sup>1</sup>

**£4.2 billion**

➤ into Britain's growth-driving sectors<sup>2</sup>

**26,000**

➤ direct and indirect jobs supported across Britain

**£24 million**

➤ investment into education and skills

# Driving Growth and Prosperity

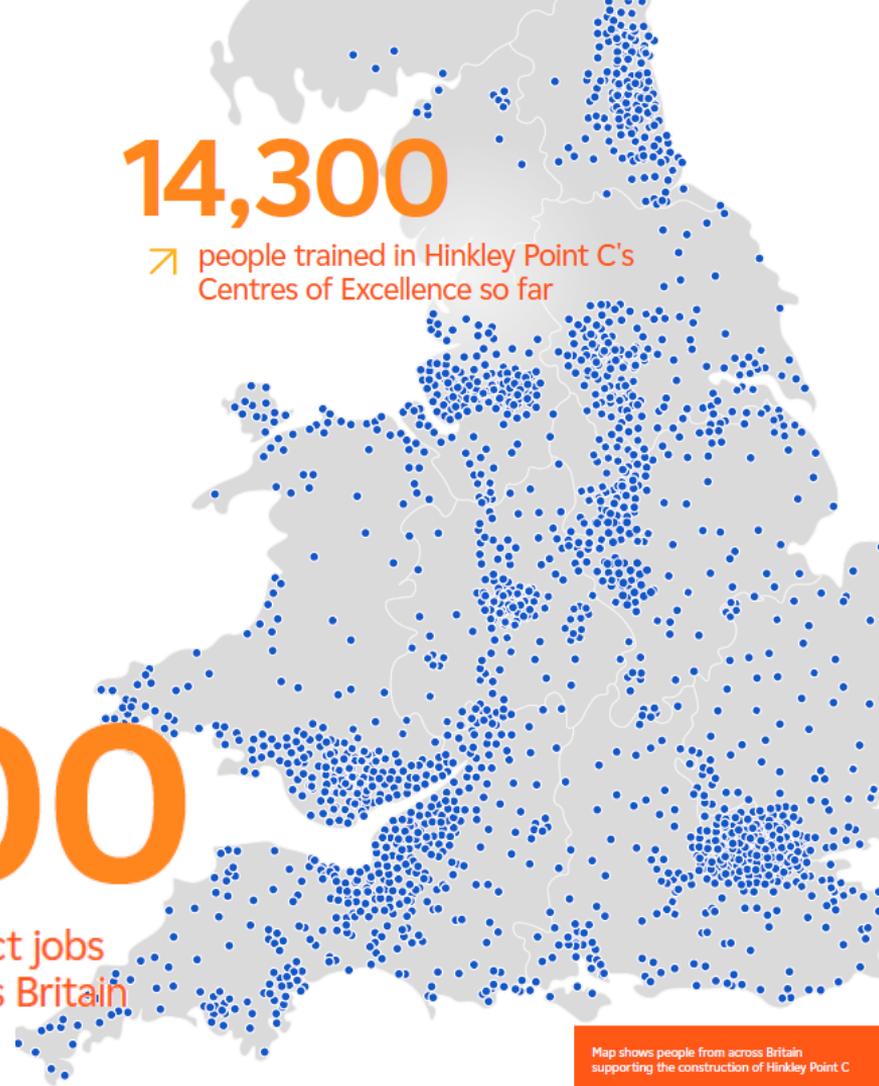
- People from across Britain are benefitting from the higher-skilled, higher-paid jobs available at Hinkley Point C – boosting regional growth and productivity.
- The project is currently supporting over 26,000 direct and indirect jobs across Britain with
- 35% of workers gaining employment from areas of recognised deprivation.
- Many of them also taking advantage of the training and upskilling opportunities provided at Hinkley Point C's training Centres of Excellence. These training opportunities are open to everyone, regardless of age, skill or background and can be applied to other industries.

