

Welcome to the
COMMUNITY FORUM

14th May 2026

CHANGE IS IN *OUR POWER*



Agenda – Community Forum – Thursday 14th May 2026

1. Welcome and introductions - *(Chair)*
2. Meeting note / matters arising from last Forum held on: 15th January 2026 - *(Chair)*
3. Project Progress Update - *(Andrew Cockcroft, Lucky Bahia, Chris Sleath EDF)*
4. Update: Office of Nuclear Regulation - *(Alun Griffiths, ONR)*
5. Update: Environment Agency – *(Jon Ayers, EA)*
6. Update: Community Fund - *(Amelia Thompson, Somerset Community Foundation)*
7. Main Site Forum Update - *(Chair)*
8. Transport Forum Update - *(Chair)*
9. Any other business - *(Chair)*
10. Date of next meeting: Thursday 17th September 2026 – *(Chair)*

Item 2: Meeting Note / Matters Arising

From the last Community Forum on 15th January 2026

Actions and Afternotes from Forum on 15th January 2026 - 1

- **AFTERNOTE 3.7.1** – In response to a question from Stuart Hill - the percentage of total marine AILs that have been transported from Combwich Wharf to HPC Site to date is 54%.
- **AFTERNOTE 3.7.3** – A link to a full technical report that details the design of the intake heads and fish return system has been provided in the draft meeting note.
- **AFTERNOTE 3.15.1** - The results of the research, as part of an application for system deployment, will be submitted for regulatory consideration and approval later in 2026. As the authoritative regulator for this area, the Marine Management Organisation will assess and determine the application as part of the route discharge condition CW1 of the DCO. The words of requirement CW1 are provided in the draft meeting note.
- **ACTION 4.5.3** – Following a discussion about noise monitoring equipment at Combwich Wharf, the Chair suggested that this was something that could be discussed at the next Main Site Forum. This was discussed at the Main Site Forum in February.
- **AFTERNOTE 4.5.3** – Richard Clews also provided an afternote on the questions related to noise, air quality monitoring and water quality controls. In addition to the discussion at the Main Site Forum, Richard has included further details in the draft meeting note.

Actions and Afternotes from Forum on 15th January 2026 - 2

- **AFTERNOTE 6.1** – Regarding the EA’s ‘Meet the Regulator’ sessions, the email address for anyone interested in attending these sessions has been provided in the draft meeting note – nuclear@environment-agency.gov.uk
- **AFTERNOTE 6.4.3** – Stuart Hill had asked the EA team if there was an interim audit, particularly the impact on the environment for future power stations. The EA afternote says that “The Environment Agency does not audit or assess the overall environmental impacts of the HPC construction site as a whole. Our role is limited to regulating those activities that fall within our statutory responsibilities.”
- **AFTERNOTE 6.4.5** – Following a discussion about sewage treatment plant, the following afternote was provided: “Hinkley Point C’s Sewage Treatment plant, its operation and discharge limits were discussed in detail at the Main Site Forum held on 12th February 2026. This meeting confirmed the very high levels of treatment applied before any discharges were made. This meant that Hinkley Point C’s discharges were well below limits set more widely and also well within the ranges required for a Blue Flag bathing standard.”
- **ACTION – 10.1.1** – Stuart Hill had raised the issue of ruts on the mini roundabout going towards Nether Stowey. Joanna Whitehead had said she would take this away.
- **ACTION 10.1.4** – Stuart Hill mentioned the upgrade in lighting on Combwich Wharf, saying there hadn’t been any thought for the environment. Andrew Cockcroft said he would take this away and speak to Stuart outside of the meeting.

