



WINFRITH SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING 21 APRIL 2016 Winfrith Newburgh Village Hall

Present:

Sandra Ellis (Chair)	Mel Loveless, Wool PC
John Larkin (Deputy Chair)	Bridget Downton, Purbeck DC
Andrew Davies, NDA	Guy Clatworthy, Lulworth Estate
Peter Hayes, ONR	Barry Quinn, Purbeck DC
Adam Davis, Environment Agency	Susan Adams, Magnox
Nick Holt, Tradebe Inutec	Will Matheson, Magnox
Nick Johnson, Winfrith & East Knighton PC	Emma Burwood Magnox
Haf Morris, Magnox	Peter Fry, Historian
Louise Cope, Local Resident	Isabel Cox, Magnox
Fiona Bowles, Winfrith & East Knighton PC	Steve Parkinson, Nuvia
Stuart Pitman, Magnox	
Carole Matthews, West Lulworth PC	

Apologies: David Rushton, NDA – **Andrew Davies (NDA) presented on his behalf**
Michael Dunnett, Magnox – **Susan Adams (Magnox) presented on his behalf**

Cherry Brooks, Purbeck DC
Peter Wharf, DCC for Egdon Heath
Tony Wormald, Owermoigne PC

1. Welcome and Introductions – Mrs Sandra Ellis, SSG Chair

Mrs Ellis welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported that since the last SSG meeting, she had attended the NDA National Stakeholder event in Manchester on 13th/14th January, at which the NDA Chief Executive, John Clarke, gave an introduction and overview. This included details of the Comprehensive Spending Review, the outcome of which is that the NDA have been given £16bn. Out of this, £2bn will go to Sellafield, a further 17 million will be used in Cumbria to help with Nuclear Waste Facilities.

The second part of the event was an overview from the new Sellafield management team on the new planned programme for the site. The event also included 'round table' discussions, linked to the draft NDA Strategy three which is out for consultation.

As part of the public consultation process, Mrs Ellis stated that she had answered the questionnaire as an individual and not from the SSG, as people were free to put their own comments forward. Question 5 of the NDA document related to seeking views on prioritising the progress of decommissioning and remediation at Winfrith to reduce maintenance cost. Mrs Ellis stated that she had replied that considering Winfrith is the only site that will be remediated back to 'ground zero' within the next ten to twenty years it would be tax payers money well spent. Other sites would be cleared of waste but buildings would remain on the landscape. This point had been picked up in the draft Strategy document published in January 2016, as a Case Study that mentioned that Winfrith will be "the first reactor site in

the NDA estate to be cleared”, Mrs Ellis also stated that it will be an important example to the rest of the country of what could be achieved on redundant sites.

Mrs Ellis mentioned that the Environment Agency would be participating in an energy, sustainability and resource efficiency event, on 17th May at the Raddison Blu Hotel Manchester Airport, and as she was unable to attend she asked if anyone wished to attend in her place?

2. Winfrith Site Report – Susan Adams, Integration Manager

Susan Adams, Magnox Integration Manager, gave a presentation on the progress made at Winfrith since the last meeting.

Safety and Environment overview

Annual Counter Terrorism exercise held in February 2016, deemed adequate by ONR but a number of learning points identified, in particular how we liaise with external agencies, e.g. Dorset Police.

New first response arrangements, post-WRS, exercise has taken place at SGHWR today.

Industrial Safety

One recordable injury of an injured foot, safety shoes were worn but Heras fencing footing fell onto an employee's toes, and injured an area not protected by the shoes.

Safety programmes including safety/condition of gates across Magnox sites; working at height; slips trips and falls; housekeeping. New 'Standards and Expectations' booklet being published.

Environmental

No significant environmental issues. Investigation from previous period, involving liquids expressed from drums when supercompacted (no release outside containment). Letter from EA to ensure we take action to prevent a recurrence.

Country-wide EA consultation on Guidance for Release of Nuclear sites from Radioactive Substances regulations, closes 9th May. The new guidance may permit in-situ disposal of buried structures but only if a satisfactory Environmental Safety Case could be made.

Programme Update

SGHWR

Announcement of award of Contract to the preferred bidder for the Detailed Design & Build for decommissioning the reactor core is imminent, with Contracts due to be signed this week.

