

Revision 01

SZC ENVIRONMENT REVIEW GROUP

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Meeting:	Environment Review Group
Date:	1 st February 2024, 10:00 -11:00
Location:	MS Teams
Chair:	Steve Mannings
Attendees:	Steve Manning (Sizewell C), Tim De-Keyzer (Suffolk County Council), Paula Bartholomew (National Landscape Partnership), Nick Stayt (AECOM), Sean Mahoney (Natural England), Jeannette Hollingsworth (East Suffolk Council), Ayden Hassan (Environment Agency)
Apologies:	

Meeting Notes:

1 INTRODUCTION

Members introduced themselves in turn.

SMan welcomed the group members and provided an overview of the ERG and its role. This is detailed further in the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) which have been prepared in accordance with the Deed of Obligation (DoO) with agreement from East Suffolk Council (ESC) and Suffolk County Council (SCC).

2 TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) / MEETING

SMan confirmed that draft TOR has been shared for review and asked that comments are provide to Sizewell C. It was agreed that 10 working days was a suitable period for review and feedback was request by 14th February.

Action – group members to provide feedback on draft ToR by 14th February.

SMan provided a brief overview of the key content of the ToR.

JH questioned the membership. SMan confirmed the correct people are in attendance and confirmed his understanding and stated that there needs to be a level of continuity for the group. SMan confirmed that it is for each member organisation to decide who attends on their behalf.

PB raised a query on item 6 in ToR which was raised in other governance groups. This was regarding the same people being present in the ERG as the other governance groups. PB also clarified the role of the NL partnership is an invited party and not a voting member. The DoO and ToR is clear the NL partnership is an invited member to all meetings but a non-voting member.

TD-K stated that representation should be able to be varied, but continuity is a good idea. The ToR is currently silent on bringing additional representation as required, this should be considered in the updated ToR. These members would be non-voting but would support the discussion. NS stated that similar comments have been raised in other governance groups.

Action – Sizewell C Limited to review the interface with the Marine Technical Forum and provide a position on this relationship.

SMan identified that detailed discussions should be at the working group level and there should be a clear separation between the business of the ERG and the other working groups. There is a need to be careful not to merge the scope of the groups.

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3 DCO FIRST COMMENCEMENT UPDATE

SMan provided an overview identifying that the Development Consent Order has now been triggered and the project has formally Commenced. This has been agreed with ESC and SCC following the completion of a large number of activities that needed to be completed in advance. SMan noted that some actions were required in advance of Commencement and others are required in the month following.

PB asked if there was any further detail on the works tracker that would be available online for members of the public. It was confirmed that it is live and can be accessed on <https://www.szcworkstracker.co.uk/>. SMan noted that there is also the ESC Sizewell C portal where information on the governance groups is stored.

JH questioned if there any drone footage of the progression to date? SM confirmed information on this would be shared in due course.

JH questioned if the ESC portal that was referenced is online? It was confirmed that the portal is live and can be accessed at the following link - <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/national-infrastructure-and-energy-projects/sizewell-c-nuclear-power-station/governance-groups/>. JH also questioned if there is there an agreed location where information that the group members can access and review?

Action - Sizewell C Limited are to consider identifying a suitable working area for the ERG

4 DISCUSSION ON ERG MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUPS

SMan provided an overview of the interfaces with other working groups which are identified in the TOR. There are no detailed structures or proposals available to provide an overview of what these look like and the mechanisms need to be established. These will follow on from the finalisation of the ToRs for all groups.

Action – Sizewell C Limited to set out an overarching approach to provide clarity of what the business of the ERG is to be over the next 6 to 12 months

TD-K stated it would be useful to understand how Sizewell C Limited see the interfaces to be working in practice. The ERG has an interface with the delivery group. Would be useful to understand how Sizewell C see it working in process.

JH stated it useful to have a structure of all groups and their memberships in a single presentation. PB shared an overview of groups and agreed that it is important to know the membership of these groups.

Action – Sizewell C Limited to prepare an overarching map of group membership (Q1 2024)

5 KEY RISKS, ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

PB stated it would be good to start would be the requirements that relate to commencement. The ERG need to have an overview of these. SMan confirmed that these deliverables can be shared and provided a summary of the following reports:

- Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (MMP) for Minsmere – Walberswick and Sandlings (North) European Site and MMP for Sandlings (Central) and Alde-Ore Estuary: Ecological Baseline (Habitats)
- Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (MMP) for Minsmere - Walberswick European Site and Sandlings (North) European Site: Implementation Plan for Initial Measures
- Delivery of Bat Roost Compensation Prior to Commencement of the Sizewell C Project.
- Baseline Recreational survey Report 2021 and 2022.
- Nightjar and Woodlark Survey Report 2022

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SMan provided a detailed explanation of the Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (MMP) for Minsmere - Walberswick European Site and Sandlings (North) European Site: Implementation Plan for Initial Measures which will likely be a key area of discussion for the ERG over the coming months.

SMan also provided an overview of the Wild Aldhurst Planning Application that has been submitted to ESC.

Action – Sizewell C Limited to provide copies of the reports identified above to the ERG members

6 AOB

NS identified that there is a requirement for the ERG to approve the TOR changes. A second meeting is to be held to close out the final ToR and approve any changes to other ToR as appropriate.

Action – Sizewell C Limited to confirm the responsibilities of the ERG are and to set out in a documents what the key proposed changes are to the relevant ToR ahead of a follow up meeting.

Actions raised during the meeting:

Date Raised	Ref.	Description	Lead	Date Due
01/02/2024	ERG – 1	Group members to provide feedback on draft ToR by 14 th February.	Group members	14/02/2024
01/02/2024	ERG – 2	Sizewell C Limited to review the interface with the Marine Technical Forum and provide a position on this relationship.	Sizewell C Limited	14/02/2024
01/02/2024	ERG – 3	Sizewell C Limited are to consider identifying a suitable working area for the ERG	Sizewell C Limited	Q1 2024
01/02/2024	ERG – 4	Sizewell C Limited to set out an overarching approach to provide clarity of what the business of the ERG is to be over the next 6 to 12 months	Sizewell C Limited	Q1 2024
01/02/2024	ERG – 5	Sizewell C Limited to prepare an overarching map of group membership	Sizewell C Limited	Q1 2024
01/02/2024	ERG – 6	Sizewell C Limited to provide copies of the reports identified above to the ERG members	Sizewell C Limited	08/02/2024
01/02/2024	ERG – 7	Sizewell C Limited to confirm the responsibilities of the ERG are and to set out in a documents what the key proposed changes are to the relevant ToR ahead of a follow up meeting.	Sizewell C Limited	29/02/2024

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