

**EASTSUFFOLK**  
COUNCIL



**Suffolk**  
County Council

Welcome to the  
Town and Parish Council Engagement Event

29 July 2020  
13:30-16:15

# Agenda

Timing	Item	Who?
13:00	Meeting line opens	
13:30	Welcome and aims of the event.  [Please use the chat bar throughout to raise questions]	Cllr Richard Rout, SCC
13:40	Interacting during the DCO Process	Philip Ridley, ESC and Bryn Griffiths, SCC
14:10	Q & A session	Facilitated by Cllr Richard Rout, SCC
14:30	Workshop groups	Explanation of how the workshop groups will work Sharon Bleese, ESC
14:35	Comfort break	
14:45	Workshop discussion	Various staff, ESC, SCC
15:45	Return to main group	
15:50	Feedback	Facilitated by Cllr Craig Rivett, ESC
16:05	Next steps, thank you and goodbye	Cllr Craig Rivett, ESC
16:15	CLOSE	



## Welcome and Aims of the Event



Cllr Richard Rout, Chair, Joint Local Authorities Group (JLAG)

# Aims of the Event

- ▶ Summarise the DCO Process
- ▶ Summarise the Councils' role during the DCO
- ▶ Highlight the Councils' identified key areas for discussion during the DCO process
- ▶ Hear from local communities on their considerations of key areas for discussion

There will be a question and answer session and break out sessions to allow for discussion.

***During the presentation please type your question into the 'chat bar' for a response in the Q&A session.***



## Interacting during the DCO Process



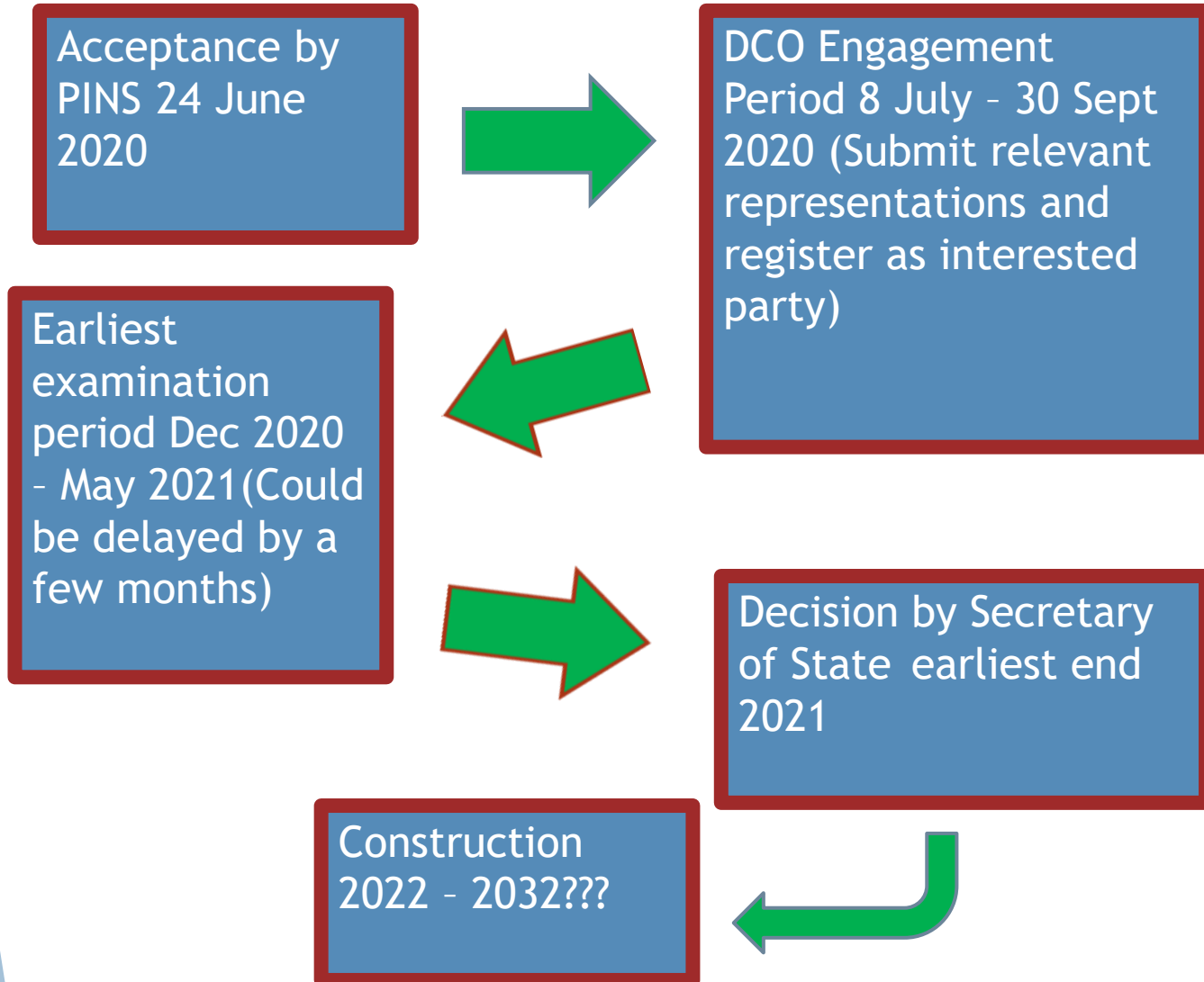
Philip Ridley, Head of Planning & Coastal Management (ESC)

