

Dungeness A & B Site Stakeholder Group (SSG)

4 February 2026

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

Attendees

Chair: Graham Finn

Vice Chair: David Godfrey

Regulators:

Jason Crook (ONR – virtual)

Miriam Allardice (EA)

Vanessa McKay (EA)

Nicol Caplin (EA)

Operators / Officers:

Ian Cuthbert (NRS – Dungeness A Site Director)

Gavin Lancaster (EDF – Dungeness B Station Director)

Clair McLaren (NRS, Minute Taker)

Jon Black (NRS)

Matthew Pardo (EDF, Comms)

Linda Marsh (EDF)

Kayleigh Ridley (NRS, Comms)

Mustafa Javadi (EDF)

Rebecca Cavanagh (EDF, Comms)

David Dolman (EDF)

Teresa Tong (EDF)

Voting Members / Local Authorities:



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Cllr Peter Coe

Cllr Paul Thomas

Adam Feacey (Kent County Council)

Cllr David Wimble

Cllr Paul Redstone

Cllr Tony Hills

Members of the Public / Community:

Alyson Shaw

Claire Bruce

Jo Wynn-Carter

1. Welcome and Introduction – Graham Finn (Chair)

- Chair welcomed the group and noted excellent attendance.
- Safety message delivered by Gavin Lancaster.

2. Apologies for Absence

Kezia White, Katharine Walker, Cllr Keith Glazier, Ray Johnson, Bill Hamilton, Barrie Goodman, Richard Parker-Harding, Fiona Naylor.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes approved as accurate.

4. Matters Arising

None.



5. Correspondence

- West Cumbria Site Stakeholder Group (WCSSG) response to NDA Strategy 5 consultation.
- Environmental Impact Assessment for Decommissioning (EIADR) scoping consultation notice for Dungeness B.
- Demolition works notice for Dungeness A.
- NDA stakeholder survey info.
- Email from New Romney Town Council re: funding.

6. Chair's Report – Graham Finn

- Update from National SSG Forum.
- Chairs/Vice Chairs meeting with Rob Fletcher.
- NDA Stakeholder Engagement update expected next meeting.

7. NRS Dungeness A Site Report – Ian Cuthbert **Updates provided in site director's presentation**

Additional Notes

- NDA has awarded £300k to the New Romney Coastal Destination project (FHDC-led).
- Ian Cuthbert announced his forthcoming retirement; new Site Director to be confirmed.
- Thanks recorded from Cllr Tony Hills for Ian's contribution and transparency.

8. EDF Dungeness B Site Report – Gavin Lancaster

Updates provided in site director's presentation. The EDF report was circulated prior to the meeting.

- Q1: *Adam Feacey* – Timeline for all fuel to be removed?
A1: Target for full transfer is April 2030, with the bulk moved by 2029.



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- Q2: *Claire Bruce* – Future of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary after handover to NRS?
A2: Support will continue while fuel remains; however, long-term presence is unlikely once nuclear safety risks are removed (as seen at Hunterston).
- Q3: *Cllr Tony Hills* – Impact of Storm Goretti and shingle levels?
A3: Minor adjustments expected within the nuclear safety case; sufficient shingle is available for recovery.
- Q4: *David Godfrey* – Handover responsibilities for the shingle berm?
A4: Responsibility transfers fully to NRS, and commitments will continue.

9. NDA Report

No representative present. No queries or comments raised from reports circulated prior to the meeting.

10. NRS Corporate update

None.

11. Regulators

11a. ONR

- It was noted apologies from Katharine Walker, DNA
- Jason Crook (virtually), DNB:
 - Carried out safety electrical/emergency green minor improvement, pleased to see station has sustained and improved from last year
 - No events have triggered ONR
 - Jason advised this would be his last SSG
 - Chair provided his thanks and wished Jason all the best for the future

11b. Environment Agency (EA)

- Vanessa McKay, Miriam Allardice – Dungeness A

Papers circulated prior to the meeting

- Regular calls with DNA Senior Managers continue to provide updates on decommissioning progress, regulatory actions, and emerging recommendations.



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- At the 12 November 2025 meeting, the EA reviewed waste-project updates and plans for 2026.
- An inspection on 12–13 November assessed NRS's Suitably Qualified and Experienced Persons (SQEP) arrangements, including how competence and staffing resilience are maintained against the Nuclear Baseline. The inspection is being finalised, with a report to follow in due course.

- **Nicol Caplin – Dungeness B**

Papers circulated prior to meeting

- Weekly call with the Environmental Safety Group at DNB to ensure kept up to date with the site activities and maintain effective communication with site. These are currently providing us with up-to-date information on the sites progress with defueling.
- No further updates relating to environmental permitting at Dungeness B since previous SSG report.

12. Project Updates / Plenary

No updates or additional reports.

13. Any Other Business

- Ten apprenticeships upcoming at Dungeness A.
- Dungeness A reducing footprint by 1/3 within the next 5 years.
- Dungeness B community engagement to increase.

Meeting Close

Closed at 11:40am.

Date of Next Meetings

- Thursday 25 June 2026
- Thursday 8 October 2026