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Subject: Sizewell C - Preliminary Meeting Part 1

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Dear Case Team,

Stantec acts for Suffolk Constabulary ("the Constabulary") in relation to the application for the Sizewell C DCO.

Following on from the Preliminary Meeting Part 1 on 23 March 2021, please find attached the Deputy Chief Constable's transcript, which we hope will assist in drafting the Preliminary Meeting note. The Constabulary will submit its formal written response to Procedural Deadline B on or before 7 April 2021.

Kind regards

Emma-Mai Eshelby

Environmental Planner



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Preliminary Meeting Part 1 – Transcript
23 March 2021

I am Rachel Kearton and I am Deputy Chief Constable of Suffolk Constabulary. Suffolk Constabulary is the territorial police force responsible for the county of Suffolk. Our mission is to make Suffolk a safer place to live, work, travel and invest. The Constabulary deploys its resources to protect communities and prevent crime happening in the first place, with a particular focus on preventing harm and protecting the most vulnerable.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Preliminary Meeting of the Sizewell C DCO Examination. As you will be aware from the Constabulary's DCO Relevant Representation, the Constabulary has engaged with the scheme promoter, EDF, throughout all pre-application and pre-examination stages and continues to do so, including ongoing work to prepare a Statement of Common Ground with EDF and a DCO Written Representation. Throughout the process, the Constabulary has been consistent in highlighting the community safety issues associated with the scheme, and the need for corresponding, appropriate mitigation.

Policing is a complex activity which plays a key role in responding to and managing a wide variety of community safety risks that are often hidden from view and which extend far beyond what may be perceived as recording and investigating traditional crime types. The proposed development presents significant challenges to effective policing, crime prevention and community safety across Suffolk, particularly within the Halesworth Local Policing Command area where the proposed Sizewell C site and adjacent village of Leiston are located. Suffolk Constabulary is taking the project extremely seriously; whilst holding no view on the planning merits of the proposed development, the Constabulary is concerned with ensuring all likely impacts on community safety, including those affecting the project workforce and existing communities, are fully identified, assessed, and adequately mitigated. Given the scale of anticipated demographic and transport changes during construction policing would act as an important form of mitigation, but sufficient resourcing capacity needs to be in place to manage this effectively.

The Constabulary therefore felt compelled to address the Preliminary Meeting to highlight the need for adequate community safety mitigation to be secured through the Examination and, in accordance with the Rule 6 letter, to request Issue Specific Hearings under the identified Socio-Economic and Traffic and Transport Principal Issues. In its DCO submissions EDF has acknowledged the potential for community safety impacts and the need for such impacts to be managed and has proposed some related mitigation measures which Suffolk Constabulary would broadly support. However, the Constabulary remains concerned with the assessment and acceptability of likely impacts, and the need for adequate mitigation in respect of both community and roads policing.

Without prejudice to a Statement of Common Ground and DCO Written Representation which will be submitted in May, the Constabulary would respectfully suggest there is likely to be a need for the assessment and mitigation of community safety impacts to be examined further through Issue Specific Hearings. Matters which could usefully be addressed through a hearing as part of the Socio-Economic Principal Issue in relation to law and order considerations include the range of likely impacts on the workforce and local communities and the role of the emergency services in addressing these impacts. Similarly, an Issue Specific Hearing as part of the Traffic and Transport Principal Issue should address issues associated with the movement of substantial volumes of abnormal indivisible loads (AILS) on Suffolk's road network. It is also expected the Examination will need to dedicate time to address related mitigation and monitoring matters through the section 106 agreement and Requirements as part of draft Development Consent Order Principal Issue, which the Constabulary anticipates a need for significant involvement within.

In conclusion, Suffolk Constabulary welcomes the opportunity to participate in this Examination and looks forward to working with all parties to secure adequate mitigation for likely community safety impacts from the Sizewell C project.

 From:
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Subject: EN010012 - Procedural Deadline B

Date: 07 April 2021 11:21:11

Your reference: EN010012 Our reference: 20026016

Dear Sir, Madam,

Stantec acts for Suffolk Constabulary ("the Constabulary") in relation to the application for the Sizewell C Development Consent Order. Please find the Constabulary's response to Procedural Deadline B below.

The Constabulary's input to the Preliminary Meeting (Part 2)

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The Constabulary will attend the Preliminary Meeting (Part 2) on 14th April 2021 and at this time does not wish to register to speak. The Constabulary proposes to join the Preliminary Meeting (Part 2) in the event that the Examining Authority ("ExA") has specific questions or an issue arises which the Constabulary may need to assist the ExA with. The Constabulary will therefore require access arrangements for:

The Constabulary's views on matters raised orally at the Preliminary Meeting (Part 1)

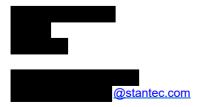
The Constabulary welcomed Mr Phillpot's (QC) point about Interested Parties notifying the ExA about their availability during the Examination period. Due to operational work commitments and given that the Examination is scheduled to take place over the summer period and during school holidays, the Constabulary and its representatives are unavailable to attend hearings during August. The Constabulary therefore asks that the ExA provides early sight of the topics to be covered at each Issue Specific Hearing and considers not holding Issue Specific Hearings on matters concerning the Constabulary's operations, such as community safety impacts, socio-economics and traffic and transport, on the dates reserved in August (24th to 27th). This would greatly benefit the Constabulary's ability to contribute and ensure attendance can be co-ordinated appropriately.

I trust the content of this email is clear, however please do not hesitate to contact me or Natalie Maletras should you have any queries.

Kind regards

Emma-Mai Eshelby

Project Manager (Major Infrastructure)





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