Item 3: Project Progress Update

Andrew Cockcroft

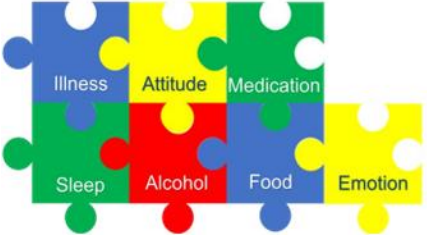
Head of Stakeholder Relations and Social Impact

Progress - Virtual Tour



Bus and Passenger Safety

- Overall safety performance remains very high with 99.9% of vehicle movements without event (*30,227 movements per month)
- SPS operate a rigorous recruitment process that includes enhanced licence checks, eyesight checks and safety critical medicals completed every year, for every driver.
- Ongoing driver training processes that takes a holistic view of safety.
- Vehicle inspections go beyond best practice with inspections every 28 days (Normal is 42) with even higher scrutiny on wheel and tyre checks and fire risk reduction. MOT first time pass rate is 5% higher than national average at 98.5%.



2026

Areas Completed

- **Spatial Distribution Note**
- **Topic papers**
 - Accommodation
 - Workforce Development
 - Community Safety
 - Environment
 - Health
 - Tourism
 - Transport
- **Engagement with community organisations and LCNs.**

March

- **Drafting of legal agreement (Heads of Terms) via new Section 106 agreement.**
- **Topic papers completed legal review before final submission.**

April

May/June/July

- Approach to delivering uplifted mitigation measures and funding agreed to be agreed Strategic Planning Committee. (*Date TBC)
- Further updates to forums and LCNs

Acoustic fish deterrent update

- **Hinkley Point C will have more fish protection measures in place than any other power station in the world** - with three separate systems required. These will include an Acoustic Fish Deterrent, Low Velocity Side Entry water intake heads and a Fish Recovery and Return System.
- **Testing of the technology was carried out over the summer of 2025 in partnership with Swansea University.** The results show the system is highly effective.
- Testing of a further low frequency device continue in laboratory trials with increasing confidence of positive results for an even broader range of species.
- The high and low-frequency devices would collectively deliver more than originally envisaged within the DCO.
- **A decision will be made this summer on the consenting route – either through a material change application or via the discharge of the conditions within the original DCO.**
- We are working with regulators on discussions surrounding the need for any further compensation.



Pre-submitted questions

- “From the HPC Video, can EdeF elaborate on why transitioning into the MEH phase has been 'tough going'; the phrase 'now we're really getting moving' implies that there have been holdups. So, what's been causing these?”
- “It's interesting that you devote a slide to 'Bus & Passenger Safety' just two weeks after two bus accidents in quick succession. What can you tell the Forum about those incidents?”

- submitted by Roy Pumfrey, *Stop Hinkley*

Pre-submitted questions

“What is the jetty currently being used for?”

