

Welcome

Agenda:

Main Site Forum – Thursday 16th October 2025

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Meeting note / matters arising from last Forum held on: 19th June 2025 - (Chair)
3. Project Progress Update - (Andrew Cockcroft, EDF)
4. Workforce Uplift Update - (Andrew Cockcroft, Richard Clews, EDF)
5. Any other business - (Chair)
6. Date of next meeting: Thursday 12th February 2026 at 6pm – (Chair)

Matters Arising – Main Site Forum 19 June 2025

- Item 2.1 (ACTION - Matters arising from February Main Site Forum)
- Item 3.9.1 (ACTION - Roadworks / Somerset Council coordination)
- Item 3.9.3 (ACTION - AIL delivery group feedback)
- Item 3.9.5 (ACTION - Operation HAROLD guide)
- Item 3.9.8 (ACTION - Operational Service Centre / Soil stockpiles)

Matters Arising – Main Site Forum 19 June 2025

- **Item 4.2.2 – AFTERNOTE (Workforce uplift / Spatial Distribution Note)**

AFTERNOTE: Somerset Council have updated that the form and content of any consultation on the current Workforce Uplift issue is still being considered in line with Council policy, standard procedures and legal advice.

- **Item 4.2.4 – AFTERNOTE (Extra parking spaces at Bridgwater Albion RFC)**

AFTERNOTE: Regarding the proposed extra parking spaces at Bridgwater Albion RFC, this application was approved unanimously by Somerset Council's Planning North committee on July 8th 2025.

- **Item 4.3.2 – ACTION (Local Community Networks / engagement with other bodies)**

Somerset Council also provided the following **afternote** on this agenda point:

Somerset Council comment: Following the LCN meetings, Somerset Council would like to confirm that the primary engagement with Members who are representatives of the constituents and communities they serve, will be through the HPC Quarterly Monitoring Group and Member Briefings. Final uplift documentation will be published on the Council's website and will be made public documents.'

Hinkley Point C Project Progress Update

Andrew Cockcroft

Head of Stakeholder Relations and Social Impact

Progress Update



Unit 2: Dome Lift in July 2025



Unit 1: Steam Generator Installation in July 2025

- 7 key milestones now complete for 2025 including dome lift and steam generator installation.
- Major milestones later this year will include the completion of primary circuit welding and completion of the pumphouse building.
- Mechanical and electrical installations already 6% complete on Unit 1.

Progress Update



- Nicola Fauvel has been appointed as HPC Station Director. She will transfer from her current role at Hinkley Point B in the new year.
- Meanwhile, the “Triple-Point” connection has been successfully installed into the outfall shaft. It connects the two reactor units to the outfall tunnel and represents one of the most complex pieces of concrete and steelwork.



Pre-submitted Questions

Cycle paths & water run-off

- What are your plans for monitoring & controlling the actions of your workers bicycle commutes along our narrow roads & footpaths?
- For the majority of the year water is leaking from pipes & running off your hills through the western security fence (south end) & pooling in the public footpaths & in particular, flooding Ben Hole Lane. What are you planning to do about it? Unfortunately I'm unable to attend the forum as I have a prior commitment but I would be very interested in your response(s).

- Submitted by Roger Farmiloe, Shurton Resident

Pre-submitted Questions

Combwich Wharf works

- “What is the work being done alongside Combwich Wharf area where the ground is being levelled and hard core being packed in? What is the plan for this area once Hinkley Point is fully operational?”

