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Dear Ms McKay

Application EN010012 for The Sizewell C Project by NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited ("SZC Co.")

We write further to your letter, dated 24 November 2020, setting out clarification on the following matters:

i. Overtopping comparison calculation of Design Profile (with Beach Erosion) Report

In response to your request for clarification, we confirm that the correct version of this report has been submitted. The 2015 version of the report, referred to in Update 8 set out in Section 6 of the Notification of Proposed Project Changes [AS-005], has been superseded by the 2019 version [AS-020] submitted on 16 November 2020.

ii. BEEMS Technical Report TR319 Edition 1: Derivation of extreme waves and surge and initial results of coastal wave model

In response to your request for clarification, we confirm that the 'Edition 2' version of the report [AS-020] submitted on 16 November 2020, supersedes the Edition 1 version referred to in Update 8 set out in Section 6 of the Notification of Proposed Project Changes [AS-005]. It is no longer referenced in the other submitted documents.

iii. Submission of Additional Information and Reports

Further to our Notification of Proposed Project Changes (Section 6) [AS-005], we confirm that the documents identified in **Table 1** are planned to be submitted with our request to make changes to our application for development consent. The change request will be made in accordance with the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 16, which requires that the request must be accompanied by a range of specified documents including a full schedule of all application documents and plans indicating whether each document has changed or is subject to "no change".

In addition, SZC Co. has notified the Planning Inspectorate of its intention to submit Additional Information (i.e. information which has been developed in response to continuing engagement with stakeholders and which adds to the detail available within the application (but does not change it)). This Additional Information will be included in the submission with the change request and will be clearly identified as Additional Information.

It is SZC Co.'s intention to ensure that the submission is clear and helpful to the Examining Authority and Interested Parties. It will not, however, presume that the requested changes or Additional Information are accepted. Any

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changes to the application documents that would arise from the change request will be clearly identified, including the consequences of those changes. Similarly, any change to the application documents as a consequence of the Additional Information will be clearly identified.

Apart from a limited number of key documents, where full updated and track changed documents are required in accordance with Advice Note 16, the changes to the application documents as a result of the requested changes or Additional Information will be set out in addenda documents. There will be a clear differentiation between the consequences of the changes and those of the Additional Information.

Table 1: Scope of the proposed submission to request changes and submit Additional Information

| Document Reference | Document Title | Form | Version Number | Notes (reference to 'Updates' are those identified in the |
|-----------------------|--|--|-------------------|--|
| | | | | Notification of Proposed Project Changes [AS-005]). |
| - | Cover Letter | New | 1 | This letter will provide an introduction to the purpose and scope of the submission. |
| - | Sizewell C Request for Changes to the DCO Application – Part 1 | New | 1 | Part 1 of the submission will provide details on the purpose, structure and scope of the submission. It will also provide an overview of the proposed changes, the reason for the changes and the application documents affected by the proposed changes. Similarly, it will provide an overview of the Additional Information, the reason for the submission of the information and the application documents affected by the proposed changes. |
| - | Sizewell C Request for Changes to the DCO Application – Part 2 | New | 1 | The application documents affected will be presented in Part 2 as updates or addenda. |
| Book 1 - 1.3(C) | Navigation Document | Supersede previous Track change | 4 | This document will be updated to include all additional documents submitted in the change request. |
| Book 2 | Application Plans | Supersede previous Clean updated versions | 2 | The plans will be updated to reflect the proposed changes. |
| Book 3 - 3.1(A) | Draft Development Consent Order | Supersede previous Track change and clean | 2 | The documents will be updated to reflect the proposed changes and engagement with stakeholders on the drafting. |
| Book 3 - 3.2(A) | Explanatory Memorandum | Supersede previous Track change and clean | 2 | |

