



The NDA group

Making a difference

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Collaboration and innovation take centre stage at NDA stakeholder summit

More than 100 stakeholders from government, local communities, NGOs, regulators and the wider nuclear sector came together for the NDA's annual stakeholder summit in Manchester.

The summit is one of the most important dates in our stakeholder engagement calendar and provides an opportunity to strengthen relationships, share progress on our mission, and discuss how the NDA group is supporting UK Government's priorities and wider nuclear ambitions.

John McNamara, NDA Director of Stakeholder Relations, said: "Our stakeholder summit brings together a diverse range of voices. It provides a valuable opportunity to share progress, explore common challenges and discuss how we can work together to maximise the positive impact of our mission.

"The relationships we have with our stakeholders are fundamental to our success, and events like this help ensure we continue to listen, learn and deliver in a way that reflects the interests of the people and communities we serve."



NDA galvanises cultural shift across nuclear sector

The NDA brought senior leaders from across the nuclear sector together to galvanise action on the Nuclear Regulatory Taskforce (NRTF) review recommendations.

The review, led by economist John Fingleton, was commissioned by the government to look at how to strengthen the UK's nuclear regulatory system with the aim of delivering faster and cheaper progress through a more proportionate approach to risk and accelerating delivery.

We've outlined a number of actions we will take to implement the recommendations in a response to the Chancellor. [NDA Group response to the Chancellor of the Exchequer regarding implementation of the Nuclear Regulatory Taskforce Review - GOV.UK](#)

Innovation and delivery milestones

NRS Harwell celebrates 80 years of scientific innovation



Harwell site is celebrating its 80th anniversary, recognising eight decades of scientific achievement which have helped shape the UK's nuclear industry, advanced healthcare technologies and established Oxfordshire as a world-leading centre for science and research.

Today, the site continues to play a vital role in delivering safe decommissioning on behalf of the NDA while supporting innovation and economic growth. Through Nuclear Restoration Services' decommissioning programme, 23 hectares have been released for redevelopment, helping to enable the internationally recognised Harwell Science and Innovation Campus.

NDA group rail programme cuts carbon and road traffic



Nuclear Transport Solutions has completed the delivery of 330,000 tonnes of aggregate by rail, cutting road traffic while supporting our mission delivery.

The aggregate is required for Nuclear Waste Services' Southern Trench Interim Membrane project at the Low Level Waste Repository in Cumbria.

The programme was completed a month ahead of schedule and removed more than 17,000 HGV journeys and one million lorry miles from local roads. In addition this avoided an estimated 700 tonnes of carbon emissions.

Major milestone reached on Sellafield's SIXEP Continuity Plant



Sellafield's SIXEP Continuity Plant has reached a significant construction milestone, with key operational equipment installed as the project reaches 75 per cent completion.

Once operational, the new plant will replace the existing Site Ion Exchange Effluent Plant, which has supported site operations since 1985 by removing radioactive material from water before it is safely discharged. The project reinforces the NDA group's ability to deliver major infrastructure programmes that reduce risk, support long-term environmental protection and enable the safe, sustainable cleanup of the UK's nuclear legacy.

Investing in communities

Social Impact and Communities Strategy



The NDA has started work to refresh its Social Impact and Communities Strategy, which sets out the Group approach to socio-economics and specifically the grant programme.

To inform this work we would like to invite key local stakeholders to provide their insights. Please let us know if you'd like to take part.

Keep an eye out for the NDA Group Socio-Economic Annual Report 2025/2026 which will be published imminently.

NDA helps local communities stay connected



The NDA is helping tackle digital exclusion by donating surplus mobile phones, laptops, tablets and monitors to schools and charities across North West England.

Since 2021, more than 1,500 devices have been donated to around 50 organisations across Cumbria, Lancaster, Warrington and Manchester, enabling people to access education, support services and stay connected with family and local networks. The NDA group is committed to creating lasting social value alongside its clean-up mission.

Strong start for Changing Places Coastal Centre



The Changing Tides Coastal Centre in Greatstone has made a strong start since opening earlier this year. Funded by Folkestone & Hythe District Council with support from the NDA through Nuclear Restoration Services, the centre is bringing new energy to the seafront while benefiting local businesses, residents and visitors.

The project is one of many supported through the NDA Group's annual £15 million investment in initiatives that deliver lasting and sustainable benefits for site communities.