

DRAFT Meeting Report

Regarding:

EDF Hinkley Point C: Community Forum.

Participating:

Doug Bamsey, *Chair*

Valdo Andrade (VA), *Avon & Somerset Police*

Nicola Hale (NH), *Somerset Council*

Joanna Whitehead (JW), *Somerset Council*

Tessa Bond (TB), *Somerset Council*

John Burton (JB), *Somerset Council*

Allan Jeffery (AJ), *Green Party*

Justin Sargent (JS), *Somerset Community Foundation*

Peter Payne (PP), *Williton Parish Council*

Michael Featherstone (MF), *Cannington Parish Council*

Shaun Ryall (SR), *Cannington Parish Council*

Roy Pumfrey (RP), *Stop Hinkley*

Sue Goss (SG), *Stogursey Parish Council*

Sue Spicer (SS), *Burton Resident*

Chris Morgan (CM), *Stogursey Parish Council*

Mike Haycroft (MH), *Otterhampton Parish Council*

Linda Aylmore (LA), *ONR*

Alun Griffiths (AG), *ONR*

John Roberts (JR), *Nether Stowey Parish Council*

Sebastian Koa (SK), *University of Exeter*

Date: Thursday 15th May 2025 – 6pm

Meeting held at:

Bridgwater & Taunton College, Cannington

EDF Team:

Andrew Cockcroft (AC), *EDF*

Nick Stone (NS), *EDF*

Richard Clews (RCI), *EDF*

Drew Aspinwall (DA), *SEC Newgate UK*

Apologies received:

Rosemary Woods, *Somerset Council*

Finlay Duff, *ONR*

Stuart Hill, *C.H.A.I.R & Wildfowlers*

Terry Ayre, *Local Resident*

Gill Slocombe, *Somerset Council*

Alex Lord, *Environment Agency*

Hugh Davies (HD), *Somerset Council*

Richard Cuttell (RC), *W.H.A.G.*

Leigh Redman, *Bridgwater Town 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	Previous Meeting Note and Matters Arising	
2.1	<p>The Chair reviewed the previous Community Forum meeting note from 16th January 2025 including the actions and after-notes and invited any further comment. The afternotes/actions from the last Forum are outlined below:</p> <p>2.1.1 ACTION: 3.1.5 – operational life of the spent fuel store:</p> <p>Andrew Cockcroft (AC) said that the design life of Hinkley Point C's interim spent fuel store, once built, would be 120 years. There is adequate time-buffer when set against the Government's target / position for a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) ready by 2050 (intermediate waste) and for high level waste by 2075.</p> <p>2.1.2 Both Sue Goss (SG) and Roy Pumfrey (RP) questioned the rational and the timescales; SG raised that there is no site currently selected for the GDF. AC highlighted that the project is in dialogue with the Government regarding the timescales and the need for availability to store Hinkley Point C's spent fuel. Alan Jeffrey (AJ) added that any storage facility would need to take the legacy waste also.</p> <p>2.1.3 ACTION: 5.4.2 – EA – modelling of the offshore discharge – 550 m off shore – is this low or high tide? Alex Lord, EA provided the following answer which the Chair read out:</p> <p>"There was a question raised at the last community forum around whether the EA took tidal movements into account during our determination of the application to vary the ammonia limit in the HPC sewage discharge (HAJ) permit. I contacted our permitting team who confirmed the Operator's modelling evidence was assessed against 5 different tidal states.</p> <p>Further information regarding the assessment carried out and the modelling used is outlined in our decision document which is available on request."</p> <p>2.1.4 ACTION: 5.4.4 – Date of flooding the cooling system with sea water – asked by AJ. AC said that it is currently forecast towards the end of 2028.</p>	
2.2	There were no further comments, and the meeting note was agreed.	
3	Project Progress Update – (Andrew Cockcroft, Nick Stone, Richard Clews - EDF)	
3.1	<p>The Chair invited Andrew Cockcroft (AC), Nick Stone (NS) and Richard Clews (RC) to take the forum through an update on project progress.</p> <p>AC started by thanking everyone who took the time to join the forum site visit on the 6th May 2025; the reports back were very positive, so it is something the project will do again in the future.</p> <p>On site progress, AC showed the latest images from site. Unit 1, the project has now completed four cold leg welds of the Primary Circuit, with work starting imminently on the first hot leg.</p>	