SGHWR Primary Containment decommissioning project is well advanced, with significant progress made in all areas. Moderator tanks removed, which is a significant achievement.

SGHWR Secondary Containment effluent vault, delay tanks removed.

Dragon

Work has been progressing well on Dragon the vehicle airlock removal and installation of new access. Trial control rod cable removal and monitoring. Valve floor beam de-planting.

ALES/Drains Decommissioning

Active break tank sludges cemented in disposable tanks. Non active break tanks dismantled and removed.

End State

Carrying out land characterisation around the site. Looking at options for below-ground structures, focussing on SGHWR.

Magnox Restructuring

Exercise now completed to allocate staff roles in the new organisation. Vast majority of staff reductions at Winfrith have been achieved through voluntary severance and natural wastage. Strong likelihood there will be no compulsory redundancies at Winfrith as a result of this exercise.

Dorset Green Access

Still awaiting progress on access through Dorset Green, with negotiations delayed due to lack of Landlord. Irrespective of this we are unlikely to take all vehicles off Gatemore Road.

Mrs Ellis, SSG Chair, mentioned the continuing concerns over Gatemore Road traffic issues, with large lorries and nowhere for vehicles to pull in, nor footpaths for pedestrians, difficulty pulling out on to the A352. It would be helpful if lorries could be redirected around to the other gate.

Mr Loveless, Wool PC, a lot of concern about this, particularly around traffic and heavy vehicles on the level crossing at Wool. Purbeck DC are also intending building an additional 1,000 houses. He asked whether it would be possible for someone to visit Wool PC and explain situation.

Ms Downton, Purbeck DC, responded that a Consultation Document workshop is planned for 10th May, which will provide an opportunity for local residents to consider the options for infrastructure and what developers may be able to provide. Traffic issues will be included on the Agenda, so that possible solutions can be explored.

Mr Loveless, Wool PC, assumed that the majority of the Winfrith site traffic will be routed through Wool and this was confirmed by Susan Adams, although their plans would take account of the railway siding on the Winfrith site, if appropriate.

3. Nuclear Decommissioning Report – Andrew Davies

Mr Davies commented that the NDA Monthly Update highlights some of the wider issues taking place across the NDA Estate. Firstly, he wanted to thank Sandra Ellis for continuing to Chair the Group and challenging the NDA on behalf of the SSG.

The NDA are satisfied that the relevant actions have been taken and lessons learnt from the two Security/Safety events that had taken place in the last period. The principal Winfrith programme activities involved continuing work on SGHWR/Dragon/East and ALES, with good progress being made.

Consultation is drawing to a close on the new LTP (Life time Plan), that includes Winfrith and other Magnox sites. The LTP will be published at the end of July. There are no significant changes in the LTP that affect Winfrith.

The NDA did incredibly well at the Comprehensive Spending Review in November 2015, with £16bn allocated over four years. The bulk of activities will be between 2017 and 2019.

Dr Brian Burnett has retired and his replacement, Nigel Lowe, take over the 12 Magnox sites, the DSRL site and the Archive site based at Wick. Stephen Henwood will step down this year as Chairman and the Secretary of State will announce his replacement in due course. John Phillips who was Director of Communications left at the end of March – he has not been replaced.

The NDA Estate Supply Chain Event has been confirmed for 3rd November at EventCity in Manchester. The event is particularly focussed at small and medium enterprise involvement.

Question raised by Haf Morris, Magnox

“Has the NDA considered a similar event, on a smaller scale, to be held regionally?” (The southern region includes Berkeley, Oldbury, Hinkley, Winfrith and Harwell.) Mr Davies responded that this had not been considered but he would take the suggestion back to the relevant person within the NDA.

4. Regulators

Office for Nuclear Regulations (ONR) – Peter Hayes, Site Inspector

Mr Hayes reported that, thus far, based on what he has seen, he is content that the Winfrith site is compliant and content that the site is being safely managed. The ONR have taken a global view of the recent re-structuring and reviewed all of the structural changes. The ONR recognises that organisational change can cause concerns but is content that Magnox has controlled these changes and that from a safety aspect, this has been managed.

