



Sizewell C Joint Local Authority Group (JLAG) Update

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Sizewell C Consultation on Proposed Changes

1. We are sure you are all aware that EDF Energy launched a consultation on potential changes on 18 November to run until 18 December (30 days). EDF Energy state that the consultation is in response to feedback from stakeholders within their Relevant Representations. The document is available at www.sizewellc.co.uk
2. Several potential changes relate to the freight management strategy for the construction of Sizewell C, with suggestions to increase deliveries of materials by rail and sea and thereby reduce HGV numbers. EDF Energy propose to run an additional train per day, which would increase the number of train movements from 6 to 8 (or from 3 to 4 deliveries). EDF Energy is also considering running trains six days a week (Mon to Sat), and potentially running a further 5th train a day during the busiest period of construction (this would require alterations to the passenger rail service timetable). Most rail freight movements would be overnight which has implications for noise disturbance for properties within close proximity to the rail line. We understand that the applicant is investigating the most effective ways to reduce the noise from freight trains.
3. In order to increase deliveries by sea, EDF Energy suggest the possibility of constructing a second temporary beach landing facility (in addition to the permanent beach landing facility currently proposed). The consultation document includes four different options for such a temporary beach landing facility of different sizes and capacities. Chapter 3.3. in the consultation document shows these options.
4. EDF Energy indicates that, if these rail and beach landing facility options are deliverable, this could reduce the number of HGV movements proposed on the busiest day from 1,000 to 700 and on a typical day from 600 to 500. (Each HGV equates to 2 movements).
5. Other changes in the consultation include: an altered design for the SSSI crossing over Sizewell Marshes SSSI, with a 30m bridge to replace the previously proposed culvert within the causeway; additional fen meadow habitat in Pakenham, West Suffolk; an outfall pipe onto the beach in the early years; a revised design of the hard coastal sea defences; revised locations of the water resource storage area; changes to the Sizewell B Relocated Facilities proposals; and a number of minor changes primarily to red lines.
6. Town and Parish Councils will have received an invitation to attend one of our three engagement events on 26 November, when we will be looking forward to hearing your views, preferences and opinion in relation to the new proposals. Joining instructions will be sent out shortly.
7. EDF Energy is expected to make a submission of some or all of these changes to the Planning Inspectorate in the week beginning 11 January 2021.
8. As always please stay in touch with us by emailing us at sizewellc@eastsoffolk.gov.uk . We will send further updates once PINS confirm the timelines of the examination.