	<p>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.</p> <p>The project will make 24 welds in total to connect the four loops of the Primary Circuit, creating joint' that are less than 1mm across.</p> <p>The welding is specialist, automated in parts and with absolute focus on quality of those welds.</p>	
3.2	<p>Unit 2: In preparation for Dome lift.</p> <p>At the end of April we completed the final Inner Containment Pour on Unit 2 before Dome lifting this summer.</p> <p>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.</p>	
3.3	<p>Increasing Efficiency – using modular construction and pre-fabrication:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We are now beginning pre-fabrication of entire rooms as well as continuing the regular use of smaller prefabricated rebar cages manufactured in Bristol and on-site.</p>	
3.4	<p>Marine Works – AC said it had been some time since he has updated the forum on underground works.</p> <p>AC showed the outfall tunnel – 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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
3.5	<p>Operational Service Centre – Milestone Complete.</p> <p>The operational service centre fills a space roughly the same size as a football pitch with 47,000 tonnes of backfill material, the project will now build underground networks, connecting buildings across the Power Station, before the final layer of backfill is placed and permanent roads added.</p>	
3.5.1	<p>SG asked if the backfill for the Operational Service Centre was being sourced from the stockpiles near the southern area as she would like to see those levels reduced.</p> <p>AC said it would normally be sourced internally from across the site but would double check to confirm – ACTION</p> <p>AFTERNOTE: This was confirmed in discussion during the main site forum meeting held 19th June. AC and RC confirmed that due to higher alkaline levels in some of the backfill stored in the southern area, backfill for the space between the Operational Service Centre and Unit 1 had to be sourced externally from the site. It was brought to site by vehicle to avoid</p>	<p>ACTION AC</p> <p>AFTERNOTE</p>

	<p>double handling of the materials at the jetty and contaminating nuclear concrete aggregates. A solution to the higher alkaline levels has been agreed with the EA to ensure it is used in future.</p>	
3.6	<p>Exceeding our Commitments</p> <p>Last week <i>Hinkley Point C Socio-economic Impact Report 2025</i> was launched and available to download from the website: https://www.edfenergy.com/energy/nuclear-new-build-projects/hinkley-point-c/realising-socio-economic-benefits</p> <p>AC reported that 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.</p> <p>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 and £5.3 billion spent in the region against a target of £1.5 billion.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We are helping Britain develop the expertise to deliver the infrastructure it needs for growth and future prosperity.</p>	
3.7	<p>Driving Growth and Prosperity</p> <p>AC said that people from across Britain are benefitting from the higher-skilled, higher-paid jobs available at Hinkley Point C – boosting regional growth and productivity.</p> <p>14,300 people have been trained in Hinkley Point C’s Centres of Excellence so far. 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.</p>	
3.7.1	<p>AC then showcased some of the local people working on the project coming in as apprentices and working their way up and building their skills, namely Letty Smith (19) from Wedmore and Stanley Taylor (also 19) from Minehead, who appears on the cover of the report.</p>	
3.8	<p>DCO Material Change Update</p> <p>AC said that 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, potentially, environmental mitigation for the removal of the acoustic fish deterrent.</p> <p>Regarding the acoustic fish deterrent (AFD), 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.</p> <p>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</p>	

