



Planning and Transport Committee

Consultation on Proposed Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station.

1. A copy of EDF Energy's Sizewell C Community Newsletter was received and distributed to councillors on 30th May. A copy is attached as Appendix 1 to this report. The front page news is of a recent meeting of the Sizewell Community Forum.
2. The published minutes of the Forum make it clear that our neighbours from Bredfield PC and Woodbridge TC and near neighbours from Pettistree, Rendlesham & Wickham Market PCs attend, but Melton PC has not been invited to become a member. Dist. Cllr. Bond has followed this up and reports that the EDF had drawn up the list of invitees in consultation with officers of both SCDC and SCC, who had '*confirmed our list was extensive whilst acknowledging that we may receive representations from other local stakeholders keen to join the forum. The key point we wished to stress for initial meetings is that each parish has one representative (a councillor), ideally the chairman for initial meetings and after that the chairman may wish to send another councillor*'.
3. It should be noted that EDF are going the extra mile in setting up a Community Forum and that it is reasonable for them to rely on SCDC to provide contact details. It might be thought surprising that SCDC forgot to include Melton on the list of interested communities, whilst including most if not all of our neighbours, but this was probably just an unfortunate oversight.
4. Suffolk Coastal District Council has established a Sizewell Task Group, and, alongside Suffolk County Council is represented on Sizewell C Joint Local Authorities Group. Reports of these meetings are provided in the usual manner. However, neither seems have a mechanism to engage with communities directly affected by either the main or the enabling works, such as ours. This would appear to be the role of the Community Forum, to which we have not been invited.
5. It is **recommended that** the Clerk should write to EDF Energy asking for Melton Parish Council to be included in the activities of the Community Forum.

Cllr. Geof Butterwick,
Chairman of Planning & Transport Committee
24th June 2013



Stage 1 Public Exhibition – Leiston

Thank you

Nearly 1300 responses have been received by EDF Energy following the Sizewell C Stage 1 consultation. We would like to thank everyone who responded.

From 21 November 2012 to 6 February 2013, EDF Energy consulted local people and stakeholder groups from across East Suffolk on its initial proposals and options for Sizewell C, a new nuclear power station which could be developed on land to the north of Sizewell B on the Suffolk coast.

Local people were asked for their views on:

- The overall proposals for the Sizewell C nuclear power station.
- Options for associated development needed to support construction and/or operation (such as park and ride facilities and campus accommodation).
- The potential effects on the local community.

A large number of detailed points and a wide range of views have been expressed by respondents to the consultation, all of which we are now taking into account.

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Some of the key themes include:

- The majority of responses indicate support for the development, subject to various suggestions for reducing the impacts of construction. However, there was also feedback opposing the building and operation of a new nuclear power station.
- There is support for the overarching accommodation strategy albeit with differing views on the location, size and number of campus sites.
- On transport there is widespread support for the strategy of limiting impacts on roads through the use of sea, rail and park and ride facilities, again with a variety of views expressed on the individual sites and specific elements of the proposals.
- With regard to road improvements: of the three options that were consulted on for Farnham, there is strong support for the Farnham bypass although many respondents also expressed a view that a full four village bypass would be necessary. There is a general desire to see further information and proposals on transport issues, particularly on the B1122.

What Next?

We are now undertaking more detailed analysis of responses to the Stage 1 proposals. The responses will be published in a report on consultation which will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate with the application for development consent.

EDF Energy will also be conducting various technical studies which will support the development of more detailed proposals. These proposals will then be subject to further public consultation. The following work will be taking place over the months to come:

Associated Development

At Stage 1 consultation we presented options for where associated development, such as the accommodation campus and park and ride facilities, could be located. We will be examining the feedback received from local people and the issues raised to help inform future decisions on preferred sites.

