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Sizewell C

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Introduction

Sizewell C is the new power station we are hoping to build on land north of Sizewell B on the Suffolk coast.

Construction will bring thousands of jobs to East Suffolk as well as many new opportunities for local businesses. Our sister project, Hinkley Point C has shown what is possible. Last month, it published a socioeconomic report which showed that, five years into construction, the project is exceeding its targets for local jobs and investment.

Our ambitions for young people, job creation and business opportunities in Suffolk are rooted in the lessons learned and the experiences of these successes at Hinkley.

Hinkley's socioeconomic benefits for Somerset and the South West are proof that our pledges to local communities in Suffolk are rooted in fact and delivery.

One purpose of this newsletter is to let you know that we are today (11 June 2021) launching a consultation on minor proposed changes to our development consent application for the Sizewell C Project that affect our proposals for the Sizewell link road, the two-village bypass and in the Leiston-Sizewell area. These are local, small-scale changes but they are important to local communities and stakeholders, so we are consulting on them before submitting a request to make these changes to our application to the Planning Inspectorate.

For more information visit www.sizewellc.co.uk and please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to learn more about the project.

Best wishes,

Julia Pyke,
Director of Sizewell C Financing
and Economic Regulation.



Hinkley Point C Socioeconomic

Impact report

Latest figures from Hinkley Point C in Somerset, show how Sizewell C can provide the road to economic recovery for Suffolk and Norfolk.

The new figures from Hinkley Point C show spending in the South West has hit £3.2 billion - twice the initial target - and the project is set to hire 1,700 new roles in the next year. Furthermore, new training centres are helping local people to get the skills they need to access the opportunities.

There are now over 200 companies in the East of England working with Hinkley Point C delivering over £1bn to the regional economy.

We want to replicate this success for Suffolk and Norfolk and realise the economic benefits and provide a springboard for training, skills and education provision for generations to come.

This year Sizewell C has made major progress in preparing the region for new jobs and skills and has launched:

- A Job Service, with some workers from this region who will start at HPC then move across to SZC
- An employment and training prospectus that provides a pathway from education and training through to jobs with the project
- An interactive careers platform to support Young Sizewell C subscribers who are keen to know more about jobs on the project
- Early apprenticeships for people from this region being placed in welding, pipe fitting, project controls, formwork carpentry, surveying at HPC before transferring back to SZC.

Minor changes consultation

11 June to Midday 12 July 2021

We continue to listen to feedback from local communities and stakeholders. This ongoing engagement, along with detailed design work, has resulted in some small proposed changes to our planning application.

Lover's Lane and main development site access works

(Proposed Change 16)

We are proposing changes to improve Bridleway 19, south of the B1122 (Abbey Road, Lover's Lane junction).

To allow enough space for the southern end of Bridleway 19 to comply with highways design guidelines, we are proposing to remove some trees at the northern edge of Paines Plantation. This would avoid disturbing the established grassland and heathland habitats where reptiles hibernate in the adjacent field.

We are also proposing to reposition the mammal culvert passing under Lover's Lane so it is closer to Leiston Drain. This location would make the crossing more attractive and effective for mammals to use, while fencing would help guide them to it.

Two-village bypass

(Proposed Change 17)

We are proposing to create a crossing for pedestrians and cyclists across the north-eastern arm of the proposed Friday Street roundabout to provide a link between the 'old' A12 and the 'old' A1094. This would improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly between Farnham and Friday Street Farm.

Reflecting feedback and Environment Agency advice, we are proposing to reduce the length of the flood relief culverts through the River Alde overbridge embankment from 70m to 50m. This would reduce the risk of blockages and maximise the chances of otters using them.

We are seeking feedback on these proposed changes, which are particularly relevant to communities near to the proposed Sizewell link road, the two-village bypass, and in the Leiston-Sizewell area. The minor changes are summarised here, with more detail available in a full Consultation Document on the changes which is available at www.sizewellc.co.uk

The numbering of the changes starts at Proposed Change 16 to reflect the format of the Consultation Document and to follow on from the 15 changes to the application that were accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate on 21 April 2021.

Sizewell link road

(Proposed Change 18)

Feedback from Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council has resulted in a change to the proposed bridge at Pretty Road. We are proposing a bridge that will be suitable for vehicles so Pretty Road can continue to provide a road connection, for example between Theberton and Saxmundham.

Working with Suffolk County Council (SCC), we have developed some changes to improve compliance with road design standards and enhance connections to the Sizewell link road.

We are proposing changes to allow for a gravity drainage solution to the west of the East Suffolk Line.

Our detailed design work has also highlighted some changes to public rights of way around the Sizewell link road to improve safety at crossing points.

Where to find the proposals and how to respond

- View the Consultation Document and fill in the response form online: www.sizewellc.co.uk
- View the Consultation Document by appointment at the Sizewell C information office** or Leiston Town Council
- By requesting an electronic copy on a USB stick or a hard copy of the Consultation Document and response form by emailing info@sizewellc.co.uk or calling 0800 197 6102*

Responses can be made online, by email or in writing to FREEPOST SZC CONSULTATION.

Responses need to be received by Midday Monday 12 July 2021.

OUR PLEDGES TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

PLEDGE 1

Minimise disruption to local communities during the construction of Sizewell C.

PLEDGE 2

Invest in local employment, education and skills. This includes an aim to create 1,500 apprenticeships.

PLEDGE 3

Support the growth of the local economy. This includes measures to support local firms in gaining work on the project.

PLEDGE 4

Transport the majority of construction materials by rail and sea, reducing the number of Sizewell C HGVs on local roads.

PLEDGE 5

Respect the Suffolk heritage coast and minimise impact on RSPB Minsmere, National Trust Dunwich Heath and Leiston Abbey.

PLEDGE 6

Return the temporary construction area to a standard befitting the AONB following construction.

PLEDGE 7

Remove the accommodation campus and caravan site, the park and ride sites, the rail extension off the Saxmundham to Leiston branch line and the freight management facility following construction and restore the land.

PLEDGE 8

Support the Suffolk coast tourism sector through the provision of a Tourism Fund.

PLEDGE 9

Provide a comprehensive 24/7 onsite occupational health service for workers, a healthcare contribution and a Public Services Contingency Fund.

PLEDGE 10

Require all workers to sign a Worker Code of Conduct and enforce it – as we have done successfully at Hinkley Point C.

PLEDGE 11

Enhance the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of local communities through the provision of a Community Fund.

These eleven pledges were published when we submitted our application for a Development Consent Order in May 2020.

We have continued to meet with local people and respond to their concerns. That's why we've already introduced significant changes to our transport proposals which will mean the majority of freight for the project is delivered by rail and sea rather than by using HGVs.

We have launched a number of skills and employment initiatives over the last six months so we are ready to employ local people should Sizewell C be approved.

Because we want to honour these pledges, we have made sure that issues such as the tourism fund and community fund have been included in discussions with the local authorities.

Our engineers have been working on the designs for the power station with the local environment uppermost in their minds. Our goal is to deliver a project which will help Britain reduce carbon emissions while protecting the local landscape and wildlife - just as Sizewell B was able to do when it was completed over 20 years ago.

You can view the Sizewell C application documents submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/the-sizewell-c-project/>

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*9am-5pm Monday-Friday. Calls from 0800 numbers are free from UK landlines. Call costs from mobile and international numbers may vary.

**By appointment between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday.