

Meeting Report

Regarding:

**EDF Hinkley Point C:
Main Site Forum.**

Date & Venue:

**Thursday 12th February 2026 – 6pm
Meeting held at: Victory Hall, Stogursey,
Bridgwater**

Participating:

Doug Bamsey, *Chair*
James Holbrook (JH), *Somerset Council*
Richard Ayre (RA), *Stogursey Parish Council*
Stuart Lake (SL), *Stogursey Parish Council*
Chris Ford (CF), *Stogursey Parish Council*
Amanda Stanley (AS), *Shurton Resident*
Gareth Glover (GG), *Burton Resident*
John Roberts (JR), *Nether Stowey Parish Council*
Sue Goss (SG), *Stogursey Parish Council*
Sue Spicer (SS), *Burton Resident*
Tom Hall (TH), *Avon and Somerset Police*
Valdo Andrade (VA), *Avon and Somerset Police*

EDF Team:

Andrew Cockcroft (AC), *EDF*
Richard Clews (RCL), *EDF*
Stuart Jagger (SJ), *EDF*
Mounia Miguil (MM), *EDF*
Jo Manley (JM), *EDF*
Emma Chorley (EC), *EDF*
Drew Aspinwall (DA), *SEC Newgate UK*
Matthew Williams (MW), *SEC Newgate UK*

Apologies received:

Stacy Walker (SW), *EDF*
Allan Searle (AS), *Stogursey Parish Council*
Nicola Hale (NH), *Somerset Council*
Chris Morgan (CM), *Stogursey Parish Council*

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Item		Action
1	Item 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	Item 2 - Meeting Note and Matters Arising (from Thursday 16th October 2025)	
2.1	Matters arising: Item 2.2 (Roadworks / Somerset Council coordination) AFTERNOTE: The link to the information on diversionary routes has been provided in the draft meeting note.	
2.2	<u>Item 2.2.3 (Operation HAROLD / Diversionary Routes)</u> AFTERNOTE: Arising out of the need to clarify the invocation of Operation HAROLD as an emergency scheme being different to the use of the routes / sections used for diversion. Claire Warner-Blackman gave a presentation on this at the Transport Forum in November.	
2.3	<u>Item 2.2.4 (Sign repair / clearance)</u> ACTION: Andrew Cockcroft (AC) asked Sue Goss (SG) if there had been any improvement on this front – to which she confirmed that there had been some improvements.	
2.4	<u>Item 2.5 (Item on long-term restoration)</u> ACTION: There is an agenda item about this subject in this Forum.	
2.5	<u>Item 3.4 (Road Safety Week)</u> AFTERNOTE: Andrew Cockcroft had mentioned that every winter the project runs a road safety campaign and would be doing so again – not just limited to ice but wider road safety.	
2.6	<u>Item 3.5 (Comwich Wharf works)</u> AFTERNOTE: Stacy Walker shared information of how to contact the Environment Agency Bridgwater Tidal Barrier project manager, Michael Lancaster; his email is in the draft meeting note.	
2.7	<u>Item 4.12.11 – (Reversing beacons)</u> ACTION: AC said he needed to check in with the team to see if they have gone back to Richard Cuttell. ACTION	ACTION AC
2.8	Amanda Stanley (AS) underlined the need to let people know if the diversionary route is going to be used. AC replied that there was a good discussion at the last Transport Forum about this, and the need for the differentiation between the HAROLD route and using the diversionary route.	

	<p>Sue Goss (SG) highlighted that although the naming is different, the same route is used on each occasion.</p> <p>AC said that if the project became aware of the diversionary route being used (even if nothing to do with HPC), they still had the ability to let people know. John Roberts (JR) said that this isn't happening at the moment.</p>	
2.9	There were no further comments, and the meeting note was then agreed.	
3	Item 3 – Project Progress Update (Andrew Cockcroft (AC) - EDF)	
3.1	<p>The Chair invited AC to give his project progress update to Forum members. AC began by welcoming Stuart Jagger (SJ) to the forum to present the item on environmental matters and longer-term landscape restoration.</p> <p>AC gave a presentation to members on project progress – slides 5 to 12 in the presentation pack.</p> <p>This included a look back at work completed on site in 2025, as well as a look ahead to the key milestones over the next 12 months.</p> <p>AC also gave an update on workforce uplift. He mentioned that the Transport topic paper has been completed and is with Somerset Council. A new s106 agreement is set to be drafted in March.</p> <p>Finally, AC shared with members the initial findings from the water tank trials for the new Acoustic Fish Deterrent (AFD) system. This has come about as a result of a partnership between HPC, the developer and Swansea University. Results have so far been excellent, with a 90% success rate in deterring fish. AC said how during trials only 1 fish came within 30m of the intake heads compared to 40 when the AFD was not operational.</p> <p>AC reported that an application will be submitted to the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) later this year.</p>	
3.2	The Chair invited questions from members to AC.	
3.3	Sue Spicer (SS) asked what the material on the outside of the top section of the reactor units domes is – AC replied that it is concrete.	
3.4	<p>Sue Goss (SG) asked if HPC had had any contact with the group at Minehead involved with the proposed tidal lagoon. AC said that he had been in contact with them, but as the tidal project is still at an early stage there isn't a design or any tangible project to discuss at this time. SG said there could be conflict with some of HPC's water outflows.</p>	