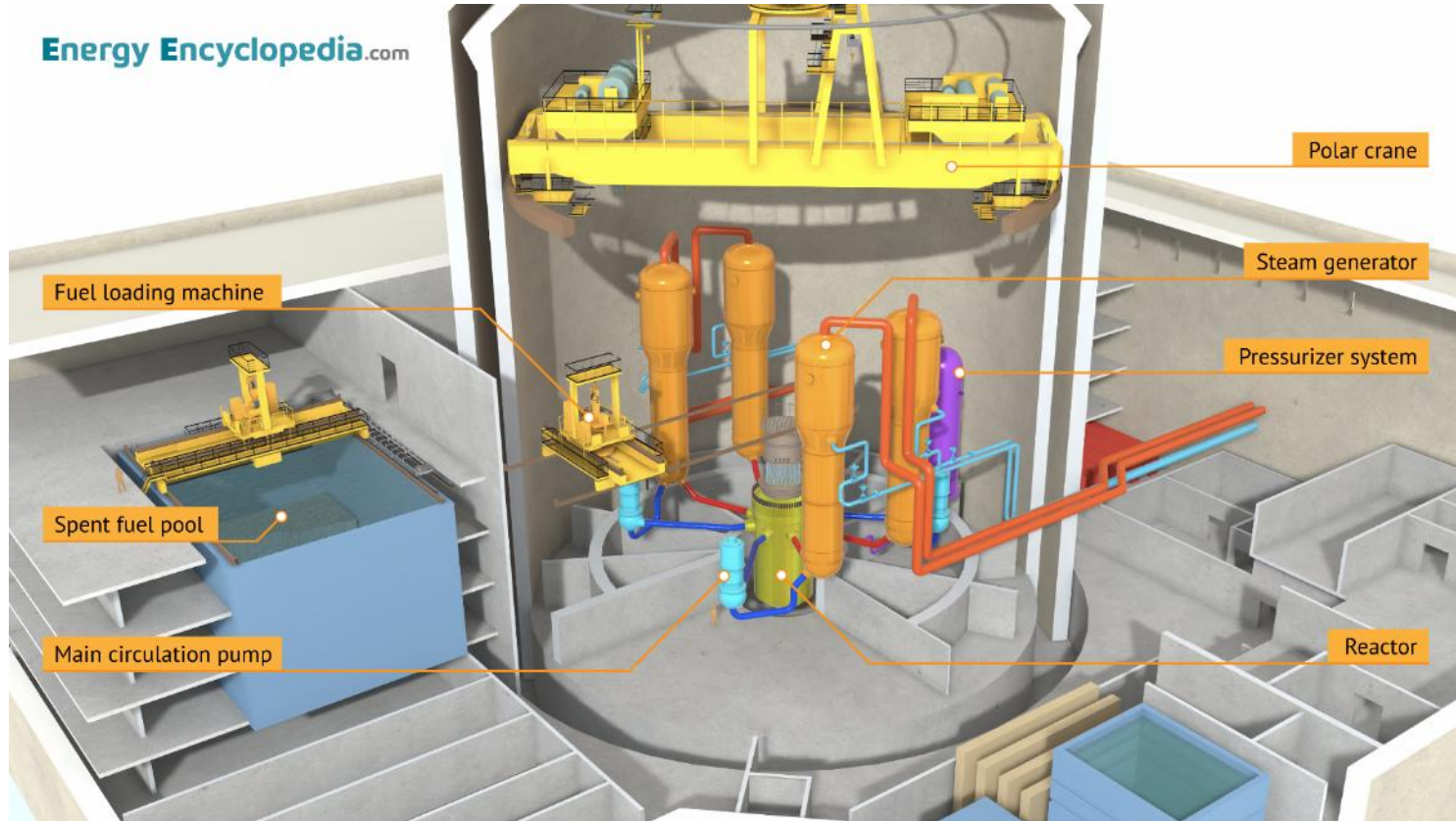
“When was it last used and what was transported in or out on this route?”

- submitted by Jo Smoldon, *Stop Hinkley*

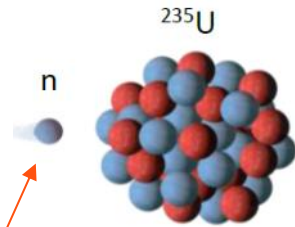
HPC Community Forum – about a nuclear reactor

