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Sizewell C

Planning Performance Agreement 9th Project Board Meeting

Date: 22nd January 2013

Attendees/On-call

SCC	Bryn Griffiths	- Assistant Director of Economy, Skills and Environment
	John Pitchford	- Spatial Planning and Sub Regional Partnerships Manager
SCDC	Arthur Charvonia	- Deputy Chief Executive
	Bob Chamberlain	- Principal Planner (Major Projects)
Sizewell Project Office	Paul Wood	- Project Manager
EDF Energy	Richard Mayson	- Director of Planning & External Affairs
	Stephen Walls	- Deputy Director, Planning & External Affairs
	Angela Pearce	- Head of the Sizewell C Project
	Tim Norwood	- Chief Planning Officer
	Tom McGarry	- Communications Manager
	Roy Collins	- Transport Manager
	Sheery Sassoon	- Planning Officer

Action Review

- Provide a response to the items listed under Item 5 (Issues raised by Nuclear Opposition Groups) of the Key Issues Paper. **Action (01_13_01): EDF Energy**
- Consider further whether a meeting to discuss Council priority areas for the project should be held in March or April 2013. **Action (01_13_02): EDF Energy**
- Arrange the next tripartite meeting with PINS. **Action (01_13_03): EDF Energy**
- Establish a mechanism to allow for some project activity following close of Work Package period (end March) to the next Project Board meeting. **Action (01_13_04): EDF Energy**
- Arrange Project Board meetings to take place over 2013. **Action (01_13_04): EDF Energy**

Meeting Minutes

Item 1 - Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the 25th October Project Board meeting were approved.

Item 2 – EDF Energy Corporate Update

EDF Energy provided an update on its UK nuclear new build programme. Good progress is being made ahead of the Financial Investment Decision (FID) for Hinkley Point C (HPC) and the Nuclear Site Licence was granted and Generic Design Assessment closed out towards the end of 2012. The Development Consent Order (DCO) for HPC is anticipated to be determined on schedule and a decision from Government is expected by the 19th March. Discussions with the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) are continuing in respect to the Funded Decommissioning Plan (FDP) and contract for difference arrangements. Progress is being made negotiating key HPC contracts including the marine works and civil engineering works. It was noted that progression of the Sizewell C Project is contingent on a positive FID for HPC.

EDF Energy advised that Angela Pearce will be taking up a new role of Director of Regulation at EDF Energy. The Project Board recognised and thanked Angela for her instrumental role and efforts in progressing the Sizewell C project.

Item 3 – Sizewell C Project Update

Stage 1 Consultation

Stage 1 Consultation for Sizewell C launched on 21st November and will run for 11 weeks, closing on the 6th February.

A significant effort has been made publicising details of the proposals and arranging events where people can access information and ask the EDF Energy team questions. At the time of the Sizewell C Project Board this activity included:

- attendance of more than 3,000 people recorded at events organised by EDF Energy. *Post meeting note: at close of Stage 1 Consultation, this number exceeded 4,000;*
- following launch of consultation, a fortnight of exhibitions was held in the ‘inner area’;
- drop-in events focussing on specific issues of prevalence in particular areas;
- presentations have been given to over twenty town and parish councils, residents associations and amenity groups;

- promoted the resource of Boyer services to assist town and parish councils draft responses;
- arranged specific events for 'Hard to Reach' groups including attendance at Careers Fairs, the Youth Bus, SCDC Disability Forum; and
- circulation of newsletter to 20,000 homes advising people from the area of the proposals.

Next Steps Post Stage 1

Following Stage 1 consultation, EDF Energy will be developing a work programme to Stage 2 consultation. This would be informed by the consultation responses received together with required engineering and other studies that need to be completed ahead of Stage 2 consultation.

Item 4 – Key Issues Paper and Response to Stage 1 Consultation

Key Issues Paper

Two items in the Suffolk Council's Key Issues Paper have been updated. These include Item 1 (Stage 1 Consultation) and Item 4 (Skills and Workforce Development). Issue 10 (Lowestoft Land Issues) has been removed.

Item 1 relates to the Councils response to Stage 1 Consultation and the level of information which was published. The Councils highlight that they are keen to continue discussions of priority areas post stage 1. This is discussed in further detail below under 'Response to Stage 1 Consultation'.

Similar to Item 1, the amendments to Item 4 also relate to the level of information provided in Stage 1 Consultation but are specific to mechanisms for maximising local economic development opportunities. The Councils highlighted the need for follow up dialogue on this area once the consultation period has closed.