3.5	<p>John Roberts (JR) asked if 95% of the civils work had been completed why was it necessary to go through with workforce uplift.</p> <p>AC replied that this was 95% of the civils work on Unit 1, there is also the MEH phase and then Unit 2.</p>	
4	Item 4: Planning Update – (Richard Clews, EDF)	
4.1	<p>Richard Clews (RCL) gave members an update on HPC planning matters (slides 15 to 18 in the presentation pack).</p> <p>This included an extension to the use of the Temporary Jetty (to 27th March 2028); the extension for the use of Pixies Field – part of the HPB site – to be used for emergency bus parking up to 2030; a planning application for up to 100 additional touring pitches for HPC workers at Mill Farm, Fiddington; and an update about future DCO applications (slide 18).</p>	
4.2	<p>RCL then focused on requirement MS28 of the original DCO, which relates to landscape restoration. (slides 19 to 30)</p> <p>He mentioned how there is a full landscaping scheme detailing what the contours and profile of the restored land should be.</p> <p>RCL then showed members some details from the HPC Landscape Reinstatement Master Plan; as well as sharing a monitoring update of stockpile management. These aerial images showed the temporary stockpiles in April 2025, October 2025 and January 2026. RCL pointed out the difference between these.</p>	
4.3 4.3.1	<p>RCL then invited questions from members.</p> <p>SG said it was noticeable that the stockpile levels were coming down. RCL said he would pass this onto the team.</p> <p>Gareth Glover (GG) added that he could see this from his window, however as a platform is being used there's a lot of light facing away from site and lighting up his house at night – this has got a lot worse in the last 6 months. Amanda Stanley (AS) said her house was affected by this too.</p> <p>RCL suggested that anyone affected by on-site light should report this via the HPC Enquiries email; he added that the ecological impact of lighting was being managed well, but that construction lighting is about how the lights are set up – RCL said that he would speak to the team to ensure the lights weren't facing outwards.</p> <p>AFTERNOTE: The HPC team have checked with the team responsible for the stockpile. The lighting has not been increased in that area and an entire compound has been removed to the north of the area, such that there is currently less lighting at the height of the stockpile.</p>	AFTERNOTE

<p>4.3.2</p> <p>4.3.3</p>	<p>However, the stockpile is reducing as the project is now able to blend material for backfill. This is reducing the height of the main stockpile. Our expectation is that this may be allowing more light from the main site to propagate south, which was previously shielded by the stockpile.</p> <p>AC said that while it is hard to control the glow, but it would be good to understand any lights that are directly pointing into nearby houses.</p> <p>RCL added that there's not a lot of work on the stockpile at nighttime.</p> <p>SJ asked if this had been over the past 3 weeks. GG said that residents in Burton and surrounding area are affected by glow and doesn't want another 5 years of lights shining directly into his house.</p> <p>SG said that lighting wasn't a new issue, but there have been instances where certain lights shine brighter than usual. SG added that EDF are good at changing the positioning of lights if contacted. GG added that this issue has got worse in recent times.</p> <p>AC reiterated his point about reporting any issues regarding light so they can be responded to and action taken by the team.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>ITEM 5 – Environmental Management (Stuart Jagger – EDF)</p>	
<p>5.1</p>	<p>The Chair invited Stuart Jagger (SJ) to give his presentation about environmental management (slides 33 to 36 in the presentation pack).</p>	
<p>5.2</p>	<p>SJ explained to members that work undertaken at HPC is the 'gold standard' in terms of sewage treatment.</p> <p>He explained that HPC's treatment comprises of 8 stages, compared to 5 for public water treatment. HPC controls everything that goes into treatment as it's not a combined sewer, therefore it's just what goes down the sinks and toilets.</p>	
<p>5.3</p>	<p>SJ then showed members a slide explaining the various stages of sewage treatment (slide 33).</p> <p>SJ explained that a storm overflow (i.e. what a treatment works can't take) has around a million bacteria (colony forming units) attributed to it; if going through a secondary system this will be brought down to around a thousand; HPC's system gets this down to just ten.</p>	
<p>5.4</p>	<p>SJ said that 'Blue Flag' beach status requires water quality in bathing areas to have an E. coli count of less than 250 cfu (colony-forming units) / 100ml; HPC's system gets it down to less than 10 cfu in 100ml .</p>	
<p>5.5</p>	<p>SJ continued by saying that 200m³ could be treated in a 24-hour period. He added that whereas public water systems don't have limits on ammonia, HPC does.</p> <p>HPC's permit limits 80mg/l of ammonia – at HPC's latest test the level was below 2mg/l.</p> <p>SJ then explained the diagram of the system to members (slide 34)</p>	
<p>5.6</p> <p>5.6.1</p>	<p>SJ then invited questions from members about sewage treatment.</p> <p>SG said it was the most detailed and reassuring talk that she had ever heard on this process – and is more assured than ever about this. SG reiterated how important this is given the outflow</p>	