Lucky Bahia and Chris Sleath – Senior Operations Managers HPC

Pressurised Water Reactors



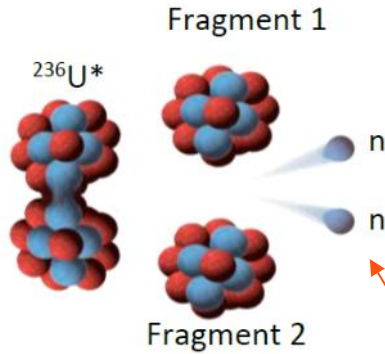
Nuclear Fission



Neutron

- Control Rods
- Boron

Fissile Uranium Fuel



Energy Release

• $E = mc^2$

Neutrons

- Chain reaction
- Control rod Absorption
- Boron

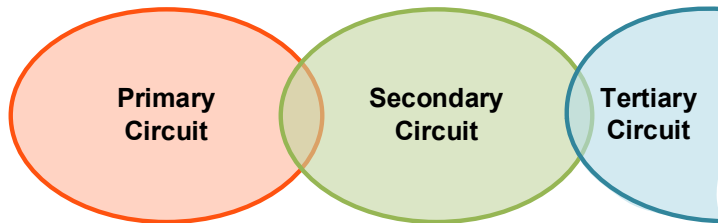
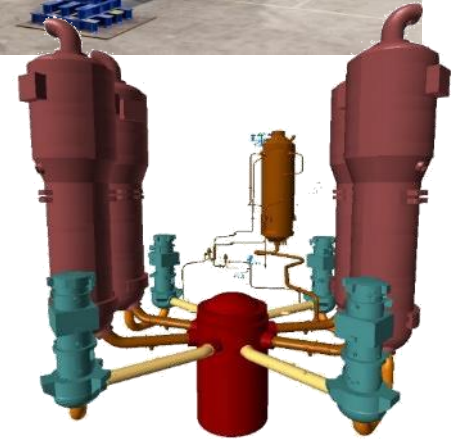


Fuel Assembly

- Fuel Pins – metallic cladding
- 17x17 grid
- 241 fuel assemblies

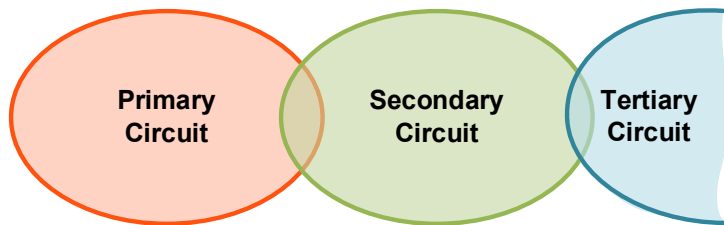
Primary Circuit

- Housed within the reactor building
 - Closed circuit
 - Reactor pressure vessel (300 °C, 155 bar)
 - Pressuriser
 - 4 steam generators
 - 4 main coolant pumps
- Steam generators
 - Remove heat from the primary circuit
 - 4500 MW (~1.5 million kettles!)



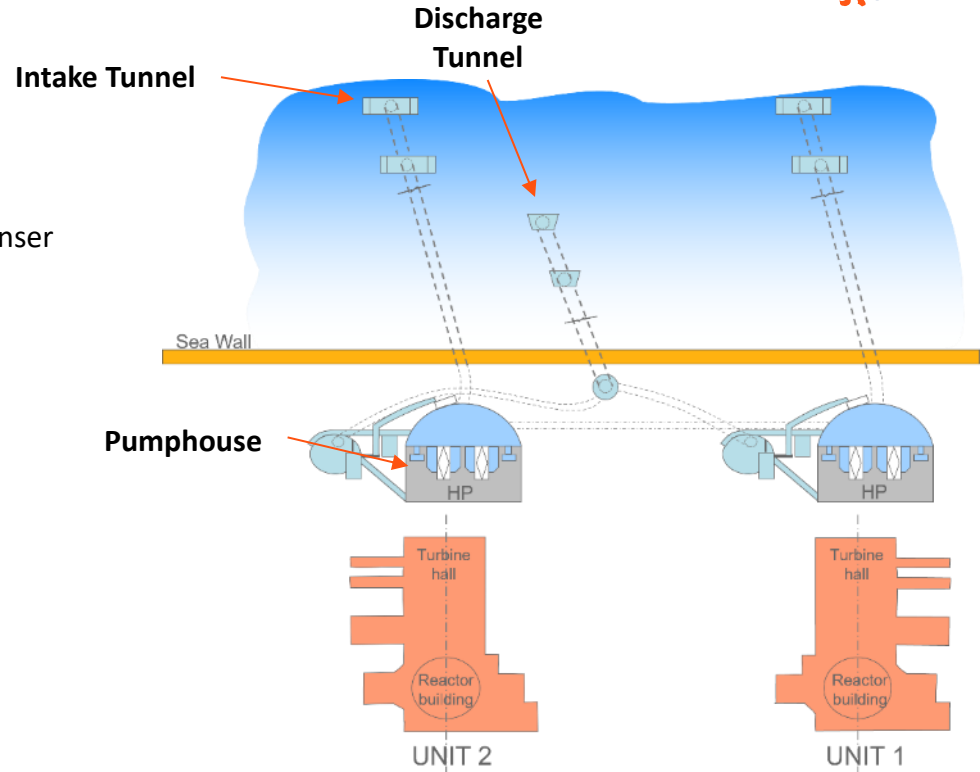
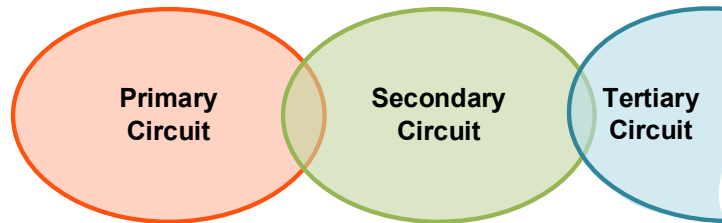
Secondary Circuit

