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# EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL and EDF ENERGY NUCLEAR GENERATION LIMITED

#### **AGREEMENT**

under section 106 of the Town And Country Planning Act 1990 and other relevant powers relating to land at Sizewell B Power Station Complex and adjoining land, Sizewell, Leiston, Suffolk

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THIS AGREEMENT is made on

**BETWEEN:** 

- (1) EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL of Melton Hill, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 1AU (the "Council")
- (2) **EDF ENERGY NUCLEAR GENERATION LIMITED** (company number 03076445) whose registered office is at Barnett Way, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 3RS (the "Owner")

#### WHEREAS:

- (A) The Council is the local planning authority for the purposes of the 1990 Act for the area within which the Application Site is situated.
- (B) The Owner is the owner of an estate in fee simple of the Application Site.
- (C) The Owner has applied to the Council for permission to develop the Application Site in accordance with the Application and as part of the Development has agreed to comply with the obligations, covenants and restrictions contained herein and the Owner is willing to enter into this Agreement pursuant to the provisions of section 106 of the 1990 Act and all other enabling provisions in order to facilitate the Development.

#### **NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES AS FOLLOWS:**

#### 1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

#### 1.1 **Definitions**

In this agreement where the context so requires or admits the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

"Accessibility Payment" means the annual payment by the Owner to the Council of £10,000;

"Amenity Payment" means the payment by the Owner to the Council of £50,000;

"AONB" means the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty;

"Application" means the hybrid planning application (part outline, part full) for the Development, submitted on 25 April 2019 with reference DC/19/1637/FUL and any amendments thereto submitted on behalf of the Owner to the Council;

"Application Site" means the land described in Schedule 1 and shown for identification purposes only edged red on the Plan;

"Development" means the development described in Schedule 2;

"Consumer Prices Index" means the United Kingdom (UK) domestic measure of inflation from month to month in the prices of consumer goods and services purchased in the UK or such successor prices index as may be used as the UK domestic measure of inflation;

"Funding Group" means the group established by the Suffolk County Council, the Suffolk Coastal District Council and the Owner (in accordance with a legal agreement pursuant to section 106 of the 1990 Act dated 22 February 2011) which shall be responsible for the identification (in consultation with the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Unit) of works to improve the amenity and accessibility of the AONB and Heritage Coast within the locality of the Development and its wider environs and shall be responsible for controlling the use of the Amenity Payment and the Accessibility Payment to fund (in whole or part) the identified works:

"Implementation" means the date of implementation of the Permission (or any part as may be specified) by the carrying out of a material operation as defined in Section 56(4) of the 1990 Act comprised in the Development (or any part as may be specified) and excluding any Preparatory Operation; and for the purposes of Schedule 3, means any material operation as defined in Section 56(4) of the 1990 Act towards the development of

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the Outage Car Park; the Western access road; and the Visitor Centre, respectively; and references to "Implement" shall be construed accordingly;

"Implementation Date" means the date of Implementation of the Development (or any part as may be specified) written notice of which shall be sent to the Council by the Owner not later than 24 hours after Implementation;

"Nominated Bank Account" means the interest bearing bank account to be used and controlled by the Council on behalf of the Funding Group for the deposit of the Amenity Payment and the Accessibility Payment;

"Outage Car Park" means the part of the development described in the Application and in Schedule 2 as the "Outage Car Park" providing 576 car parking spaces to be used during outages in the northern end of Pillbox Field;

**"Plan"** means drawing number SZC-RF0000-XX-000-DRW-100000 entitled; Location Plan annexed to this agreement;

"Permission" means planning permission for the Development (conditional or otherwise) pursuant to the Application;

"Preparatory Operation" means permitted preparatory works (as defined in the Permission), site clearance and other preparatory works including archaeological investigations; provision of gas, electricity, water, drainage and telecommunications services;

"Terms of Reference" means the written terms of reference in relation to the constitution and operation of the Funding Group;

"Visitor Centre" means the part of the development described in the Application and in Schedule 2 as the "Visitor Centre" to be located at the north-east end of the area known as Coronation Wood, adjacent to the proposed Training Centre;

"Western access road" means the development described in the Application and in Schedule 2 as the "Western Access Road" on the western edge of the area known as Coronation Wood to follow the alignment of an existing access track to the south of the Coronation Wood area and north to join the existing Sizewell B approach road and roundabout;

"1972 Act" means the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended);

