

Coronavirus Update



Hinkley Point C look ahead

June 2020



Whilst workforce numbers on site have reduced significantly, the remaining workforce are focusing on the below critical areas of work:

Location		Description of works
1	Unit 1 – Nuclear Island	Works continue on the reactor building with the liner cup reinforcement progressing well. Works on the Safeguard Buildings will also continue, with over 40 walls already built.
2	Unit 1 – Conventional Island	3,000 tonnes of reinforcement bar are currently being installed on two, out of the five, work platforms. Now the inlet cooling water pipe system is complete, we are backfilling the pipe trenches.
3	Unit 2 – Nuclear Island	J0 marks the point where foundations are complete on the reactor building and we begin to build up. This significant milestone is on track to be achieved in late May.
4	Tunnelling	The Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) for Intake Tunnel 1 achieved “full bore mode” on schedule. Now tunnelling at full capacity, we are over 600m into the 3.5km tunnel which runs under the Bristol channel.
Off Site	Combwich Wharf	Build of the temporary retaining wall continues into June, once built it will support demolition works. Works to the berth bed will allow for construction activities and we are erecting permanent fencing to reduce noise impacts on local residents. See here for more details.

The safety of the community and our workers remains of paramount importance. Government guidance emphasises the need to create a safe workplace for employees and on assessing and managing risk in a controlled way. That safety-led approach is consistent with the way we work at Hinkley Point C.

We only continue to operate because we have made safe working possible. Many people on the project are continuing to work remotely. These aren't just admin roles, complex technical tasks are also now being successfully done at home.

With fewer people on site, we have found that many construction jobs can be done with social distancing, and our remaining site workers are now well adapted to these new measures. For tasks that require closer working, we provide extra protective equipment.

Our aim is to manage the project in a responsible way so that the region and country can emerge from the crisis as strongly as possible. That includes continuing to support apprentices and local job opportunities. It means standing by our Somerset suppliers so that they can keep paying their local employees.

Even as economic activity increases, the many steps we have taken to monitor health and prevent the risk of infection will remain in place and the number of workers on site will always be guided by what is safe.

Community Support

Here are just a few of the ways the Hinkley Point C project is supporting the local community:

- Matching volunteers from our workforce with local care homes, to help in non patient facing roles
 - Donating PPE supplies to local hospitals, care homes, schools, and charities
- Donating a chiller van to Fare Share SW so that they can distribute essential supplies to the vulnerable
 - Somerset Larder are producing over 600 meals a day for frontline NHS workers
 - Donating pop up greenhouses and gardening starter kits to local primary schools

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