

Need for engagement plan, with objectives and approach for each issue	Do you have any comments on recommendation 1?	Barker18	This recommendation is strongly supported. The engagement plan should also indicate how the outputs from specific engagement activities will feed into NDA decision-making. A transparent process is one in which stakeholders can see and understand the whole process. The NDA should be encouraged to engage with key stakeholders early in a decision process and as far as possible seek to avoid approaches that leave engagement to a late stage where well-developed proposals are presented for comment in a traditional and limited consultative approach.
Integrate engagement plan with NDA business plan	Do you have any comments on recommendation 2?	Barker18	This recommendation is strongly supported. The way in which the Engagement Plan is integrated with the Business Plan then needs to be made clear to stakeholders.
Need for overview of engagement and wider engagement	Do you have any comments on recommendation 3?	Barker18	This recommendation is supported, but needs extension. It would also be desirable for the NDA Strategy Directorate to maintain an overview of Site Licensee engagement activities. This overview should be published, so that stakeholders can see who is being engaged and how. The NDA should be able to explain who the "right stakeholders" are in any given engagement process. It should ensure that it (and the SLCs) engage fully with relevant local authorities in their capacity as community leaders and in the light of important local government functions including planning.
Need for stakeholder engagement to be part of NDA culture	Do you have any comments on recommendation 4?	Barker18	This recommendation is strongly supported. The need for SLCs to engage effectively and consistently with stakeholders supports the suggestion that SLCs also be given access to training courses and other opportunities for network development.
Need to demonstrate influence of stakeholder engagement	Do you have any comments on recommendation 5?	Barker18	This recommendation is strongly supported. The need to demonstrate the influence of engagement is widely recognised. The "audit trail" should be published at the earliest opportunity and be kept up-to-date.
Need for review of local arrangements for stakeholder engagement	Do you have any comments on recommendation 6?	Barker18	This recommendation is strongly supported. It is very important that the review seek out the views of local stakeholders not currently involved in SSGs, or who have concerns about their efficacy. In particular, the views of the relevant local authorities should be sought.
Need to review	Do you have any comments	Barker18	This recommendation is supported.

and improve communication	on recommendation 7?		
Need to integrate local and national engagement	Do you have any comments on recommendation 8?	Barker18	This recommendation is strongly supported, but note that it should not be seen as only a matter of "integration" between local and national levels as there are important stakeholders at district, county and regional levels that should be engaged in their own right. Although a useful step, the current NDA practice of convening meetings of SSG chairs as a way of seeking to 'bridge the gap' between local and national arrangements is not by itself sufficient. There is a need for some form of 'regional' or 'SLC-facing' engagement that should seek to involve the relevant local authorities at district, county and, where applicable, regional levels.
Draft Engagement Plan: Reactor optimisation	Do you have any comments on this topic?	Barker18	It is recognised that this is an early version of a draft engagement plan. It is important to move as quickly as possible to a more detailed approach, where objectives and key stakeholders are specified. This comment applies to all topics. More specifically, it would be helpful if this topic could explain how future engagement will relate to/build upon the Magnox Electric convened stakeholder workshop on reactor decommissioning options. Stakeholders need to know how that workshop fits into an overall decision process. Also note that the title of this topic should presumably include the word "decommissioning" after "Reactor".
Draft Engagement Plan: Decision making	Do you have any comments on this topic?	Barker18	Agree that this should be part of the engagement plan, but the topic could do with a slightly more detailed explanation of what it is about (and how it relates to existing prioritisation methodology and decision-making about priorities at specific sites).
Draft Engagement Plan: Local arrangements	Do you have any comments on this topic?	Barker18	Agree that this should be included in engagement plan
Draft Engagement Plan: Site end states	Do you have any comments on this topic?	Barker18	Agree this should be included in engagement plan. Also need to include reference to providing feedback to local stakeholders, and discussion with them about any proposed decision that are not consistent with the recommendations generated through local engagement.
Draft Engagement Plan: WNM report	Do you have any comments on this topic?	Barker18	Agree should be included, but more explanation required eg re the scope of the report.
Draft	Do you have any comments	Barker18	No comments

Engagement Plan: Property strategy	on this topic?		
Draft Engagement Plan: High level waste	Do you have any comments on this topic?	Barker18	Not clear why this is not covered by the 'implementation of a repository' topic? The likely inventory for disposal in the repository includes ILW, HLW and SF that will not be reprocessed. Why is this separately specified?
Draft Engagement Plan: Review of waste stores	Do you have any comments on this topic?	Barker18	The previously promised engagement on this topic is much delayed, raising concerns that stakeholders may be involved too late in the options assessment process, with limited opportunity to comment on and influence preferred NDA options. This would be particularly unfortunate if the review results in NDA preferences for consolidating storage at a smaller number of sites. This will raise issues for local stakeholders that would have benefited from early discussion as part of the option assessment process, not as an add on when NDA preferences have already been identified.
Draft Engagement Plan: Repository	Do you have any comments on this topic?	Barker18	Will need careful coordination with Government consultation on the implementation framework and the subsequent process for issuing 'invitations to participate in the siting process'.
Draft Engagement Plan: NDA strategy	Do you have any comments on this topic?	Barker18	No comments
	Do you have any other comments on the overall plan (e.g. are there any topics missing)?	Barker18	Yes, there are a couple of important gaps in the draft engagement plan. The first concerns LLW management, where there will be important strategy development following publication of Govt policy and the impending appointment by the NDA of a new contractor. There are also likely to be a series of planning applications (starting at Hinkley Point) for on-site disposal facilities. There needs to be a coherent engagement plan for national and local stakeholders on these issues. The second is an issue that potentially cuts across several of the listed topics - this concerns the inter-site transfer of radioactive wastes for treatment, storage or disposal. The NDA and its SLCs need to get to grips with how to make 'stakeholder engagement informed' decisions about inter-site transfers. This topic merits specific attention in the engagement plan.