

Biodiversity and the Nature Trail

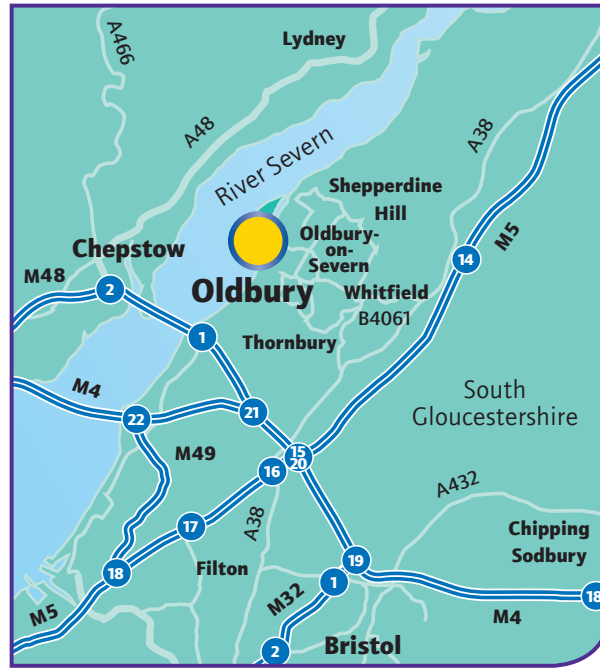
Oldbury Site is located on the banks of the River Sever Natura 2000 Site* and has a large landholding. The site manages this landholding to support a diverse range of habitats.

Various habitats exist as a result of years of pro-active land management by the site, including the cider orchard and the wild flower meadows. Other habitats result from site activities; such as the large silt lagoons which act as extensions of the River Sever's saltmarsh and provide habitats for birds, reptiles and plants.

Oldbury Site recognises the richness of the resource we manage and appreciate the benefits we can offer to the local community by allowing access to it. The site therefore maintains a nature trail that gives access to most areas of interest and links to the Severn Way long distance footpath. We promote seasonal walks along the footpath and encourage public access.



* Natura 2000 is the European Union-wide network of protected areas, recognised under the EC Habitats Directive.



How to find us

Oldbury is situated approximately 2 miles from Thornbury.

From the South West:

from Junction 16 of the M5 take the A38 (North) take the B4061 to Thornbury follow the signposts to Oldbury.

From the North:

from Junction 14 of the M5 take the A38 (South) take the B4061 on your right past Whitfield follow the signposts to Oldbury.



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Oldbury Environmental Policy

Introduction

The wide availability of electricity improves our quality of life. However, all processes for generating electricity involve some environmental impacts.

Activities undertaken at Oldbury Site, including fuel handling, water treatment, waste management and preparations for decommissioning are carefully considered in order to minimise environmental impacts. We also aim to provide a good working environment for our staff and local community.

It is my intention as Site Director to comply fully with all the objectives set out by the Company policy and to annually review progress against site specific objectives and targets to ensure that Oldbury Site continues to manage carefully its interactions with the environment, is compliant with all legislation and focuses on continual improvement of environmental performance.



Phil Sprague, Site Director



Company Environment Health and Safety (EH&S) Policy Statement

Magnox Limited believes that the protection of the environment and the health and safety of our workforce, contractors and the public are fundamental to our business. Excellence in environment, health (including welfare) and safety (EH&S) is an integral part of our business and is essential to our commercial success.

Oldbury Site's Environment Policy Statement

Oldbury Site's Environmental Policy is, by seeking continuous improvement, to achieve and maintain excellence in Environmental Performance.

Responsibilities

All managers and supervisors at Oldbury Site are responsible for implementing this environmental policy; they must ensure that all staff understand and act upon the requirements at all times.

All staff, contractors, or persons working on behalf of the organisation are required to carry out their duties, seeking advice where necessary in accordance with statutory requirements and this environmental policy.



Implementation by the Station

In order to comply with the Company's EH&S policy, Oldbury Site will maintain an Environmental Management System which is externally verified to the international ISO 14001 standard.

The Environmental Management System will be used to assess and monitor impacts, review environmental performance and drive continual improvement.

Oldbury Site's environmental objectives are to:

- minimise the amount of natural resources used;
- recognise the impact of climate change;
- minimise discharges to air and water;
- minimise and manage solid waste;
- demonstrate sound environmental management and leadership;
- manage land quality and biodiversity; and
- improve or maintain a very high level of regulatory compliance.

The above policy objectives have been set in line with the expectations of the Environment Agency Nuclear Sector Plan. In addition Oldbury Site is committed to:

- comply with applicable legislation as a minimum requirement; and
- raise awareness, encourage participation and train employees in environmental matters.