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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Ms McKay,

Sizewell C Development Consent Order

SZC Co. has just started a consultation on a number of changes to the draft DCO as originally proposed and is intending to make a submission of some or all of these changes to the Planning Inspectorate in the week beginning 11 January 2021. The Councils anticipate that at least some of those changes will have a bearing on matters that have been the subject of Relevant Representations already made by both Suffolk County and East Suffolk Councils and other stakeholders.

It is not clear from your letter of 23 October 2020 whether you will be requiring there to be an opportunity for Interested Parties (including the Councils) to comment on the changes in advance of the Preliminary Meeting. Para 6.5 of the PINS Advice Note 16 appears to say that there would be a discussion about the proposed changes at the Preliminary Meeting, but it is presumed by the Councils, that this would focus on the process rather than the response of Interested Parties to those changes.

The Councils consider that there needs to be an opportunity for all Interested Parties to respond formally to the changes proposed, some of which are likely to be considered material, in advance of the Preliminary Meeting.

In addition to the response of existing Interested Parties, our understanding of the changes which may be submitted to you is that there are likely to be amendments to the red line boundary (not least in the Pakenham area) and some different environmental impacts elsewhere that should be considered material.

This could mean that others will wish to become Interested Parties and submit Relevant Representations in advance of the Preliminary Meeting. The Councils suggest that this is essential to ensure that the Examining Authority is able to appropriately set the agenda and timetable for the Examination reflecting upon all Relevant Representations.

Yours sincerely,





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