14,300

↗ people trained in Hinkley Point C's Centres of Excellence so far

26,000

↗ direct and indirect jobs supported across Britain



## ↘ Case study

Letty Smith, 19  
Wedmore

“*I'm pretty much guaranteed a job at the end of my apprenticeship with endless possibilities*”



Letty's journey is an example of how apprenticeships can pave the way for a successful and fulfilling career. At 16, she chose to bypass the traditional route of sixth form and university.

Letty has excelled in her Level 3 apprenticeship in project controls and recently embarked on a second apprenticeship, a Level 6-degree apprenticeship, also in project controls.

## Case study

Stanley Taylor, 19  
Minehead

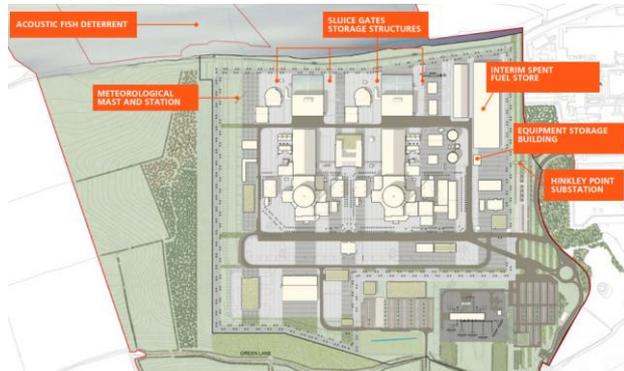
*Being one of the apprentices building Hinkley Point C gives you a great sense of achievement*



Stanley is in his third year of a four-year electrical apprenticeship with Balfour Beatty. He comes from a family with a strong tradition of working in trades. Stanley was encouraged to pursue an apprenticeship by his family – especially his uncle, who also did an electrical apprenticeship. He sees it as a valuable opportunity for growth and development, allowing him to learn from experienced electricians and earn qualifications.

# DCO Material Change Update

- **We continue to move through the process for a material change to Hinkley Point C's DCO.** The proposed changes include a change to “dry” spent fuel storage and environmental mitigation for the removal of the acoustic fish deterrent.
- An innovative technology, not available when the consent was granted, means it's possible to deploy an acoustic fish deterrent **without the need to endanger the lives of divers.**
- Pioneered in the South-West and used in fishing fleets around the world, the technology uses electronic transducers to target specific fish species with high-frequency sound. **The efficiency of the system means it can be precisely tuned and installed and serviced from the surface.**
- We are pausing work on proposals for new areas of saltmarsh while we work to establish the suitability of a new acoustic fish deterrent technology.
- Our current schedules sees a submission of the material change application, without the proposal to remove the fish deterrent system, **at the end of 2025 or early 2026.**



# Keeping in touch and New Dashboard

Subscribe to monthly email updates and find out about the latest progress being made on site and the positive impact the project has on the community.

**STAY UPDATED**

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## Community Dashboard

Expected noise levels Normal	Expected Light levels Normal	Planned use of local diversion route (*HAROLD) None	Planned use HPC emergency access route site vehicle None
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## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

12-18 MAY 2025

Enabling  
everyone  
to thrive



- This year's national theme is focused on 'community'.
- Tying into the national theme, we're raising awareness of the different communities at HPC and how they support each other. We're also unveiling our first "Elephant in the Room" with a naming competition.



# Examples of Efficiency Gains through Replication

## 10 Weeks less than Unit 1



### Modular construction

U2 equipment hatch sleeve fitted at ground level so that work could happen simultaneously with welding.

