



# **109th LLC Meeting Presentation Slides**

Monday 29th April 2024

**AWE, Aldermaston** 

# **Agenda**

- 10.00 Introductions / Networking / Refreshments
- 10.30 -Windshield tour of Aldermaston
- 11.25 –Chair's Opening Remarks
- 11.30 Development Update/Transport update
- 12.00- Infrastructure Investment Update
- 12.20- ONR regulator update
- 12.40 LUNCH / NETWORKING
- 13.20 –Estates and Liabilities update
- 13.30 –EA and DNSR regulator update
- 14.00- ESH&Q update
- 14.15 Emergency Planning / REPPIR/ DEPZ
- 14.25 AWE Myth Busting
- 14.50- Community Update
- 15.00 Any Other
- 15.15 Close





# Windshield tour of AWE, Aldermaston

Please bring your bags with you.



# **Chair's Opening Remarks**

Janine Mantle
Corporate Affairs Director





**Estate Development Update** 

Andy Burnett-Dale

Head of Estate Strategy & Planning



# **Transport Update**

### **Travel Plan**

- The Travel Plan, which identifies how AWE aims to further embrace sustainable travel, has been updated and agreed with West Berkshire Council.
- The plan currently focuses on further improving AWE's most successful initiative to date, car sharing. AWE have actually brought on board Mobilityways (owners of Liftshare, the car share software used by AWE) to ensure the maximum potential of the software is exploited.
- A marketing and communications campaign is also being designed between Mobilityways and AWE which will be rolled out this year to actively encourage further staff to car share.
- In addition to car sharing, AWE are actively looking at how walking / cycling and passenger transport connections can be improved to and from our sites.



### **Feasibility Studies**

- Feasibility studies have been undertaken by Mott MacDonald that look at the potential to:
  - complete a foot / cycleway connection between Aldermaston village and AWE.
  - improve foot / cycle connections between Tadley and AWE
  - improve passenger transport connections to Aldermaston and Burghfield
- Studies are still to be finalised, but initial recommendations identify:
  - it will be extremely difficult to complete a foot / cycleway connection between
    Aldermaston village and AWE that would be well used and offers value for money
  - that the 'usability' of Winkworth Lane is improved, together with possible better connections between the A340 and the service road that runs east-west to the north of Tadley
  - that AWE look to potentially provide a new public / private service to Aldermaston
    Station and / or Newbury / Thatcham and improve existing public / possibly provide a private service to Reading.



### **Next Steps**

- Further work is required to follow up on the feasibility study recommendations
- A staff travel survey is currently being undertaken. This will provide valuable data including preferences for passenger transport improvement options.
- Mobilityways are also undertaking an analysis of postcode data using their CommuteIQ software to identify potential sustainable transport options that could be implemented to Aldermaston and Burghfield.
- Once this work has been completed, it will be possible to look at providing further Travel Plan improvements, including potential foot / cycleway improvements and passenger transport connections, together with further encouragement to car share, tailored to staff home postcode locations and desires.
- This strategy will provide further opportunities for AWE to travel sustainably and reduce the proportion who travel alone by private car, thereby providing benefits to the surrounding community





# **Infrastructure Investment Update**

# **Andrew McNaughton and Hannah Marsh**

**Executive Director Infrastructure, Fissile Programme and Head of Communications, Future Materials Campus** 

# **The Future Materials Campus**



"There will be significant investment in AWE's infrastructure in Aldermaston, including the Future Materials Campus (FMC).



Delivering the UK's Nuclear Deterrent as a National Endeavour

# **The Future Materials Campus**





# Local council engagement











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# **Community engagement**



Please provide suggestions via the feedback form for where you think these drop-in sessions should be and if you would like us to explain more at your parish/town council meetings.

