



Dungeness A & B Site Stakeholder Group (SSG)

25 June 2026

Held at Dungeness B Power Station, Romney Marsh, TN29 9PX

Attendees

Chair: Graham Finn

Vice Chair: David Godfrey

Regulators (via Microsoft Teams): Katharine Walker (ONR – Dungeness A); Bert Broadley (ONR – Dungeness B, virtual); Vanessa McKay (EA); Miriam Allardice (EA); Nicol Caplin (EA); Kezia White (EA – Dungeness B).

Operators / Officers: Dave Evans (NRS – Dungeness A Site Director); Vicki Baxter (NRS); Jon Black (NRS); Kayleigh Ridley (NRS); Clair McLaren (NRS, Minute Taker); Paul Windle (EDF – Dungeness B); Matthew Pardo (EDF).

Voting Members / Local Authorities: Paul Thomas (Folkestone & Hythe District Council); Tony Hills (Folkestone & Hythe District Council); Jo Wynn-Carter (Folkestone & Hythe District Council); Daniel Bradley (East Sussex Council); Richard Highgate (Kent County Council); Alyson Shaw (Marsh Academy).

Members of the Public / Community: Clare Bruce; Diane Gelon.

Other attendees: David Dodman (GMB Union); Doug Suckling (GMB Union); Spencer Bashford (Local Joint Council TU).

1. Welcome and Introduction – Graham Finn (Chair)

- Graham Finn welcomed the group and reminded attendees to identify themselves and their organisation when speaking, to support the minutes.
- A safety message was given, including a reminder to stay hydrated due to the hot weather and to use the sign-in arrangements for attendance and fire safety purposes.

2. Apologies for Absence

Gavin Lancaster (EDF – Dungeness B Site Director), Cllr Jean Jones (Lydd Town Council), Rod Lean (Folkestone and Hythe District Council), Tudor Price (Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce), Barrie Goodman (Union Representative, B Site), and Cllr Paul Redstone (Councillor for Northern Rother).

3. AGM Business

Appointment of officers

- Graham Finn and David Godfrey remain appointed as Chair and Vice Chair. It was noted that officers were appointed at the previous AGM and the appointment term is now five years.

Conflicts of interest

- Graham Finn declared that he is an independent member of the Sizewell C Nuclear Safety Committee and the EDF Cyclife Nuclear Safety Committee.
- David Godfrey declared that he is a District Councillor.
- Paul Thomas declared that he is a Town Councillor and Vice Chair of NULEAF.

- Tony Hills declared that he is a District Councillor.
- Daniel Bradley declared roles with East Sussex County Council, Rother District Council and as local liaison officer for local government.

Constitution

- The Constitution was reviewed. It was updated last year in line with NDA guidance and signed off by the NDA. No amendments were raised.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

- The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.
- The Chair discussed the revised, shorter format for minutes. Members agreed the new format was a positive change.

5. Matters Arising

None.

6. Correspondence

- Lydd Town Council advised a change of representatives to Councillor Tony Dawes and Councillor Tony May.
- Rother District Council advised that Councillor Daniel Bradley is now its representative.
- The following correspondence had been received and, where relevant, circulated to members:
- NDA review of SSG website,
- NDA Stakeholder Survey 2026,
- Dungeness A letter giving notice of sewage plant demolition starting on 2nd February.
- Dungeness B decommissioning public consultation, scoping report.
- Dungeness A boiler house demolition planning application determination update,
- NDA Economic Impact Assessment report.

7. Chair's Report – Graham Finn

- The Chair attended an Environment Agency meeting on 2 June which provided a wider update on nuclear regulatory work.
- The Chair attended Dungeness B decommissioning consultation events at Lydd. His personal response supported clearing the site as soon as possible for future use and asked for clearer NDA engagement with EDF's decommissioning strategy before handover.
- The Chair advised that there will not be regular NDA attendance at future SSG meetings. Site Directors will be the face of the NDA for SSG meetings, and Dave Evans will answer questions where possible or take them away for response.
- The Chair reminded members that local funding is available for community groups. The latest award supported a Kent Scout group with water-sports safety equipment at lakes in Ashford.
- NRS confirmed that new funding applications are being reviewed for the current financial year.

8. NRS Dungeness A Site Report – Dave Evans

Dave Evans introduced himself as the new Dungeness A Site Director, outlining his background in civil engineering, major projects, nuclear new build and the NDA group.

Updates provided in the Site Director's presentation.

Discussion and questions

- Members asked for proactive public engagement and communications, including industrial tourism and public expectations around the boiler project. NRS agreed to take this away.

