

Community Feedback Summary | Future Materials Campus

INTRODUCTION

In autumn 2024, we came out to speak to those living around our Aldermaston and Burghfield sites. Our intention was to introduce ourselves to the community, talk about what we do and let people know about the significant infrastructure investment being made in our facilities.

Thanks to all who spoke to us and who filled out our survey. Your comments will help us shape how we work with you as our infrastructure plans move forward. We look forward to seeing you at future events.

WHAT DID WE LEARN?

It is clear AWE is a significant part of your local community. Many people who responded live within 5km of our Aldermaston site and around one in five said they were current or former AWE employees. Our event in Tadley, the closest venue to our Aldermaston site, was our most well-attended.

In general, we received positive support for our organisation and for our events. People are keen to know more about AWE, are interested in working for us and would value our support with community and environmental projects.

While most conversations and survey responses focused on finding out more about AWE itself, there were also discussions around potential impacts for local people from future investment plans. Most concerns focused on traffic, with people also mentioning noise, light and wildlife.

OUR EVENTS



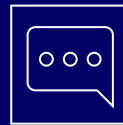
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VISITORS



SIX
IN-PERSON EVENTS



TWO
ONLINE EVENTS



WHAT WE HEARD IN CONVERSATION

- People are curious about what we do. For some who live next to our site, this was the first opportunity they had to speak to us directly.
- People from all ages and backgrounds were interested in working for AWE.
- Some attendees misunderstood the risk around our sites. Our teams provided reassurance to those asking us about safety and living near a nuclear site.



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FROM OUR SURVEY

Local connections

- 97% knew who we were and a little bit about what we do, and most people find out about us through friends and family who work at AWE.
- Our website and news outlets were a popular way of finding out about us, supported by our local information channels such as our community magazine, Parish Councils and our Local Liaison Committee.

WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT

Multiple choice answer	As a % of responses
AWE's role in national defence	20
AWE's work in science and innovation	20
AWE's work with the local community	14
Protecting the environment and sustainability	13
Working at AWE	11
Construction work on AWE sites	11
Traffic around AWE sites	11

STAYING IN TOUCH

- Our website was the preferred option for most people, but feedback showed people also want us to update them in a mix of ways, including digital, print and in person.
- There was little to no interest in a freephone telephone line/dedicated email address.

BEING PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY

People said they would value our support with community and environmental projects. Many were also interested in hearing more about community and environmental benefits as well as jobs in line with our future infrastructure investment. People also wanted to know more about opportunities for local businesses with the investment.

NEXT STEPS

Following your feedback, as our infrastructure programme develops we will commit to proactively telling you about relevant work that takes place on our sites.

We plan to hold more public events later this year and hope to see you there.



Full report: <https://awe.citizenspace.com/fmc/autumn2024/>

