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Councillors,
AWE LLC

Your Reference:

Our Reference:
ISM/SDP/04/08/10

Date: 30th October 2014

Dear Councillor,

SUBMARINE DISMANTLING PROJECT

As you may already be aware, the Ministry of Defence is holding a series of public exhibitions about the Submarine Dismantling Project. Members of the public in your area are being invited to find out more about proposals for storing the intermediate level radioactive waste from the Royal Navy's nuclear powered submarines after they have left active service. This letter is to invite you to attend a preview session prior to the exhibition being open to all.

The Submarine Dismantling Project is MOD's programme to deliver a safe, secure and environmentally responsible solution for dismantling 27 defuelled submarines. This involves recycling the bulk of the submarine and safely disposing of the remainder. The intermediate level radioactive waste is contained within the submarine's reactor pressure vessel (RPV). After the RPV has been removed from the submarine, it must be stored for an interim period until it can be processed and sent to a geological disposal facility, which will be some time after 2040.

The interim storage site for the RPVs will be chosen from a shortlist of five sites, all of which already carry out nuclear-related activities. The sites are: AWE Aldermaston and AWE Burghfield in Berkshire, Capenhurst in Cheshire, Chapelcross in Dumfriesshire, and Sellafield in Cumbria.

The site selection process is at an early stage and MOD is carrying out a public consultation to gain the public's views to help decide where the interim RPV storage site should be. Our exhibition will explain the project, the process being used to select a site and provide information on the shortlisted RPV storage sites, including our assessment work to date. We are seeking your views on any of the storage sites and, in particular, the site local to you.

The public consultation will run from 14 November 2014 until 20 February 2015 and during this time there will be public exhibitions local to each of the shortlisted sites. We are holding previews for elected members and members of Local Liaison Groups at each event; you are of course welcome to attend the public exhibitions at any time.

The exhibitions for AWE Aldermaston and AWE Burghfield in November and January are as follows:

Venue: AWE Recreational Society, West Gate, Plantation Road, Aldermaston, RG7 4PR

Dates: Monday 17 November 2014, Preview 11:00 – 12:00, Open to all 12 noon – 8pm

Venue: Burghfield Common Village Hall, Burghfield Common, Reading, RG7 3EN

Dates: Tuesday 18 November 2014, Preview 10:30 – 11:30, Open to all 11:30 – 19:30

Venue: AWE Community Sports Association, James Lane, Burghfield, Reading, RG30 3RS

Dates: Thursday 20 November 2014, Preview 10:30 – 11:30, Open to all 11:30 – 19:30,
Thursday 22 January 2015, Preview 10:30 – 11:30, Open to all 11:30 – 19:30,

Venue: Tadley Community Centre, Newchurch Road, Tadley, RG26 4HN

Dates: Saturday 22 November 2014, Preview 10:30 – 11:00, Open to all 11:00 – 15:00,
Friday 23 January 2015, Preview 10:30 – 11:00, Open to all 11:00 – 17:00

We will also be running a series of independently facilitated workshops at each exhibition venue to give you an opportunity to discuss the Submarine Dismantling Project with other members of the public and with the project team. If you would like to take part in one of these workshops, please complete and return the enclosure by FREEPOST indicating the date and time of the workshop you would like to attend.

Should you wish to review the Public Consultation documentation or the event timetable prior to the event you will find it online from the 14th November:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/submarine-dismantling-project-interim-storage-of-intermediate-level-radioactive-waste>.

If you wish to request paper copies of the documents please get in touch with us using the contact details:

Email **SDP@instinctif.com**, call **0118 983 9474** or write to

FREEPOST RSKJ-KRAH-YZRJ
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Hopefully you are able to attend one of our events, if so I look forward to meeting you there and listening to your views.

Regards,

Yours sincerely



John Davis

Public consultation

Booking Form

I would like to reserve a place on a workshop to discuss the MOD's plans for the assessment and selection of the storage site for the RPVs.

AWE Recreational Society on:

Monday 17 November 2014

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Burghfield Common Village Hall on:

Tuesday 18 November 2014

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AWE Community Sports Association on:

Thursday 20 November 2014

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Thursday 22 January 2015

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Please state your preferred time (workshops are due to run for 90 minutes) and will start at:

1pm

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3pm

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6pm

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Tadley Community Centre on:

Saturday 22 November 2014

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Friday 23 January 2015

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Please state your preferred time (workshops are due to run for 90 minutes) and will start at:

11:30am

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1:30pm

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3:30pm

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Not available on Saturday 22 November 2014

NAME:	
EMAIL or ADDRESS for confirmation:	

I would like to receive email alerts when there are updates on the project.

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NB. You do not have to register to attend an exhibition unless you wish to take part in a workshop.

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