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ENVIRONMENT REVIEW GROUP

Meeting Type:	DoO Governance Group Meeting
Date:	17 th June 2025
Venue:	MS Teams
Meeting Chair:	Mark Kemp (ESC)
Attendees:	SZC: Steve Mannings (SMan), Nick Stayt (NS) – (Observer), Jen Mills (JM) – (Observer) ESC: Mark Kemp (MK), Bethany Rance (BR) – (Observer), Rebecca Brooks (RB) – (Observer) SCC: Tim De-Keyzer (TDK) EA: Ayden Hassan (AH) NE: Sean Mahoney (SM) NL: Paula Bartholemew (PB) – (Observer)
Apologies:	
Meeting Record produced by:	Caitlin Murphy (SZC)
Next Meeting Date:	17 th December 2025

Summary / Key Discussion

Meeting Notes:

Actions raised during the previous meeting:

Date Raised	Ref.	Description	Lead	Date Due
16/12/2024	1	NEAP Terms of Reference will be distributed to the group after the meeting for approval via email.	EnvRG	Next meeting

Review of Previous Actions

- **Action 1:** closed

Project Update

- Vegetation clearance is nearly complete at Main Development Site and Off-Site Infrastructure sites.
- Earthworks are ongoing in the ACA area for railway siding integration into site
- Construction of the Green Rail Route is in progress with releveling and piling works underway
- Acoustic barriers are being installed for ecological mitigation

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- Work in the SSSI area is ramping up, with the northern abutment under construction and southern abutment work recently started.
- The EaST Charity has been officially registered with the Charity Commission.

Summary of Business of Other Working Groups

Ecology Working Group

- Meetings were held in February and June.
- February 2025
 - Core group
 - Reviewed ecological survey results
 - Discussed upcoming works, including a noise barrier, and approved a minor amendment to the Code of Construction Practice related to shingle strip and Soft Coastal Defence.
 - Fen Meadow / Wet Woodland
 - A lessons learned session was held in accordance with the requirements of the DCO, and feedback from Natural England was incorporated into the updated Fen Meadow Plans submitted for discharge.
 - It was noted that the Halesworth works are expected to be completed this year, with green hay planned for next year and Pakenham in the pipeline.
 - Subgroup
 - Stakeholder updates on recreational disturbance and displacement were provided. The status of initial measures was discussed, along with the Quick Access Fund and application form.
- June 2025
 - Core group
 - A minor alteration to the TEMMP was agreed regarding reptile population survey dates.
 - As noted within the TEMMP, amendments are to be agreed to bat static locations. SZC are to provide proposals to the EWG for comment.
 - Updates on wintering bird surveys and noise related to piling were also provided.
 - Subgroup
 - No new stakeholder observations were raised regarding recreational displacement since February.
 - Further actions on the Quick Access fund process were discussed, with initial trial use in development with RSPB.
 - Updates on initial measures, including surveys and the Sizewell Beach Car Park subsidy, were shared. Recreational surveys have commenced to monitor usage at other locations, ensuring that any significant changes are addressed with additional mitigation if necessary.
 - SZC has appointed a lead warden, and a proposal for implementing dog waste bags was put forward for trial evaluation.
 - The concept of a 'shared working area' is also under discussion.

Water Management Working Group

- The group convened in January 2025 and April 2025.
- Monthly monitoring dashboards are being provided, with SZC conducting continuous monitoring of water levels and quality at various locations.
- Multiple iterations of graphics have been developed to illustrate the group's agreements.
- January / April 2025:
 - Further discussions were held regarding the format of the monthly monitoring dashboard and the interpretation of results and trends.

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- The structure of the interpretative report was reviewed, and feedback was requested, though none was received.
- ToR now approved at group level and will be shared for EnvRG for approval

Water Levels Management Group

- A meeting was held in January.
- The primary focus is on coordinating water level management measures across the network surrounding the MDS.
- In January 2025:
 - It was agreed that SZC would present an overview of the water level monitoring update under the WMMP.
 - Discussions took place between RSPB and the Environment Agency regarding the operating procedures for the Minsmere sluice.
 - The ToR have now been approved.

Marine Technical Forum

- The Deemed Marine License and its subsequent conditions are currently being varied for the temporary landing facility.
- NS provided updates on the status of various conditions, with several plans approved, some in preparation, and others under review.
- The Marine Technical Forum is functioning effectively as a discussion platform for upcoming condition variations and submissions in progress.

Natural Environment Awards Panel

- A meeting was held in June 2025.
- Productive discussions were held regarding the application process, targeted projects, and eligible costs, with some minor adjustments needed for the application pack.
- While there are still steps to finalise before the launch, it is anticipated for summer 2025.

Decision Making and Escalation

Free Dog Waste Bags (Trial)

- Both the MMP-N and Implementation Plan specify that "fee compostable waste bags" are to be provided, although specific locations for distribution are not detailed in the documents.
- The purpose of this trial is to evaluate the effectiveness of the bags.
- The objectives include assessing the rate of usage in relation to the cost of maintaining supply throughout the construction program.
- The group has approved the trial and will report back on the findings in due course.

Action – The review of the Free Dog Waste Bags trial will encompass all aspects of user behaviour and the outcomes on-site. A comprehensive review will be conducted before making a decision to expand or conclude the trial

AoB

- PB raised the requirements under the NEIF regarding the annual report that will be presented to this group and inquired if members have any expectations or observations.

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Action – NEAP to outline the annual report’s structure, format, and content, and to seek the EnvRGs approval

- A face-to-face meeting is scheduled for December, with TDK to check for available venues in Ipswich.

Action – TDK to check whether SCC offices are available for December 17th EnvRG meeting

Actions agreed in meeting:

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17/06/2025	2	NEAP to outline the annual report’s structure, format, and content, and to seek the EnvRGs approval	NEAP	Next meeting
17/06/2025	3	TDK to check whether SCC offices are available for December 17th EnvRG meeting	TDK	17/12/2025