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| Reference | | | Number | Notification of Proposed Project Changes [AS-005]). |
| Book 3 – 3.4(A) | Draft DCO Signposting Document | Supersede previous Track change | 2 | This document will be updated to provide information on the relationships between the Works listed within the draft Development Consent Order, controls regulating parameters for these Works and where these Works are described and assessed within the Environmental Statement Addendum. |
| Book 4 - | Statement of Reasons | New addendum | 1 | Addenda will be provided to reflect the proposed |
| 4.1Ad Book 4 - 4.3Ad | Addendum Book of Reference Addendum | New addendum | 1 | changes to the application documents where they relate to land matters. |
| Book 5 - 5.1Ad | Consultation Report Addendum | New addendum | 1 | The addendum will provide an overview of the consultation undertaken on the proposed changes, the feedback received and how it has informed the scope of the change request, having regard to Advice Note 14. |
| Book 5 - 5.2(A)Ad | Main Development Site Flood Risk Assessment Addendum | New addendum | 1 | The addendum will reflect the proposed changes and also present additional modelling and assessment work that has been undertaken following the submission of the application (as per Update 7). |
| Book 5 - 5.5Ad | Two Village Bypass Flood Risk Assessment Addendum | New addendum | 1 | The addendum will reflect the proposed changes and also present additional modelling and assessment work that has been undertaken following the submission of the application (as per Update 7). |
| Book 5 - 5.6Ad | Sizewell Link Road Flood Risk Assessment Addendum | New addendum | 1 | The addendum will reflect the proposed changes and also present additional modelling and assessment work that has been undertaken following the submission of the application (as per Update 7). |
| Book 5 - 5.10Ad | Shadow HRA Report Addendum | New addendum | 1 | The addendum will reflect the proposed changes and Additional Information including: Baseline ecology survey reports 2020 for Terns, Nightjars, Marsh harriers, breeding waterfowl and wintering waterfowl, including those submitted on 16 November and in this submission (as per Update 7); Marine Mammals Site Integrity Plan; and additional fish impact assessments (as per Update 7). |
| Book 5 - 5.11Ad | Schedule of Other Consents Licenses and Agreements Addendum | New addendum | 1 | The addendum will reflect the proposed changes. |
| Book 5 - 5.12Ad | Statement of Statutory Nuisances Addendum | New addendum | 1 | The addendum will reflect the proposed changes. |

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| Reference | | | Number | (reference to 'Updates' are those identified in the |
| Book 6 - 6.14 | Environmental Statement (ES) Addendum | New addendum | 1 | Notification of Proposed Project Changes (AS-0051). Addenda will reflect the proposed changes and Additional Information including: Non-Technical Summary Addendum; revised transport (material) assumptions (as per Update 1); project water supply (as per Update 2); confirmed bat barn proposals (as per Update 3); Fen Meadow Strategy (as per Update 6); Wet Woodland Strategy (as per Update 6); Water Management Strategy (as per Update 6); Coastal Monitoring and Management Plan (as per Update 6); coastal Monitoring and Management Plan (as per Update 6); other additional design information where this has become available (as per Update 6); two village bypass and Sizewell link road outline landscape and ecology management plans (as per Update 6); updated traffic and related noise and air quality modelling and assessment (as per Update 7); additional rail noise survey and assessment (as per Update 7); updated Biodiversity Net Gain reports (as per Update 7); additional fish impact assessments (as per Update 7); updated Overarching Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation and site-specific |
| 8.1Ad | Main Development Site Design and Access Statement Addendum | New addendum | 1 | archaeological evaluation reports (as per Update 7). The addendum will reflect the proposed changes and Additional Information including the confirmed bat barn proposals (as per Update 3). There will no longer be changes to the design principles (as indicated previously under Update 6). |
| 8.5(A)Ad | Transport Assessment Addendum | New addendum | 1 | The addendum will reflect the proposed changes and Additional Information including: revised transport (material) assumptions (as per Update 1); and updated traffic modelling and assessment (as per Update 7). |

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| Reference | | | Number | (reference to 'Updates' are those identified in the Notification of Proposed Project Changes [AS-005]). |
| 8.11(A) | Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) | Supersede previous Track change | 2 | The document will be updated to reflect the proposed changes and any further commitments agreed in response to stakeholder engagement. |
| 8.12Ad | Mitigation Route Map Addendum | New addendum | 1 | The addendum will reflect the proposed changes and any further commitments agreed in response to stakeholder engagement. |
| 8.14Ad | Water Framework Directive Addendum | New addendum | 1 | The addendum will reflect the proposed changes and Additional Information, including the additional fish impact assessments (as per Update 7). |
| 8.18 | Freight Management Strategy | New | 1 | This a new document that will update the freight management strategy presented in the Application, reflecting the proposed changes namely: an increase in the frequency of freight train movements to facilitate bulk material imports by rail; and changes to the marine infrastructure to facilitate bulk material imports by sea. In addition, SZC Co. will submit an update of its Material Management Strategy (as part of the ES Addendum), which provides updated information on construction material quantities and also has an effect on the Freight Management Strategy, which will be described in the application. |
| 8.19 | Two Village Bypass Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan | New | 1 | This a new document identifies the objectives and general principles for the establishment and longer- term management of the landscape and ecological mitigation proposals for the two village bypass (as per Update 6). |
| 8.20 | Sizewell Link Road Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan | New | 1 | This a new document identifies the objectives and general principles for the establishment and longer- term management of the landscape and ecological mitigation proposals for the Sizewell link road (as per Update 6). |

Note: Updates 4 (Confirmation of the sea defence design at its coastal extent) and 5 (Confirmation of the SSSI crossing embankment gradients) from the Notification Report will be detailed as part of the updates and changes to the proposals in the descriptions of development in the ES Addendum.

