

Keep our Future Afloat 2008

Lobby programme emphasis in 2008

- Continuing to influence all political parties and shipbuilding industry leaders.
- Meeting with the new Defence Procurement Minister, Baroness Taylor at the earliest opportunity.
- Drawing attention to potential workload gaps and implications for production and design skills retention.
- Securing orders for Barrow's core expertise submarines, 7 Astute class. The UK needs a fleet that can surge in times of crisis, 4, 5 or 6 are not enough.
- Highlighting Barrow's role in the successor submarine (Vanguard replacement) programme and the need to proceed with the replacement deterrent fleet.
- Promoting Barrow's core competency and role in delivering nuclear submarines.
- Highlighting Barrow's role in building the Future Aircraft Carriers.
- Seeking a role for Barrow in the MARS programme.
- Publishing a lobby paper highlighting the benefits of the UK nuclear power station programme as a means of creating diversification opportunities for UK shipyards, a way of sustaining key nuclear skills and of enhancing the implementation of the Defence Industrial Strategy requirement to sustain key capabilities and promote opportunity for civil nuclear reactor build being undertaken in the UK instead of overseas.
- Supporting BAE SYSTEMS diversification moves, particularly into nuclear and upstream oil and gas.
- Ensuring that overseas shipyards do not gain a share of the market at the expense of Barrow and support build of warlike ships in UK not EU.
- Securing MoD clarification of what it regards as 'complex' and 'less complex' naval ships which are not defined in the Defence Industrial Strategy.
- Helping implement the new Defence Industrial Strategy.
- Encouraging people to enter or re-enter naval shipbuilding as a career.

Achievements in 2007-8 – Lobbying Year 4

“KOFAC has made valuable contributions to the Defence and Maritime Industrial Strategies in the past and I know Lord Drayson always found their input both useful and informative.” Source: Baroness Taylor , 11 Jan 2008 - letter to the Rt Hon John Hutton MP.

Websites www.navalshipbuilding.co.uk⁽¹⁾
www.navalunderseawarfare.co.uk continue to be delivered.

12 months of vigorous, focused lobbying by trade unions, particularly at Southport NW Labour Party and National Labour Party Autumn Conferences (500 delegates briefed.)

Lobby papers produced in 2007-8 include:

- Industrial impact of abandoning the UK nuclear deterrent presentation to trade unions and Submissions to the Defence Select Committee of the House of Commons on the Future of the UK Strategic Deterrent.
- Defence Industrial Strategy Review submission to MoD.
- Design and publication of the “Regional Spend Profile of Barrow Shipyard” showing how every part of the UK benefits.
- Need for Future Aircraft Carriers to sustain jobs trade union submission.
- Participation in RUSI conclave on Future Aircraft Carrier.
- Ministerial presentations Rt Hon Margaret Hodge MP, 12 March 2007, lobby on CVF importance to UK shipbuilding industrial base.
- Visit by Shadow Defence Secretary and Parliamentary Private Secretary, Foreign Office and Secretary of State, Department of Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.
- Presentation to MoD Head of Maritime Industrial Strategy, 4 January 2007.
- Input to the Energy White Paper and NDA Business Plan.
- Unitary Cumbria submission.
- Factsheet on Astute and CVF.
- Ministerial briefings given at Party Conferences to:-
 - Rt Hon John Hutton MP
 - Pat McFadden MP
 - Rt Hon Beverley Hughes MP
 - John Healey MP
 - Rt Hon Ed Milliband MP
 - Angela Eagle MP
 - Rt Hon Andy Burnham MP
 - Rt Hon Geoff Hoon MP
 - Rt Hon Rosie Winterton MP
 - Rt Hon Des Browne MP
 - Lord Drayson
 - Rt Hon Alan Johnson MP
 - Neil Turner MP
 - Linda Gilroy MP
 - David Crausby MP
 - Jim Dobbin MP
 - Robert Fello MP
 - Michael John Foster MP
 - Robert Keetch MP
 - Russell Brown MP
 - Lindsay Hoyle MP

Employment – KOFAC helps deliver bottom line benefit GVA up £53.78m, 978 jobs

2002 Apr 04 – Apr 04 - Apr 05 - Apr 06 - Apr 07 - Feb 08 -

2,900 3,525 3,525 3,208 3,488 3,757 4,186

KOFAC's specific long term aims

- Sustain and grow jobs in naval shipbuilding in north west England.
- Secure full utilisation of the unique assets found in the north west region's naval shipbuilding industrial base – the shipyard at Barrow and a supply chain of 1,700 companies.
- Sustain the 60% of UK naval ship/submarine design capability, which is located in Barrow.

Context – Potential Royal Navy, Royal Fleet Auxilliary Investment to 2017

The 2005 *Defence Industrial Strategy* proposes the following investment plan:-

Table 1: The U.K. Government's Planned Naval Shipbuilding Programme

| Platform Numbers | Description of Ship Type |
|-------------------------|--|
| 2 | Future Aircraft Carriers |
| 6-8 | Type 45 Destroyers |
| 8 | Future Surface Combatants |
| 10-12 | Maritime Afloat Reach Sustainability Fleet Support Ships |
| 1 | Future Landing Platform Helicopter Ship |
| 2 | Next Generation LPD Ships |
| 4-8 | Astute Attack Submarines |
| 3-4 | Successors to Vanguard Submarine |

Source: Defence Industrial Strategy 2005 and White Paper 'The Future of the UK's Nuclear Deterrent 2006

Changing Government Perceptions of Defence Investment Practice in 2007

*"It is impossible to argue that any department, with the exception of health, **defence** and education, should not take its fair share of the smaller cake that is available for distribution among the public sector".* The Rt Hon John Hutton MP

*"I have just made the point that I think there is a strong case in health, education and **defence** for increases".* The Rt Hon John Hutton MP

"We should still be aggressively pro-manufacturing – and we should be". The Rt Hon John Hutton MP

"We need to be constantly alert to the opportunities out there for British manufacturing and pursue them aggressively both at home and abroad". The Rt Hon John Hutton MP

“We should be aggressively pro-manufacturing and that is very much what I want to do”. The Rt Hon John Hutton MP

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