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Sizewell C Joint Local Authority Group (JLAG)

**Friday 6 July 2012 at 2.00pm
Suffolk Coastal District Council Chamber**

Notes

In attendance:

Cllr Guy McGregor (SCC Portfolio Holder for Roads, Transport and Planning) - Chair
Cllr Andrew Reid (SCC, Wilford)
Cllr Andy Smith (SCDC, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Planning and Coastal Protection) – Vice-Chairman
Cllr Andrew Nunn (SCDC, Portfolio Holder for Green Environment)
Cllr Geoff Holdcroft (SCDC, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Economic Development)
Cllr Rae Leighton (SCC, Blything)
Cllr Ray Herring (SCDC, Leader)
Cllr Richard Smith, MVO (SCC, Leiston/Aldeburgh)
Cllr Tony Cooper (SCDC & Leiston TC)
Cllr Tony Goldson (SCC, Halesworth)
Cllr Trevor Hawkins (SCDC & Leiston TC)

Supporting Officers:

Bob Chamberlain (SCDC, Principal Planning Officer, Major Projects)
Bryn Griffiths (SCC, Assistant Director for the Environment)
John Pitchford (SCC, Spatial Planning Manager)
Stephen Baker (SCDC/Waveney, Chief Executive)
Paul Wood (SCDC/SCC, Sizewell C Project Manager)
Nicky Corbett (SCDC/SCC, Sizewell C Project Support Officer)
Bill Parker (SCDC/Waveney, Coastal Management Manager)

From EDFE (For Item 3 on the agenda)

Ian Bryant (Head of Planning); Colin Taylor (Marine Manager); Tom McGarry (Communications Manager, Sizewell C)

Observing:

Dr Therese Coffey, MP

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Apologies: Philip Ridley, Cllr Judy Terry, Dan Poulter MP, Peter Aldous MP

Summary of Action Points:

- a) (Item 2) EDFE and MMO to urgently discuss the Marine Management Plan in respect of SZC: Bill Parker agreed to supply contact details to both EDFE and the MMO
 - b) (Item 3) PW to provide Therese Coffey with name of the government officials at the meeting
 - c) (Item 3) PW agreed to send NNLAG papers to Therese Coffey
 - d) (Item 4) Notes taken at the meeting with groups opposed to nuclear power will be made available to members at a later date (NC)
 - e) (Item 4) PW agreed to update the Press and Communications team on the outcome of the meeting
 - f) (Item 6) - Request by Leiston resident for attributed minutes for JLAG meetings to be made publicly available instead of non-attributed notes, and for meetings to be open to the public: The Leiston ward member agreed to report back to the Leiston resident
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1. Welcome and Introductions by the Chairman, Cllr Guy McGregor

Review notes of the last meeting (1 June 2012)

- Action points 3 and 4 still to be considered
- All other action points completed

The notes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record, but it was noted that in the paragraph referring to the Engagement Event, it should be emphasised that the event was intended to concentrate on the delivery of an acceptable development for the Suffolk Coast, rather than the principles of nuclear power. Members agreed that the decision was right, bearing in mind the event was not meant to be inclusive of all community interests and only represented one of a number of means of engagement with interested parties.

August meeting: It was agreed that due to a large number of members and officers being unavailable, the August meeting would be cancelled; the next meeting will be on 28 September.

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2. Coastal Processes (EDFE)

Ian Bryant, EDFE Head of Planning, briefly summarized the breadth of discussion currently being undertaken:

- Flood defences
- Cooling water infrastructure
- Marine Offshore Landing Facility (MOLF)
- Possible sub-surface structure for mid-operational phase
- Objectives at Stage 1
- Foreshore activity
- Public access
- Landscape considerations in respect of sea defences
- Minsmere Sluice

Colin Taylor presented a comprehensive summary on research data collected off the Sizewell shore, which illustrates the Sizewell Bank, its contribution to the defence of the coastline and the mapping of coastal activity over the decades.

On the question of dredging, it is EDFE's belief that current offshore dredging does not affect the movement of the Sizewell Bank.

