

Sizewell C update to JLAG members, September 2021

At the time of this update we are near to the end of the Sizewell C Examination. The Examination is, after 6 months, closing on 14 October. Work will continue beyond that point as discussion with the Applicant continues on the topic of detailed design and other preparations and as we await the Examining Authority's recommendation report and the Secretary of State's decision.

Draft Deed of Obligation

At the recent Deadline 8, SZC Co. submitted a draft Deed of Obligation covering many of their commitments and agreements with both Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council.

Amongst the included schedules are the financial commitments to the Council's resourcing, accommodation and housing, employment and education, emergency services and natural environment.

The full Deed of Obligation can be found at: Draft Deed of Obligation (Part 1) (Part 2)

The final Deed which has evolved since the Deadline 8 version, is being signed by SCC and ESC on the 6 and 7 October and will be submitted as a signed Deed by the Applicant at Deadline 10.

A separate Deed of Environmental Trust is being signed by both Councils on the same dates but will not be entered into the Examination. However, this Deed has been drafted to give the Councils a commitment from SZC Co. that they do intend to deliver the promised Environmental Trust which will have a donation of £1.5m per year from SZC Co. in the first 20 years from start of construction, then £0.75m per year for the remainder of its operational life.

Issue Specific Hearings (14-17 September and 05 October 2021)

Issue Specific Hearings were held by the Examining Authority over the course of four days in September and one day in October. Michael Bedford QC represented Suffolk County Council and Andrew Tait QC and Isabella Tafur represented East Suffolk Council regarding specific matters including: flood risk and water, community and recreation, landscape and historic heritage, deed of obligation, the DCO and the temporary desalination plant.

Deadline 8 and Deadline 9.

Both Councils submissions at Deadline 8 and Deadline 9 are available in the Examination library, [EN010012-002292-Examination Library PDF Version Sizewell FINAL.pdf](#) (planninginspectorate.gov.uk), SCC and ESC are now working closely with the Applicant on finalising matters in the Statement of Common Ground (joint) and in final submissions at Deadline 10.

Upcoming dates:

Deadline 10 (12 October 2021).

The final deadline of the Examination period at which final, signed, and complete documents must be submitted, including the aforementioned Deed of Obligation. It will also provide the opportunity to make final comments on responses to the Examining Authority's questions (which includes those questions not directed to the Councils), and to comment on submissions received from the Applicant at Deadline 8 and 9 and those anticipated to be submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 10.

Close of Examination (14 October 2021)

The Examination closes shortly after Deadline 10. The Examining Authority will have three months in which to draft its recommendation report (January 2022), which will then be passed to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to make a decision (April 2022).