- Housed within the turbine hall
 - Closed circuit
 - Turbine
 - Generator
 - Feedwater system
 - Uses steam to rotate “world’s biggest” turbine-generator
 - 1600 MW of electrical power
 - 3.5% of the UK’s demand (3,000,000 homes!)

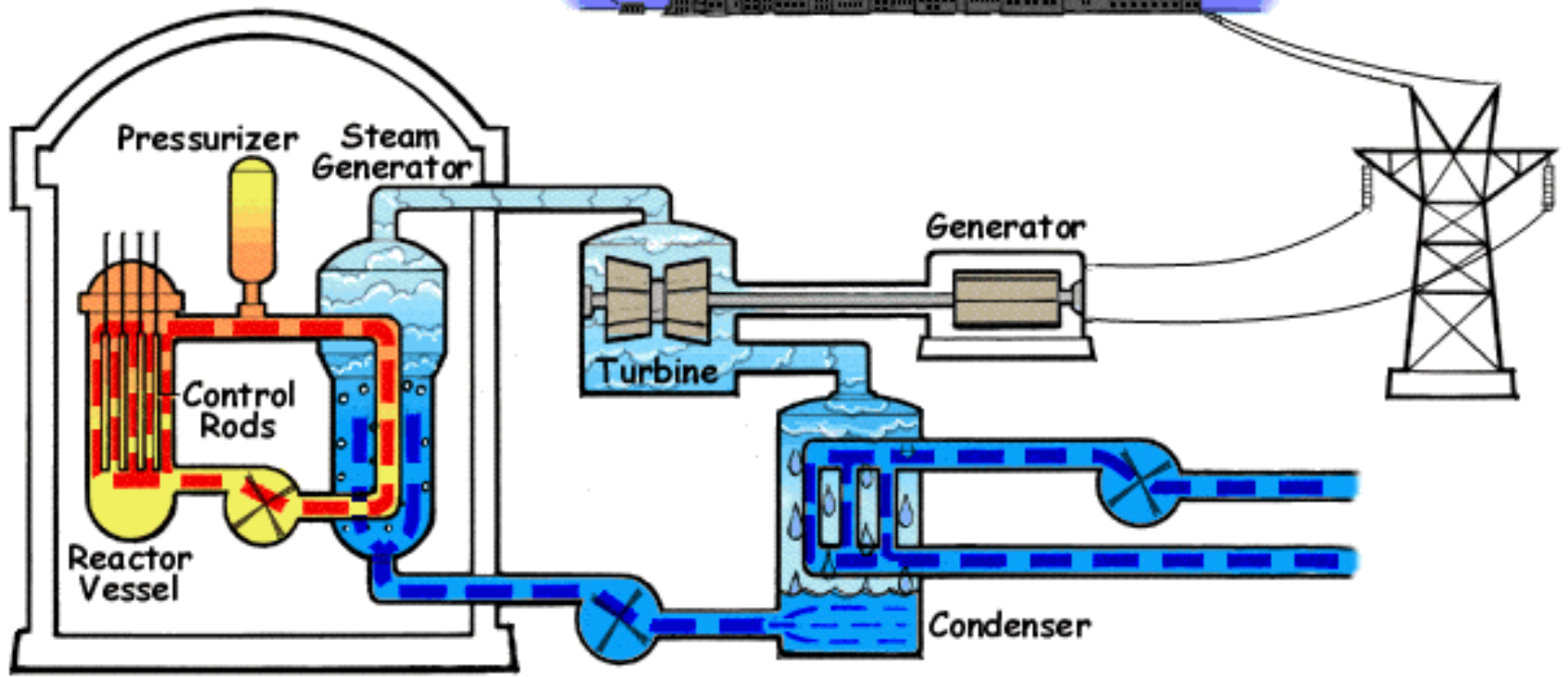


Tertiary Circuit

- Housed within the pump house
 - Open circuit
 - Uses sea water to cool the turbine and help condenser steam back into “feed” water
 - Two Intake tunnels
 - One discharge tunnel
 - Debris filtering
 - Fish return



Containment Structure



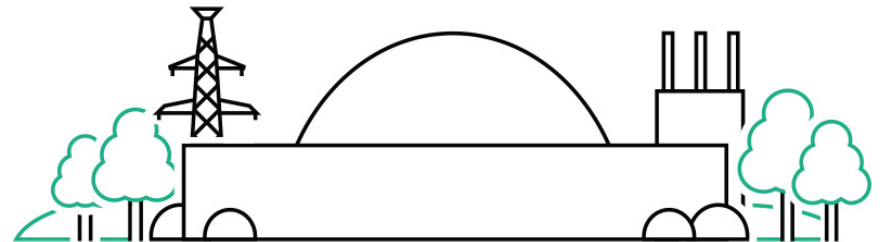
Thank You



Item 4: Update – Office for Nuclear Regulation

ONR Community Forum Report Highlights

Alun Griffiths
May 2026 Update



ONR Report Q2 2026

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.
- Unannounced inspection focused on Quality Records.

ONR Report Q2 2026

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 Q2 2026 - Permissioning