<p>5.6.2</p> <p>5.6.3</p>	<p>is 500m away from bathing water. She asked if at what stage of the tide it was discharged. SJ replied it is batch treated, and when full it is discharged 20m³ at a time.</p> <p>Ideally this would be discharged at ebb tide, but this happens at all stages. During the day, this ramps up, and at night calms down.</p> <p>SG asked if the permanent treatment facility would be in operation by the time the jetty has ceased operation. SJ said it would only come into effect closer to operation and only scaled to the on-site staff e.g. 2,000 people. SJ added that the temporary system is needed to match the work that is going on; and HPC is looking to achieve a new connection to continue to use the jetty for discharge.</p> <p>SG said that the agreement was only until 2028 – RCL added that the outfall pipe for discharge isn't part of the DCO, whereas the jetty would no longer be used to deliver rebar etc. The MMO need to approve this, planning permission might be needed for pipeline.</p> <p>SJ said that the discharge point off the jetty was right into the stream of the river, meaning that it is diluted very quickly.</p> <p>AS asked about the permanent treatment process, and if it would be to same gold standard. SJ said it won't be constructed for another couple of years, and there is the potential for it to be better.</p>	
<p>5.7</p>	<p>SJ then moved onto his presentation about the ecology and biodiversity work. The ecology team is made up of between 6 and 12 members, undertaking various surveys. A recent survey of shelduck on the River Parrett showed there were 6,500 overwintering birds, more than in recent years and shows the lack of any detrimental impact of the project in this respect.</p> <p>SJ added that the most recent survey showed 20 additional species have been found in the southern landscaping area – and 11 different types of bats were found to be using the roosts.</p> <p>SJ said that the main thing on site from an ecological perspective was not disturbing nesting birds – in 2025 approximately 60 nesting birds were found on the HPC construction site, and none of these were disturbed.</p>	
<p>5.8</p>	<p>SJ continued by explaining noise and light monitoring; and showed members a map of the locations of these monitoring stations. There are alerts sent if there are exceedances, including one recently – in fact rain had washed dust into the sensor. These are monitored three times a day.</p>	
<p>5.9</p>	<p>SJ showed members a slide (slide 36) of a heat map of quarterly light monitoring surveys (e.g. along the western boundary, Green Lane etc.) He explained how the blue colour is within the 1 lux limit as part of the dark corridor for bats.</p> <p>He explained that there could be fluctuations in light due to seasonal factors (e.g. trees losing leaves); however as Green Lane was a mature space this wasn't a large fluctuation.</p> <p>SJ concluded by saying that lighting timings will change as the evenings get lighter and we enter British Summer Time, he said that timings will be adjusted by half an hour.</p>	

	The Chair thanked SJ for his presentation.	
6	Item 6 – Any Other Business	
6.1	The Chair then invited items of Any Other Business from members.	
6.2	AS mentioned some instances where buses had stopped at non-designated bus stops and wanted to make AC aware of this. ACTION - AC updated that ‘informal bus stopping’ has been raised with Rebecca Jeffreys in the HPC Transport Team.	ACTION
6.2.1	AS then mentioned that a few landscaping items e.g. handrails were looking tatty, and the ‘footgate’ on the emergency road is permanently open. AC replied that it had already been fed back to him about the gate; AC suggested a potential spring clean of these areas. ACTION AC	ACTION AC / MM
6.2.2	GG added that there had recently been a large amount of rubbish in bushes along the public footpaths around Shurton. AS added other areas where this was a problem. GG asked about community litter picking – AC suggested a litter pick would be hugely helpful to help with this. ACTION – AC to provide an update at the next MSF on 4 June 2026 SL suggested informing the workforce not to litter. GG also mentioned how undesigned parking, including parking and walking to site, is contributing to littering.	ACTION AC / MM
7	Item 7 – Date of Next Meeting	
7.1	The date of the next Main Site Forum is <u>Thursday 4th June 2026 at 6pm.</u> The Chair presented the Forum dates for 2026 (slide 39 in the presentation pack).	
8	The meeting ended.	