

Report on HPC Community Forum Meeting, 2 February 2017

The Community Forum (CF) is made up of representatives from any local body with an interest in HPC. Parish, Town, District and County Councils are well represented, along with a number of EdeF folk. The ONR stopped attending when it became clear that it would be a while before there was anything nuclear on site to deal with. The Agenda is set by EdeF.

Project Milestones:- David Eccles, EdeF

Earthworks are extending and will soon fill the Holford Valley

Two Batching Plants built, two more to build. Also an Aggregate Store.

Ongoing Concrete Process Trials

East Office Annex complete, more to come. 1500 workers on site, majority office based, will double at end of year, and double again in the next two years

20 piles have been quietly screwed into the seabed for initial Jetty foundations, will take a year to build jetty

De-Coupling Wall construction underway (protects sea wall excavations)

Spray Concrete Batcher on way

Haul-road bridge built (takes smaller vehicles over route of 100t diggers)

New for 2017

HPC on site Accommodation Campus

First safety-related concrete used in gallery (underground service tunnels)

Complete East Welfare building

Handover of civil works design studies for pumping station raft

Handover of civil works design studies for reactor pre-stressing gallery

Commence installation of seawater cooling pipes

Initial preparation work on Comwich Wharf has been brought forward from 2018 to mid- 2017, concerning local residents.

*in response to SH query: Wessex Water are installing a new freshwater pipe to the HPC site from Clatworthy Reservoir

*in response to SH query (Raised in anonymous letter to Val Davey): new buses for ferrying workers from P&R sites will be built in China

*in response to SH query: Eccles can't comment on recent EdeF note to BEIS Select Committee on difficulties/delays likely if leaving EU causes freedom of worker movement restrictions

Worker Accommodation

HPC campus will be for 500 workers

Former Cellophane Sports & Social Club site on Bath Road in Bridgwater is for 986 single units in modules. All pre-fab, simply put into place and fixed together on site. Construction starts July 2017

Section 1 complete July '18, Section 2 October '18, works complete December '18. None of the accommodation will have any 'legacy value'. EdeF say it will be dismantled and transported to Sizewell to use there

In response to query from Wembdon Councillor, vast majority of male occupants anticipated

Park and Ride works to start April 2017. Cannington park and ride, out to tender in April, hoped to be built by July 2018. Extended from 250 up to 300 parking spaces.

New Bus Service:- SCC Councillor announced that EdeF will subsidise a free thrice daily (Monday to Friday) bus service from Minehead to/from Bridgwater. Not for Cannington folk, they've already got an hourly service and that's enough for them!

Eccles responded to SH queries:-

The Asbestos Remediation Planning Application, permission granted in January 2011 is still only 80% complete

HPC will take ten years to build and will be completed in 2025, irrespective of these figures not adding up

With more happening now on site, it was agreed to move from 3 Community Forum meetings per year to 4 meetings a year, and rearrange times of related forum meetings to work with this arrangement