

SIZEWELL C JOINT LOCAL AUTHORITIES GROUP

Actions from meeting held on 17 July 2015

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Guy McGregor (Chair), Cllr Geoff Holdcroft (Vice-Chair), Cllr Tony Cooper, Cllr James Finch, Cllr Jessica Fleming, Cllr Tony Fryatt, Cllr Michael Gower, Cllr Ian Pratt, Cllr Richard Smith MVO

Officers: Stephen Baker, Adam Barnes, Carolyn Barnes, Suzanne Buck, Lisa Chandler, Arthur Charvonia, Nick Collinson, Geoff Dobson, Bryn Griffiths, Katherine Potts, Jai Raithatha, Philip Ridley, Michael Wilks,

Therese Coffey MP joined the meeting at 2.55pm.

Apologies:

Cllr Andrew Reid, Cllr Andy Smith, Sharon Bleese, John Pitchford, Paul Wood

Invited Guests: Tim Norwood, Chief Planning Officer for Sizewell C and Hinkley C, Tom McGarry, Head of Communications for Sizewell C, Richard Bull Transport lead for Sizewell C -all EDF Energy and John Hicks, WSP (consultant to EDF Energy)

1.	Introductions and apologies for absence	
	Cllr McGregor opened the meeting with introductions around the table including invited guests from EDF Energy.	
2.	EDF Energy - Presentation on their proposals for the B1122	
	<p>Following an introduction by Tim Norwood, there followed a presentation led by Richard Bull, supported by John Hicks.</p> <p>The presentation centred on EDF Energy proposals for the B1122 route with this route being the main access route to site for all HGV traffic and buses as detailed at Stage 1 of the consultation process. They also referenced their ambition to maximise the use of rail and sea transport.</p> <p>Reference was made to a number of consultation responses received by EDF at Stage 1.</p> <p>EDF Energy highlighted their current position in relation to proposals for the B1122. It is considered that it is an appropriate existing HGV route with no capacity, congestion or delay concerns which cannot be mitigated.</p> <p>Proposing new routes as an alternative to the B1122 are unlikely to meet national planning policy tests in relation to 'Associated Development'.</p>	

	<p>It is noted that there will be significant increases in large vehicular movements on the B1122 and this may have an impact on residents – through noise, safety and amenity. EDF Energy is considering mitigation – the results of noise assessment (ongoing) will be a key input to mitigation.</p> <p>WSP Group is looking at the A12 – B1122 junction and is reviewing the horizontal and vertical alignment of the B1122.</p> <p>Following the presentation, members asked a number of questions relating to: the modal split (number of journeys/quantity of freight via sea, rail and road), queries about modelling and whether it took into account the costs of delays to local people/businesses, specific junctions and queuing, speed, air quality, the D2 and outtages. The responses from EDF indicated that work on these matters was still in progress and the outcomes of which would be reported at the appropriate time.</p> <p>EDF welcomed the inclusion of a local authority officer in their meetings with Network Rail.</p> <p>[The EDF team left the meeting at this point]</p> <p>Officers noted that the impacts of EDF's traffic on communities living alongside the B1122 was an important concern and should be given serious consideration. It was outlined that opportunities existed to undertake specific pieces of work to look at community impacts to complement the work already undertaken by AECOM on behalf of SCC.</p>	KP to coordinate this
3.	Discussion on the B1122	
	<p>Members had a number of comments to make and questions on the EDF presentation. It was agreed that JLAG would write to EDF Energy setting out their thoughts.</p> <p>Members considered further work to look at the impacts of the traffic on local communities along the B1122 would be beneficial.</p>	KP and others
4.	Update on the Four villages bypass	
	Officers have met with Department of Transport officials regarding the 4VBP being considered an NSIP. The timescales would demand this application route. Need to meet Minister and local MP's to press the case	Chairman/Vice-chairman
5.	Notes of previous meeting and matters arising	
	With one minor alteration to the attendees at the meeting, these were accepted and will be put on the website.	KP
6.	Discussion on Flamanville visit	
	There followed a discussion on the recent Flamanville visit undertaken by	

	<p>some of the Members of JLAG accompanied by Officers.</p> <p>KP presented a slideshow illustrating the location and the reactor under construction at Flamanville – FLA3. Also images of the Port Dielette, highways, mobile home park, other accommodation, a sports centre and cultural centre.</p> <p>Members gave their initial thoughts on the visit and reflected on how this may inform thinking on Sizewell. It was agreed to have a full report to the September JLAG meeting.</p> <p>It was further agreed that JLAG would write to EDF giving their thoughts on the visit and some arising questions/comments.</p>	<p>KP and others</p> <p>KP and others</p>
7.	Communication and engagement update	
	<p>KP reported that the four parish and town council engagement events (an outcome from the Community engagement event held in March 2015) had been held, with a total of 40 people attending. Full notes from the events would be circulated to JLAG, all towns/parishes and put on the website.</p> <p>We would use the feedback from the events to shape our next steps in communication. When asked whether they had found the event useful and whether they would like other engagement events for their town and parish all delegates had answered strongly agreed or agreed.</p>	KP, SB, AB
8.	<p>Update on work streams:</p> <p><u>Socio-economic</u> – The economic development principles brought to JLAG in June were endorsed but require some work to include more on the operational phase of Sizewell C and the longer term legacy.</p> <p>The Economic Development group, including the LEP and Chamber of Commerce met as the new Economic Development group in July. They have a number of actions to follow up and this group will now be meeting regularly. The next workshop with EDF is at the end of September.</p>	PW/CB/JR
9.	<p>Future Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next JLAG meeting would be 18 Sept 2015 	
10.	Any Other Business	
	To assist new JLAG members, we would circulate the National Policy Statements and highlight the relevant sections. If members would like further briefings/workshops this could be arranged.	KP