- Submitted by Nicola Hunt

Thank You

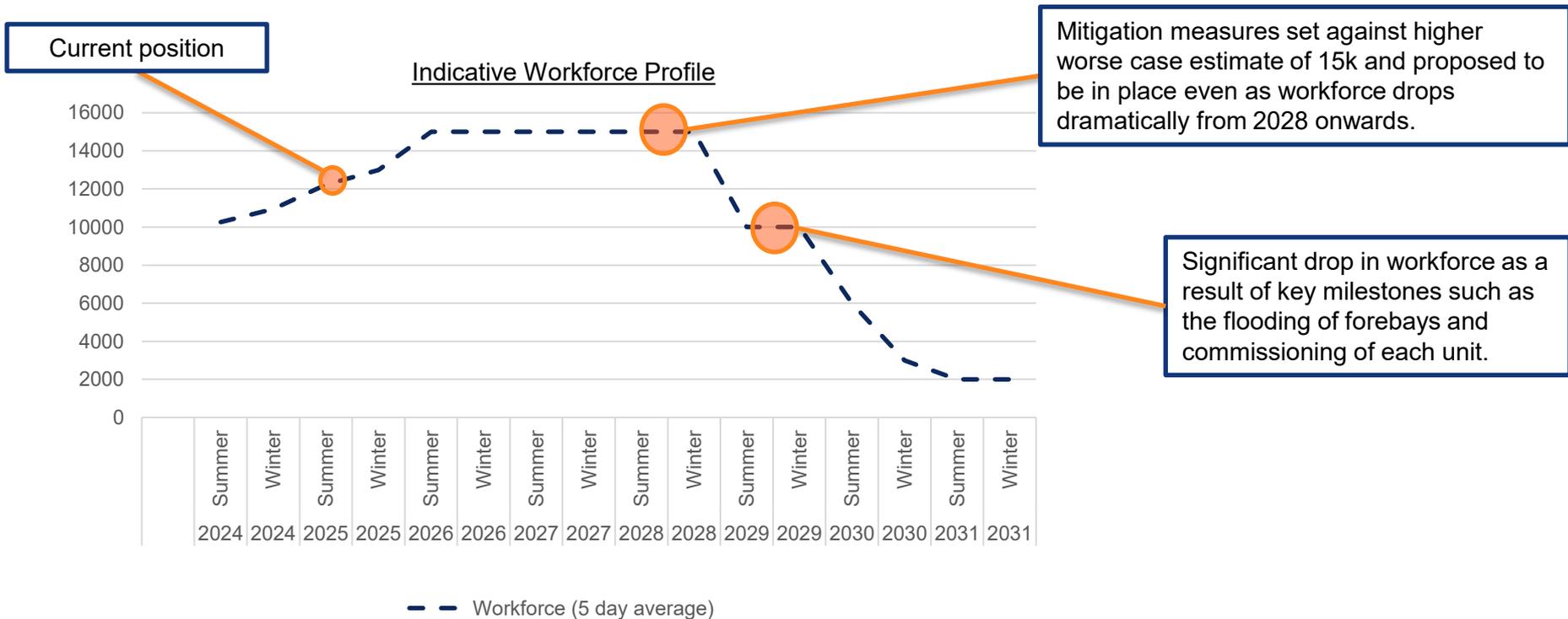
Item 4: Workforce Uplift Update

Richard Clews

Planning Manager

Workforce Uplift – Introduction and Context

- Topic papers are under review by Somerset Council specialists.
- Overall mitigation package being considered is worth c.£30 million, not accounting for capital investments in accommodation and economic benefits to people and businesses.