<p>3.8.1</p>	<p>efficiency of the system means it can be self-powered using batteries and precisely tuned and installed and serviced from the surface.</p> <p>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 which will be tested over the summer and autumn of 2025.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Depending on how it all moves forward, there is the possibility the AFD Removal will not need to be included in the DCO Material Change application, as will simply discharge the original requirements.</p> <p>Sue Spicer (SS) referenced the pause on the work on the salt marshes, and wanted to know if the river weir work was also being paused? AC confirmed that the exploration of weir removal was continuing to fully understand the benefits, with work on the respective planning applications required also moving forward.</p>	
<p>3.9</p>	<p>AC referred to recent media reports that the site was infested with rats; and in response to Roy Pumfrey's (RP) pre-submitted question, which was:</p> <p><i>"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?"</i></p> <p>AC said that the site did not have an infestation. There has been a small increase in the number of rats driven by some housekeeping arrangements, which have now been revised, including changing room door fitting and rules around the storage of food in lockers. AC said the construction was using normal vermin control measures.</p> <p>The project has been working with ONR on it, and also Somerset Council Environmental Health came and did a spot check on hygiene in the canteen and gave them all a top rating.</p>	
<p>3.10</p>	<p>Keeping in touch and New Dashboard</p> <p>AC reminded the forum to sign up to the monthly updates if you are not already subscribed to receive them – (there is QR code in the presentation pack – which takes you to a webpage to insert your contact details).</p> <p>He also highlighted the new Community Dashboard on the website www.edfenergy.com/hpc which has been introduced following feedback at the Main Site Forum, to give people a clear indication on any activity that have the potential to be disruptive.</p>	
<p>3.11</p>	<p>AJ said that while he was on the site visit at the start of May there was a vessel out at sea that looked like a floated barrage, was that possibly connected to testing the cooling water tunnels?</p> <p>AC said that what you could have seen was some limited dredging activities to create a small space for the outfall head of the fish recovery and return system.</p>	
<p>3.12</p>	<p>RP asked about the learnings between Unit 1 and Unit 2 and suggested that surely the key learnings were taken from Flamanville.</p>	

	AC said yes, the project took the learning from Flamanville (and other projects) for Unit 1 but what he was referring to, was the incremental learnings at Hinkley Point C, now being transferred between Unit 1 and Unit 2.	
3.13	RP asked about the apprentices and suggested that the increase in apprenticeships is what you would expect from the increased workforce numbers pro-rata. AC agreed with the point.	
3.13.1	RP said that these people now have transferable skills; AC also agreed that this was good thing and added that for us in the south west, there are lots of renewable energy project coming forward, which the Hinkley Point C workforce will have the skills to work on. RP said that if he had known they would be in agreement, then he would not have asked the question!	
3.14	RP asked about the job numbers, with 500 people inducted per week on site and average length of stay of a Hinkley worker and the churn rate and requested the information as an afternote.	
3.14.1	AC said he did not know but would be happy to find out and provide an afternote (below). AFTERNOTE: The "churn rate" (the proportion of people leaving the project on a monthly basis) at Hinkley Point C is low at only 2%. We are also working to maximise re-skilling to ensure that people can continue to access employment opportunities as the project progresses.	AFTERNOTE AC
3.15	RP asked about the new AFD technology using high frequency sound and wanted to know of this was the available technology? AC said our belief is that it is, with the project now testing it in-situ in the specific environment around Hinkley Point C, smaller versions have been used as a bycatch prevention technique, but it has not been deployed as an acoustic fish deterrent. RP said it is not new technology that was previously available and would it not have been advisable to go for this in the first instance and not put local communities under anguish of proposals regarding saltmarsh creation. AC said that this is another point of agreement, in retrospect it would have saved a lot of time, money and upset if this technology, transferred for use in power station design had been available at the outset.	
3.16	John Burton (JB) asked what size the AFD transducers would look like and how many would there be? AC said he was not sure of the total number as it would come as a result of the testing, but they would be larger versions of the one used by the fishing industry. They would be deployed in an array, in crates that would look like large lobster pots.	
3.17	Nick Stone (NS) talked about the work underway for National Mental Health Week. This year's national theme is focused on 'community'. And 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.	

