

Meeting Note

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Meeting with	The host local authorities - Somerset County Council (SCC), Sedgemoor District Council (SDC) & West Somerset District Council (WSDC) - and EDF via a conference call
Meeting date	29 November 2011
Attendees	Mark Wilson (IPC Case Lead)
(IPC)	Katherine Chapman (IPC Examination Manager) Jack Wride (Assistant Case Officer)
Attendees	Doug Bamsey (Sedgemoor District Council)
(non IPC)	Claire Pearce (Sedgemoor District Council)
	Victoria Banham (Sedgemoor District Council)
	Rachel Boothroyd (Sedgemoor District Council)
	Alyn Jones (Somerset County Council)
	Andrew Goodchild (West Somerset Council)
	Tim Norwood (EDF)
	Alan Hyde (EDF)
Location	Telephone conference co-ordinated at IPC Offices, Temple
	Quay House

Meeting	Discussion of outreach and Preliminary Meeting
purpose	Arrangements

Summary of key points discussed and advice given	IPC: Adverts were placed in the press today regarding the outreach events planned for early December. These draw on our recent outreach experience. Do any of the parties have any concerns about the published arrangements?
giveii	SDC: We have concerns regarding people understanding the purpose of the IPC and EDF events and the limitations of what people can expect at each type of event.
	IPC: Our events will focus solely on process and how to register by making a relevant representation. This will be made very clear. There will be no discussion regarding merits or displays about the proposal itself.
	SDC: There are no references in the press release / article in the Mercury to the associated development sites. How are people going to know the impacts in their vicinity to encourage

registration?

IPC: While we feel this is not a significant problem, there has been extensive coverage in the locality from EDF and others regarding the locations of the associated development sites, we take the point and will discuss with our communications team regarding future press releases.

SDC: The associated developments are significant developments in their own right and it would be better to have a more embracing description.

IPC: We will feed this information into the publicity for any subsequent outreach events that may take place.

SDC: What documents will be available at the IPC events?

IPC: We will have the full set of our Advice Note Eight (parts one to five) which are designed to be accessible to members of the public. They cover the IPC process and how members of the public can get involved with the process. We will also have sample copies of the relevant representation form, and an information sheet with Hinkley specific details to take away.

SDC: The events could highlight the local development sites as the geography of scheme is a major influence on the events. We have a good map with the development sites

IPC: IPC staff at the event will know what is being proposed for that area, but it is not our role to walk people through the application.

SDC: Our research in Bridgwater shows a high percentage of the public knew about the development at the main site, but only a moderate number knew of the associated development in the area. The public may find problems with envisaging the scale of the development.

EDF: The 6+ EDF exhibitions events being planned between 7-11January will convey as much of this information as possible. We intend a similar distribution of events as those being proposed by the IPC.

The project display boards will feature an overview of the entire project, broken down into headline areas, and DVD copies of the application documents will be available, including non-technical summaries. Printed copies of IPC literature on their process will also be available. Will there be info available on EDF events during the IPC's outreach?

IPC: We have this information on file and will co-ordinate with EDF to ensure the events do not overlap and that people can be

directed to the EDF exhibitions if they wish to examine the scheme itself in more detail. We will also produce a map showing the scheme's sites within the area for an overall picture of the development.

EDF: We will have three non-technical summaries available for our events and also at libraries and info centres within the area. These will be for the Environmental Statement, Consultation Report and a new 30 page summary describing the application itself.

SDC: We will continue to monitor / review the impact of the events on the communities. How do you see the role of the local authorities at this point?

IPC: Any comments or questions about the application process can be directed to the IPC.

EDF: Comments should go to the IPC not EDF. After the IPC's event in Bridgwater, EDF would like to see feedback from the IPC on the sorts of issues being raised to enable EDF to get the right mix of experts in attendance at the subsequent EDF exhibition events.

IPC: In the new year we are looking into renting an empty store in Bridgwater shopping centre, although this is at the discretion of store manager. The back up option will be to have a stand in the centre of the shopping centre.

SDC: We should be able to provide assistance to help set up the event as we have good contacts with shopping centre.

IPC: Regarding the venue for the Preliminary Meeting, we are considering Somerset Cricket Club, but are willing to consider other suitable venues.

SDC: There may be some local resistance in Sedgemoor to using the cricket club. We suggest the Auction Centre at North Petherton as an alternate. The centre has a capacity of between 600-1000 depending on layout.

IPC: Points noted. Does EDF have any views on this?

EDF: We looked at the auction centre, but there are cattle auctions on most days. In our view the cricket ground is the best location due to its location near bus routes and train station. It can comfortably fit 500 people in the main room and 200-300 in the side room. This adds flexibility. It also has good disabled access and a hearing loop. We would however be prepared to look again at auction site.

IPC: The cricket club's accessibility via public transport is also a

very important consideration. What is the public transport access like for the auction centre?

SDC: The auction centre has separate space for conference / concerts and also has good public transport links. Parking situation is better than the cricket club.

IPC: We will check both venues for suitability and take into account the points raised today. We will arrange directly with the venue in conjunction with our other work in the area.

SDC: What time would the Preliminary Meeting start?

IPC: 10 -10:30am start. A registration period followed by the event.

EDF: Is the Preliminary Meeting held over 1 or 2 days?

IPC: We strongly advise booking the venue for two days to ensure there is a contingency period.

EDF: Cattle auctions take place three times a week, so there's an increased likelihood of a clash over two days.

SDC: Do we have a tentative date?

IPC: No firm date. The Preliminary Meeting is envisaged around the middle to end of March, avoiding Easter and school holidays.

IPC: Any other business?

SCC: We have concerns over the 500 word limit on the initial representation in relation to our submission.

IPC: The forms have been revised specifically in light of previous experience and the accompanying advice note redraft. The 500 word limit is advisory only. As Somerset County Council is already an Interested Party using a letter/report format is also possible.

IPC: The registration period will run from 02 December 2011 to 23 January 2012. The first IPC outreach event is on 05 December.

SDC: Will there be forms available on the day for completion?

IPC: The forms have been designed not to be photocopied or treated as a petition. Views put forward should be specifically that of the individual concerned. We are encouraging people to register online. Forms will not be available to take away as they will each be personalised to the individual who requested them.

SDC: The local area has limited internet access. How easy will it be to get paper copies?

IPC: Personalised hard copy forms will be available on request via our help line or in writing/email. We have previously experienced a number of instances where people have been registered against their wishes by people/organisations getting individuals to sign semi-completed forms. There is no provision to deregister people as Interested Parties with the Planning Act 2008.

SDC: So there will be no forms to take away at each outreach events?

IPC: We will take the contact details of those who wish to be sent a paper form at the events and then send them a form. The reason we encourage online completion is that the e-form will not allow you to progress with an incomplete or incorrect form, which has also been a problem in the past.

Where forms are incomplete we will try to follow this up and seek clarification or correction from the respondent, subject to our resources.

SDC: We are worried regarding those with affected land.

SDC: Individuals can get very intimidated by this process. Please let us know regarding standard letters in relation to any compulsory acquisition activity.

EDF: Correspondence going out shortly to "affected" persons. We have been dealing with this group of people for several years so there should not be any individuals at this stage that will react with surprise to these letters. The letters are bespoke rather than standard, but we can produce a template letter for you.

EDF: Also CGI (Computer Generated Imagery) images are now available; the step 2 consultation images have been updated and include fly through footage of the scheme. This will be available at the EDF exhibition events

IPC: Thank you everyone

Specific decisions/ follow up required?

- Production of map showing relationship between sites
- Amended scheme description for next set of outreach events

Circulation	Attendees
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