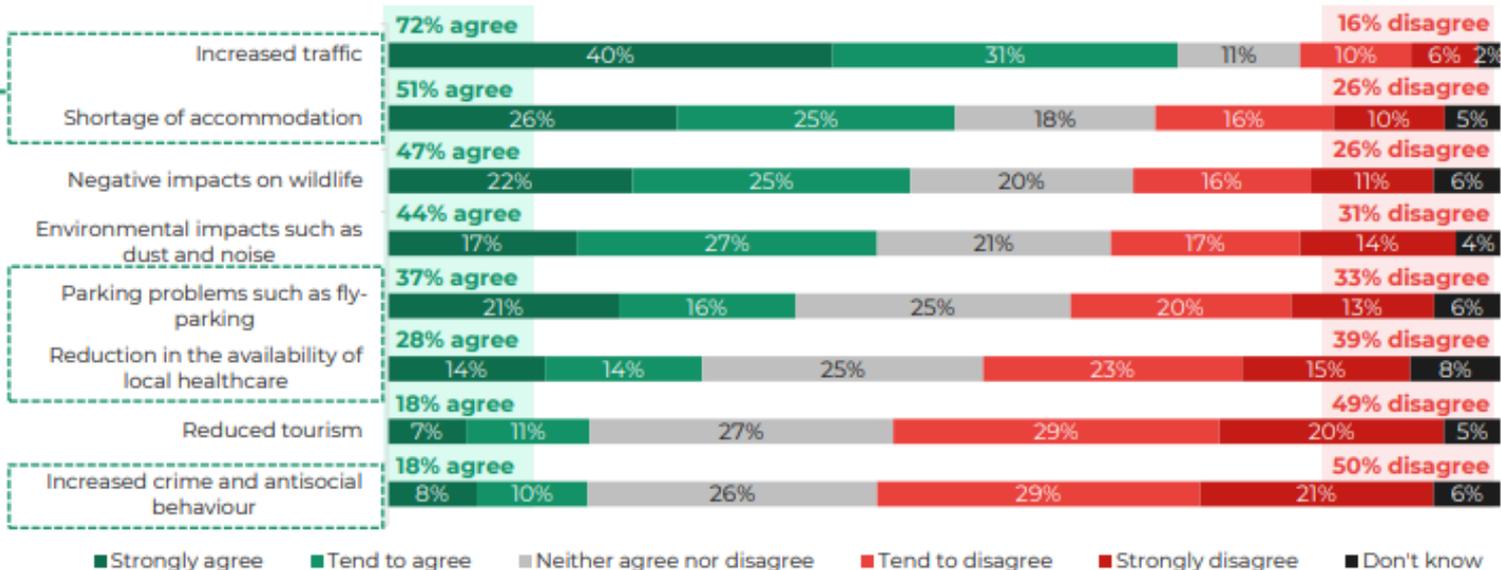


Above: Indicative, higher workforce scenario being planned for.

Understanding Community Views

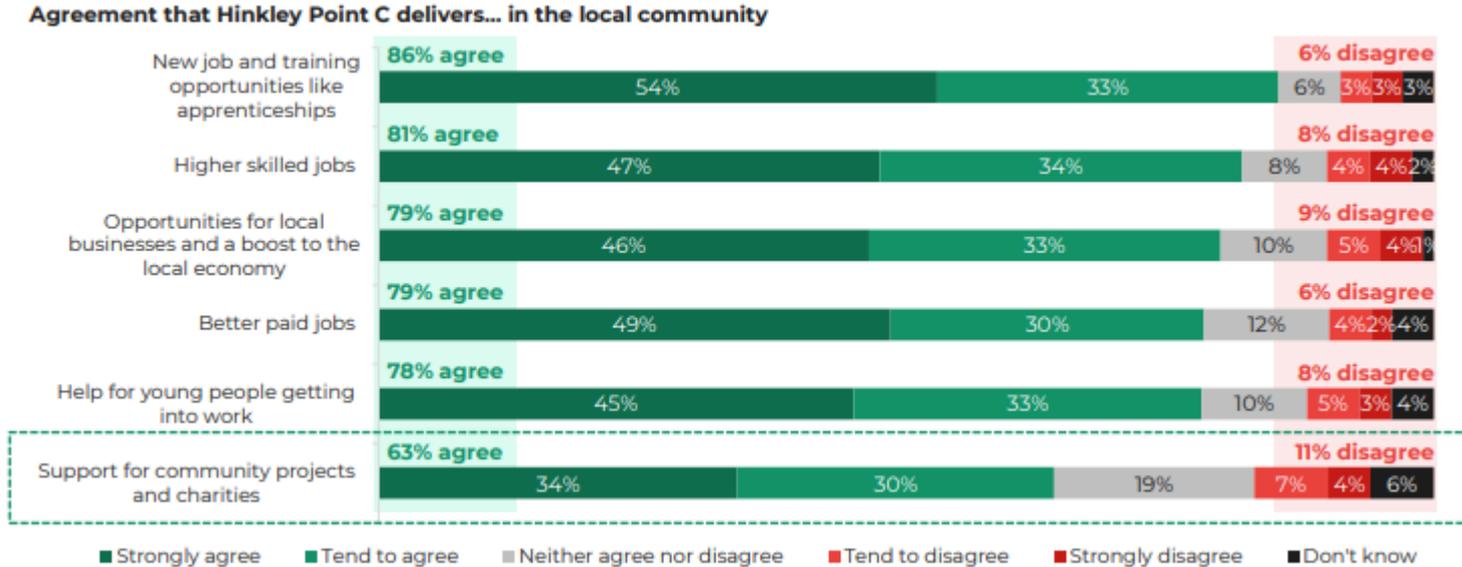
Hinkley Point C is responsible for... in your local community

Those who live closer to Hinkley agree more than those who live further away



Above: Views expressed in latest HPC stakeholder survey (*Sample of 1,000 people in TA1, TA2, TA3, TA4, TA5, TA6, TA7, TA8, TA9 and TA21)

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Understanding Community Views

- Views expressed in Somerset Community Foundation's Strengthening Communities Research involving over 300 respondents in an area drawn from Brea to Minehead.

