

## The Sizewell C Project

### Planning Group

#### Terms of Reference

This Group is established in accordance with paragraph 6 of Schedule 17 to the Deed of Obligation between (1) East Suffolk Council ('ESC') (2) Suffolk County Council ('SCC') and (3) Sizewell C Limited ('Szc Co') dated 08 October 2021 as varied by the first and second deeds of variation dated 13 April 2022 and 6 May 2022 respectively (the 'Deed of Obligation' or 'DoO').

This Terms of Reference includes the scope, obligations and agreed governance as set out within the DoO. Any revisions to the Terms of Reference have been agreed in accordance with the Terms of Reference themselves. Except where expressly stated otherwise, words and expressions used in this Terms of Reference will have the same meaning as defined in the Deed of Obligation.

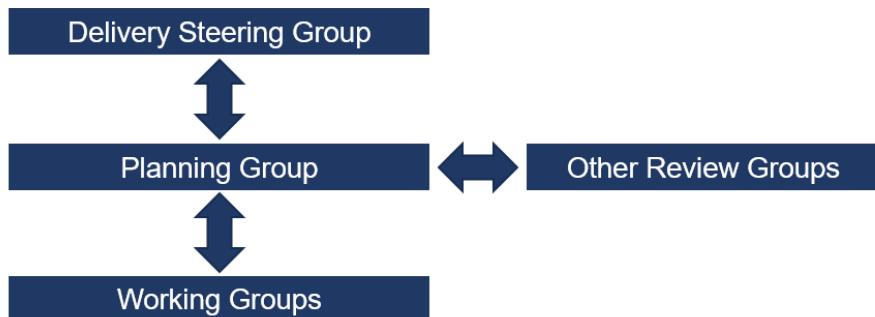
#### 1) Establishment

On or before Commencement, Szc Co shall establish the Planning Group, which shall exist from Commencement until three years after the end of the Construction Period.

#### 2) Purpose

The purpose of the Planning Group is to report, make recommendations and refer strategic matters to the Delivery Steering Group for the Project, working with the Delivery Steering Group, other Review Groups and the Working Groups.

The relationship between the Planning Group and other relevant groups is set out below.



#### 3) Scope of Work

The Planning Group shall:

- report and make recommendations to the Delivery Steering Group, other Review Groups and the Working Groups; and
- refer strategic matters considered by the Planning Group to the Delivery Steering Group, particularly where there are interface issues across topics that require a more strategic approach or direction or where the Planning Group fails to reach a unanimous decision.

The Rail Noise Mitigation Plan provides that Szc Co and East Suffolk Council may refer any dispute concerning acoustic noise barriers to the Planning Group.

#### **4) Membership**

The Planning Group shall comprise:

- one representative to be nominated by East Suffolk Council;
- one representative to be nominated by Suffolk County Council; and
- up to two representatives to be nominated by SJC Co,

or such alternates as may be nominated by those representatives from time to time.

Membership of the Planning Group does not fetter the members planning and other statutory duties. The Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council representatives shall have knowledge of the Project.

#### **5) Meetings and Quorum**

The Planning Group shall

- meet no later than three months after the Commencement Date.
- meet monthly either virtually or in a convenient location in East Suffolk or Ipswich to be identified by SJC Co from time to time.
- be chaired by SJC Co.

The Planning Group will be quorate if at least three members (at least one of which is a member representing East Suffolk Council, one of which is a member representing Suffolk County Council and one of which is a member representing SJC Co) are present.

#### **6) Decision Making**

Any decision must be made unanimously by the Quorate Members.

In the event that any of the Quorate Members of one of the Working Groups refers a matter to the Planning Group for urgent resolution, the Planning Group shall:

- meet as soon as reasonably practicable after the members of the Planning Group are notified and in any event within 10 Working Days for the sole purpose of resolving the relevant matter (with such urgent meeting not counting as one of the standard monthly meetings); and
- be entitled to vary any of the requirements by agreement of the members of the Planning Group to facilitate such meeting occurring as soon as reasonably practicable and the early resolution of the relevant matter

#### **7) Escalation**

In the event that the Planning Group cannot agree on any matters or recommendations, any member can refer those matters to the Delivery Steering Group for guidance.

In the event that any of the Quorate Members of the Planning Group consider that a matter needs to be referred to the Delivery Steering Group for urgent resolution it shall notify the members of the Delivery Steering Group accordingly to invoke the urgency process in paragraph 3.8 of the Deed of Obligation.

#### **8) Reporting**

The Planning Group shall report and make recommendations to the Delivery Steering Group, other Review Groups and the Working Groups.

The Planning Group shall refer strategic matters considered by the Planning Group to the Delivery Strategic Group, particularly where there are interface issues across topics the require a more strategic approach or direction or where the Planning Group fails to reach a unanimous decision.

#### **9) Governance and Administration**

The Planning Group shall make such terms of reference for its governance and administration as it considers appropriate at the first meeting of the Planning Group.

The Planning Group may make such further administrative arrangements and terms of reference as it considers appropriate for the proper and efficient functioning of the Planning Group from time to time, with such arrangements and terms of reference to be approved by the Delivery Steering Group.

SZC shall be responsible for the administration of convening and holding meetings of the Planning Group.