There was some discussion surrounding Item 5 (Issues raised by Nuclear Opposition Groups) on the Key Issues Paper. EDF Energy advised that it would identify the responses to these issues in the consultation documents. **Action (01_13_01): EDF Energy**

Response to Stage 1 Consultation

The Suffolk County Council (SCC) Cabinet Report that sets out some recommendations to be included in their Stage 1 response has been published ahead of the meeting on the 29th January. SCDC indicated that the Suffolk Coastal District Council report to its members is likely to reflect and complement SCC's report.

SCC advised that there are some priority areas the Councils would like to focus discussions with EDF Energy on following close of Stage 1 Consultation and suggested

discussing these at a meeting in March. EDF Energy agreed that it would be helpful to identify and discuss Council priority areas and suggested that it may be more helpful to hold this once EDF Energy has had a chance to review and analyse all response received during Stage 1. In this context, EDF Energy suggested that an April meeting may be more appropriate but would consider this further and pick this up at the February Core Project Team meeting. **Action (01_13_02): EDF Energy**

EDF Energy raised some concern regarding the information published in the Suffolk County Councils Cabinet report with respect to transport:

- 900 HGV movements per day. EDF Energy noted that reference to this figure was made in a number of places in the report. The 900 figure required use of the top end of the range of average peak construction HGV movements provided in Stage 1 consultation and then consideration of the very busiest day during peak construction. It was not a fair reflection of the number of HGV movements the project would typically generate, even at peak construction. .
- Level of information provided. EDF Energy noted that the level of information provided on transport in Stage 1 was consistent with earlier papers provided to the Project Board and that substantial additional work-in-progress detailed transport modelling had been provided to SCC for review and comment. Further information on the derivation of the estimate of traffic increases through the “four villages” stretch of the A12 had also been published. EDF Energy therefore did not consider that the statements in the SCC Cabinet paper that “no evidence” had been provided to support its transport position could be justified. .
- Car traffic. EDF Energy did not accept the assertion in the SCC Cabinet Paper that there had been a substantial under-estimation of the level of workforce car traffic which would be generated by the project. EDF Energy’s estimates in this area had used an assumption that the on/near-site accommodation campus was for 2,000 spaces (where Stage 1 consultation had proposed a 2,000-3,000 bed range) and that average car sharing was 1.5-1.6 people (bearing in mind that evidence from monitoring of peak construction of Sizewell B indicated that car sharing was above 2). If these were accepted as reasonable assumptions to make, there had been no material under-estimation of construction worker car traffic.

SCC noted the above points. SCC stated that the Cabinet Paper reflected the strength of local concerns in this area and in particular a feeling that conclusions on transport mitigation options had been reached ahead of completion of required transport assessments and studies. SCC also considered that the conclusions of the 2006 study on the four villages bypass had been only partially quoted in the Stage 1 documents. SCC had commissioned an additional study on this issue in the light of the Sizewell C proposals and this would be provided to EDF Energy shortly. The costs of this study would not be met via the PPA.

SCC do not share EDF Energy’s analysis. EDF Energy and SCC will attempt to resolve the differences through further analysis.

Item 5 – Feedback from Meetings

JLAG Engagement Event

SCDC and SCC advised that JLAG event was successful and feedback received is reflected in their responses to Stage 1 Consultation.

Tripartite Meeting

A useful tripartite meeting with PINS was held in January to review current activity on the Sizewell C Project. EDF Energy agreed to arrange the follow up meeting. **Action (01_13_04): EDF Energy**

Item 6 – Review of Work Packages and PPA issues

The current work packages cover the period up to the end of March 2013 with the exception of the Programme Management Work Package which runs until June 2013. EDF Energy advised that it is intending to table updated work packages at the April Project Board meeting (to be arranged). EDF Energy agreed to identify and put in place mechanisms to continue work under the PPA work packages in the intervening period where considered necessary (i.e. between the end of March 2013 and the subsequent Project Board). It was noted that the Programme Management Work Package is a priority area and EDF Energy agreed to clarify its status at the earliest opportunity. **Action (01_13_05): EDF Energy**

Item 7 – Sizewell Expenditure

Expenditure over October and November 2012 is £80,628 exc. VAT (£26,133 in October 2012 and £54,495 in November 2012). The greater expenditure over these months reflects increased Council activity in the run up to Stage 1 Consultation and input of AECOM transport consultants. The Sizewell Project Office noted that £506K had been spent by the Councils on the project to date.

Item 8 – AOB

EDF Energy agreed to arrange forthcoming Project Board meetings for 2013. **Action (01_13_06) EDF Energy**