# Hub update





# **Regulator' Update**



### **Gareth Lock**





# **LUNCH / NETWORKING (40 minutes)**



### **Protestor activity**



- Regular monthly 'Women's Peace Camp' continues on 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of each month.
- No other upcoming planned Protest activity





## **Community concerns\***

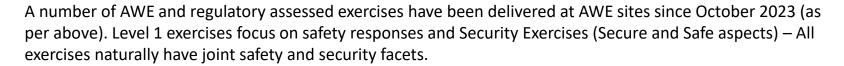


Date	Category	Summary of concern	Outcome
11/10/23	Noise	Tannoy noise able to be heard East of the Boiler house gate.	Immediate corrective action taken to minimise impact. Categorised as a concern and closed.
18/03/24	Concern	Report of sandy/murky water in neighbours' fishpond. The caller was convinced it was coming from AWE.	Following extensive investigation determined that the cause was not AWE. Person was satisfied with process and outcome.

### **Major Site exercises at AWE**

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- 4<sup>th</sup> October (AWE A Level 1) & 5<sup>th</sup> December (AWE B Level 1)
- 31st January (AWE B Security Exercise) & 21st Feb (AWE A Security Exercise)



The exercises are jointly observed by the from Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR), Defence Nuclear Safety Regulator (DNSR), Defence Fire Service, MoD, Defence Nuclear Security and also our own Internal Regulation Team.

As with all exercises, opportunities to learn and improve were identified, many positive aspects were also fed back into the post-exercise wash-up meetings. Overall, the exercises was assigned as an 'adequate' (green) assessment of our arrangements which is a positive outcome.

These exercises are vitally important to us all at AWE, as it gives us reassurance that we can deliver an effective response to emergencies and security events, which is not only important to all of us as staff, but for members of the public as well.



### **Estate Improvements**

- In the last year we have demolished 20 facilities totalling a gross internal area of 4201m<sup>2</sup>.
- We have initiated a significant characterisation exercise within South Group (B) with the aim to commence demolition activities 2025.
- We are due to initiate the tender exercise (via the CCS demolition framework) for a 4+2 year demolition delivery partner in April with the intention of having the new partner onboarded by the end of 2024.







# **Regulators' Update**



### **Rob Green**



## **Karl Pallester**



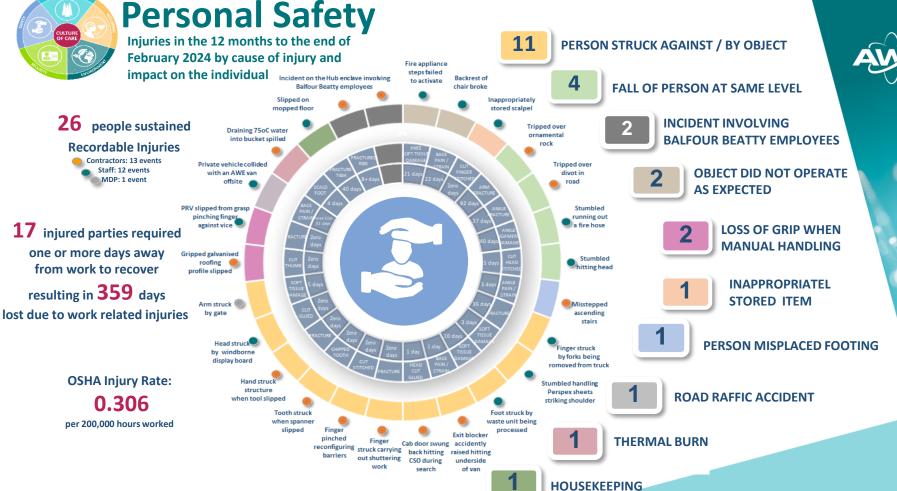


# **Environment, Safety and Health Update**

**Nick Bolton** 

Senior Manager, ESH Service Delivery





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# **Process Safety**





Process Safety performance remains at an acceptable risk level. There have been four Process Safety Loss of Control/Containment events raised since November 2023. All four events have been investigated and appropriate preventative actions have been put in place. Process Safety training remains a priority and the Process Safety Leadership training in partnership with Cogent Skills continues to be delivered and is now reaching out into other areas. The intention remains for this course to become a key course for all senior leaders at AWE.

The Process Safety Team are also continuing to develop virtual reality training that can be used to raise hazard awareness amongst staff at all levels of the organisation. Phase 1 is nearing completion and will be shared with the Executive in August 2024.

### Number of Events Notified to the ONR by Calendar Year

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 to end of February
22	25	38	38	37	64	69	61	39	3



# Our Commitment to Protecting the Environment & People

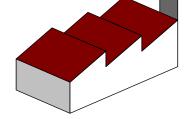


### **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

The Environment Management target for diverted from landfill: **99%** 

Total waste diverted from landfill: 99.8%





### **DISCHARGE TO AIR**

Assessed Dose Aldermaston: 1.8  $\mu$ Sv Assessed Dose Burghfield: < 0.1  $\mu$ Sv

### TRADE EFFLUENT



Assessed Dose Aldermaston:  $< 0.1 \mu Sv$ Assessed Dose Burghfield:  $< 0.1 \mu Sv$ 



#### **DISCHARGE TO WATER**

Assessed Dose Aldermaston Stream:

< 0.1 µSv



### **NUCLEAR WORKER**

Annual UK Occupational Dose Limit: 20,000 µSv

AWE Individual Radiation Dose: 350 µSv



### **DIRECT DOSE AT SITE BOUNDARY**

Maximum Dose Aldermaston: 3 µSv

Maximum Dose Burghfield: indistinguishable

from natural background

### **RADIATION DOSE PUT INTO CONTEXT:**

Annual UK non-occupational radiation dose is  $2,700 \mu Sv$ . This is the average level of radiation dose that a person resident in the UK will receive each year from background sources of radiation.

### ASSESSED PUBLIC DOSE PUT INTO CONTEXT:

A dose of 10 µSv (microsieverts) is comparable to that expected to be received from eating a 100g bag of Brazil nuts.



# **AWE Emergency Planning and Preparedness Update**

### **Scott Davies-Hearn**

Manager Emergency Response

AC-LC11 Technical Lead

TA – Emergency Arrangements & Response



# **AWE Myth Busting**

**Ian Rogers**Chief Nuclear Officer

# **Questions and presumptions about AWE**



1. How dangerous are the radiation levels around AWE for local residents?

2. Do you all make bombs?

3. Do you have dangerous materials on site?

4. Do you have a red button to press to set off 'the bomb'?

5. Do you test the warheads?

6. Do you have underground tunnels that lead to Tadley and beyond?

7. Do you have a nuclear reactor on site?

8. Building warheads is all we do

9. AWE decides when to use the bombs



# **Community Update**

### **Kavita Thandi and Katie Davidson**

Responsible Business Manager and Responsible Business Specialist Corporate Affairs

# **Our Community**



**Supporting local charities** 



Time to Give Volunteering



**Environmental** 

Orchards, flood protection, wild meadows, solar farms



**Sponsorship** 

QMC and sponsored Masters, PhDs, Post-docs



Schools' engagement

**Community Magazine** 

Connect and Focus

**National STEM Days** 

Ada Lovelace Day, Science week, Environment Day

Increased apprentice intake

Employee ambassador network

Annual Give a Gift collections



# All the things we get up to!



### **Primary**

- QMC- Primary Science Centre
- Guess my job workshops
   People like me workshops
- Primary Science Challenge (RI prize)
- Assemblies
- STEM days





### Secondary/Colleges

- Mock interview support
- Career fairs
- Career talks/assemblies
- Guess my job workshops
- People like me workshops
- Business speed networking
- Mentoring
- Virtual careers webinar
- Career Lead event on A site

## What we have achieved!







Total

Number of young people reached



4,893

42,466

47,359

Number of schools reached



**30** 

82

112

September 2023-March 2024



What are your thoughts on what we already do?

Is there anything else you would like to see us do?



# Any other business / Q's



# Next Meeting Date-7<sup>th</sup> November 2024