- In advance of major permissioning points ONR will continue to apply flexible permissioning to allow the start of a number of other activities.
 - Application of flexible permission to installation of Reactor Pressure Vessel into Unit 2.

ONR Report Q2 2026 - Non-routine matters

- 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 resulted in decisions to prosecute as previously reported.
- Matters will now progress to trial and pre-trial review hearings were held at Bristol Crown Court on 30th Jan 2026. Trial dates have now been set.
- No further comment can be made at this time due to the live legal proceedings.

ONR Report Q2 2026 - Non-routine matters

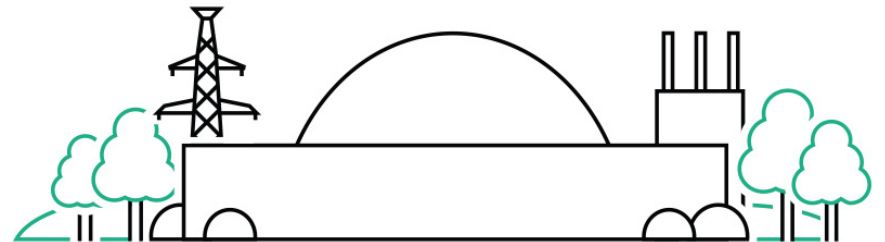
- Fire enforcement notices were served on the MEH joint venture in Dec 2025 in relation to adequacy of fire risk assessment and control of associated hazards.
- Good progress has been made by Bylor JV after addressing the shortfalls identified in the fire enforcement notice highlighted in the last community forum.