Overall sentiment of the "place"

"WHAT IS GOOD ABOUT LIVING HERE?"

The area is valued for its strong, supportive community, beautiful rural setting, good local facilities and safe, family-friendly environment. Residents appreciate the balance of peaceful countryside living with access to necessary amenities and social activities.

Overall sentiment: Positive and proud: most residents express satisfaction and pride in their community, highlighting the people as the best aspect of the area.

"WHAT DIFFICULTIES DO YOU EXPERIENCE LIVING HERE?"

There are significant challenges faced by communities, particularly related to transport, housing, and social infrastructure.

General sentiment: Residents feel isolated and "stuck" due to poor transport and lack of local opportunities.

Overall sentiment on Hinkley Point C mirrors other research

“WHAT DO YOU PERCEIVE AS THE IMPACT OF HPC?”

The development of Hinkley Point C has brought substantial change to the area, with the most significant impacts being on housing affordability, traffic and local employment. While many appreciate the economic and job benefits, there are concerns about rising living costs, community changes and environmental effects. The experience is varied, with some residents seeing clear positives and others facing challenges.

General sentiment

- Positives: job opportunities, business growth, new friendships, and skills development.
- Negatives: housing affordability and renter insecurity, traffic, light pollution, and occasional strain on local services.
- Neutral/No impact: several respondents report little or no personal impact.

Workforce Development

Review and Assessment

- Evidence shows that the construction of Hinkley Point C is helping to drive growth and productivity with huge opportunity for the local area.
- There is particular focus on investment into the growth driving sectors of advanced manufacturing and clean energy.
- HPC is contributing an estimated £13.3 billion into the wider economy whilst £5.3 billion has already been invested into Somerset and the Southwest with over 1,500 business from the area within the supply chain.
- 14,000 people have now been trained in the Project's centres of excellence. This training provision is not only helping to boost local recruitment but is also helping to overcome nationally significant skills gaps and de-risk future projects.
- 1,520 Apprentices have been trained with 70% from Somerset and South West region

Proposed Mitigations

- Maximise local workforce recruitment and training through:
 - Inspire Education Programme
 - Young HPC Programme
 - Apprenticeships, Traineeships and Supported Traineeships
 - Hinkley Support Operative (and other training pipelines)
 - Operation of the Centres of Excellence and Construction Skills and Innovation Centre to up-skill local people
 - HPC Jobs Service – Maximising local workforce
 - Local Supply Chain Engagement – Maximising local business use and workforce retention
 - Community Fund Grants (e.g. support for Education Business Partnership)



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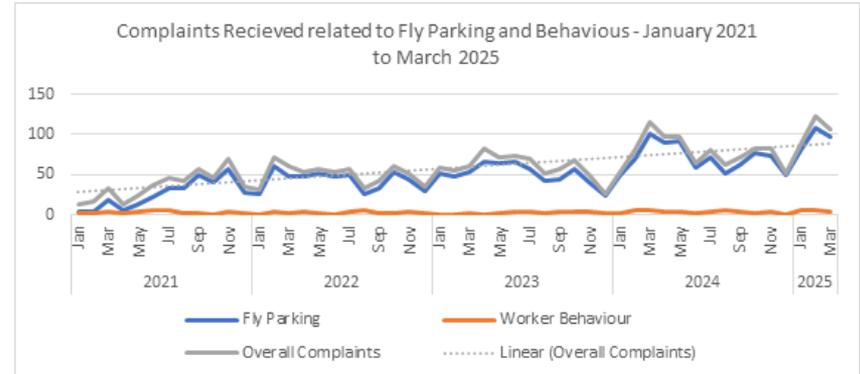
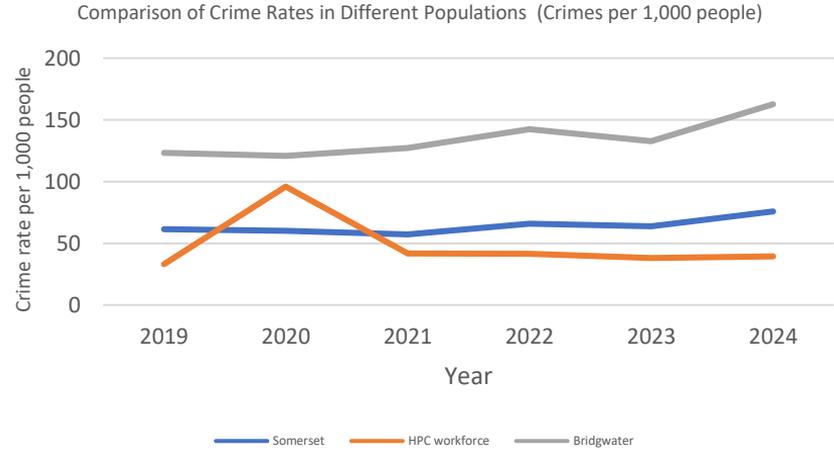


