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Sizewell C Marine Technical Forum: Quarterly Meeting [No5]

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

Meeting Note

Discussion Item	Comments	By when
1	<u>Welcome and Introductions</u> PB welcomed and introduced everybody.	
2	<u>Safety Message</u> <i>From windfarms to nuclear plants, monitoring and mitigation is an essential part of how EDF ensures we have minimal impact on the coastal and marine environment. What measures do you think we take to protect our marine fauna?</i>	
3	<u>Project Update</u> BH provided an update on the current status of the project and matters arising:	
3.01	The project continues to work towards getting a Final Investment Decision (FID) by the end of 2024. The Government has granted an interim 'Devex' subsidy scheme which will cover the Project through the rest of 2024, 2025 and early 2026. A new CFO, David Gregg, has been appointed.	
3.02	The coastal footpath diversion has been consented and diversion works commenced, expected to continue until mid-September 2024.	

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3.03	Site works are ongoing including ground-freezing trials within the Main Construction Area. UXO clearance activities are also ongoing.	
4	Minutes from Last Meeting	
4.01	BH confirmed with MTF members that all actions from the previous meeting had been closed.	
5	DML and DCO Returns	
5.01	BH summarised the DML Condition and DCO Requirement submissions that have been made to date:	
5.02	DCO Requirement 12 (Coastal Processes Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (Terrestrial); CPMMP) has been approved by ESC (see also Discussion Item 5.04).	
5.03	DCO Requirement 19 (Marine Infrastructure) has been approved by ESC. (see also Discussion Item 5.04).	
5.04	BH confirmed that the latest position with the potential Judicial Review (JR) (pre-action protocol letter) from TASC remains as it was at the last quarterly meeting. Due to a likely redesign of the temporary sea defence tie-in with the Sizewell B sea-defence, an updated version of the sea defence report will be submitted. TASC has decided to withhold any further action until it has reviewed the revised report.	
5.05	<p>BH summarised the DML Condition Returns that were expected to be made in 2024. These timescales are largely similar to those presented at the previous meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition 7: Programme of Works (submitted 14 June 2024) Condition 16: Marine Archaeological WSI (Q3 2024 for pre-application) Condition 17: Fisheries Liaison & Coexistence Plan (pre-application completed, submission September 2024) Condition 35: Aids to Navigation Management Plan (Quarter 3 2024 for pre-application) Condition 15: Marine Environmental Management Plan (Quarter 4 2024; tbc) Condition 32: Dredging Details (Quarter 4 2024; tbc) Condition 46: Desalination Plant Construction Method Statement (Quarter 4 2024; tbc) 	
6	Other Marine Licences	
6.01	BH provided an overview of the other (non-DML) licence applications currently in progress.	
6.02	The variation to the SZC Geotechnical Investigation (GI) Marine Licence has been consented (L/2019/00188/7) and pre-commencement conditions discharged.	
6.03	Nearshore works started 31 st August from <i>Aran 250</i> . Offshore works due to commence w/c 2 nd September 2024 and last until November/December 2024.	
6.04	A Vessel Management Plan will be produced for approval by the MMO in advance of any works extending beyond 1 st November 2024 (i.e. 'winter' works).	
6.05	A marine licence application will be submitted for UXO clearance within the marine footprint of project works, with first clearances anticipated in (likely) 2025. The application is still targeted for submission in Q4 2024.	

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6.06	MMO have confirmed that the UXO clearance will NOT class as an EIA project.	
7	Members updates	
7.01	MMO: LC confirmed that there are no updates relevant to the MTF at this time.	
7.02	ESC: LG stated that there had been questions raised by 'Together Against Sizewell C' regarding the inclusion of potential future 'overland flood barriers' within ONR documentation, noting that this had not been included within planning documentation. ESC has been provided with a response from SZC Ltd.	
7.03	EA: SB confirmed that there are no updates relevant to the MTF at this time; however, requested that a written statement be issued by SZC Ltd. related to the 'overland flood barriers' (see Item 7.02 above) in case of questions raised at an open forum to be held 30 th September 2024.	
7.04	Action 1: BH to arrange for a written statement to be issued to EA regarding SZC Ltd's position on the 'overland flood barriers' referred to in ONR documentation. <i>Post-meeting note: EA confirmed during monthly L4 meeting that it had sufficient information on the issue for its open workshop on 30/09; therefore action no longer needed</i>	
7.05	NE: SM confirmed that there are no updates relevant to the MTF at this time.	
8	Summing up and Confirmation of Actions	
8.01	PB summed up and confirmed the single Action arising from the meeting (see Item 7.04).	
8.02	BH confirmed the date of the next meeting is 3 rd December 2024	
8.03	PB raised the possibility of face-to-face meetings for some of the future MTF quarterly meetings.	
9	RNIP and meeting close	
9.01	BH ran through the RNIP feedback form. SM suggested that exploring potential for face-to-face meetings should be included on the RNIP. EL and SB confirmed that the RNIP as completed on-screen by SR was accepted and could be submitted directly to RIO.	

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Actions Summary

Minute Ref	Actions	Who	By when
MTF030924.01	<p>BH to arrange for a written statement to be issued to EA regarding SZC Ltd's position on the 'overland flood barriers' referred to in ONR documentation.</p> <p><i>Post-meeting note: EA confirmed during monthly L4 meeting that it had sufficient information on the issue for its open workshop on 30/09; therefore action no longer needed</i></p>	BH	20/09/24

Appendix: Draft DML Returns Programme for 2024

Number	Description	Pre-App?	Pre-App Date
16	Marine Archaeological WSI	Historic England	Quarter 3 2024
35	Aids to Navigation Management Plan	Trinity House	Quarter 3 2024
15	Marine Environmental Management Plan	MTF	Quarter 4 2024
32	Dredging Details	MTF	Quarter 4 2024
46	Desalination Plant Construction Method Statement	MTF	Quarter 4 2024