

Sizewell C update to JLAG members, August 2021

DCO Examination Period

The Examination formally commenced on 15th April 2021 following two Preliminary Meetings. The Examination period is due to run for 6 months from this date, ending on 14th October 2021. The Examining Authority (ExA) have not currently identified any requirement to extend the Examination period beyond this date (however, as with the recent Scottish Power Renewables EA1N and EA2 Examination, we acknowledge that there is always that possibility).

The current timetable for the examination is available here:

[The Sizewell C Project | National Infrastructure Planning \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/the-sizewell-c-project/)

Publication of second round of Examination Questions (3 August 2021)

On 3 August, the ExA published their second round of Written Questions which included a mop up of any matters raised but not yet discussed in detail at the Issue Specific Hearings. Responses to questions are currently being drafted and will be submitted to the ExA at Deadline 7 on 3 September 2021.

Deadline 6 (6 August 2021)

This deadline provided an opportunity for further submission materials and comments to be received by the ExA for consideration as part of the DCO Examination. This included comments on the Applicant's revised draft DCO, comments on any revised/updated SoCG, comments on Written Representations received at Deadline 5 from additional Interested Parties, Interested Parties and additional affected persons, an updated NPS tracker, Navigation Document, an updated Book of Reference and Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference (BoR), an updated Statement of Reasons (SoR) Appendix B 'Status of Negotiations with Owners of the Order Land', an updated SoR Appendix C 'Status of Negotiations with Statutory Undertakers', comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 5 and responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this Deadline.

Deadline 6 submission materials can be viewed here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/the-sizewell-c-project/?ipcsection=docs&stage=4&filter1=Deadline+6+%28D6%29>

Deadline 6 submission materials were reviewed any additional feedback will be submitted to the ExA at Deadline 7 on 3 September 2021.

Compulsory Acquisition Hearings (17-20 August 2021)

Compulsory Acquisition Hearings (CAH) were held w/c 16 August 2021. These were required because the application includes a request for an Order granting development consent to authorise Compulsory Acquisition (CA) of land or CA of an interest in or right over land.

Further details can be viewed at:

[EN010012-006038-SZC-CAH notification-FINAL.pdf \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/the-sizewell-c-project/EN010012-006038-SZC-CAH-notification-FINAL.pdf)

Open Floor Hearing (24 August 2021)

An additional Open Floor Hearing (OFH10) was held on 24 August 2021 which enabled Interested Parties (IPs) to make oral representations about the application. Further details can be found here:

[Detailed Agenda for Open Floor Hearing OFH10](#)

Issue Specific Hearings (25-27 August 2021)

Issue Specific Hearings were held by the ExA over the course of 3 days in August. The views of the Councils were each represented by Legal Counsel, at the direction of supporting Technical Officers. The hearings covered air quality, noise and vibration (ISH8), policy and need (ISH9) and ecology, biodiversity and HRA (ISH10). Each Hearing provided IPs with an opportunity to air any views or concerns that they may have in relation to the specific topic area, in response to the pre-determined questions set by the ExA in hearing agendas.

Detailed ISH Agendas can be viewed here:

[Issue Specific Hearing 8 - Air Quality and Noise and Vibration](#)

[Issue Specific Hearing 9 – Policy and Need](#)

[Issue Specific Hearing 10 – Ecology, Biodiversity and HRA](#)

Recordings and transcripts of the hearings can be found on the examination web page below:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/the-sizewell-c-project/?ipcsection=docs&stage=4>

SZC Consultation on Construction of Temporary Desalination Plant – Proposed Change 19 (27 August 2021)

Following on from additional feedback being received from local communities and stakeholders, SZC held a public consultation in August on a proposed change to the construction Water Supply Strategy. The consultation sought feedback on the ‘Proposed Change 19’ which seeks to include a temporary desalination plant on the main construction site. This would be located away from both Sizewell Marshes SSSI and Sizewell beach. Desalination is the process of removing salt and other minerals from sea water to create drinking-quality, or potable, water.

This change is in addition to the 15 changes to the application that were previously accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate on 21 April 2021 and three further changes submitted on 23 July 2021.

More details can be found here:

www.sizewellc.co.uk

Upcoming dates:

Deadline 7 (3 September 2021)

This deadline provides an opportunity for further submission materials and comments to be received by the ExA for consideration as part of the DCO Examination. This includes post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case, responses to the ExA’s Second Written Questions (ExQ2), revised draft s.106, accompanying draft Explanatory Memorandum and draft Confirmation and

Compliance Document, response to ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the draft DCO and s.106 documentation, Applicant's revised draft DCO, updated DCO Signposting Document, any revised/updated SoCG (if any), updated NPS tracker, updated Navigation Document, updated Book of Reference and Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference (BoR), updated Statement of Reasons (SoR) Appendix B 'Status of Negotiations with Owners of the Order Land', updated SoR Appendix C 'Status of Negotiations with Statutory Undertakers', comments on any additional information/submissions received by D6, written submissions in relation to Changes 16, 17 and 18, updated Mitigation Route Map, responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this Deadline.

Publication by the ExA (9 September 2021)

If required, the ExA's further commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the dDCO and s.106 documentation and Third Written Questions (ExQ3) will be published for IPs to review.

Issue Specific Hearings (14-17 September 2021)

Issue Specific Hearings will be held by the ExA over the course of 4 days in September covering the following topics:

- ISH11 (14 September) - Flood risk, ground water, surface water and water supply of potable and non-potable water, compliance with WFD and a Coastal Processes update;
- ISH12 (15 September) - Community, amenity, and recreational impacts; potential adverse effects on human health and living conditions of local residents during construction and operation including those arising from noise and vibration; effects on PRoW and NMU users including users of the Suffolk Coastal Path, other recreational impacts including on the AONB; overall and cumulative impacts on health and well-being and monitoring and Controls;
- ISH13 (16 September) – Landscape and Historic Heritage, Remaining agenda items 7, 8, and 9 from ISH5, Sizewell Link Road (SLR), Southern P&R, Two Village Bypass (TVB) Historic heritage potential adverse effects on heritage assets forming part of the Heveningham Hall Estate and National Trust Coastguard Cottages, Cumulative impacts on AONB and Monitoring and Controls;
- ISH14 (17 September) - DCO, Code of Construction Practice and similar regulatory documents, Deed of Obligation, reasonable endeavours.

Each Hearing provides IPs with an opportunity to air any views or concerns that they may have in relation to the specific topic area, in response to the pre-determined questions set by the ExA in hearing agendas.

Further details can be found here:

[EN010012-006693-SIZE - September ISH notification.pdf \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#)