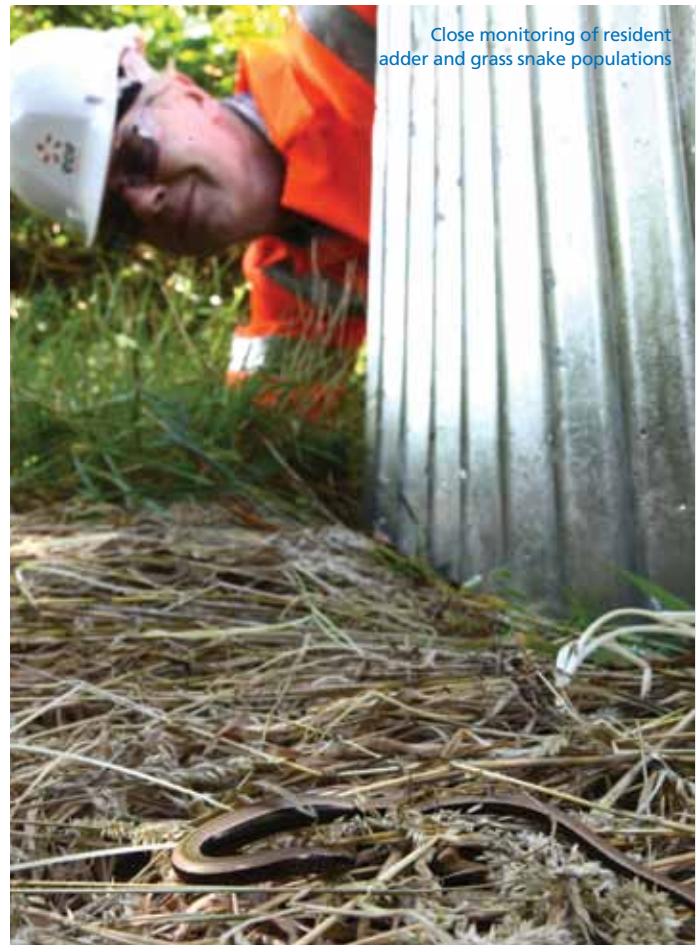


Ecological Surveys

We will be carrying out further ecological surveys within and around the main site and construction area.

Groundwork Investigations

We are planning ground investigation works at a range of locations both onshore and offshore over the coming months. We will update our website with information and will aim to alert neighbours in advance of any activity taking place.



Close monitoring of resident adder and grass snake populations

SIZEWELL C



Groundwater Monitoring

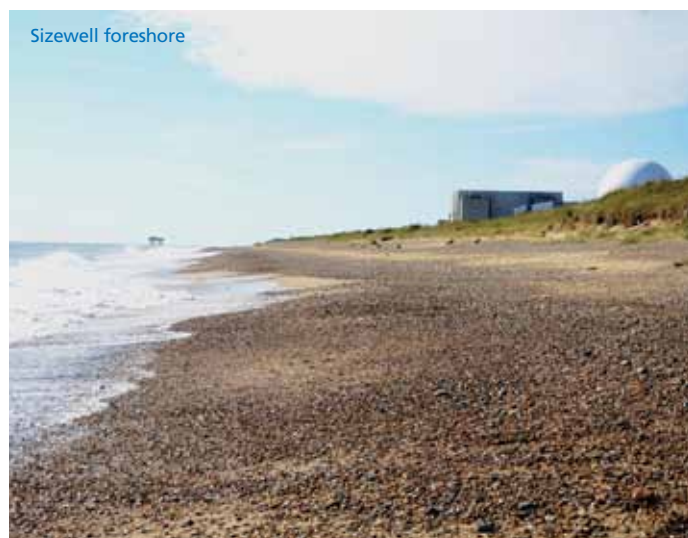
This summer we will start groundwater monitoring within and around the main site and Sizewell Marshes SSSI. This will provide important information on baseline groundwater conditions to inform the groundwater impact assessment that will be carried out in the run-up to a future stage of consultation.

Socio-economics

Sizewell B is currently undertaking a planned refuelling outage. The Sizewell C Team is surveying local businesses and the workers who are temporarily living in the area to achieve a better understanding of where people live and the potential benefits to the local economy. The data collected will be used to help inform our accommodation proposals and wider socio-economic analysis.

