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Sizewell C Marine Technical Forum: Quarterly Meeting [No6]

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Level:	Marine Technical Forum
Date:	3 rd December 2024
Location:	Microsoft Teams
Chair:	Peter Barham; Independent Chair (PB)
Attendees:	Stephen Roast; SZC Ltd (SR) Ben Hughes; SZC Ltd (BH) Andrew Griffith; Cefas for SZC Ltd (AG) Lucy Goodman; ESC (LG) Chris Finbow; ESC (CF) Ethan Lakeman; MMO (EL) Laura Calvert; MMO (LC) Ayden Hassan; EA (AH) Simon Barlow; EA (SB) Sean Mahoney; NE (SM) Polly Mills; NE (PM)
Apologies:	Amy Trakos; MMO (AT) Vanessa Gouldsmith; NE (VG)

Meeting Note

Discussion Item	Comments	By when
1	<u>Welcome and Introductions</u>	
1.01	PB welcomed and introduced everybody.	
1.02	When checking if all were present SB noted that the Outlook invitation no longer represents the present constituency of the MTF due to staff changes. SR agreed and stated he would send a revised Outlook invitation with addressee's updated to reflect the current personnel.	
1.03	Action 1: SR to send updated Outlook calendar invitation to current MTF personnel Completed (10/12/24)	10/12/24
2	<u>Safety Message</u> <i>Marine Litter: Will you try a #2minutebeachclean?</i>	
3	<u>Project Update</u>	
3.01	SR provided an update on the current status of the project and matters arising:	
3.02	The project is still working hard to confirm the financial investment arrangements and currently working on due diligence with potential investors. The new Labour government renewed its commitment to nuclear being part of the UK energy mix in the Autumn budget.	
3.03	Works at site are progressing apace with the new office block now being used at the ACA (Ancillary Construction Area)	

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3.04	SR confirmed that SZC Ltd would be moving to new offices closer to Liverpool Street (for better connections to Suffolk) early in the new year. SR added that the new office would become the registered office for the company and that, where relevant, consents would need to be updated to reflect the new location.	
3.05	In terms of marine works specifically, the offshore geotechnical investigations (GI) continue at the cooling water heads locations' the expectation being that those works will now complete before Christmas.	
3.06	MMO recently undertook a compliance investigation on marine licence L/20419/00188/8 and the SZC project was found to be compliant in all areas	
4	Matters Arising	
4.01	<p>PB stated that he had asked for this additional agenda item to be added so that he could raise the issue of 3rd party representations. PB stated that he had received communications from a 3rd party asking for their comments and concerns (which were supported by a self-written report) to be brought to the MTF for discussion.</p> <p>PB stated it was his view that it was not appropriate for the MTF to consider such representations formally and that 3rd parties should use the normal route of feeding back any concerns to the decision maker (typically ESC) for review and action, or not, via the normal public consultation process.</p> <p>PB concluded that was his own view but that he wanted the view all MTF members</p>	
4.01	SB stated that the EA has in the past been accommodating to similar advances from 3 rd parties during pre-application for DCO but agreed that the MTF was not the appropriate forum now. The EA conducts public consultations on permit applications and that should be the route for 3 rd party or public comments to be raised.	
4.02	LG confirmed that ESC also includes a period for public consultation when DCO requirements are submitted for discharge and that should be the route for any 3 rd party comments to be raised. In this particular case, the issue raised has already been dealt with by ESC so it was not appropriate or necessary for the MTF to revisit the enquiry.	
4.03	LC and SM confirmed that MMO and NE, respectively, were in agreement.	
4.04	SR confirmed that SZC Ltd was of the same view, adding that the MTF post DCO consent is established, primarily, to review monitoring plans and results together with discussion of any proposed changes to marine elements of the project; this is described in the MTF Terms of Reference which do not allow for 3 rd party representations on the consented scheme.	
4.05	PB thanked MTF members for their views and stated that he will respond to any 3 rd party communications made to him as MTF Chair explaining that any such representation should be made to the relevant decision maker during public consultations.	
5	Minutes from Last Meeting	
5.01	SR confirmed that there was only one action from the previous meeting and that had been closed.	
6	DML and DCO Returns	
6.01	SR summarised the DML Condition and DCO Requirement submissions that had been made in 2024 and confirmed their status:	
6.02	DML Condition 7: Programme of Works (#1) was submitted 08/08/24 and is approved	