SZC Co. has submitted a number of documents referenced in the Notification of Proposed Project Changes [AS-005] on 16 November 2020 and in this submission. These are referred to, where relevant, in the documents identified in **Table 1**. These include:

• Update 7: Provision of further surveys and assessments – additional baseline environmental surveys (ecology): a number of the survey reports were provided to the Examining Authority on 16 November 2020 and December (refer to the Navigation Document submitted with this letter for details).

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- Update 8: Provision of outstanding referenced reports: These reports were included in our submission to the Examining Authority on 16 November 2020, with a further clarification provided in this letter (see point ii above).
- Update 9: Correcting minor errata: Corrections were identified in our submission to the Examining Authority on 16 November 2020.

iv. Draft Section 106 Agreement

In response to your request, please find enclosed SZC Co.'s first draft Section 106 Agreement in connection with the Sizewell C Project.

As explained in our letter dated 16 November 2020, we are working constructively with the local authorities and other relevant stakeholders to develop the scope of each development consent obligation. SZC Co. has focussed on developing the topic papers previously provided as appendices to the Planning Statement Appendix 8.4J Addendum: Update on the Section 106 Agreement [AS-012] as a means of shaping the scope of and approach to each of the funds with stakeholders. We have started to receive some initial feedback from the local authorities on some of the topic papers.

The draft Section 106 Agreement enclosed with this letter is being shared with the local authorities at the same time. Through engagement with the local authorities, SZC Co. will progress the drafting of the obligations through to late January 2021. In late January 2021, SZC Co. intends to share a further draft with the local authorities and those stakeholders to which the funds relate in order to get their views, after which we intend to submit a further revised draft of the Section 106 Agreement to the Examining Authority (i.e. early March 2021).

v. Hinkley Point C Section 106 Agreement

In response to your request, please find enclosed a copy of the completed Hinkley Point C Section 106 Agreement, dated 30 August 2012, which is referred to in the Planning Statement Appendix 8.4J Addendum: Update on the Section 106 Agreement [AS-012].

vi. Headings in the Environmental Statement

Within the letter dated 24 November 2020, the Examining Authority requested SZC Co. to submit specified revised chapters of the Environmental Statement with a revised lettering system for chapter headings. These are enclosed within this submission with a heading index provided at the end of each re-submitted chapter. We have adopted the below lettering system, as discussed with the case manager:

Section heading – as at present, for example, 22.8 – Fish ecology assessment Main heading A. Sub-heading A.a Sub-sub-heading A.a.a Next sub-sub-heading A.a.a

As agreed with the case manager, we have provided a clean version of each chapter, as formatting adjustments are not highlighted in track changes.

The Heading Index structure is provided at the end of each chapter for navigational purposes for the reader.

vii. Interested Parties where there has been a change of ownership or new interested in land We note the Examining Authority's request for SZC Co., when it becomes aware that there has been a change of ownership or new interest in land, to make the relevant persons aware that they can make a request to the

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Examining Authority to become an Interested Party under section 102A of the Planning Act 2008 and that this can be done by filling in the relevant form on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website. Thank you for providing the <u>link</u> to that form. We will endeavour to comply with this request and will include appropriate confirmations to that effect with any Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference submitted during the Examination.

viii. Additional Information – December 2020

Further to our confirmation above that we would submit further ecological assessments, we enclose the following additional ecology baseline survey reports that present results from the ongoing ecology survey work at the main development site, which have been completed after submission of the application for development consent (in 2020):

- Northern Park and Ride Survey Report 2020
- Southern Park and Ride Survey Report 2020
- Sizewell Link Road Survey Report 2020
- Fish Surveys 2020
- Invertebrate Survey Report 2020
- Reptile Survey Report 2020
- Marsh Harrier Survey Report 2020
- Barn Owl and Nightjar Survey Report 2020
- Bat Backtracking Survey Report 2020
- Bat Static Monitoring Survey Report 2020

In light of the submission of the above information, we also enclose an updated version of the Navigation Document (Doc Ref. 1.3(B)). Within this updated document, we have highlighted in bold the documents that are enclosed with this letter, for ease of reference.

We trust that the provision of the above information and clarifications addresses the comments raised in your letter, dated 24 November 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help in any way to further clarify any matters associated with this letter.

Yours sincerely

Carly Vince Chief Planning Officer

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