

## Rights of Way Working Group (ROWWG)

### Terms of Reference

#### 1) Establishment

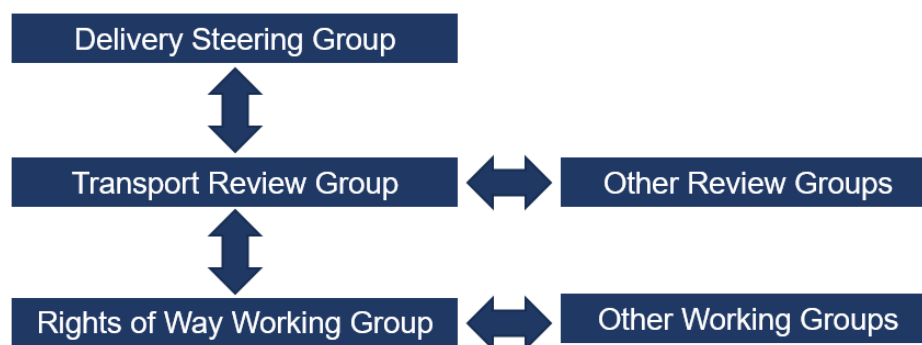
On or before Commencement, SZC shall establish the ROWWG, which shall exist from the date of First Commencement until and the date that the first nuclear fuel assemblies for Unit 2 are delivered to the Main Development Site (the "**Construction Period**"), unless otherwise agreed by the members of the ROWWG.

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#### 2) Purpose

The purpose of ROWWG is to manage and administer the public rights of way element of the Public Rights of Way Fund and Leiston Walking and Cycling Projects, as laid out in 9.113 submitted at the SZC public examination, (the '**PROW Fund**') for the Sizewell C Project, working principally with the Transport Review Group, but also with the other Review Groups and the Working Groups, all under the Delivery Steering Group.

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



#### 3) Scope of Work

The ROWWG shall manage and administer the PROW Fund, £2,500,000 which may be used for initiatives designed to improve the existing public rights of way network in East Suffolk and to mitigate any potential adverse effects on the existing public rights of way network that may arise from the Project, through any of the following:

- Physical improvements to the existing public rights of way network, creation of new public rights of way, and creation of public rights of way to link existing and/or new public rights of way, including repairs wayfinding, improving connectivity, provision of new or upgraded gates or signage;
- Supporting communication measures in relation to closures, diversions, and new access points in accordance with the PROW Communications Plan, the communications plan to be prepared by the ROWWG to set out the range, timing, and duration of communication measures in respect of closures, diversions, and new access points in the existing public rights of way network (as amended from time to time by the ROWWG); and
- Legal upgrades to the existing public rights of way network

To the extent that such initiatives are identified and agreed (unanimously) by the ROWWG, the Suffolk County Council shall implement or procure the implementation of the initiatives up to the total value of the PROW Fund.

The projects listed in the PRow Fund may be varied with the agreement of the RoWWG.

In addition,

- To agree in advance any justified and necessary temporary diversions, closures and works to the Coast Path (ROW & A Strategy 3.2.12)
- To support delivery of the PRow related initiatives in the Leiston Walking & Cycling Projects

The Code of Construction Practice provides that SZC must monitor any public rights of way, cycle routes, footways, permissive footpaths, open access land and the beach, including temporary diversions, to ensure that mitigation measures are effective until adoption by the Highways Authority and report to the ROWWG.

#### **4) PRow Implementation Plans**

Requirement 10 of the DCO states that prior to the carrying out of any new or diverted public rights of way identified within Schedule 11, PRow implementation plans shall be submitted to and be approved by SCC. Although the ROWWG is not responsible for the approval of the implementation plans, the working group will provide the opportunity for some oversight and discussion to take place regarding diversions identified within the DCO.

The process for drafting and agreeing implementation plans is now set out. Prior to the formal submission of the plans SZC Co will arrange meeting(s) with SCC Officers to identify which new PRow diversions will be coming forward. Draft implementation plans will also be sent to SCC before these are formally submitted for approval. SZC Co will take into account comments made by SCC when submitting the final implementation plans. SZC Co will also endeavour to positively respond to concerns raised by members of the public and other consultees.

#### **5) Membership**

The ROWWG shall comprise:

- one representative to be nominated by East Suffolk Council;
- two representatives to be nominated by Suffolk County Council, one of whom shall be from the Rights of Way Team and the other from the Highways Team; and
- up to two representatives to be nominated by SZC, one of whom shall be the Transport Co-ordinator,

or such alternatives as may be nominated by those representatives from time to time as agreed by the above members of the ROWWG.

There can be flexibility on attendees from respective organisations over and above the designated attendee number above. These additional attendees will not be considered to be quorate members.

#### **6) Meetings and Quorum**

The ROWWG shall meet either virtually or in a convenient location in East Suffolk or Ipswich once every three months for the first two years of the Construction Period and once every six months thereafter during the Construction Period.

The ROWWG shall meet not less than once every three months, unless the group agrees to vary this.

The ROWWG meetings are to be chaired by Suffolk County Council. SSZ are designated as the secretariat.

The ROWWG shall be quorate if at least three members (one of which is a member representing East Suffolk Council, one is a member representing Suffolk County Council and one is a member representing SZC) are present.

## **7) Escalation**

The ROWWG shall refer any matter that it cannot agree unanimously on to the Transport Review Group, or (with the unanimous agreement of the Transport review Group) the Environment Working Group.

In the event that any of the Quorate Members of the Rights of Way Working Group considers that a matter needs to be referred to the Transport Review Group for urgent resolution, it shall notify the members of the Transport Review Group accordingly to invoke the urgency process in paragraph 4.2.3 of schedule 16 of the deed of obligation dated 8 October 2021 and made between (1) East Suffolk Council, (2) Suffolk County Council and (3) NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited.

## **8) Reporting**

The ROWWG shall report to the Transport Review Group at least once every six months on matters including (but not limited to):

- any existing initiatives that the PROW Fund has been applied towards and the effectiveness of such initiatives;
- any future initiatives that the ROWWG has agreed will be funded by the PROW Fund; and
- any material changes to the timing or delivery of the Project that may impact upon any existing or proposed initiatives that have been or are agreed by the ROWWG to be funded by the PROW Fund.

## **9) Governance and Administration**

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

The ROWWG may make such further administrative arrangements and terms of reference as it considers appropriate for the proper and efficient functioning of the ROWWG from time to time. Any arrangements and terms of reference are to be approved by the Transport Review Group.

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