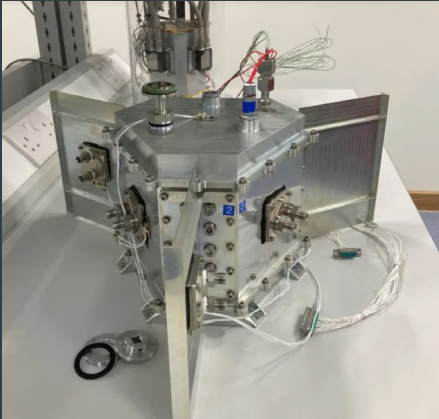




# NDA Update **Summer 2023**

## Bespoke transport solutions for the next generation of atomic batteries



Model of the University of Leicester's Radioisotope Thermoelectric Generator

Nuclear Transport Solutions (NTS) is developing ways to help launch the next generation of atomic batteries for space exploration. The batteries, also known as radioisotope power sources, are being developed by the National Nuclear Laboratory (NNL) and University of Leicester, with funding provided by the UK Space Agency and the European Space Agency and are the first to use Americium-241 as the radioactive source. It is the first time NTS has deployed its expertise in the UK's space sector and builds on strong working relationships with NNL and the wider nuclear industry.

## Strategy launched to make the UK's nuclear waste permanently safer, sooner

Nuclear Waste Services (NWS) recently launched a new corporate strategy, setting out a vision to provide permanent answers to our country's nuclear waste. Its mission is to operate as the 'one stop shop' for nuclear waste management and disposal, and the report sets out a series of strategic milestones to be achieved by 2030 which will help deliver this ambition.

## Introduction



As we approach the summer recess, I'm pleased to introduce our latest newsletter which includes some highlights of our mission progress from across the estate.

The NDA's core objective is to decommission our 17 sites safely, securely, and cost-effectively with due care and consideration for people and the environment. And it is a driving passion of mine that our activities should benefit local communities and leave behind a positive legacy once work is completed.

Each year, we provide approximately £15 million of socio-economic funding across the UK, and leverage millions of pounds of further investment from partners, to support projects that enable permanent and sustainable change. I am extremely proud of what

we have achieved to date and keen to do even more.

The Public Services (Social Value) Act, 2012 requires people who commission public services to think about how they can also secure wider social, economic, and environmental benefits. We have a huge opportunity to contribute to this endeavour, with £1.9 billion spent across our supply chain in 2021/22 alone, covering 74% of Westminster Parliamentary constituencies. This newsletter shares an overview of our social value opportunity and some examples of how we are making it a reality.

I hope you enjoy reading more about our work.

**David Peattie**  
CEO, NDA group

## Welcoming new leaders

**Chris Train OBE**, currently a Non-Executive Director on the NDA Board, has been appointed NDA Chair on an interim basis from the start of September when Dr Roz Rivaz' term of appointment comes to an end on 31 August.

In April, we welcomed **Kate Bowyer** as our new NDA group Chief Financial Officer, who brings with her a wealth of financial and leadership expertise.

Martin Chown is moving on from his role as CEO of Sellafield Ltd, and **Euan Hutton** has been appointed as interim CEO from mid-July.

## NDA group staff receive honours



NDA group employees received worthy recognition in the King's first birthday honours list in June. **Lynne Willis** and **Dr Rex Strong** of Sellafield were recognised with an MBE and OBE respectively. Meanwhile, Nuclear Waste Services Chair, **Adrienne Kelbie** has been presented with a CBE by HRH The Princess Royal at a ceremony in Windsor Castle.



