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Present:

Cllr Andy Smith (Chairman), Cllr Mark Bee, Therese Coffey MP, Cllr Michael Gower, Cllr Trevor Hawkins, Cllr Geoff Holdcroft, Cllr Graham Newman (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Richard Smith MVO, Cllr Andrew Nunn, Cllr Tony Cooper John Pitchford, Katherine Potts, Paul Wood, Bryn Griffiths, Arthur Charvonia, Lisa Chandler,

Apologies:

Philip Ridley, Cllr Matthew Hicks, Cllr Andrew Reid, Cllr Stephen Burroughes, Cllr Ray Herring,

1.	Chairman's welcome and introductions	
	The Chairman welcomed Lisa Chandler to JLAG. Lisa has been appointed jointly by Suffolk Coastal District Council as Sizewell C Planning Project Advisor and will be attending future JLAG meetings.	
2.	Notes of previous meeting	
	Under Item 3 – the item on Rights of Way would be carried forward to the October meeting. Item 5 – there remained a need for an accommodation discussion. All members to be invited to a meeting on this before the next JLAG meeting in October.	Philip Ridley/Lisa Chandler
3.	Process and Key Issues at Stage 2	
	Presentation by John Pitchford. Prior to Stage 2 EDF will be consulting on an update to the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) Organise meeting with Town and Parish Councils once SoCC submitted. Processes during Stage 2 –	Katherine Potts
	Proposal to hold a workshop for all interested Councillors.(as at Stage 1) Hold an engagement event with communities (as at Stage 1) Reports to respective Cabinets to be as close to identical as possible – possibility of simultaneous meetings to be explored. Explore option of simultaneous Cabinet meetings.	Katherine Potts to coordinate with others Philip Ridley/John
	A more detailed timetable and further discussion on this to October meeting.	Pitchford and others
4.	Review of the Planning Performance Agreement (PPA)	
	Lisa Chandler summarised the changes proposed by EDF to the existing	
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PPA (from 2010) and the suggested amendments made by SCC and SCDC officers. A key concern is the removal of potential support / funding for professional advice for Town and Parish Councils, SCDC and SCC are requesting this be re-inserted and support for this is needed. ΚP **Action:** Chair and Vice-Chair to write on behalf of JLAG in relation to funding for support for Town and Parish Councils emphasising that not providing this sends the wrong message from EDF and should be reconsidered. 5. Update on workstreams (environment; transport; socio-economic; associated development) Environment There have been a number of technical workshops around Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA), in particular the Recreation and Access studies - these are led by Natural England but have been attended by SCC officers. A key issue has been the diversion of recreation pressures onto designated sites – surveys have begun over the summer to establish demand. Aldhurst Farm Replacement Habitat Lisa Chandler gave a short presentation introducing proposals for replacement wetlands and drier habitats on the Aldhurst Farm site to the west of SZC and to the north of Leiston. The proposals are part of a compensation package for the potential future loss of designated features from Sizewell Marshes SSSI. A formal screening opinion is to be submitted to SCDC on the 17th September to determine if the proposal is EIA development or not under the EIA Regulations. The proposal is Schedule 2 development, question is whether the proposal will have any significant adverse environmental impacts on downstream users and habitats – if yes, EIA development and an environmental statement would be required, if no, then no environmental statement required. SCDC will have 21 days to respond to the formal consultation. [Cllr Mark Bee left the meeting at this point] **Transport** SCC position is that we want the 4VBP but the question is how to fund it? Needs to be an economic and business case – establishing needs on the

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	A12 as a whole, for the audience of the Government and LEP.	
	Members also discussed the options for the B1122 and D2.	
	Our position remains that the EDF proposals for transport were inadequate and they have now seen some of the options put forward by the Aecom report to consider what they bring forward next.	
	Rail routes – the red rail route is not being pursued further (through Leiston). EDF are talking with Network Rail about crossings that may be required in the rail route options.	Check with network rail
	It was noted that the last load left Sizewell A on 6 th August 2014 on the existing rail line – what was the responsibility to maintain this?	
	Socio-Economic	
	Key area is the economic strategy – working with EDF in relation to skills, supply chain etc. Need to ensure EDF recognise the potential negative economic benefits and also that they reflect that the life cycle of the development could traverse more than one economic market.	
	The local authorities are working with local colleges, Chamber of Commerce regarding legacy issues. Any S106 discussions will take place right up to the DCO submission deadline. Some detail has been received on the workforce profile – slower employment growth is expected in the early years and a greater overall number of home-based workers.	Oll-
	There are currently 700+ companies on the supply chain site for SZC – being run jointly with the Chamber of Commerce.	Cllr Hicks/Katherine Potts
	Members were keen to hear about what was being done with schools / colleges to ensure they were embracing the potential of SZC. Cllr Hicks would be asked to suggest an officer to be invited to Novembers JLAG meeting to discuss further.	
	Associated Development	
	Members were waiting to see what detail about the accommodation sites would be included in the Stage 2 consultation as they were aware EDF had been working on the detail of this.	
6.	Flamanville visit and options Some initial work had been done to investigate the journey times and costs for a potential visit for up to 15 people in March 2015.	
7.	Dates of future meetings	
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