## 50% Improvement



### Inner Containment

Knowledge sharing improved time between U1 Inner Containment layers. Layer 10 was completed in half the time it took to construct Layer 2 (both layers comparable in terms of size and complexity)

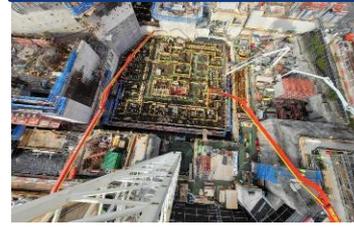
## 4 times quicker than Unit 1



### Welding of the Pools

A different welding technique (SMAG) on U2 was proved to meet stringent nuclear standards without causing the same heat and distortion issue which occurred on U1. Welding for U2 pools is now 4X quicker than on U1

## Four Months less than Unit 1



### Concrete foundation slab

Experience and increased use of digital modelling resulted in the U2 Auxiliary Building slab to be delivered in 6 months. Four months quicker than Unit 1

## 2 Weeks Saved



### First lift for new MARR Crane

The newly commissioned MARR crane lifted a 90-tonne crawler crane eliminating the need for a 4000-tonne earthwork ramp, saving two weeks of work for the Backfill Team.

## From 4 Hours to 30 Minutes



### Volute formwork

Parts were installed individually by crane on Unit 1 taking four hours. Prefabricating sections before installation has reduced the same work on Unit 2 to 30 minutes.

## Reducing Disruption



### Heavy-duty lifting crane

Installing a tower crane inside U2 reduces disruption to other teams in the vicinity. The teams previously had to work around the Crawler Crane.

## 3 Weeks ahead of Schedule



### Turbine Generator Table Pour

Introducing ferrying of personnel and equipment to the table-top and increased material storage easing pressure on the four tower cranes and made work safer.

## Improvements on Quality



### Liner Ring 2

Building experience from U1 helped to accelerate the schedule and improve on quality. For example, the number of weld defects was reduced significantly.