EDFE were urged to begin talks with the Marine Management Organisation (MMO), as a number of off-shore projects taking place at the same time could have a detrimental effect on the seabed and interests might conflict. The MMO Marine Management Plan is moving ahead and SZC must be considered within the Plan. The Alde & Ore Estuary is also being ear-marked as a Marine Conservation Zone, which will limit activity along a stretch of the coast to the south of Sizewell. Bill Parker agreed to supply contact details to both EDFE and the MMO. **ACTION**

Members agreed that EDFE could assist in the delivery of the Marine Management Plan.

Members thanked Ian Bryant and Colin Taylor for their presentation and suggested the research should be shared with stakeholders as soon as possible. Members were re-assured by the level of research being undertaken and agreed that they had gained a great deal of knowledge from the presentation.

(EDFE representatives left the meeting at this stage.)

3. Update on Sizewell Programme (Paul Wood)

Paul Wood gave a verbal update of recent activity.

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EDFE Sizewell C PPA Work Programme:

- There has been no PPA Board meeting since the last JLAG meeting
- There has been a Project Plan update from EDFE, up to Stage 1, detailing Work Programme content. A key milestone is the delivery of the Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC); local authorities will have a 28 day consultation period on the draft SOCC and EDFE will be presenting to JLAG at the 28 September meeting, when it is anticipated that the draft will be almost ready
- EDFE have recently appointed a new Transport Consultant and an Environmental Co-ordinator
- Work Programme meetings since last JLAG: Associated Development sites; Coastal Processes; Communications (SOCC); Socio-Economic

New Nuclear Local Authorities Group (NNLAG):

- NNLAG met with the Nuclear Industry Association (NIA) on 4 July to discuss the issue of Business Rates Retention. The Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC), the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) and the Treasury have devised a scenario of 'Plan Bs' – e.g. Enterprise Zones, Voluntary Protocols and Section 106. Although there does remain a cautionary approach to these options. PW to provide Therese Coffey with name of the government officials at the meeting

ACTION

- Community Benefit Principals: NNLAG will provide a joint proposal and engage with key ministers. Lord Deben has been briefed and it is hoped to gain Lords support. It is thought that a legacy to improve growth would be better accepted by ministers. Therese Coffey added that she hoped to set up a meeting with Eric Pickles very soon and is hopeful for his support; she agreed that NNLAG papers would be useful to support this exchange. PW agreed to send NNLAG papers to Therese Coffey

ACTION

Hinkley Point C:

- Local authorities have submitted their response to the Local Impact Report and EDFE have responded
- EDFE are currently answering Planning Inspectorate questions on the application
- The discovery of asbestos on site has slowed down the progress of the ground-works
- EDF Energy have announced the selection of Bouygues TP/Laing O'Rourke Joint Venture as preferred bidder for a contract for civil works at Hinkley Point C

SCDC Sizewell C Task Group:

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- The group have re-convened after 18 months with a larger group of 13 members. They met on 25 June with a routine agenda to kick-start the process

4. Meeting with Opposition Groups

Paul Wood reported that a meeting had taken place earlier in the day to engage with groups opposed to nuclear power. A frank exchange of views had ensued and notes will be made available to members at a later date.

ACTION

The Project Manager agreed to update the Press and Communications team on the outcome of the meeting. **ACTION**

5. Future Agenda Items

The following agenda items were agreed for 28 September:

- The EDFE Statement of Community Consultation (EDFE)
- Emergency Plans (Andy Osman, Suffolk County Council)

6. Any Other Business

A ward member for Leiston had been asked by a Leiston resident to request that minutes for the JLAG meetings (rather than notes) could be recorded and placed on public record and that meetings could be open to the public.

The Chairman reminded the members that the Terms of Reference require non-attributed notes to be made available and that meetings take place under 'Chatham House' rules. JLAG is not a decision-making body but has been set up as an advisory group. Members of the public are welcome to contact JLAG members to discuss matters identified within the notes at any time.

It was therefore unanimously agreed that the Terms of Reference remain as they are. Notes will continue to be taken and published as such, and the meetings will not be made open to the public. The Leiston ward member agreed to report back to the Leiston resident. **ACTION**

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 5.15pm.

Date of next meeting, Friday 28 September (2pm, SCDC Chamber)

Dates of future meetings:

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Friday 9 November 2pm
Friday 14 December 2pm

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