

## Sizewell C

### Planning Performance Agreement 6th Project Board Meeting

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012

#### Attendees

<b>SCC</b>	Bryn Griffiths	- Assistant Director of Economy, Skills and Environment
	John Pitchford	- Spatial Planning and Sub Regional Partnerships Manager
<b>SCDC</b>	Stephen Baker	- Chief Executive
	Bob Chamberlain	- Principal Planner (Major Projects)
	Philip Ridley	- Head of Planning Services
<b>Sizewell Project Office</b>	Paul Wood	- Project Manager
	Nicky Corbett	- Project Support Officer
<b>EDF Energy</b>	Richard Mayson	- Director of Planning & External Affairs
	Angela Pearce	- Head of Sizewell C Project
	Ian Bryant	- Head of Planning
	Nick Lloyd-Davies,	- Planning Manager
	Tom McGarry	- Communications Manager
	Sheery Sassoon	- Planning Officer

#### Meeting Minutes

##### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Project Board meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011 were approved.

It was agreed that the date of next meeting, under item 7 of the agenda be corrected to state February 2012 rather than February 2011.

##### Item 1 – Update on Sizewell Project Timetable

EDF Energy provided an update on the Sizewell C programme.

Stage 1 consultation is targeted to commence prior to the end of 2012. The consultation process will follow the same structure as that for Hinkley Point with two stages of public consultation. Stage 1 will set out EDF Energy's initial proposals including potential

development options and Stage 2 will detail the firm set of proposals. There may be one or more ‘mini-consultations’ between Stages 1 and 2 although the scope and extent of this will be considered and reviewed closer to the time.

The timescales for Stage 2 consultation will be considered following Stage 1 consultation, and after EDF Energy is able to review feedback received during Stage 1.

EDF Energy highlighted that in addition to work on the planning process for both Sizewell and Hinkley Point, there are a number of other key workstreams which will be progressed over the course of 2012 including closely following progress being made with respect to the Energy Market Reform, continuing work on the Generic Design Assessment (GDA) and progressing the Environmental Permits for Hinkley Point.

### **Item 2 – Key Issues Paper**

The Suffolk Councils presented an updated paper on key issues relating to the current development of the Sizewell C project.

The majority of the paper repeated issues and items which had been discussed at previous Board meetings and were likely to be key issues through the consultation process. Three new issues had been added to the paper:

- Programme Timetable – The Suffolk Councils highlighted in the run up to Stage 1 consultation, it would be helpful if EDF Energy could provide a project plan which could assist the authorities plan for resources, including bringing in external consultants where necessary. EDF Energy agreed that this was important and that a meeting should be arranged to discuss it once the PPA Work Packages had been updated. **Action: EDF Energy**
- Lowestoft Land Issues – The Suffolk Councils mentioned that there appears to be increasing interest in land adjacent to Lowestoft Port. EDF Energy mentioned that a meeting has been arranged to discuss land requirements for the Sizewell C development with the Suffolk and Waveney authorities.
- Transport – The Suffolk Councils noted that transport is a key issue for the Hinkley Point project and it is anticipated to be the same for Sizewell. EDF Energy stated that they recognised the importance of transport issues. Good progress was being made in discussing transport scoping issues with the County Council. EDF Energy noted that the transport proposals for the development would be based on evidence drawn from the assessment.
- Loss of SSSI, bridge design and ecological corridor – The Suffolk Councils stated that this item had been amended to incorporate reference to the ecological and fluvial corridor within the SSSI. EDF Energy recognised that this is an important consideration in developing the proposals for Sizewell C.

There was a discussion under item 8 of the Key Issues Paper (Community Fund) on the Local Government Resource Review and local business rates retention. EDF Energy emphasised that the benefits from the project itself are significant. The Hinkley Point project includes £500m of mitigation of which £100m will have a lasting benefit.

EDF Energy is pushing for local communities to retain the business rates which EDF Energy will pay under the Local Government Resource Review. Nigel Knee gave a presentation on business rates retention and the benefits of development at February's Core Project Meeting. It was agreed that it would be useful for Nigel Knee to discuss this issue further with the local authorities. **Action: EDF Energy and Sizewell Project Office**

### **Item 3 – Update to Stage 1 Contents Paper**

EDF Energy presented an updated paper on the content of Stage 1 consultation for Sizewell. This was a work-in-progress document. EDF Energy briefly reiterated their intentions to have two core stages of consultation as well as the objectives for Stage 1 consultation which were to:

- Obtain clear feedback on land use proposals
- Establish parameters for development on the site
- Obtain clear feedback on strategies for transport and accommodation and options for Associated Development
- Build recognition of project benefits
- Understand local issues / priorities

### **Item 4 – Communications Protocol**

EDF Energy mentioned that the Communications Protocol is currently being updated to set out some further detail on the security markings of documents. Suffolk County Council suggested that the Communications Protocol should also contain some further detail on the release of media statements and a 'Key Facts' item on the agenda. Tom McGarry added that this would be useful but the process should probably be agreed with the councils once the communications work package has been established. **Action: EDF Energy**

### **Item 5 – Expenditure**

The Suffolk Councils presented details of the expenditure for December 2011 and January 2012. To date, a third of the agreed expenditure has been spent on the project although this is expected to accelerate over the coming months and year

### **Item 6 – Review of Work Packages**

EDF Energy made revisions to the current Environment and Land and Water Work Packages, which are due to expire at the end of March. Various meetings which are

currently shown as scheduled to take place during Q1 of 2012 may be deferred until Q2 2012. Revised Work Packages are under preparation and will be presented to the next Project Board meeting for approval.

Work on the Socio-Economic workstream has commenced and a Work Package is under preparation. A meeting has been scheduled to share information and knowledge about the socio-economics baseline and agree the scope of assessment moving forward. EDF Energy mentioned that it was keen to engage with skills and training providers and is anticipating holding a workshop following Easter.

The Transport and Associated Development Work Packages are under review and will be updated ahead of and presented at the next Project Board meeting for approval.

### **Item 7 – Any Other Business**

EDF Energy mentioned that the recent meeting with the Suffolk Public Leaders and Chief Executive was very helpful and they would be happy to attend future meetings of this nature if useful.

The next meeting will be taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May in Woodbridge.