3.17.1	<p>NS reminded the forum that Hinkley Point C is industry leading when it comes to mental health intervention with schemes including mental health buddies, 24hr chaplaincy and Hinkley Health.</p> <p>Joanna Whitehead (JW) highlighted that the industry and the public health teams at Somerset Council have recognised Hinkley Point C as an example of good practice regarding mental health.</p>	
<p>3.18</p> <p>3.18.1</p> <p>3.18.2</p> <p>3.18.3</p>	<p>NS said that earlier in the week there was an update on the ONR website announcing that they have served an Improvement Notice in relation to Tower Cranes, and the project management and oversight of those cranes in particular.</p> <p>NS gave an on overview of the timeline and what are the next steps that need to be taken:</p> <p><u>Summary of Events:</u></p> <p>5th February – Pre-start inspection of Tower Crane 1L5 identified sheared pin connecting mast sections – immediate action taken to make safe and investigate the issue across site.</p> <p>14th February – RIDDOR (<i>Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations</i>) incident reported to ONR by Tier 1 Contractor</p> <p>24th February to 5th March – ONR completed Preliminary Enquiries into RIDDOR incident noting action taken by HPC to address the issue</p> <p>7th April – ONR Improvement Notice sent to NNB</p> <p>24th April – Associated Level 2 Regulatory Issue received from ONR</p> <p>30th April – Acknowledgement letter sent to ONR with Action Plan for addressing the IN schedule</p> <p><u>By 30th June – Remedy Shortfalls in Improvement Notice</u></p> <p>Creation of new risk assessment, selection approval process, and Usage/Service Life procedure</p> <p>Improved tracking of planned maintenance and routine meetings</p> <p>Enhanced assurance and inspection process</p> <p><u>By 30th November – Extent of Condition Review</u></p> <p>Assessment of construction assets beyond tower cranes</p> <p>ONR Inspection on Management of Aging Assets planned for Summer 2025 to monitor progress.</p>	
3.19	<p>Richard Clews (RCI) gave an update Workforce Uplift: Update – May 2025</p> <p>RCI said that the timeline had been updated and running up to Q3 2025.</p> <p>Lots of work is underway in parallel, so the spatial distribution, topic papers and potential mitigation have each been advanced over the past few months in partnership with the council and other service providers. We are primarily working on the Spatial Distribution Note (SDN) which looks at the workforce now and estimates what it will be over the peak, and where they will likely be staying and travelling from.</p> <p>3.19.1 The project is working to the upper limit of around 15,000 five-day workers, which works out at about 13,000 of those coming to site each day, with additional people coming less frequently to site as they do now. The former figure helps with the accommodation provision and the latter, the transport provision.</p>	