The ONR understands that the Winfrith Response Service (WRS) is to be disbanded. The emergency arrangements are approved by ONR so they cannot be changed unless they are approved. Magnox have to demonstrate to the ONR that the new arrangements are fit for purpose. Initial feedback from the ‘first response’ exercise carried out at Winfrith on 21st April, is that there are some learning points and the ONR are looking for some improvements to be made before formal approval is granted.

Mr Hayes reported that Inutec have submitted a written request for a Nuclear Site License (NSL) to be granted. This will take some time for assessment of their case, with security of

the tenure being one of the key areas to be resolved. Inutec must demonstrate that they either own or have a long term lease.

Environment Agency (EA) – Adam Davis

Mr Davis reported that the EA will be focusing on site maintenance costs, with regards to potential failure of assets, particularly redundant plant. Mr Davis commented that ALES is being managed really well.

With regards to the event that occurred at Winfrith and tenant facility (Tradebe Inutec), involving loss of liquid from a drum during compaction of waste sludge. The EA consider that the response by the operators has been sufficient to limit the potential for reoccurrence. Lessons learnt from this event is that sites need to pay attention to detail in the way they characterise waste.

Nick Holt, Tradebe Inutec, responded that following the event involving the super compactor loaded into containers and consigned to the LLW repository, a detailed investigation was held and as a result Tradebe Inutec identified the need to improve record keeping. Consequently, changes and improvements have been made, including training sessions with operatives.

Mr Davis commented that from the EA's perspective, they are content that procedures have been put in place but would remind all concerned that these sites are becoming waste management facilities, so increasingly waste management is important.

With regards to the Management of Change, the EA are keen to ensure that this is being implemented efficiently and it is important that people remain focused on their activities and that morale is managed.

The EA are working closely with the NDA, other Regulators and Stakeholders, to consider Magnox plans for the accelerated decommissioning of the Winfrith site. The EA have issued a consultation on its future requirements for considering the release of the site from environmental permitting. This will be the subject of the NDA led workshop for SSG Chairs and key Stakeholders taking place on

Mrs Ellis asked Mr Davis if a full overview could be provided at the next Winfrith SSG in November Mr Davis said yes and could take the form of a joint Presentation from the NDA and EA.

5. External Active Sludge Tanks (EAST) 'End of an Era' – Stuart Pitman

Stuart Pitman gave a presentation on the progress made in decommissioning the external Active Sludge Tanks at the Winfrith site. Powerpoint slides will be made available on the Magnox website.

Mrs Ellis commented that the site team should be congratulated on the amount of plant that has been cleared and that it had been achieved as efficiently as possible.

6. Tradebe Inutec Update – Nick Holt

Mr Holt stated that the Reportable Incident had already been mentioned under Item 4.

Tradebe Inutec (TI) formally submitted their application for their own Nuclear License on 14th April 2016.

Mr Holt reported that TI continued to ensure integration of Magnox and TI programmes and have also set up 4-way meetings involving Magnox/TI/ONR/EA to ensure co-ordination of activities.

Mrs Ellis commented that she has always personally supported Inutec's development, as she believed it important to keep employment in the area and she was pleased to see that TI have taken on Graduates.

Mr Davies, said that from the NDA's perspective it is that it recognises the considerable investment that TI put in to continue at Winfrith. It is encouraging to see that TI has been successful in securing a number of Contracts with the NDA and reflects TI's considerable skills base in this area.

7. Any Other Business

Mrs Ellis stated that 2016 is her final year as the elected Winfrith SSG Chair, so she intends remaining in post for the November SSG, and then if anyone wished to be considered as Chair person from April 2017. There will be an advertisement sent out nearer the time, to which those interested can apply.

Mrs Ellis added that she hoped to be able to travel by 2017, as she would be happy to continue. Her present Vice Chairman, Dr John Larkin, is standing down and Cllr. Barry Quinn will be taking up the VC role on a temporary basis. SSG members present confirmed that this arrangement was acceptable.

With regards to the timings of future SSG meetings, Mrs Ellis requested that if anyone would prefer these to be held during the morning or afternoon, rather than evenings, to let Emma Burwood know via email (emma.burwood@magnoxsites.com).

Mrs Ellis thanked everyone for attending and for presenting their reports.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Minutes Secretary Isabel Cox
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