

Sizewell C Joint Local Authorities Group meeting

28 September 2012

Suffolk Coastal District Council

Meeting Notes

In attendance:

- Cllr Guy McGregor (SCC Portfolio Holder for Roads, Transport and Planning) - **Chair**
- Cllr Andy Smith (SCDC, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Planning and Coastal Protection) – **Vice-Chair**
- Cllr Tony Cooper (SCDC & Leiston TC)
- Cllr Trevor Hawkins (SCDC & Leiston TC)
- Cllr Geoff Holdcroft (SCDC, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Economic Development)
- Cllr Andrew Nunn (SCDC, Portfolio Holder for Green Environment)
- Cllr Judy Terry (SCC, Portfolio Holder for Greenest County and Economic Development)

Supporting Officers:

- Stephen Baker (SCDC/Waveney, Chief Executive)
- Bryn Griffiths (SCC, Assistant Director for the Environment)
- Viv Hotten (SCDC Communications Manager)
- Andy Osman (JEPU Head of Emergency Planning)
- John Pitchford (SCC, Spatial Planning Manager)
- Graham Seward (JEPU District Emergency Planning Officer)
- Paul Wood (SCDC/SCC, Sizewell C Project Manager)

From EDFE (For Item 3 on the agenda)

- Tom McGarry (Communications Manager, Sizewell C)
- Stephen Henry

Apologies: Bob Chamberlain, Cllr Andrew Reid, Cllr Richard Smith MVO, Peter Aldous MP, Therese Coffey MP

Summary of Action Points

1. All comments on draft SOCC to be sent to the Project Office (paul.wood@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) by 15 October
 2. PW to approach EDFE to seek additional PPA funding to support the work of the T&PCs adviser
 3. PW to write to Leiston TC setting out the views of JLAG in response to their letter.
 4. PW to set out the practical arrangements for the next Engagement session
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Item 1: Welcome & introductions by Chair, Cllr Guy McGregor

Item 2: Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC)

Tom McGarry (EDFE) presented the draft SOCC. He explained that the SOCC set out how EDFE would consult on their proposals for a new power station at Sizewell. He also stated that consultation on the draft had begun with SCDC and SCC and any responses to the consultation should be received by 20 October.

Action: all comments on draft SOCC to be sent to the Project Office (paul.wood@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) by 15 October

Item 3: Supporting local councils through the consultation process

A paper was presented which outlined the concerns a number of town & parish councils (T&PCs) had highlighted at the engagement event in May and subsequently. These concerns focus on the lack of appropriate capacity the T&PCs have in order to adequately respond to the various rounds of public consultation EDFE will undertake in relation to Sizewell C.

The paper put forward a number of options around how best JLAG could support the T&PCs. JLAG agreed that the most appropriate option was to seek additional funding through the PPA to temporarily employ an adviser who could work with the T&PCs during the consultation phases.

It was also brought to JLAG's attention that Leiston Town Council had written to the Project Office requesting PPA funds to appoint their own adviser to assist the council during the consultation phases. JLAG agreed that it was more appropriate for an adviser to work out of the Project Office and offer a service to all T&PCs within the vicinity of the proposed development. This does not stop Leiston TC approaching EDFE directly if they feel that they require their own resource.

Action: PW to approach EDFE to seek additional PPA funding to support the work of the T&PCs adviser

Action: PW to write to Leiston TC setting out the views of JLAG in response to their letter.

Item 4: Review Notes from 6 July meeting

It was agreed that the notes of the 6 July were a true reflection of that meeting.

Item 5: Emergency Planning Briefing

A paper on emergency planning and how this will relate to the proposed C station was presented. Emergency arrangements for the C station will need to be in place 12 months ahead of fuelling. Arrangement will fit within the 'envelope' of those which apply to the existing A & B stations.

Consultation on new emergency planning arrangements for the existing nuclear sites has been delayed at the request of the Office for Nuclear Regulation and as a result it is now likely to overlap with the Sizewell C stage 1 public consultation.

Item 6: Programme Update

The Project Manager provided an update on the work the local authorities had been undertaking in relation to the pre-submission programme:

- A board meeting with EDFE had taken place in August and the opportunity to support T&PCs was raised. It was agreed that a paper would be taken to the upcoming board meeting following comments from JLAG.
- EDFE stated that negotiations with govt. re 'Contracts for Difference' were ongoing and a conclusion was expected before the end of 2012 and this would allow EDFE to make a final investment decision on HPC.
- Stage 1 consultation still due to commence mid/ late November
- Draft SOCC published for consultation with LAs on 21 September
- Recent Associated Development (AD) sites meeting discussed shortlisted sites. EDF are likely to provide 3 options for each AD site in their S1 consultation.
- Main site land use meeting confirmed that Sizewell C site is very constrained and as such a significant adjacent storage and lay down areas will be required
- Recent meetings regarding transport, socio-economic and environmental issues had taken place and these would directly inform the S1 consultation material
- Hinkley Point C examination completed, Planning Inspectorate have up to 3 months to make recommendation to Secretary of State who has a further 3 months to make final decision

- NNLAG meeting in Suffolk now postponed until Spring 2013. Autumn meeting may take place in Gloucestershire or Somerset (Somerset CC to confirm shortly)

Item 7: Future Engagement

A paper was presented setting out how JLAG should continue to engage with interested groups during the pre-submission phase. It was agreed that a further event which had break out sessions for each of the groups invited may be appropriate. Furthermore it was agreed that this engagement should take place during S1 consultation so that the groups' views on EDFE's initial proposals could be considered.

Action: The Project Manager will set out the practical arrangements for the next Engagement session

Item 8: Future Agenda Items

Members agreed that the following items should be covered at forthcoming meetings:

9 Nov meeting:

- Timetable for reporting to Cabinets
- Timeline for 4VBP
- Methods for funding highway schemes

14 Dec meeting:

- Response to S1 consultation
- Associated Development sites
- Pattern of meetings with other bodies
- Any issues of concern for JLAG

Item 9: Chair's Update

An update setting out the key points from the Sept JLAG meetings will be issued shortly.

Item 10: Any Other Business

It was agreed that JLAG members would be given an opportunity to view the proposed C site and AD sites once S1 had commenced. This is likely to take place in late Nov/ early Dec. Date will be confirmed once EDFE confirm commencement of the S1 consultation