<p>3.19.2</p> <p>3.19.3</p> <p>3.19.4</p> <p>3.19.5</p> <p>3.19.6</p> <p>3.19.7</p>	<p>Current locations of where people are staying are mapped out, along with capacities across the campuses, private rented sector (where circa 40% of the workforce reside) and other places such as Brean.</p> <p>The peak workforce is likely to be in 2026 lasting about 18 months, this will be modelled in the topic papers, to see the peak and decline, as particular jobs are stood down as tasks are completed. Initial indications show that as the civils complete and the MEH picks up, we expect a steady reduction in numbers following the peak period.</p> <p>There are multiple aspects to the transport side, being worked on under the title of 'project re-set' - the bus team are looking at the shift patterns, there is transport modelling, the Construction Transport Management Plan and Workforce Transport Management Plan all being looked at to predict how this will all work.</p> <p>The topic papers will be circulated to a variety of groups before being approved including the Local Community Networks (LCNs) before becoming subject to a S106 to pick up the financial implications. The strategy will then be monitored up until the end of the construction period against key milestones.</p> <p>SG asked when the LCN be engaged in the mitigation measures? Joanna Whitehead (JW) answered the question said that on the plan was two elements: 'Local Community Network Engagement Process' and 'Socialisation and Updates to HPC Forums', these have been added in since Workforce Uplift 1 and the sequencing aligns with production of the documents. When the detail and proposals are clear, that is the point that we want to engage with the LCNs.</p> <p>RP asked how many people are actually working on site now and what is the best estimate of the peak workforce? RCI said currently it is 11,000 and the peak is 15,000.</p>	
<p>3.20</p>	<p>NS returned to answer RP's second pre-submitted question and present a slide on Examples of Efficiency Gains through Replication.</p> <p>For reference, Pre-Submitted question #2 submitted by Roy Pumfrey, Stop Hinkley and answered in Item 3.3.</p> <p><i>"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?"</i></p> <p>NS said that there were four clear intentions for 2025, all the are goals linked out them. One of them was to re-instate the 12-month gap. Right now, NS said we do not have 12-month gap but the aim is that we keep making improvements, so by the time we get to the switch on of unit one, there will be a 12-month gap before unit 2 is ready to be switched on.</p> <p>On average, each task is roughly 20 – 30% faster than unit one for various elements, if you cascade that across, we will easily close the time gap we currently have. Also changes in the construction sequence has also brought specific benefits.</p> <p>If the time gain has a cost in terms of either quality or health and safety, then it does not happen.</p>	

<p>3.20.1</p>	<p>NS ran through a slide with example of efficiency gain through replication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modular construction: U2 equipment hatch sleeve fitted at ground level so that work could happen simultaneously with welding. - <i>10 Weeks less than Unit 1</i> • 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). - <i>50% Improvement</i> • 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. - <i>4 times quicker than Unit 1</i> • 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. - <i>Four Months less than Unit 1</i> • 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. - <i>2 Weeks Saved</i> • 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. - <i>From 4 Hours to 30 Minutes</i> • 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. - <i>Reducing Disruption</i> • 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. - <i>3 Weeks ahead of Schedule</i> • 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. - <i>Improvements on Quality</i> • 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. - <i>From 14 Weeks to 2 Weeks</i> 	
<p>3.20.2</p>	<p>RP said it was interesting but said the 12-month gap went after Unit 1 dome lift in December 2023 and then the Cost and Schedule Review in January 2024.</p>	

