

Chairman's Report

I would first like to begin by apologising for delaying the June SSG by a week, I received a letter from Energy Solutions on 7 May stating that they were holding a meeting in London on our date and all Chairpersons were required to attend. I sincerely hope that this did not inconvenience you in any way.

I have heard good reports from those who attended the Hinkley Point A business breakfast in March. The event was an opportunity to give the sites supply chain an opportunity to hear and update on the progress at the site. I was due to be at the breakfast but unfortunately I had to attend a funeral instead.

I can report that the NDA and the sites have been keeping me fully informed of the progress regarding the competition for the Parent Body Organisation (PBO). The winning bidder is Cavendish Fluor and they will take over as the PBO in September. All of the Chairs were called to a meeting in Manchester on the 22 and 23 April to meet the executives of Cavendish Fluor, my initial thoughts are that we are going to progress with the decommissioning according to the 'mile stones' already in place and I think they will be a good company to work with. We will see some small changes at Hinkley including the loss of Lee Talbot our Site Director. I have got to know Lee very well over the last few years and found him to be a man of great integrity and a delight to work with; he will be missed by us all. Lee arranged a meeting with his replacement, Scott Raish, and me a few weeks ago. Scott, who is from Littleton, Colorado, impressed me with his knowledge and experience, and, to use an American saying I do believe 'we are going to get along just fine'.

On the 2 June I was asked to take part in a Telephone Conference Call to be interviewed about the Competition, I was more than please to give an honest reply to their questions.

Meetings do take place between Mervyn, myself and the site directors but on a rather ad-hoc basis. We need to reinstate the Meeting on an 'every other month' basis and I will be asking them formally at the SSG.

I was a little shocked that the planned tours of the A and B sites were cancelled at the very last moment due to lack of numbers. I know that these tours took a lot of organising by the staff and I appreciate all of their hard work. Both sites will reschedule the tours later on in the summer when they hope they will have a better response from people.

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