- The Chair and Vice Chair reiterated that residents should be kept updated ahead of noisy works, emergency drills or visible site activity.
- Members asked NRS to involve local people in the appearance and colour of future weatherproofing or cladding, as the structures will be visible for a long period.
- Tony Hills asked NRS to consider UV treatment for sewage discharge. NRS agreed to take this away.
- Tony Hills also raised bund condition and flood resilience. NRS agreed to review the A site position.

9. EDF Dungeness B Site Report – Paul Windle

The EDF report was circulated prior to the meeting. Paul Windle attended in place of Gavin Lancaster and provided a summary update.

Discussion and questions

- Matthew Pardo acknowledged issues with parking on the day due to ongoing works for the new admin building. He asked members if they are happy to continue to use the meeting room at Dungeness B for the SSG meetings, members stated they were okay with continuing to make use of the meeting room at the site for future meetings.

10. NDA Report

No separate NDA representative was present. Members were advised earlier in the meeting that Site Directors will act as the route for NDA questions at future meetings.

11. NRS Corporate Update

- Hunterston B joined NRS in April 2026. Hinkley Point B is expected to transfer in autumn 2026, with Dungeness B, Torness, Heysham 1 and 2, and Hartlepool expected to join over future years.
- NRS noted new ONR guidance and the move towards risk-led oversight, with a focus on reducing unnecessary regulatory burden where appropriate.
- NRS welcomed new representatives following elections and said it looks forward to continuing local collaboration.

12. Regulators

12a. Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) – Dungeness A, Katharine Walker

Papers circulated prior to meeting

- An ONR inspection was carried out under the Health and Safety at Work Act and Electricity at Work Regulations, focused on electrical isolations for the boiler down project.
- The inspection was rated green. No advice was offered and arrangements were described as adequate and satisfactory.

12b. Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) – Dungeness B, Bert Broadley

Papers circulated prior to meeting

- Bert Broadley introduced himself as the nominated site inspector for Dungeness B, taking over from Jason Crook.
- Inspections carried out during the period listed in the report were rated green.
- A Level 1 emergency exercise demonstration received an amber rating due to identified shortfalls in casualty management and the handling of ill-health scenarios during the exercise. The ONR has issued enforcement correspondence and will monitor the implementation of improvement actions.
- ONR has published its assessment on the pre-application opinion for Dungeness B decommissioning and noted productive engagement with the site.
- ONR will follow up learning from an incident in which an individual was hurt by flying debris during deconstruction work.

12c. Environment Agency (EA) – Dungeness A, Vanessa McKay and Miriam Allardice

Papers circulated prior to meeting

- The Environment Agency completed a lower activity waste inspection in February and April. No non-compliances were identified.
- The Environment Agency has issued its regulatory decision following an inspection on suitably qualified and experienced personnel. One Category 4 non-compliance was identified and actions have been communicated to bring the operator back into compliance.
- The Environment Agency identified two Category 3 non-compliances linked to ventilation systems management arrangements and resource. A warning letter and regulatory actions have been issued. The Environment Agency stated it does not currently consider environmental impacts to have occurred as a result of these deficiencies.
- The Environment Agency is reviewing Dungeness A's updated environmental monitoring programme.

12d. Environment Agency (EA) – Dungeness B, Nicol Caplin and Kezia White

Papers circulated prior to meeting

- The Environment Agency completed a defuelling discharges and solid waste inspection in February and concluded defuelling had not introduced new operational activities or risks.
- Three compliance assessment outcomes were discussed: a Category 3 non-compliance on gas circulator waste; a Category 3 non-compliance relating to diesel in a bund; and a total residual oxidant exceedance for which the relevant dosing system has been stopped while the issue is addressed.
- An environmental leadership inspection has been rearranged for August.
- The Environment Agency clarified that non-compliance categories range from 1 to 4, with Category 1 being the most severe and Category 4 having only theoretical impact. Category 3 relates to minor impact on human health, quality of life or the environment.

14. Any Other Business

- The Chair noted that Doug Suckling from the GMB had provided information on GMB support for new nuclear at Dungeness, including a QR code for further information.
- Paper copies of reports circulated electronically were available for members to take away.
- Members supported the idea of a future site tour. Options will be explored, potentially linked to a future SSG meeting.
- Members discussed future meeting location and parking. Tony Hills said he valued meetings being held on site.
- Tony Hills said the meeting pack was useful and suggested receiving papers early because there is a lot to read.
- The Chair confirmed that Dungeness SSG will remain at three meetings per year for now, with additional meetings possible if significant matters arise.

Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 11.40am.

Date of Next Meeting

- Thursday 8 October 2026