Bryn Griffiths, Assistant Director Planning & Major Projects (SCC)

## DCO Process

- 1. Pre-examination Phase/Section 56 Engagement (8<sup>th</sup> July - 30 September):** Submit relevant representations, register as Interested Party on the PINS website, begin review of DCO submission.
- 2. Following Section 56:** PINS will summarise Relevant Representations received. PINS will issue a “Rule 6” letter detailing timescales for the Preliminary Meeting (which starts the 6-month Examination period). This will schedule hearing dates and deadlines throughout the Examination period.
- 3. EA Environmental Permit process:** 3 environmental permits have been applied to by EDF Energy in relation to Sizewell C, an engagement plan has been set out by the EA and can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sizewell-c-engagement-plan/environment-agencys-engagement-plan-for-sizewell-cs-environmental-permits>

# Potential Timeline





# Government Policy

- ▶ Government policy is set out in National Policy Statements which give reasons for the policy and must include an explanation of how the policy takes account of government policy relating to the mitigation of, and adaption to, climate change.
- ▶ Relevant NPS include: NPS for Overarching Energy (EN-1), NPS for Electricity Networks (EN-5) and NPS for Nuclear Power (EN-6). These were designated in July 2011.
- ▶ EN-6 is in the process of being updated and some of the dates therein do not apply.
- ▶ EDF Energy reference the Sizewell C proposal under section 105 of the Planning Act 2008 (decisions in cases where no NPS has effect) but significant weight should be given to EN-1 and EN-6.
- ▶ National government still supports new nuclear as part of its energy mix and as part of its carbon reduction strategy.



## The role of our Councils

- ▶ Both Councils are statutory consultees in the DCO process.
- ▶ Both Councils are automatically registered as Interested Parties as host authorities.
- ▶ Councils working together to draft relevant representations taking account of technical expertise within both authorities.
- ▶ Reports will be sent to Full Council and Cabinet for ESC and Cabinet for SCC, these are scheduled for September (before the end of Section 56).
- ▶ The Councils' Cabinet Reports will be required to seek delegated authority to ensure both Councils can respond in a timely manner during the Examination process which will be fast paced with short deadlines.
- ▶ Councils will raise both opportunities and concerns arising from the development. Part of our role is to minimise the negative impacts and secure the best outcomes for east Suffolk resulting from a consented project.

# Suffolk's Public Sector working closely together

*We have regular Sizewell C officer working group meetings involving:*



*... and are also working with partners and agencies including ...*



## Why is Sizewell Talked About So Much?

- ▶ Development the size of Crossrail: **£20bn+** investment in east Suffolk;
- ▶ Equal in scale to the **Olympic Park** in east London;
- ▶ **10 - 12-year** build and **60-year** operational life;
- ▶ **£100m pa** boost to regional economy during construction, and **£40m pa** during operation;
- ▶ Up to **7,900 + 600** peak construction workforce - aim for at least **35%** to be home based workers; and
- ▶ **900** operational jobs.



## Supporting Jobs and Growth

### EDF Energy propose....

- ▶ Investment in skills of local workforce and young people;
- ▶ Funds and Strategies designed to maximise job opportunities, growth and development for Suffolk businesses, but also to mitigate impact on the tourist sector (Tourism Fund);
- ▶ Ensuring a minimum of **35%** of workers at SZC are home-based, Councils aim to ensure these are in high earning roles; and
- ▶ A strategy to ensure boosts in skills in the region match future requirements.

