

## **Sizewell C update June 2018**

1. As reported in EDF Energy's [project update from April](#), EDF Energy is busy working on their proposals for a Stage 3 consultation. A date for the Stage 3 Consultation has not yet been confirmed and is dependent on the outcomes of technical surveys and engineering assessments needed for EDF Energy to be able to present viable options at the next, probably final, round of consultation. Another Community Forum meeting is planned in summer for EDF Energy to give their latest feedback on the proposals for Sizewell C.
2. Our two councils continue to promote a four-village bypass for Farnham, Stratford St Andrew, Little Glemham and Marlesford, as part of the Suffolk Energy Gateway (SEGWay). Suffolk County Council submitted an outline business case to the Department for Transport (DfT) in December, in a bid to secure government funding for the scheme. DfT have advised that a decision on the proposal is not expected until later in the year. Alongside an EDF Energy contribution towards the scheme in lieu of mitigation required specifically for their development proposals, DfT funding would be essential to make the four-village bypass a reality.
3. Our Joint Local Authorities Group recently went on a productive visit to the construction site of Hinkley Point C Nuclear Power Station in Somerset. Hinkley Point C is another EDF Energy scheme, using the same reactor design as the one planned for Sizewell C. The delegation of members and officers from Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils and Suffolk County Council had the opportunity to experience first-hand the scale of the construction site on a site tour led by EDF Energy. The most recent [drone footage video from January 2018](#) gives some indication of the scale. We were able to see associated development sites including campus accommodation, Park & Ride sites and transport schemes, and travelled some of the HGV routes to the site to encounter transport impacts in the area. Presentations from the Somerset local authorities about their experiences and challenges of moving from the planning to the implementation stage of Hinkley Point C provided many learning points which we will be considering in the context of Sizewell C.
4. Learning from other local authorities with proposed or approved new nuclear power stations proves invaluable for our local authorities in Suffolk. As members of the New Nuclear Local Authorities Group (NNLAG), a group of the local authorities with proposed new nuclear builds, we attended in March the annual NNLAG conference which was held in Essex near the proposed site for the Bradwell B nuclear power station. The conference featured key note speeches from Stephen Speed of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), and a presentation about Bradwell B and Sizewell C from Jim Crawford, EDF Energy, with Zhu Minhong, Chinese General Nuclear. Most importantly, the conference provided the opportunity to learn from and reflect upon the updates and experience from the other local authorities from across England and Wales. Conference delegates had the opportunity to visit the site of the proposed Bradwell B nuclear power station adjacent to the existing Bradwell A site.

Further information about the work of Suffolk Coastal District Council and Suffolk County Council on Sizewell C can be found on [our Sizewell C website](#). If you have any further queries or comments, please contact us on: [sizewellc@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:sizewellc@eastssuffolk.gov.uk)