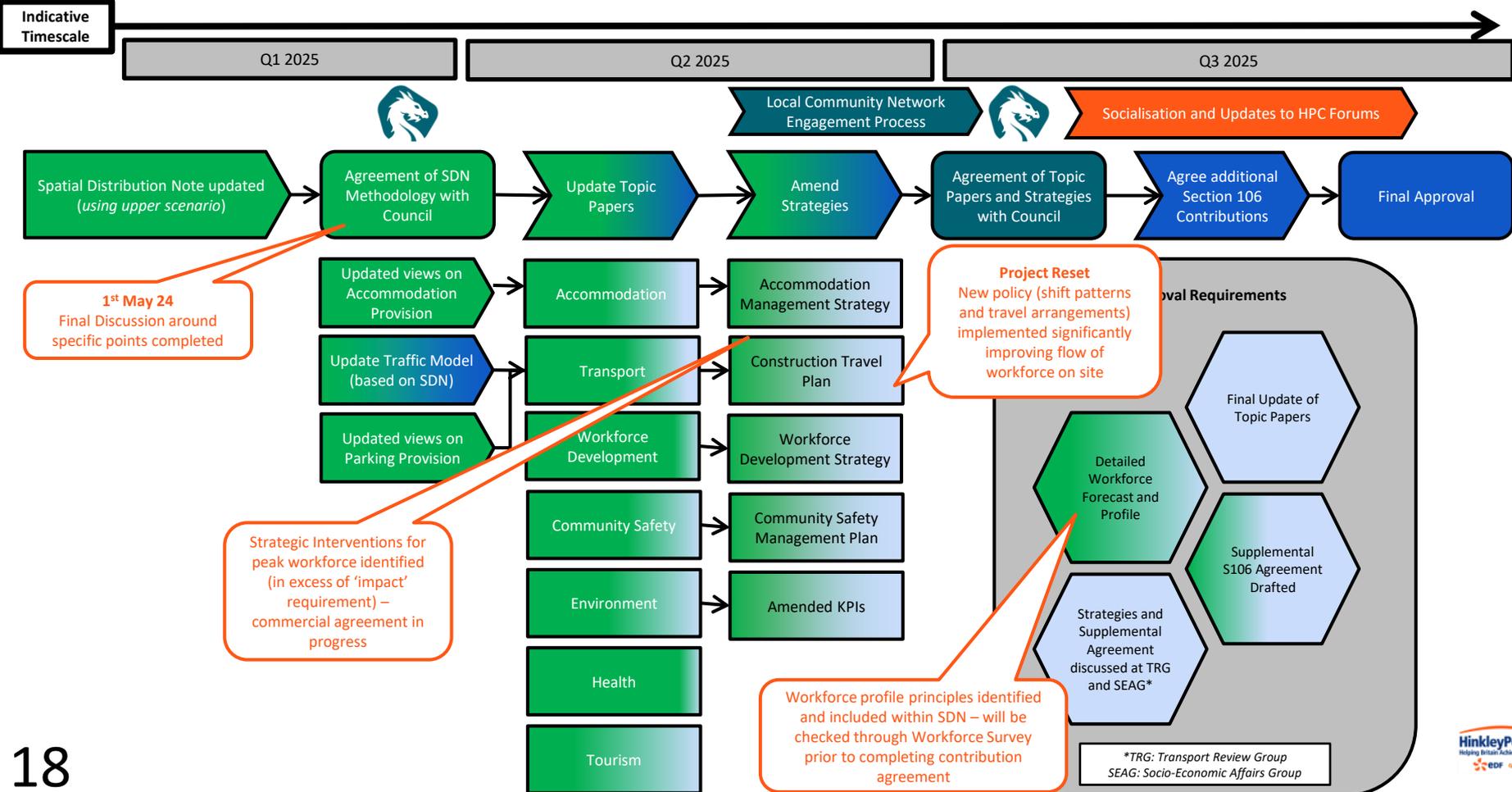
## From 14 Weeks to 2 Weeks



### Room Handovers: Survey time

Collaboration across HPC's design partners, site construction and the survey team has resulted in new technology and an improved process.

# Workforce Uplift: Update – May 2025



# Pre-submitted Questions

1)

"It was recently reported that there is a plague of rats at HPC. Given rats' known liking for electrical cable, what is being done to ensure that vital control links aren't being compromised?"

2)

"Given all the trumpeting of the Unit 1 Dome lift in December 2023 and the claims that Unit 2, nominally 12 months behind Unit 1, is being done faster and better, why is the Unit 2 Dome lift now 18 months and counting behind Unit 1 and all that is being given is a vague 'sometime this summer' date for completion?"

Submitted by Roy Pumfrey, Stop Hinkley

# Thank You

# Item 4: Update: Office for Nuclear Regulation

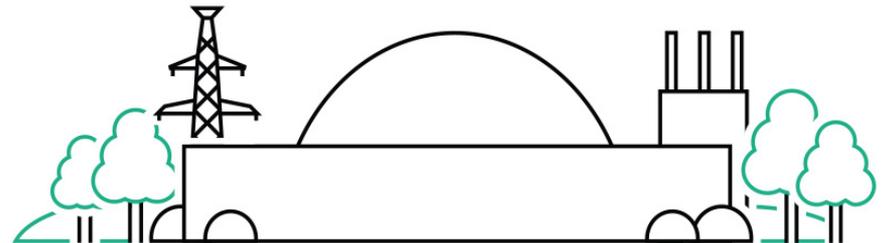
Alun Griffiths

Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)



## ONR Community Forum Report Highlights

Alun Griffiths  
May 2025 Update



# ONR Report Q1 2025

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In this period, routine inspections of the Hinkley Point C site covered the following:

- plant construction and/or commissioning;
- examination, maintenance, inspection and testing;
- quality assurance and records;
- radiography; and
- conventional (non-nuclear) health and safety, including life fire safety and emergency arrangements.

# ONR Report Q1 2025

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ONR continues its engagement with the project via regular site inspections, visits and meetings at NNB GenCo (HPC) Ltd's offices and supplier locations across the following themes:

- construction and commissioning
- design and safety case;
- organisational capability (including supply chain and quality);
- pre-operations;
- conventional health and safety and fire safety; and
- security.