Transport Strategy

Over the course of 2013 we will be developing the traffic model which will be used to inform our understanding of impacts on local roads, including the A12 and B1122. We will also be progressing further studies on the design of the jetty and on rail issues including the options for extending the Saxmundham-Leiston branch line into the construction site.



Sizewell foreshore



Groundwater monitoring on the Sizewell C site



Students at EDF Energy Conference

Nuclear New Build – National Update

On 19 March EDF Energy was granted planning permission by the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change to construct and operate Hinkley Point C in Somerset. The decision followed three years of community consultation and a year long examination by the Planning Inspectorate.

The planning permission is a major step forward for the project and follows recent regulatory permissions, including the granting of a Nuclear Site Licence, the approval of the power station's design (Design Acceptance Certification) and the award of key environmental permits.

To view the Secretary of State's planning decision and the recommendations made by the Planning Inspectorate on

EDF Energy's application please visit:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/south-west/hinkley-point-c-new-nuclear-power-station>

However, before work can start on the main construction an agreement is needed with Government on the price of electricity from Hinkley Point C. This will help EDF attract investors and is an important step towards a final investment decision to allow the multi-billion-pound project to proceed.

At the time of writing, intensive discussions with Government were progressing to achieve a fair and balanced deal for consumers and investors. Hinkley Point C would provide a sustainable source of low carbon energy, and 7% of the UK's electricity for 60 years.



Sizewell C Community Forum

As part of the overall activity involved in the public consultation on Sizewell C, EDF Energy established a Community Forum for the discussion of local issues during the planning process. The forum has an independent chairman and is made up of the EDF Energy Sizewell C team, elected representatives of the local community and other stakeholder groups.

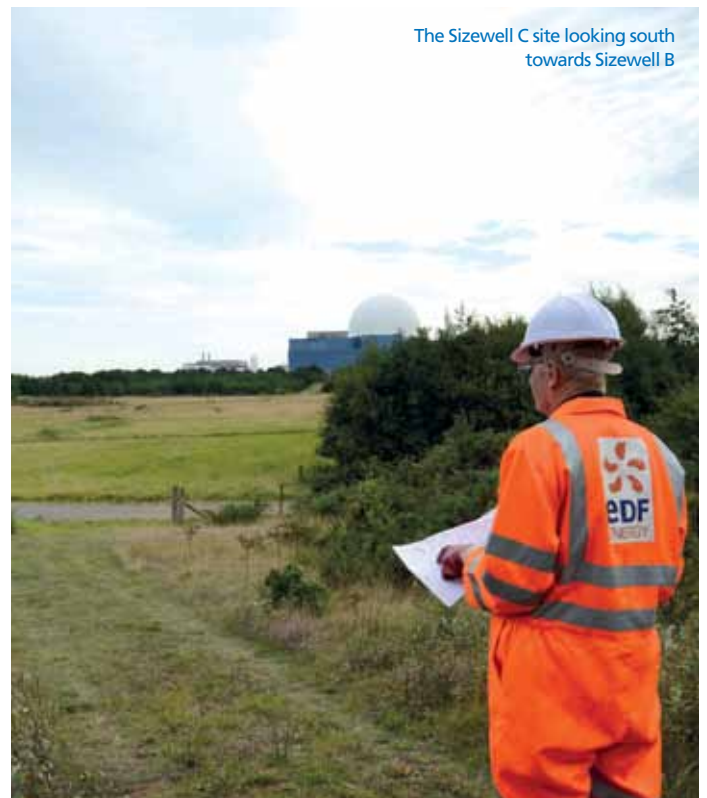
The Sizewell C Nuclear New Build team shared preliminary feedback from the Stage 1 consultation at the Community Forum last month.

Thirty-nine representatives from the communities around Sizewell and other stakeholders gathered for the meeting at the Sizewell Sports and Social Club in Leiston.

The group was told that work continues on analysing the results and this was early feedback on the themes raised by respondents to the first stage of consultation.

The next Community Forum meeting will take place in October. To view the minutes of previous meetings or to find out more visit: <http://sizewell.edfenergyconsultation.info>

The Sizewell C site looking south towards Sizewell B



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