

Sizewell C update to JLAG members, June 2021

Start of examination

The Examination formally commenced on 15th April 2021, following two Preliminary Meetings. It is due to complete by the end of the period of 6 months, on 14 October 2021.

The current timetable for the examination is available here: [The Sizewell C Project | National Infrastructure Planning \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#)

Submission of LIR (12 May 2021)

At Deadline 1 on 12 May the two Councils submitted a joint Local Impact Report to the Examining Authority (ExA). This document was the culmination of months of work, synthesising input from dozens of technical experts from across Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council. This document is comprehensive in scope and totals 180,000 words and 530 pages.

The submitted documents can be found on the examination web page at the following addresses:

Executive Summary: [EN010012-003925- Suffolk County Council - Local Impact Reports \(LIR\) from any local authorities - Executive Summary.pdf \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#)

Full Document: [Sizewell C Local Impact Report \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#)

It is also on the Sizewell C DCO pages: <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Planning/Sizewell/ESC-SCC-Sizewell-C-LIR.pdf>

Open Floor Hearings (18-21 May 2021)

Open Floor Hearings were held by the ExA over the course of four days. Cllr Richard Rout and Cllr Craig Rivett represented the views of the two Councils respectively, the remainder of the hearings were an opportunity for members of the community to put their concerns directly to the ExA. Recordings of these hearings can be found on the examination web page.

Cllr Richard Rout's speech: [EN010012-004362-DL2 - Suffolk County Council - Post Hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case.pdf \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#)

Cllr Craig Rivett's speech: [EN010012-004368-DL2 - East Suffolk Council - Post Hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case.pdf \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#)

Submission of responses to ExA's Questions and Written Representation at Deadline 2 (2 June 2021)

In April the ExA issued a set of over 2,000 questions, of which more than 300 were directed at the Councils. Both Councils submitted responses at the beginning of June and are in the process of reviewing answers provided by the Applicant and other parties.

East Suffolk Council's responses: [EN010012-004369-DL2 - East Suffolk Council - Responses to the ExA's Written Questions \(ExQ1\).pdf \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#)

Suffolk County Council's responses: [EN010012-004645-DL2 - Suffolk County Council - Responses to the ExA's Written Questions \(ExQ1\)](#)

At the same deadline SCC submitted a Written Representation, which built on the evidence provided in the Local Impact Report to provide County Council specific additional commentary on its positions on transport strategy, Sizewell Link Road removal and AONB impacts of pylons and outage car park:

[EN010012-004635-DL2 - Suffolk County Council - Written Representations \(WRs\).pdf \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#)

Initial Statement of Common Ground

The Applicant has worked with the Councils on an initial joint Statement of Common Ground, which indicates for each statement whether each of the Councils is in agreement, not in agreement, or discussions are progressing. This was submitted, as required by the ExA, by the Applicant at Deadline 2 (2 June 2021): [EN010012-004751-D2 - Sizewell C Project - Initial Statements of Common Ground \(SoCG\) requested by the ExA 11.pdf \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#)

It will be revised and evolved at further points during the Examination process before being signed and submitted in its final version towards the end of the Examination.

Accompanied Site Inspections

The ExA on 8 to 10 June carried out accompanied site inspections (ASI) at Sizewell C, which included the main development site, construction areas and associated development sites. The purpose of these inspections was an opportunity for the Applicant and Interested Parties to point out specific features etc., but participants were not permitted to discuss the merits of the proposals. Both Councils were represented by officers throughout the ASI's.

On 20 June, there is an additional ASI for the ExA to view the Hinkley Point C construction site. Philip Ridley and Michael Moll will be representing the two Councils at this ASI.

Agendas to all ASIs are available at: [EN010012-004199-SZC Site Inspections Itinerary PINS 21 05 21.pdf \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#)

Upcoming dates:

Consultation on the Applicant's second request for proposed additional project changes (11 June to 12 July 2021): The Applicant is consulting the public on a number of specific, relatively minor, changes to their application, in relation to Lovers Lane and Bridleway 19, minor changes to PRoW proposals and flood relief culverts at the Two Village Bypass, and Sizewell Link Road changes related to Pretty Road bridge, PRoW proposal, drainage and highway works. There is a notification of these proposed changes to be responded to at D3, the Councils will give initial responses to these changes at this time. However, they have not yet been formally submitted or accepted into the Examination process, and full updated Environmental Statement information is not yet available. ([EN010012-004876-D2 - Sizewell C Project - Other- Second Notification of Proposed Project Changes.pdf \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#))

Deadline 3 (24 June 2021): Includes: opportunity to comment on responses to the ExA's questions (which includes those questions not directed to the Councils), comment on Written Representations, initial Statements of Common Ground and further submissions received from the Applicant.

Issue Specific Hearings (6-16 July 2021): The first set of ISHs covers: DCO, S106/Deed of obligation, traffic and transport, socio-economic and community issues, Landscape and visual impacts and design, coastal geomorphology and biodiversity and ecology. Both Councils will field their relevant technical officers, orchestrated by each of their QCs.

It has been confirmed, due to continued COVID restrictions, that these ISHs will be held virtually.

Further details on the ISH at [EN010012-005194-Notification of ISH.pdf \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#)