

Report to the 2023 Upton Parish Annual Meeting

From

The Harwell Site Stakeholder Group Meetings

I have continued to attend meetings of the Harwell Site Stakeholder Group on the behalf of Upton Parish Council. The purpose of the Stakeholder Group is to provide a forum between the nuclear activities on the site and interested local organisations. Several meetings are held each year, chaired by an elected local councillor, where the Site Closure Director (Magnox), the Nuclear Decommissioning Agency (NDA), the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) and the Environment Agency (EA) present reports. We also hear from other organisations such as the Rutherford Lab and Diamond from time to time.

Work is continuing to decommission the nuclear facilities, to treat radioactive wastes and to release land back for other uses. Good progress has been made through the year with nothing abnormal to report and with no impact on Upton Parish.

The Environment Agency carries out independent monitoring around the site and reported that the total dose to the public from permitted discharges and direct radiation in 2021 remained not only 'below the legal limit' but the impact around Harwell was negligible. The attributed total dose from all pathways was less than 0.5% of the radiation we all receive from natural sources (2.7 millisieverts/year) and considerably less than that we receive from a typical medical X-Ray.

Attention is again drawn to the Magnox Socio-Economic plan which provides small grants to encourage education, the development of employment and other similar investments in the local area. Upton has received a grant in previous years to contribute to the cost of staging in Upton Hall and another parish received support for fencing a childrens playground.

I am happy to continue to represent Upton Parish Council if the members so wish and I will continue to report on any issues that might affect the parish. Please contact me if you want any further details of activities on the Harwell Licensed site.

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2^{1st} April 2023