The Councils seek to ensure there is legacy post-Sizewell C.









## Transport Impacts

- ▶ Integrated strategy proposes **60%** of freight by road; Councils preferred strategy at Stage 4 was rail-led;
- ▶ Significant extra traffic: **1000HGVs** on busiest day, **750HGVs** average at peak; possibly 24 hrs a day;
- ▶ **1000** worker car movements a day;
- ▶ **6** night-time train movements with associated unloading at LEEIE in early years - noise? Vibration?;
- ▶ Impacts on **A14** and **A12**;
- ▶ **New roads - 2 Village Bypass and Sizewell Link Road** - both addressing previously raised concerns with regards to A12 and the B1122, but Councils believe further road safety and capacity improvements are required





## Environmental Concerns

Impacts on the AONB and other international and national designations in the locality:

- ▶ **Ecological Impacts** on European Protected Species and Suffolk Priority Species
- ▶ **Landscape and Visual Impacts** - in particular the permanent development on the nationally designated AONB;
- ▶ **Coastal process** - impacts geomorphologically on the coastline during construction, operation and decommissioning;
- ▶ **Seascape Impacts** - of the permanent development;
  
- ❖ Requiring a combination of mitigation measures and funding for residual mitigation (i.e. compensation).



## Wider Environmental Concerns

- ▶ **Tourism Impacts;**
- ▶ **Recreational Impacts;**
- ▶ **Water Availability;**
- ▶ **Noise - vehicle, rail, and construction;**
- ▶ **Dust - people and ecology;**
- ▶ **Vibrations - vehicles and rail;**



## Next Steps

- ▶ Councils' technical staff are reading through the documentation, comparing this with issues raised in our previous responses at Stages 3 and 4 and establishing outstanding concerns / priority areas to include in our Relevant Representation and later in our Local Impact Report.

### **We want to hear from YOU:**

- ▶ As always please send any questions and a copy of your relevant representation to [sizewellc@east Suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:sizewellc@east Suffolk.gov.uk), your input will help shape our submissions and representations before and during the examination.

### **Legal advice**

- ▶ SCC's legal advisors, Sharpe-Pritchard, have offered to run a short presentation and Q&A to Town and Parish Councils, based on their wealth of experience in dealing with NSIPs, which we hope would supplement well the Planning Aid England offer. Proposed date: 26 August. Invitation to be sent shortly.

# Question and Answer Session



Facilitated by Cllr Richard Rout

Please type questions in the chat bar for response.

# Comfort break

- ▶ On return you will have automatically entered a “breakout room” where a facilitated discussion with members of staff from ESC and SCC will take place.



Break Out Rooms  
for  
Facilitated Discussion in Groups



# Workshop Discussion

## Main Development Site

- ▶ Construction zone
- ▶ Nuclear platform / permanent development
- ▶ Accommodation campus
- ▶ Beach landing facility / sea defences
- ▶ SSSI Crossing

## Associated Development

- ▶ Freight Management Facility
- ▶ Northern Park and Ride
- ▶ Southern Park and Ride
- ▶ Two Villages Bypass
- ▶ Sizewell Link Road
- ▶ Green Rail Route

Also:  
Community Impacts  
Cumulative impacts with other developments



# Feedback



Facilitated by Cllr Craig Rivett, Vice-Chair, JLAG

## Next Steps

- ▶ A summary of this event and discussions will be circulated to all attendees along with the presentation;
- ▶ Register as an Interested Party and submit your Relevant Representation **BY 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**;
- ▶ Copy your relevant representation to [sizewellc@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:sizewellc@eastssuffolk.gov.uk);
- ▶ All updates to the process will be on the Planning Inspectorate web pages at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/Eastern/The-Sizewell-C-Project/>
- ▶ Council published documents such as our Relevant Representation and Cabinet reports will be available on our official Council pages and at our JLAG pages: <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/sizewell-nuclear-power-station/development-consent-order/> **WE WILL NOT BE PUBLISHING EDF ENERGY'S DCO DOCUMENTS ON THIS PAGE.** They are available on the PINS web pages and at <https://sizewellcdco.co.uk/>

# THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

- ▶ PLEASE FILL IN THE SHORT FEEDBACK QUESTIONS THAT WILL FOLLOW AS YOU LEAVE THE EVENT.