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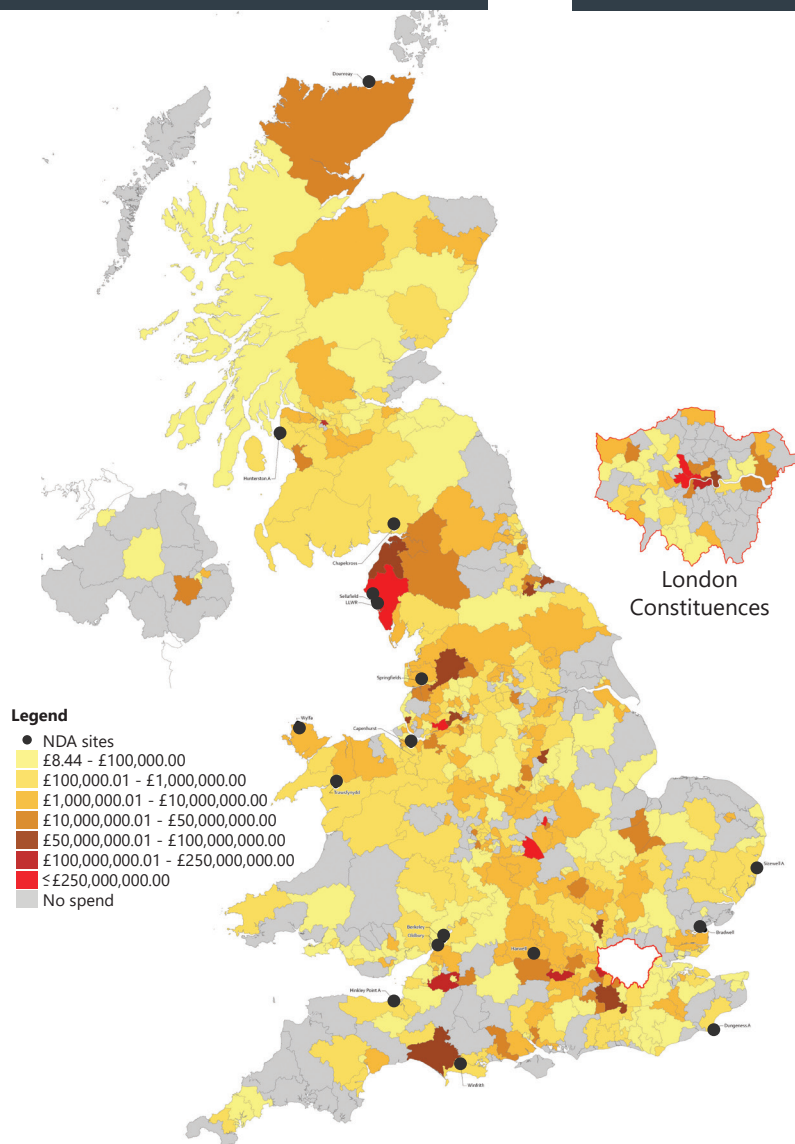
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## How we're realising social value in the NDA group

Our social value activities contribute to themes including tackling economic inequality, fighting climate change, providing equal opportunity, supporting wellbeing, and aiding recovery from the pandemic.

Last year we undertook a group-wide project to understand the potential to exploit social value within our employment and procurement practices, and have embedded the thinking into our ways of working.

### NDA supply chain spend in UK Parliamentary constituencies



### More than 200 internships for those struggling to find sustained, quality employment

The Sellafield Programme and Project Partners (PPP) internship scheme provides early career opportunities, particularly to those who have previously struggled to find sustained, quality employment. The scheme supports individuals who have been unemployed for six months or more, bringing fresh perspectives, increasing workforce diversity, and providing opportunities to people from the local community. The internship scheme has helped 35 people into meaningful long-term employment so far with plans to support a further 200 over the lifetime of PPP.

PPP is a 20-year partnership created to drive collaboration and change the way major projects are delivered at Sellafield. The programme is worth up to £7 billion and contracts have been awarded to four main partners.

### Developing an area skills strategy at Dounreay



Dounreay, a division of Magnox Ltd, is a partner in Focus North established to deliver transformational initiatives in the north of mainland Scotland generating economic growth and leading the net-zero carbon economy. Jacobs, a Dounreay Decommissioning Services Framework supply chain partner, is providing pro bono support to Focus North to develop an area skills strategy to address the needs of nuclear decommissioning and emerging sectors including space, hydrogen, and offshore wind. It is hoped that the skills strategy will act as a foundation for high value career pathways to attract people to the area and drive sustainable economic growth.

### BT commits to £2 million of funding



Sellafield Ltd signed a £32 million contract with BT for its communication network. The scope covers the operation and maintenance of the company's entire network services as well as upgrades to current equipment. As part of the five-year contract, BT has committed £2m of funding for social impact initiatives in the West Cumbria area.