3.20.3	<p>NS said the review took place in co-ordination with the project and as he has explained the 12-month gap will be back for all the reasons he has just covered. NS clarified that the gap does not relate to the dome lift but the switch on date.</p> <p>NS said that there is still work that needs to happen in Unit 1 that is already undertaken in Unit 2, showing how the sequencing has been evolving.</p> <p>RP said that is he is still coming the forums in 2029 he said he will be very surprised if you are still able to announce completion and that things have not slipped to worse estimate of 2031.</p> <p>NS said there is still a long way to go, and he would keep the forum updated over the coming years and months as to how it all progresses.</p>	
4	<p>Item 4: Office for Nuclear Regulation Report (Alun Griffiths, ONR)</p>	
4.1	<p>AG gave an update on his role and the role of the ONR.</p> <p>AG updated members on the ONR's activities in the fourth quarter of 2025.</p> <p>In this period, routine inspections of the Hinkley Point C site covered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	
4.2	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p>	
4.3	<p>Permissioning: There have been no permissioning activities in this period. AG added that there will be permissioning activity later in the year.</p>	
4.4	<p>Non-routine matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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).	
5	Item 5: Community Fund Update - (Justin Sargent, Somerset Community Foundation)	
5.1	Justin Sargent (JS) introduced himself and the Somerset Community Foundation (SCF) and said that so far, SCF has awarded 341 grants from the HPC Community Fund totalling: £10,823,434.	
5.2	<p>Recent grants included:</p> <p>JS covered some case studies of grants recently awarded:</p> <p>Stogursey and District Victory Hall Committee - They received £7,000 towards new equipment for the kitchen and groups at the hall as well as safety equipment and refurbishment plan.</p> <p>HPC Community Fund does not fund religious causes, but Parochial Church Council for Stockland & Steart Peninsula were awarded £300,000 to re-order the church into a community hub, it is one of the closest communities to the HPC development and lacks a community venue where people can get together. This grant is part of a much larger overall project including Heritage Lottery Funding.</p>	
5.3	<p>JS said that the SCF was starting to look at the legacy of the fund and requested that a link was sent round to forum members to get feedback on "What Matters Most to You and Your Area?" with a view to shaping future investment and support from the Somerset Community Foundation HPC Community Fund.</p> <p>AFTERNOTE: a mailer was sent to all member of the forums on 16th May 2025 with a link to the survey – closing date was 26th May and there were also prizes to be won.</p>	AFTERNOTE
5.4	<p>Contacts:</p> <p>Amelia Thompson: amelia.thompson@somersetcf.org.uk Pete Stolze: peter.stolze@somersetcf.org.uk 01749 344949</p>	
5.5	<p>SG said that up until this year Parish Councils were not allowed to fund places of worship, churches, mosques etc and asked if SCF will be changing their terms of reference also?</p> <p>JS said they will fund places of worship where there are multiple uses, but we won't fund the promotion of faith itself, and this has always been the case.</p>	
6	Item 6: Main Site Forum (13th February 2025) - (Chair)	
6.1	<p>The Chair ran through the topics covered at the last Main Site Forum which took place on 13th February 2024.</p> <p>The Forum had a Project Progress Update, an update on Workforce Uplift, and there was a lively discussion about the impact of the project on the local community related to local roads and a discussion about a planned site tour.</p>	
6.2	The next meeting of the Main Site Forum is on Thursday 19 th June 2025.	

7	Item 7: Transport Forum (13th March 2025) - (Chair)	
7.1	<p>The Chair ran through the topics covered at the last Transport Forum which took place on 13th March 2024.</p> <p>The Forum covered a project progress update, an update from the Transport Review Group, a Passenger Transport Update, and a presentation on the Marine AIL Deliveries 2025; and again announced the date for the site tour (6th May 2025).</p>	
7.2	The next Transport Forum will take place on Thursday 10 th July 2025.	
8	Item 8: Any Other Business	
8.1	The Chair asked Forum members or the EDF team have anything else they would like to raise under AOB.	
8.2	SG raised the types of transport of worker are using to get to site – these include electric scooters and electric bikes travelling at speed and also using the emergency access route.	
8.3	<p>ACTION: AC said he would pick this up with the police team regarding some enforcement.</p> <p>AFTERNOTE: AC has confirmed to SG the following actions are being taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HPC and Police team to make use of existing e-scooter warning notices • Security at the campus will attach leaflets to all bikes/e-scooters • Security at the campus will try and interject with the people using them to offer suitable words of advice • If the above is ignored then we will try and capture days and times they are arriving/leaving and be at the campus to firstly offer a warning and then if caught again, we will seize the scooter. 	<p>ACTION AC</p> <p>AFTERNOTE</p>
8.4	<p>The Chair raised on behalf of Valdo Andrade (VA), that there was desktop exercise related to Operation HAROLD on the 5th June 2025.</p> <p>CM asked if Avon & Somerset Constabulary will be involved. The Chair confirmed they will be.</p> <p>AC said the official HAROLD use will always be led by the Police and steps had been taken to raise awareness of the route.</p>	
8.5	The Chair announced that it was John Burton’s last Community Forum as he is taking retirement from Somerset Council and thanked him on behalf of all those attending for his valuable contribution over many years.	
9	Item 9: Date of next Community Forum	
9.1	The next Community Forum will be held on Thursday 18th September 2025 at 6pm.	
10	The meeting ended.	