

Sizewell C

Planning Performance Agreement 3rd Project Board Meeting

Date: 6 April 2011

Attendees

SCC	John Pitchford
SCDC	Stephen Baker, Bob Chamberlain, Philip Ridley
Sizewell Project Office	Nicky Corbett
EDFE	Richard Mayson, Angela Pearce, Roy Collins, Sheery Sassoon , Tom McGarry

Meeting Minutes

Item 1 – Up-date on Sizewell Project Timetable and Key Issues

EDFE provided an up-date on nuclear new build developments in the light of the events in Japan. The Government has asked Mike Weightman, HM Chief Inspector of Nuclear Installations, to produce a report on the implications for the UK nuclear industry of the accident that took place at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power station in Japan. The purpose of the report is to identify any lessons to be learnt, taking forward this work in co-operation and co-ordination with national stakeholders and international colleagues. The Government has asked for an interim report by the middle of May 2011, with a final report in September. The HSE had also made a recent statement on how the Generic Design Assessment process would be taken forward in the light of the Weightman Review.

EDF Energy welcomed the Weightman Review and would engage fully and constructively with the Review process and the consideration of lessons relevant to the UK. EDF Energy remained convinced of the case for new nuclear build in the UK and was continuing to progress its new build plans with a view to submitting a Development Consent Order (DCO) application for Hinkley Point C this year and commencement of consultation on the Sizewell project thereafter.

Item 2 – Sizewell C - Emerging Suffolk Council Issues

The Suffolk Councils raised a number of issues with EDFE in relation to the current development of the Sizewell C project – as follows:

a) Density of Sizewell C development

The Sizewell C project was being developed within a sensitive ecological and landscape environment – with impacts on both the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and the Sizewell marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). In that context the Suffolk Councils would wish to ensure that all available space within the plot plan was being efficiently used to ensure a minimisation of impacts on the AONB and SSSI.

EDFE confirmed that the significance of this issue was fully recognised and that every effort was being made to contain impacts on the AONB and SSSI. The density of development would however be constrained by nuclear safety, security and constructability considerations. It would be important that the rationale for plot plan proposals was explained at Stage 1 consultation and discussed further with key stakeholders. It was agreed that dialogue on these issues would continue through the programme of meetings envisaged within the Environment work package.

b) Bridge Design and SSSI corridor

The Suffolk Councils noted the sensitivity of the ecological corridor between the SSSI marshes and Goose Hills. The design and impacts of any proposed bridge across this corridor would be a particularly important issue. EDFE acknowledged the importance of this issue and that there would be further work examining bridge designs and modelling of ecological and hydrological impacts.

c) Visitor Centre

The Suffolk Councils expressed a desire to be involved at an early stage in discussions on the design, location and scale of development proposed for any visitor centre for Sizewell C, particularly if an AONB location for the development was proposed.

EDFE indicated that a meeting was being arranged in May to discuss these issues and that Stage 1 consultation would present a range of location options for the Visitor Centre as well as seeking local views on the role and scale of such a centre.

d) EDFE's programme of activity

The Suffolk Councils expressed a desire for a greater understanding of EDFE's timetable of activities leading up to stage 1 consultation and the potential interdependencies between different areas of activity.

EDFE agreed to see if a summary version of the more detailed project plan could be produced to set out key relationships between the various workstreams leading up to Stage 1 consultation. **Action: EDFE**

e) Involvement in scoping of studies

The Suffolk Councils expressed a desire to be involved in the scoping of relevant studies at an early stage to ensure that these were informed by any existing work of and that key likely local interests were taken account of within the study scope.

EDFE noted that the Suffolk Councils were being consulted on the environmental statement scoping document for the project as a whole and agreed to involve the Councils in the scoping of future studies where these were likely to give rise to significant local or planning issues.

f) Community funding

The Suffolk Councils noted that EDF Energy's community fund proposals for the Hinkley Point project would shape expectations in Suffolk and that this gave rise to issues as to how the issue of community funds would be addressed through the consultation process.

EDFE acknowledged that the proposals for Hinkley would inform consultation at Sizewell. The size of any community fund was not the only issue and there were questions of scope, governance and management. Some of these could be the subject of consultation for Sizewell.

Item 3 – Sizewell C expenditure to date

The Project Board noted that expenditure under the PPA had reached just over £60k by the end of February 2011. The process of reporting costs and invoicing was operating smoothly. It was noted that the Suffolk Councils had received advice that Council costs should attract VAT and that this was being considered by EDFE.

Item 4 – Land and Water work package

The Project Board considered a Land and Water work package put to the meeting for approval. This covered engagement in a range of marine study areas including sea protection, coastal processes, hydrological impacts within the Sizewell estate and flood risks. It was noted that the Suffolk Councils would need to engage consultants to support them in some of these areas and an estimate of likely costs was contained within the work package. The need to avoid a conflict of interest between any consultants working for EDFE was noted.

The Project Board indicated that it was content to approve the workpackage up to the estimated expenditure limit of £49,106 and EDFE confirmed its agreement to meet the arising expenditure.

Item 5 – Socio-economics

It was noted that a meeting had been held on 31 March to discuss the scope and timing of socio-economic assessment activity and to provide an initial presentation on EDFE's workforce estimates.

It was agreed that work on socio-economic issues could begin, to cover the scoping of a work package and any comments on the scope or content of information provided by EDFE to date. This agreement – and an estimate of likely costs – would be formalised through an exchange of e-mails prior to a full work package proposal being submitted to a future Project Board meeting. **Action: EDFE and Suffolk Councils**

Item 6 – Re-approval of existing work packages.

The Project Board considered the re-approval of four existing work packages. Costs for these work packages had all been estimated out to the end of September 2011 so as to ensure a consistent timeframe for estimation going forward.

On the basis of the envisaged programme of activity and meetings to the end of September 2011 the estimated new total expenditure limits for these work packages were as follows:

Programme Oversight & Development - £120k

Environment - £41k

Associated Development - £11.7k

Transport - £122k.

The Project Board indicated that it was content to approve these work packages up to the new estimated expenditure limits and EDFE confirmed its agreement to meet the arising expenditure.

It was agreed that the formatting of up-dated work packages should be considered to most easily show the changes compared to previous meetings. At future meetings it would also be sensible to compare costs incurred against approved expenditure limits for each work packages.

Item 7 – Any other business.

The timing of engagement on communication issues and in particular the statement of Community Consultation was discussed. EDFE agreed to provide a short note on this

issue for the next Project Board meeting – also covering wider issues of stakeholder engagement through the consultation process. **Action: EDFE**

Item 8 – Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Project Board is scheduled for 2pm on Wednesday 22 June at SCDC offices in Woodbridge.