ONR Report Q2 2026 – ONR Team Structure

- We have been going through a structured hand over process for Nominated Site Inspector for HPC.
- A key theme of this is continuity and consistency of regulatory approach, including recognising the significance of this community forum.



Questions?



Item 5: Update Environment Agency

Hinkley Point C Community Forum 14 May 2026

Environment Agency update
Jon Ayers – Senior Environment Officer

Hinkley Point C – Non-Nuclear Updates

- **Overall Compliance Remains Good**
- **AFD-** We continue with technical engagement on the AFD ahead of application to discharge DCO conditions.
- **Unannounced Inspection-** Samples taken from Water Management Zone and Sewage Treatment Plant
- **Tunnel arisings-** Advice provided on re-use of material. Inspection in June.
- EA 'Meet the Regulator' - 23 March



Hinkley Point C – Nuclear Updates

- **No compliance issues**
- **Permitting:** No changes
- **Inspections:** Combustion/EDGs
- **Reviews:** In-process monitoring(ongoing), environmental specifications, Exemption process, ILW filter strategy
- **Regulator meetings:** RSR-compliance, Site overview, Radwaste and decommissioning, Chemistry, Pre-Ops, Commissioning – all rated Green.



Policy and publications

Nuclear Regulatory Taskforce

We support the work of the Taskforce to deliver a stronger and more streamlined regulatory framework. We have reviewed the Government's response and are working across the EA to respond to the questions set out in the [chancellor's letter](#) to regulators and industry by the 13th of September.

We are committed to enabling the UK to become a clean energy superpower and enabling a safe, secure and sustainable nuclear sector that acts in the best interests of society and the environment.

Relevant reports and publications

- Generic Design Assessment: End of Step 2 and [GDA report](#) for Holtec International.
- Generic Design Assessment: One [live GDA](#) on Rolls-Royce SMR.
- Annual report: [Radioactivity and Food and the Environment](#) (Published October 2025)
- [Chief Regulator's Report](#) (Published November 2025)
- Permitting - Charges updated on 1 April [Environmental permits and abstraction licences: tables of charges - GOV.UK](#)

For regular updates on our nuclear regulation work or wider

- Linked In: [Regulating Radioactive Substances, LinkedIn](#)
- Environment Agency website [Environment Agency - GOV.UK](#)

Questions?