Community Safety



Review and Assessment

- Data for crime and non-crime linked directly to the HPC workforce shows that the relatively small increases to incidents seen is not directly correlated to increased workforce numbers, providing a strong indication that current mitigation methods and strategies are proving effective at limiting impacts on the local community.
- Levels of anti-social behaviour reported by the public remain stable and at very low-levels with fly-parking reports making up the vast majority of complaints received.
- The Hinkley Point Community Fund has been particularly effective in the delivery of support to community-based projects, particularly in those that have and will continue to build community cohesion and help development more resilient communities for the future.
- The conclusions of the original assessments undertaken within the Development Consent Order remain unchanged but we will continue to use a precautionary approach recommended within the ES. As a result, all mitigation measures currently in operation are proposed to be extended and/or increased



Community Safety

Proposed Mitigation

- Increased number of officers for the Hinkley Policing Team
- Funding for continued Community Safety Officer and Community Safety Manager (*Council posts)
- Increased Community Fund for Residual and Intangible Impacts
- Funding for community safety grants through the Community Safety Group
- Funding for community and on-site fire safety through DSFRS
- Funding of ambulance response through SWAST
- Provision of rural car park fund
- Funding for Council roles to support accommodation and HMO management



Review and Assessment

- Highly successful Hinkley Health service in operation that is limiting the use of public services in the local area. The service has and will continue to expand and provides a holistic healthcare offering that includes a GP.
- Zero referrals into local practices in 2024 and in past 12 months 294 referrals to hospital (0.35% of total visits into local A+E system).
- Ambulance call outs average 13 per month and continue to be fully funded.
- Hinkley Health is successfully diverting demand from local services and is providing a “net” benefit - reducing strain on local GP practices given that the home-based workers employed at HPC also benefit from the private services available.
- Noted potential increase in the number of family members moving to the area over the period of peak construction. Although these individuals would continue to be supported through national NHS provision, we are considering an option to pre-emptively mitigate this impact through the funding of two Health Visitors

Proposed Mitigation

- Increased provision of Hinkley Health to include further GP provision (actively removing pressure on local services)
- Funding for SWAST to cover call-outs (also supports Community Safety) and local liaison for emergency preparation.
- Funding for local Health Visitors to support workforce families.
- We will also continue the provision of preventative health measures including health promotions and the operation of sports infrastructure (both directly at the campus accommodation and indirectly through s106 agreement payments). Locally based health and wellbeing initiatives are also funded through the HPC Community Fund.

Current Staffing of Hinkley Health

- Practice Manager: 1
- GP: 1
- Administrators: 3
- Clinical manager: 1
- Emergency Nurse manager: 1
- Emergency Treatment Nurses: 24
- Health Care Assistant: 2
- Occupational Health Advisor: 1
- OH Technicians: 13
- Physiotherapist: 1
- Physiologist: 1
- Chaplain: 1
- OH Physician: 4 days per month
- Occupational Hygienist: 1
- Occupational Hygiene Technician: 4

To be expanded in line with on-site demand



Review and Assessment

- Numerous surveys have confirmed that the Hinkley Point C project is not directly impacting on the reputation of wider Somerset tourism sector as a whole.
 - Latest survey: 97% indicated they had had a good or very good experience. None of the respondents indicated that their enjoyment had been spoilt by the cost of accommodation.
 - 92% of respondents indicated that the project would make no or very little difference to them.
- The number of non-home-based workers expected to be accommodated in tourist accommodation would be more than originally assessed in the DCO Application but would require over 3,000 more workers to choose this accommodation type to result in significant impact on availability.
- Acknowledgement of some concerns that the continued use of the former Pontins site may lead to limited and geographically bound changes for some local businesses located close to the former Pontins site now being used for accommodation.

