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WATER MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

Meeting Type:	DoO Governance Group Meeting
Date:	6 th October 2025
Venue:	MS Teams
Meeting Chair:	James Meyer (JM)
Attendees:	Sizewell C: Steve Mannings (SMan), Nick Stayt (NS) – (Observer), Jen Mills (JMi) – (Observer), Lucy Hay (LH) – (Observer), Ryan Stevens (RS) – (Observer) ESC: James Meyer (JM) SCC: Jason Skilton (JSk) EA: Ayden Hassan (AH), Jackie James (JJ) – (Observer) NE: Sean Mahoney (SM), Nikolas Bertholdt (NB) – (Observer) East Suffolk Water Management Board: Alastair Bloomfield (AB), Judith Stoutt (JS) (Observer) Sizewell B: Tim McHardy (TM)
Apologies:	ESC: Bethany Rance (BR) Sizewell B: Mark Halpin (MH)
Meeting Record produced by:	Nick Stayt (SZC)
Next Meeting Date:	13 th March 2026

Summary / Key Discussion

Meeting Notes:

Introduction

- SMan provided an update, noting that the SSSI abutment work has been concluded, with the works for the crossing continuing with the temporary Bailey bridge. SMan also noted that the environmental barrier installation is ongoing and will be finished late in 2026.

Review of previous actions

Actions raised during the previous meeting:

Date Raised	Ref.	Description	Lead	Date Due
July 2025	1	NS to distribute the Botanical Survey of Fen Meadow Communities on Sizewell Marshes SSSI to the group	SZC	Closed 22/09/2025
July 2025	2	NS to distribute the Sizewell Marshes SSSI Water Monitoring Annual Report 2024	SZC	Closed 21/07/2025.

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July 2025	3	SZC to develop a proposal detailing how approach for P1, P4, and P7 will be executed in conjunction with the design of the diversion.	SZC	Closed 22/09/2025
July 2025	4	The group to determine if WMWG meetings should be held quarterly or biannually	WMWG	No update – for discussion under Agenda Item 4

Monthly Reporting

- LH provided an overview of the results for June 2025, July 2025 and August 2025 as communicated within the monthly Dashboard Reporting issued by Sizewell C. LH noted that June was considered 'normal' with July being 'wet' and August being 'dry' compared to long term rainfall averages.
- LH noted that due to consistent passing at P2, P9 and P12 across the three months, SZC are looking into the ditch network to see if there is a clear blockage.
- LH confirmed that the overall conclusion is that construction activities across the quarter have not impacted water level or water quality.
- JM asked when Sizewell C will report on the investigative work planned for October 2025?
 - SMan clarified that the investigations are to review if there are any blockages within the system to inform ditch management activities.
 - SMan also noted that Sizewell C have been investigating water levels over time and will share this with the Water Management Working Group once finalised. SMan noted that there is some influence in water levels associated with the change in operating procedure at the Minsmere Sluice.
 - ACTION – Sizewell C to share plots of historic water levels across the monitoring locations once available.**

Matters for Discussion

- NS provided an overview previously communicated location of the combined relocated P1/P4 location. This was approved by the WMWG offline. This location is being installed this week (W/C 6th October).
- NS also confirm that P7 will be repurposed as a surface water monitoring location. LH noted that this would be completed as soon as possible but would not be this week (W/C 6th October).
- As noted in the actions, the group discussed the frequency of future meetings. This discussion was led by JM as chair. It was agreed that the meetings could be planned every 6 months with the ability to call meetings if the monthly monitoring dashboards identify the requirement for an urgent meeting.

AoB

- JM, noted at the Ecology Working Group the extension of the environmental sheet pile barrier was discussed. JM identified that Sizewell C had taken an action to consider any potential implications this could have on the previous assessment work within the DCO application. SMan confirmed that SZC are looking at this and will share this with both working groups.
- ACTION – Sizewell C to share review of the environmental sheet pile barrier extension.**
- Next Meeting – 13th April 2026

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Actions agreed in meeting:				
Date Raised	Ref.	Description	Lead	Date Due
6 th October	Oct-1	Sizewell C to share plots of historic water levels across the monitoring locations once available.	Sizewell C	November 2025
6 th October	Oct-2	Sizewell C to share review of the environmental sheet pile barrier extension	Sizewell C	November 2025