

SIZEWELL C JOINT LOCAL AUTHORITIES GROUP

Actions from meeting held on 17 April 2015

Present:

Cllr Andy Smith (Chairman), Cllr Tony Cooper, Cllr Trevor Hawkins, Cllr Geoff Holdcroft, Cllr Graham Newman (Vice Chairman), Cllr Andrew Nunn, Cllr Andrew Reid, Cllr Richard Smith MVO, Adam Barnes, Sharon Bleese, Lisa Chandler, Geoff Dobson, Bryn Griffiths, John Pitchford, Katherine Potts, Jai Raithatha, Sue Roper, Michael Wilks, Paul Wood

Apologies:

Cllr Michael Gower, Cllr Mark Bee, Cllr Matthew Hicks, Arthur Charvonia, Philip Ridley

1.	Introductions and apologies for absence	
	Introductions made and apologies received.	
2.	Notes of previous meeting and matters arising	
	Notes of the last meeting held on 13 March were approved and would be added to the website.	KP
	<p>Action Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 3 – Transport item from EDF – future JLAG meeting Item 6 – Letters to Dr Coffey and EDF from Chairmen on consultation period - no response as yet Item 7 – Socio-economic: New Nuclear Local Authorities Group (NNLAG) planning further discussions on community benefits with a view to approaching the new relevant Minister asap; details to be brought to a future JLAG meeting Item 7 – Skills – KP to check whether Judith Mobbs had sent letter to EDF. 	KP
3.	Feedback on meetings/workshops since March JLAG	
	<p><u>Timescales:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following meetings with officers and senior representatives of EDF, it was explained a number of issues needed to be resolved before a final investment decision on Hinkley Point C would be made. Some of these issues require Ministerial sign-off, therefore nothing conclusive will happen until new Ministers are in place post-election. • Consequently, EDF stated that they don't expect the Sizewell C Stage 2 consultation commencing before July, with no official date being given. <p><u>EDF position on four villages bypass:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In our meetings with EDF we are clear we remain committed to a full four villages bypass and wish to work with EDF to achieve this. The strategy is to seek the biggest possible mitigation contribution from EDF and then to supplement this with funds from both the LEP and Government. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We had received a response to our letter to the Secretary of State for Transport and would be setting up a meeting with the Department for Transport seeking a commitment to work with us to bring forward the full 4VBP. An inception meeting would be organised by officers and the outcome reported to JLAG EDF sought Counsel Opinion on the prospects of different forms of mitigation for the A12 meeting the statutory tests for 'Associated Development'. Counsel highlighted the relevant tests, in the same terms officers have to JLAG, and concluded that evidence was lacking that a larger bypass would meet those tests. Officers therefore advised JLAG that more work needed to be done to make the case for a longer bypass and had set out to EDF its preliminary views on this matter. <p><u>EDF position on B1122</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have repeatedly pressed EDF to share their proposals for the B1122 with the public, ahead of Stage 2. Officers have made EDF aware of the concern being expressed by both the community and elected representatives about the impact on the communities along the B1122. EDF have agreed they will consider what public messaging they could do between now and start of Stage 2 on the B1122 and other issues. Officers indicated work was underway to identify how to better articulate and evidence the impacts of SZC traffic on local communities to press the case for improved proposals from EDF <p><u>Design</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers had attended a design meeting focussing on the turbine halls and were disappointed with progress being made. 	
4.	Resources to deal with the Sizewell C Proposal	Bryn Griffiths
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JP working on report on how LA officer resources can be strengthened. SCC and SCDC lead officers have discussed this, and it will be discussed with the relevant Cabinet members after the election. 	JP
5.	Communication and Engagement Update	Sharon Bleese
	<p><u>Feedback and actions to take forward from Community Event</u></p> <p>SB took the meeting through her draft feedback paper on the Town and Parish Engagement Event held on 11th March at High Lodge Darsham.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed to send document out with suggested amendments to all towns and villages that attended. Further Community Event to be held at start of Stage 2 The Sizewell page on the Suffolk Coastal website has now been updated SB to send list of attendees at Community Event to JLAG members BG drew the members attention to a letter received from Blythburgh 	<p>SB</p> <p>SB</p>

	<p>Parish Council which expressed their concerns around Sizewell C. A response to be sent from officers with view to other matters being taken forward by JLAG following elections.</p> <p><u>EDF Communication between now and Stage 2</u></p> <p>As discussed under item 3, we needed to understand what communication EDF planned to do in the period ahead of Stage 2, to help fill the gap in information perceived by local communities.</p>	
9.	Future meetings	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19th June – some induction to new JLAG members may be required ahead of this date. • JLAG members want to see B1122/ D2 item from EDF on Agenda and postpone the Education presentation to July if necessary. It was agreed that JLAG should write to EDF to this effect. <p>We would also hope to have the Economic Development principles at the June or July meeting.</p>	KP
10.	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting next week between local authorities, LEP, Suffolk Chamber to discuss Sizewell growth and opportunities. • Hergen Haye (Director of Office of Nuclear Development) is leaving DECC • Andy Smith thanked all members and the joint officer team for working successfully together 	