



Nuclear Free Local Authorities England Seminar Trident Replacement, Aldermaston and nuclear convoys – the key risks

Date: 5th March 2010

Location: Long Room, Town Hall, Oxford

In May 2010 the United Nations will be reviewing the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Conference, the cornerstone of the nuclear weapons reduction regime. Around the same time the UK will hold a critical general election in the midst of one of the worst economic recessions in its history. Decisions over the UK Trident nuclear submarine replacement programme are likely to be one of the issues to be discussed – can the UK afford it and how does it fit in with nuclear non-proliferation commitments it will make to the UN? Transportation of nuclear materials has also been an issue of concern in the Thames Valley and London.

This is a major issue in the Thames Valley as both the Aldermaston and Burghfield Atomic Weapons Establishments are located in the area. What are the key issues for local authorities and local communities with a major expansion of Trident replacement? Will it bring jobs to the area? What are the risks of more nuclear weapons convoys and nuclear materials transports going through the Thames Valley and London up to Faslane and Sellafield? What would be the impact of an incident involving such a convoy?

This seminar is FREE and open to all interested councillors, officers and relevant local and national groups.

PROGRAMME (speakers may be subject to change)

- 10.30am **Registration:** Tea/Coffee
- 11.00am **Welcomes:** Councillor Mary Clarkson, Lord Mayor of Oxford, Councillor John Tanner, NFLA representative for Oxford City Council and Councillor Ralph Pryke, NFLA England Chair
- 11.10pm Andrew Smith MP, member for Oxford East and former Chief Secretary to the Treasury: What are the prospects for nuclear disarmament at the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference? Should the UK develop a replacement for Trident and can it afford it? (invited)
- 11.40pm Peter Burt, Nuclear Information Service, Reading – what will be the local impact of Trident replacement? (confirmed)
- 12.10pm Nigel Day and Margaret Downs, Nukewatch – what are the local risks of nuclear weapons convoys from Aldermaston and Burghfield? (confirmed)
- 12.30pm Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary – NFLA England survey of local emergency planning arrangements in place for nuclear convoys (confirmed)
- 12.45pm Panel Discussion
- 1.00pm **Conclusion (followed by short NFLA England business meeting)**

The Nuclear Free Local Authorities thank Oxford City Council for kindly agreeing to host this seminar.



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Registration Details

The seminar is a free event open to all NFLA members and officers and local interested community groups.

If you are planning to attend, could you please fill in the appropriate details and post, email or fax to the address at the bottom of this form:

Name	Authority / Group	Correspondence address (email or postal)

Venue and details of accommodation:

Oxford Town Hall is in the city centre of Oxford on St Aldate's. The attached directions, that will be emailed to respondents, gives information and a map. This can also be downloaded from the website link <http://www.oxford.gov.uk/leisure/town-hall.cfm>

Tourist and hotel accommodation can be found at <http://www.visitoxford.org>

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