

# SIZEWELL C JOINT LOCAL AUTHORITIES GROUP

## Actions from meeting held on 14 November 2014

**Present:**

Cllr Andy Smith (Chairman), Cllr Graham Newman (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mark Bee, Therese Coffey MP, Cllr Tony Cooper, Cllr Michael Gower, Cllr Trevor Hawkins, Cllr Ray Herring, Cllr Geoff Holdcroft, Cllr Andrew Nunn, Cllr Richard Smith MVO, Sharon Bleese, Lisa Chandler, Arthur Charvonia, Bryn Griffiths, John Pitchford, Katherine Potts, Lucinda Prestwood (notes), Philip Ridley, Michael Wilks, Paul Wood

**Invited Guests:**

Nick Collinson (SCC)

**Apologies:**

Cllr Matthew Hicks, Geoff Dobson, Stephen Baker

<b>1.</b>	<b>Introductions and apologies for absence</b>	
	<p>Introductions made and apologies received.</p> <p>It was noted that Geoff Dobson (Director of Finance at SCC) recently replaced Lucy Robinson on the Suffolk Energy Coast Delivery Board and hopes to attend Sizewell JLAG meetings going forward.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Notes of previous meeting and matters arising</b>	
	<p>Item 5 – Transport</p> <p>Formal confirmation needed from National Rail regarding maintenance of rail lines. <b>Action:</b> John Pitchford to obtain confirmation.</p> <p>A discussion was had under Transport regarding the route D2. <b>Action:</b> Katherine Potts to amend notes to reflect this.</p> <p>The notes were agreed subject to the above amendment.</p>	<p>John Pitchford</p> <p>Katherine Potts</p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Timetable for Sizewell C Stage 2 and the process</b>	
	<p>Stage 2 consultation not likely to happen until 2015</p> <p>EDF are continuing to work on various areas and have several issues to resolve before Stage 2 consultation begins.</p> <p>Officers have requested early sight of the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) – before Christmas if possible.</p> <p>A communications strategy is being developed jointly between Suffolk County and Suffolk Coastal officers – this will be essential, particularly if the Stage 2 consultation is delayed beyond January, for keeping the public informed.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Key issues at the current time</b>	
	Officers introduced a number of key issues for members to discuss.	

	<p>The following actions were noted:</p> <p>Further information on the advantages and disadvantages of a D2 road scheme, including costs and benefits, was requested. <b>Action:</b> John Pitchford to provide this</p> <p>Members asked to consider the full AECOM reports on the B1122 and A12 alongside the Mott McDonald report on the economic case for investment in the A12 at next JLAG on 12 December. (if the Mott McDonald report is completed by then) Executive Summaries to be drafted and circulated in advance of the meeting. <b>Action:</b> John Pitchford/Philip Ridley</p> <p>[Therese Coffey MP left the meeting at this point]</p> <p>A request was made for further information on the consideration given to the use of passenger rail during the construction and operational phases of development. <b>Action:</b> John Pitchford to provide additional information on this topic</p> <p>Further information on the advantages and disadvantages of EDF's Campus Option 1 compared with one or more campus in Leiston, including costs and benefits, was requested. <b>Action:</b> John Pitchford to provide this</p>	<p>John Pitchford</p> <p>John Pitchford &amp; Philip Ridley</p> <p>John Pitchford</p> <p>John Pitchford &amp; Philip Ridley</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Update on workstreams (environment; transport; socio-economic; associated development)</b>	
	<p>Officers updated members on each workstream as follows:</p> <p><u>Transport</u> – JLAG remains committed to the case for the 4 Villages Bypass, and is continuing to pursue potential sources of funding to enhance EDF's contribution. AECOM report has been presented to EDF, and Mott McDonald first draft has today been received by officers, it will now be analysed and it is hoped to be made available to JLAG at its next meeting.</p> <p><u>Accommodation</u> – EDF appear to be focussing on one site at the site entrance. JLAG has mixed views on whether a single or multiple site approach is best.</p> <p><u>Environment</u> – workshops are ongoing. Officers yet to receive full information to understand the extent of environmental impact. Officers working closely with EDF and other environmental organisations to ensure impacts are considered and that EDF acts accordingly. This work is following the 'mitigation hierarchy' which states in order of preference: avoidance, mitigation, and compensation of impacts.</p> <p>[Cllr Mark Bee and Nick Collinson left the meeting at this point]</p> <p><u>Socio-economic</u> – officers are ensuring a robust evidence base is in place, showing localised benefits and the likely legacy benefits as a result of the development. This evidence base will inform what local opportunities there are and the training/skills needed to support this. Sizewell C will attract inward investment as a result of which there is likely to be 'innovation clustering'.</p>	

	It was agreed that it would be useful for the LEP to be involved more in discussions on Sizewell C and particularly in the socio-economic area of work. <b>Action:</b> Bryn Griffiths to speak to Sue Roper (lead officer for the LEP at Suffolk County Council) about attending future JLAG meetings.	Bryn Griffiths
<b>6.</b>	<b>Future meetings:</b> <b>12 Dec 2014 – Agenda items suggested:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Draft Access principles</b></li> <li>• <b>Draft Communications Strategy for local authorities on Sizewell C</b></li> <li>• <b>Education and Skills update</b></li> </ul>	
	<p>It was agreed to postpone the item on education and skills until January.</p> <p>Items for the next meeting on 12 December were agreed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communications Strategy.</li> <li>- Transport including AECOM and Mott McDonald reports, with executive summaries to be written and circulated.</li> <li>- Draft Access Principles</li> </ul>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	It was noted that a public consultation regarding Aldhurst Farm has commenced.	