These inspections, along with routine contact with other international regulatory bodies provide ONR with valuable intelligence on the progress NNB GenCo (HPC) Ltd is making developing its competence and capability to manage the design, procurement, and construction of HPC and will inform future permissioning decisions.

# ONR Report Q1 2025 - Permissioning

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- There have been no permissioning activities in this period.

# ONR Report Q1 2025 - Non-routine matters

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- The investigations into the tragic fatality that occurred on site in November 2022 and the separate event at site that resulted in a worker sustaining injuries as a result of a rebar mesh wall falling continue. At this time, we are unable to provide further details about the ongoing investigations, as these remain live inquiries.
- ONR carried out preliminary enquiries following a report of a dangerous occurrence relating to damage sustained by a tower crane. This was a conventional health and safety incident, with no crane collapse or any injuries sustained. On 7 April 2025, ONR issued an Improvement Notice to NNB Generation Company (HPC) Limited (NNB GenCo), who are the Principal Contractor for the construction project. ONR found that there was a failure by NNB GenCo to plan, manage and monitor the construction phase and coordinate matters relating to health and safety regarding the maintenance and condition of tower cranes. This is in contravention of Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015, Regulation 13 (1).

# Thank You

# Item 5: Update: Community Fund

Justin Sargent

Somerset Community Foundation

# HINKLEY POINT C COMMUNITY FUND

May 2025

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**Somerset**   
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Directing Funds  
Driving Change



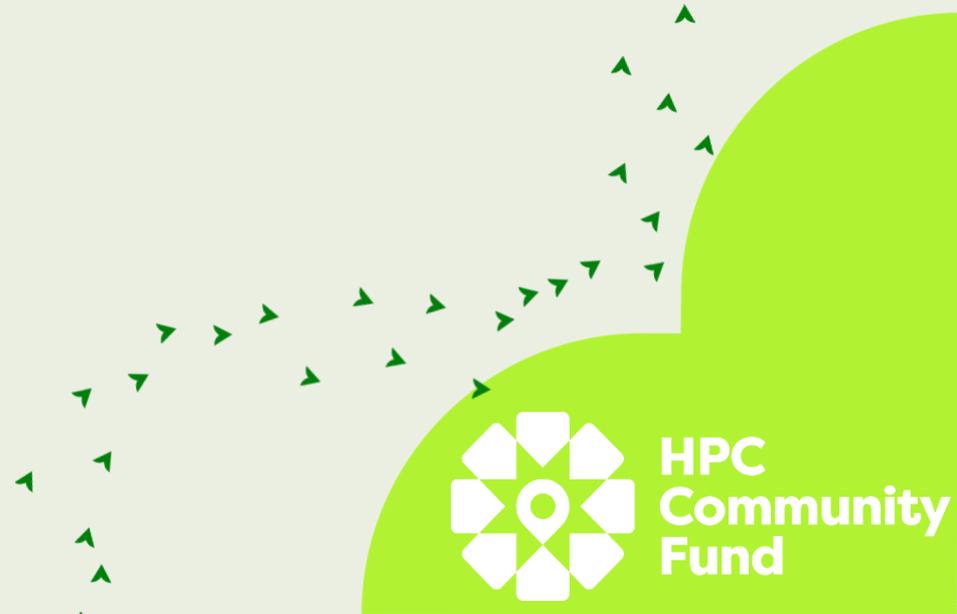
**HPC  
Community  
Fund**

# GRANTS AWARDED

Programme	£ Awarded	No. of grants
Strategic grants	1,542,823	11
Small grants	1,050,061	228
Otterhampton	363,180	16
Open Grants	7,857,370	84
Community Development	10,000	2
	10,823,434	341



# RECENT EXAMPLES





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# Thank You

# Item 6: Main Site Forum: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Chair

# Item 7: Transport Forum: 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Chair

## Item 8: Any other business

Chair

## Item 9:

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Chair

# Thank You