Proposed Mitigation

- Mitigation focussed on support for Brean
- Funding for Tourism Officer (Council post)
- Targeted business consultancy support for Brean.
- National and regional marketing for Brean.
- Noted the significant private investment into the locality during 2024 and 2025 which indicates potentially increasing business confidence in the area but a transition to larger, self-contained parks vs. smaller individual traders.
- The mitigation measures would build on existing marketing and destination management provision with future work potentially looking at market analysis, development of a destination plan and the provision of business diagnostics and tailored interventions for smaller businesses.

Review and Assessment

- Assessment focused on how the workforce will be transported to site and whether working patterns give rise to new or different impacts compared to those in the DCO.
- Due to limited changes to transport volumes, concluded that there are either no implications from workforce uplift or that the impacts remain within the expectations of, or are similar to the upper scenarios for, the impacts originally anticipated.
- In relation to noise, vibration, air quality and sustainability, the additional transportation required for a peak workforce of around 15,000 would be similar to the original assessment.
- For light pollution and terrestrial ecology, monitoring of ecological receptors around the site continues every quarter and no impacts have been identified. This element would not change for a higher workforce.

Proposed Mitigation

- Maintain existing environmental strategies and regular monitoring processes with reports presented to the Environment Group and escalated to the Socio-Economic Advisory Group.



Review and Assessment

HPC has a positive record of managing transportation to limit the number of road movements required and has remained within the original DCO expectations for both workforce and freight movements despite the increasing workforce.

However, traffic, transport and parking remains one of the more obvious aspects of the project's likely impact on the local communities.

Uplift will be assessed through transport modelling, accounting for the five-day workforce number, shift patterns and distribution of accommodation. It will account for an average number of day workers and visitors to capture typical transportation needs.

Currently, final mode journey to work is approximately:

- Walk 4.5 – 4.6%
- Cycle 0.7 - 1.6% (seasonal variation)
- Motorcycle 0.4%
- Car (driver) 1.3 - 2.8%
- Car share 0.9 - 2.4%
- HPC Bus Service 88 - 89% (typical level)

Modelling will use historic trends and assessments of changes in distribution and numbers. This will inform the Topic Paper, which will feed into any updates to the Construction Workforce Travel Plan, Bus Strategy and Car Share Strategy.

The DCO Environmental Statement assessment focused on five aspects:

- Severance
- Driver delay
- Pedestrian delay
- Pedestrian amenity and
- Accidents and safety

We are not anticipating any new or materially different impacts compared to the ES assessment, with mitigation continuing to manage each aspect effectively.

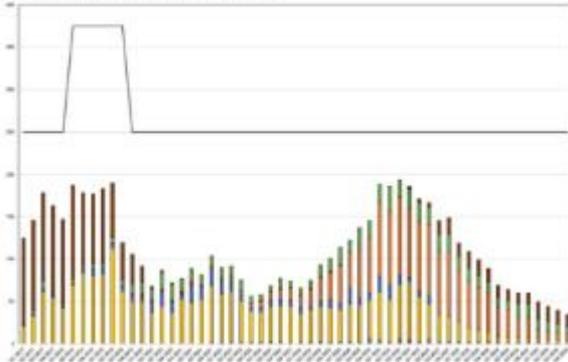
HPC are working with the Highway Authority on all aspects of transportation modelling and assessment to conclude the assessment.

Reporting will continue through TRG and Transport Forum.

Freight

- HGV movements and delivery arrangements are not proposed to change due to the increasing workforce. The Project is well below the upper-limits set by the DCO and the greater workforce does not project HGV deliveries above DCO limits.
- Use of warehousing off-site to manage component storage and DMS used to manage and spread deliveries as required.
- Continued use of marine deliveries to reduce road movements.