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6.03	DML Condition 17: Fisheries Liaison & Coexistence Plan was submitted 09/09/24 and is approved	
6.04	SR confirmed the forthcoming submissions remaining in 2024 and gave a look ahead for 2025.	
6.05	SR confirmed that the DML variation was submitted to MMO on 01/11/24 – this relates to the amendment to the layout of the Temporary Marine Import Facility (TMBIF) in relation to the shape of the head and the pile layout along the trestle. SR stated that two other very minor amends were to be added to the request relating to slight increase in tunnel diameter for desalination plant intake to accommodate the chlorination and air-blast lines and a slight increase in dredge area/volume for the CDO outfall head to accommodate a trench that would allow head connection in the dry (raised onto a jack-up barge).	
6.06	SR confirmed that the update to Requirement 19 to reflect the re-design of the temporary sea defence (TSD) was delayed pending detailed design and approval by Sizewell B and would now be submitted in 2025.	
6.07	SR confirmed that Requirement 19 would also require a very minor update to account for the amendment to pile layout of the trestle piles above mean low water – dependent upon programme this minor change may need to proceed the TSD update to Requirement 19.	
6.08	SR confirmed that SZC Ltd is looking into what updates, if any, might be required to the Coastal Processes Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (CPMMP) in response to the amendments to the TMBIF and TSD; initial thoughts are that the CPMMP is already sufficient to monitor the proposed changes.	
7	Other Marine Licences	
7.01	BH provided an overview of the other (non-DML) licence applications currently in progress.	
7.02	SZC's existing geotechnical investigation (GI) licence was subject of a compliance inspection by MMO on 27/11/24 and was found to be fully compliant.	
7.03	GI works are expected to be completed in December 2024	
7.04	A marine licence application for investigation of potential UXO (identification only, to inform 2 nd licence for actual clearance) was submitted 13/11/24. Assuming approval, works anticipated to commence late Q1 2025 with submission of marine licence application for UXO clearance to be made soon thereafter.	
8	Members updates	
8.01	MMO: LC stated there would shortly be a change in MMO personnel supporting the SZC project as AT, the Senior Licencing Manager, would be leaving the MMO before Christmas. Adam Chumbley will replace AT temporarily until a permanent replacement can be found.	
8.02	PB said that previously SZC Ltd had offered an "Introduction to the Project" style meeting to bring new staff up to speed with the marine elements of the SZC project and was sure that SZC would extend that to Adam. SR confirmed that SZC would be happy to do so if required.	
8.03	Action 2: SZC to host introductory meeting with Adam Chumbley if required.	31/01/25
8.04	EA:	

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	SB stated the EA was working with SZC on a number of different WDA permit interactions, namely those for desalination plant and the combined drainage outfall (CDO), as well as Flood Risk Activity Permits (FRAPs) for SZC's works on the shore around the 5m dune.	
8.05	ESC: LG stated that ESC recently attended a large team meeting/open day at SZC site which was very informative. LG confirmed that her planning colleagues were also speaking with SZC planning team on the arrangements for Requirement 19 submission	
8.06	NE: No significant update.	
8.07	EIFCA: No update on availability of technical resource from EIFCA to support the MTF.	
9	Summing up and Confirmation of Actions	
9.01	PB summed up and confirmed the Actions	
9.02	SR confirmed the date of the next meeting is 04 March 2025	
9.03	PB stated that both he and SR would like, and felt there would be a need, to move to face-to-face meetings for MTFs particularly if, as suspected, meetings of a more technical nature will be required. SR added that perhaps the most obvious location was London as this was fairly accessible for most MTF members but may need to amend start/end times to allow for travel.	
9.04	Action 3: SZC to enquire of travel constraints and preferences of MTF members for potential face-to-face meeting(s) in 2025.	31/01/25
10	RNIP and Meeting Close	
10.01	SR ran through the RNIP feedback form. EL and SB confirmed that the RNIP as completed on-screen by SR was accepted and could be submitted directly to RIO.	
10.02	SB noted that that recent Level 4 meetings on permitting used a slightly updated RNIP form was being used that included a "What" and "Why" part for the sections on "Good Practice" and "Areas for Improvement". SR stated he was unaware but would check with colleagues on the latest RNIP template.	
10.03	Action 4: SR to check on latest template for RNIP and ensure MTF uses the correct form for the next meeting. Post meeting note: The SZC Regulatory Interface Office hasn't update the template but the Planning and Permitting L4 meetings have been using the added version as described by SB. Confirm MTF will use the amended version for the next meeting (Action Closed)	04/03/25

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Minute Ref	Actions	Who	By when
MTF031224.01	SR to send updated Outlook calendar invitation to current MTF personnel (Closed)	SR	10/12/24
MTF031224.02	SZC to host introductory meeting with Adam Chumbley if required.	SR	31/01/25
MTF031224.03	SZC to enquire of travel constraints and preferences of MTF members for potential face-to-face meeting(s) in 2025.	SR	31/01/25
MTF031224.04	SR to check on latest template for RNIP to ensure MTF uses the correct form for the next meeting (Closed)	SR	04/03/25