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### ECOLOGY WORKING GROUP (RECREATIONAL DISTURBANCE – MITIGATION AND MONITORING PLAN SUBGROUP)

<b>Meeting Type:</b>	DoO Governance Group Meeting
<b>Date:</b>	21 May 2025, 13:30 – 15:15
<b>Venue:</b>	MS Teams
<b>Meeting Chair:</b>	James Meyer
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Sizewell C Limited (SZC):</b> Steve Mannings (SMan), Natalie Clifton (NC), Nick Stayt (NS), Alison Milward (AM), Jen Mills (JMi), Caitlin Murphy (CM), Nelson Navarro Vergara (NNV) <b>East Suffolk Council (ESC):</b> James Meyer (JMe), Sam Kench (SK) (Suffolk Coast RAMS) <b>Suffolk County Council (SCC):</b> Andrew Muray -Wood (AMW), Anette Robinson (ARob) <b>Natural England (NE):</b> Parick Robinson (PR), David White (DW), Sean Mahoney (SM) – (Observer) <b>Environment Agency (EA):</b> Ayden Hassan (AH) <b>RSPB:</b> Adam Rowlands (ARow) <b>National Trust (NT):</b> Neda Asadfalsafizadeh (NA) <b>Suffolk Wildlife Trust (SWT):</b> Ben McFarland (BMcF) <b>Forestry England (FE):</b> Colin Finlay (CF) Stephen Whall (SW)
<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>EA :</b> Chris Strachan (CS)
<b>Meeting Record produced by:</b>	Nick Stayt (SZC)
<b>Next Meeting Date:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025

### Summary / Key Discussion

#### Meeting Notes:

##### Welcome

- JMe welcomed all to the meeting and provided a brief overview of the agenda for the session.

##### Actions and Previous Meetings

- NC provided an update on the actions, noting that a number were closed (as included in the actions log at the end of the meeting notes)

##### Project Update

- SMan provided an overview of the status of the works on site including at Off-Site-Infrastructure.

##### Stakeholder Updates

- NC sought feedback from each party present on the call on any matters or observations following the last meeting.
  - RSPB: Confirmed there was no update outside of items on the agenda.

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- NE: Confirmed there was no update outside of items on the agenda.
- EA: Confirmed there was no update to provide.
- SWT: It was noted that the SWT Adder project has commenced.
- SCC: Confirmed there was no update to provide.
- NT: NA noted that engagement between SZC and NT is good. SM noted that concerns have been raised around noise in and noted that noise is on the agenda for the EWG.
- Suffolk Coast RAMS: SK noted that three rangers are now in place and identified a site visit is planned in early June (11<sup>th</sup>) with SZC. SK noted they are meeting landowners.
- FE: CF noted FE were still in contact in 'Peoples and Places' and will focus on setting up a meeting. Names were collated on the organisations that were interested in attending the meeting.
- No other news was raised by other parties.

### MMP Update – Quick Access funds

- NC noted that the £50K quick access fund has been approved by the Environment Review Group.
- JMi provide an introduction as the DCO Governance Manager and the responsibilities of the role.
- NC noted that the payment for the quick access fund will be set up in the coming weeks through the established ESC and SZC payment process.
- SMan and CM provided an overview of the Quick Access Fund. It was noted that a 'top up' can be made but it would take time to put in place.
- NC noted that a form is being prepared and will be shared with the group once ready. **Action – SZC to share completed quick access fund request form for demonstrative scenario by 30/05/2025.**
- **Action – RSPB offered to construct a demonstrative scenario through the application form.**
- AMW raised if any matters could be raised retrospectively. **Action - It was agreed that this would be discussed further following the completion of the demonstrative scenario (next meeting).**

### MMP Update – Communications

- NC noted that there have been wider communications between SZC, NT, NE and ESC outside of the EWG meetings. This includes messaging groups between rangers and wardens.
- NC noted the potential for dog shows at Wild Aldhurst in the future and welcomed feedback on this.

### MMP Update – Automatic People Counters (APCs)

- NC provided an update on installation process for the APCs. SMan and NC noted that SZC are working hard to resolve land access requirements and welcomed support in reaching agreement with licences.
- ARob queried if any APC are on rights of way or public highways. It was noted that there is some are on Public rights of Way. SMan confirmed that where existing furniture exists this is being used but some do require new posts.

### MMP Update – Recreational surveys

- Surveys started 21/05/2025.

### MMP Update – Sizewell Beach Car Park Subsidy

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- Traffic monitoring counters have been installed by the car park entrance to help validate usage.
- SMan noted that the interpretation of the data collected to date is that use of the car park has increase substantially.

### MMP Update – Signage

- NC noted that the content and location of interpretation signage is in development still following the previous meeting.

### MMP Update – dog waste bags

- NC noted that it is proposed to run a trial of free dog waste bags at Wild Aldhurst and Kenton Hills. The test is to understand how quickly the provision will be used.
- SK noted that it would be helpful to discuss dog waste bags and approach outside of the meeting.
- **Vote held to agree use of £1,594 to cover the trial. It was unanimously agreed that this was acceptable**

### MMP Update – Warden Update

- NR noted that a meeting with ESC is proposed to discuss objectives of wardening collaboratively
- NR noted that a working area is being discussed to share material between the parties.
- SMan noted two countryside worker apprenticeships will be joining the project in Summer 2025. These apprentices would also be available to support the warden rolls up to 1 full time equivalent from the Autumn. This was welcomed by the RSPB but noted the importance of the skillset, knowledge and confidence of fulfilling the role. RSPB welcomed if this could be kept under review.
- ARow and BMcF raised concerns around use of instant messaging services. BMcF noted SWT preference is phone call. SWT can provide details of wardens. It was agreed that emergency contacts for specific areas would be shared by parties in the subgroup. **Action - members to provide details of emergency contacts**

### Next meeting dates

- 3<sup>rd</sup> September

### AOB

No AOB was raised .

### Actions agreed in meeting:

Date Raised	Ref.	Description	Lead	Date Due	Status
27/02/2025	FebSG-1	Sizewell C to provide this process diagram for approvals to be provided outside of meetings	SZC	End of March 2025	Closed

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27/02/2025	FebSG-2	Sizewell C to provide a flow diagram of drawn down from the 'quick access fund' in due course once the process is agreed	SZC	Next Meeting	Closed
27/02/2025	FebSG-3	CF to organise a meeting for demonstration of 'Place and Informatics' and members from NE, EA, NT, RSPB and Sizewell C to attend	CF	No timeframe set	Open
27/02/2025	FebSG-4	NC and NA to arrange separate discussion monitoring	NC/NA	Next Meeting	Closed
27/02/2025	FebSG-5	Sizewell C to share a matrix and Red-Amber-Green (RAG) scoring system relate to the identification of interventions.	SZC	End of March 2025	Closed (superseded)
27/02/2025	FebSG-6	NC to arrange a discussion with the Natural England site manager to cover a range of sites identified.	NC	No timeframe set	Closed
12/06/2025	MaySG-1	SZC to share completed quick access fund request form for demonstrative scenario	SZC	May 2025	Open
21/05/2025	MaySG-2	RSPB to construct a demonstrative scenario through the application form.	RSPB	June 2025	Open
21/05/2025	MaySG-3	It was agreed retrospective request (using the quick access fund) would be discussed further following the completion of the demonstrative scenario	SZC	Next Meeting	Open
21/05/2025	MaySG-4	Members to provide details of emergency contacts	SZC	Next Meeting	Open