

Chairman's Report – Hinkley Point SSG, 27 October 2017

Where has all the time gone? It seems just day's ago we were here, not 4 months!

It is a busy time, not helped by the General and County Elections plus Purdah. Everything seems to get 'put back' pending the outcome of Elections.

To bring you all up to speed: Although not connected with Hinkley Point SSG, I was invited out to 'C' site on the 10 July to see the works progressing. Nothing can prepare you for the sheer size of the project and I would advise all to go and see it for yourself. Tours can be arranged by visiting the Information Centre in Bridgwater.

On the 19 and 20 of July I attended a Site Stakeholder Group Chairs meeting in Warrington, at the worst Hotel I have ever had to stay in. The NDA brought us up to speed with appointments of their new Chairman Tom Smith and Chief Executive Officer David Peattie. September was very busy; on the 1 September I was asked to attend a meeting as Deputy Chair of the National forum to meet the new NDA Chief Executive, David Peattie in Whitehaven. Aled Morris Jones and myself had a very good meeting with him and he is committed to SSG's. The only problem with this meeting was it was up and back in a Day! Never again. We expressed our feelings at the outcome of the competition failure and expressed our wishes to feed into the independent enquiry.

On 6 and 7 September I was in London for a meeting with the Magnox Executive and we met Andrew New who will take over from Beverley Grey when she will return to Cavendish Fluor Partnership later this year. The Magnox Executive confirmed their commitment to SSG's. Between 17 and 20 September Mervyn and I were in Cumbria for the NDA National Stakeholder Summit. Mervyn will report on this at the meeting.

We continue to have meetings with 'B' site management however we seemed to have drifted a little with 'A' site, there are reasons for this, and I am convinced that we will be back on track shortly.

For all those who have visited the sites recently you will have noticed that the works to the ISF and encapsulation plant have started. It is my thinking that there will be an application for the importing of Skips in the New Year. As I promised there will be a special SSG when we receive the application.

Mike Caswell
Hinkley Point SSG Chairman