Item 6: Update – Community Fund

HINKLEY POINT C COMMUNITY FUND

May 2026

Amelia Thompson

Somerset 
**Community
Foundation**

Directing Funds
Driving Change



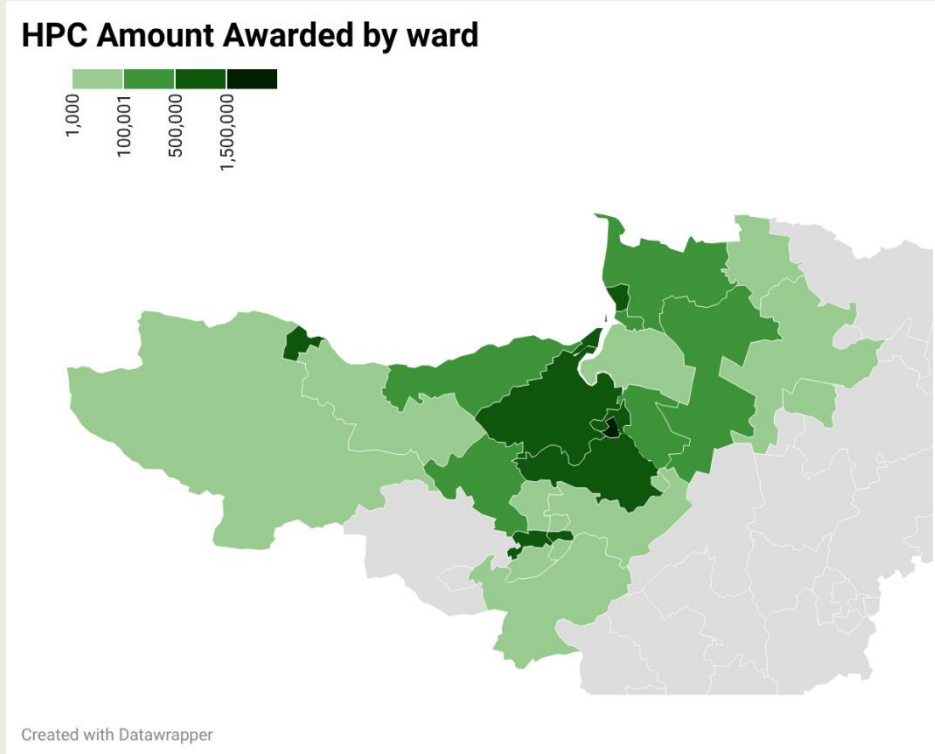
**HPC
Community
Fund**

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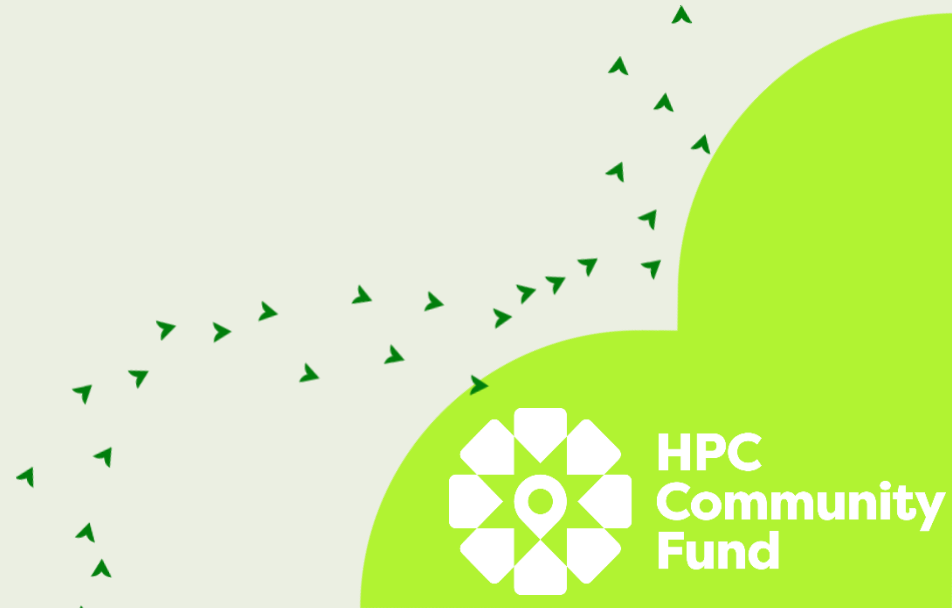
Programme	£ Awarded	No. of grants
Strategic grants	1,542,823	11
Small grants	1,387,649	266
Otterhampton	368,180	17
Open Grants	9,569,268	111
Community Development	10,000	2
	12,877,920	407



2018 - 2025 SUMMARY



RECENT EXAMPLES







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Book a time to talk [here](#)

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Item 7: Main Site Forum update

Update from last meeting held on 12th February 2026

Item 8: Transport Forum update

Update from last meeting held on 12th March 2026

Item 9: Any other business

Item 10: Date of next meeting

Community Forum: Thursday 17th September 2026 at 6pm

Next dates for the Community, Main Site and Transport Forums in 2026

All 6pm start and on Thursdays

Community Forum	15 th January / 14 th May / 17th September
Main Site Forum	12 th February / 4 th June / 15 th October
Transport Forum	12 th March / 25 th June / 12 th November

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Thank You