Graph 8: HGV Profile (June 2025) - Draft



Proposed Mitigation

- Increased local parking provision (e.g. Campus parking extension, J23 extension and use of Bridgwater Rugby Club)
- Commitment to monitor road condition through surveys and provide financial liability for required repairs.
- Continued provision for dedicated fly-parking prevention team to monitor and invoke the code of conduct.
- Support for transport related issues from expanded Hinkley Point C Police beat team
- Rural car parking fund to expand parking provision in local villages
- Continued drive to increase use of the HPC car share scheme
- Provision of HPC Community bus running a free service between Bridgwater and Minehead

Accommodation

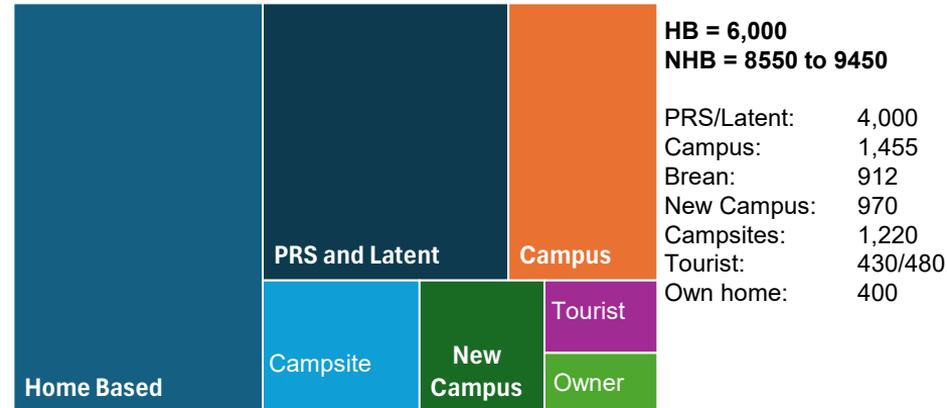
Review and Assessment

- Demand for additional bedspaces in the private rental and latent accommodation sector will be larger than originally planned by c.2,000 bedspaces and will require additional provision and mitigation during peak construction. However, PRS provision has also increased considerably.
- The residual impact *after* existing mitigation and the proposed new strategic interventions (*including the new Campus) is assessed as being the same as the Development Consent Order.
- The reduction in residual impact is due to the provision of project accommodation and strategic interventions, including the two original Campuses, the use of Brean Pontins, the agreements in place with caravan providers, and commitment to a new temporary campus of 1,000 bedspaces, totalling project accommodation for nearly 4,500 workers in total.
- The Hinkley Housing Initiative, managed by Somerset Council, has brought forward nearly 4,000 bedspaces to the market.
- In addition, the project has continued to see that c.35% of its workforce are 'home-based', with no impact on accommodation.

Proposed Mitigation

- Proposal for new 1,000 bed Campus at J.24
- Continued commitment to the Housing Fund for housing initiatives – increasing bed spaces and supporting affordable housing developments. 4,000 bedspaces have been delivered by this scheme to date.
- Funding for posts within Somerset Council to manage and deliver the initiatives, monitor housing information and manage HMOs.

WORKFORCE ACCOMMODATION (15,000 PEAK)



HB = 6,000
NHB = 8550 to 9450

PRS/Latent: 4,000
 Campus: 1,455
 Brean: 912
 New Campus: 970
 Campsites: 1,220
 Tourist: 430/480
 Own home: 400

J24 Campus Proposal



Campus details

Facilities would include:

- Restaurant, bar, gym, shop
- 1,000 bedspaces in two-storey modular blocks
- Lounge areas and meeting rooms

Transport:

- Parking spaces for cars, bikes and motorcycles
- On-site direct bus service to HPC
- C.40 movements per day and transport modelling of private vehicle usage during working week.

Discussion and Q+A

Thank You

Item 5: Any other business

Chair

Item 6:

Date of next Main Site Forum:

Thursday 12th February 2026 at 6pm

2026 Forum Dates (all Thursdays at 6pm):

Community Forum

15th January / 14th May / 17th September 2026

Main Site Forum

12th February / 4th June / 15th October 2026

Transport Forum

12th March / 25th June / 12th November 2026

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Thank You