"1990 Act" means the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

#### 1.2 Interpretation

- 1.2.1 The expression 'Council' shall include its successors in title and assigns, and statutory successors.
- 1.2.2 The expression 'Owner' shall include its successors in title and assigns and any person corporate or otherwise claiming through or under it an interest or estate in any part or parts of the Application Site as if such person had also been an original covenanting party in respect of the interest or estate for the time being held by it.
- 1.2.3 References to any Recital, Clause, Schedule, Paragraph or Appendix (or any part of them) shall unless the context otherwise requires be references to a recital, clause, schedule, paragraph or appendix (or any part of them) of this agreement.
- 1.2.4 Titles and headings to the Clauses and Paragraphs in this agreement and its Schedules and Appendix are for convenience only and shall not be construed in or affect the interpretation of this agreement.
- 1.2.5 References to a particular statute include any statutory extension, modification, amendment or re-enactment of such statute and also any regulations or orders made in pursuance of it.

1.2.6 Unless the context otherwise requires references to the singular shall include the plural and vice versa and any words denoting actual persons shall include companies, corporations and other artificial persons.

#### 2. STATUTORY POWERS

- 2.1 This agreement is made pursuant to Section 106 of the 1990 Act, section 111 of the 1972 Act, section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 (as amended) and any other enabling statutory provisions, and the covenants given by the Owner to the Council:
  - 2.1.1 are planning obligations for the purposes of Section 106 of the 1990 Act;
  - 2.1.2 relate to the Application Site;
  - 2.1.3 are entered into by the Owner so as to bind its freehold interest in the Application Site:
  - 2.1.4 are enforceable by the Council.
- 2.2 The covenants given by the Owner to the Council in Clause 4 and the covenants given by the Council to the Owner in Clause 5 are made and are enforceable pursuant to Section 111 of the 1972 Act and all other enabling powers which may be referable thereto.
- 2.3 Nothing in this agreement shall prejudice or affect the powers, duties and obligations of the Council in exercise of their statutory functions.

#### 3. COMMENCEMENT

The entry into force of the provisions of this agreement (other than this Clause and Clause 133 which shall have effect immediately upon the delivery of this agreement) is conditional upon:

- 3.1.1 the Permission being duly granted by the Council; and
- 3.1.2 Implementation of the Permission.

#### 4. COVENANTS BY THE OWNER

The Owner covenants with the Council in the terms of Schedule 3.

#### 5. COVENANTS BY THE COUNCIL

The Council covenants with the Owner in the terms of Schedule 4.

#### 6. **COMPLIANCE**

Following the performance, discharge or other fulfilment of the obligations (or any of them) of the Owner pursuant to the terms of this agreement the Council may upon written request certify compliance with the particular obligation and if required by the Owner may execute a deed of release from the relevant obligation of this agreement and will apply to the appropriate Registrar of Local Land Charges for a note thereof to be entered on the Local Land Charges Register.

#### 7. REGISTRATION AS LOCAL LAND CHARGE

It is hereby agreed that this agreement shall be registered by the Council as a local land charge for the purposes of the Local Land Charges Act 1975 provided that the Council shall apply to the appropriate Registrar of Local Land Charges to cancel or amend such registration if the provisions (in whole or part) of Clause 4 and Clause 6 shall have been complied with.

#### 8. ENFORCEABILITY AND SUCCESSORS IN TITLE

The provisions of this agreement which are stated to relate to the Application Site shall be enforceable against the Owner and against any person for the time being deriving title to the Application Site from the Owner but neither the Owner nor any person deriving title to the Application Site shall have any liability under such provisions of this agreement (but

without prejudice to the rights of the Council in respect of any antecedent breach) in respect of any period during which the Owner (or as the case may be such other person) no longer has an interest in the Application Site.

#### 9. **ARBITRATION**

In the event of any dispute or difference arising out of this agreement other than a dispute or difference relating to a question of law or upon the interpretation of this agreement the same shall be referred to a sole arbitrator to be agreed between the parties to the dispute or difference and being a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors or on the application of any such party appointed by the President for the time being of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and in this respect these presents shall be construed as a submission to arbitration within the meaning of the Arbitration Act 1996.

## 10. CONSEQUENTIAL VARIATIONS TO CONDITIONS

- 10.1 If there is an application under Section 73A of the 1990 Act to vary or release any condition contained in the Permission and the Council agrees to the variation or release; OR if there is an appeal under Section 78 of the 1990 Act and any condition contained in the Permission is then varied or released; AND If requested in writing so to do by any person against whom this agreement is at that time enforceable; THEN the Council agree to enter into an agreement with the relevant persons to modify or discharge the planning obligations in this agreement to reflect the variation or release; AND this agreement shall, subject to Clause 3, apply to the new permission.
- 10.2 Any approval granted by the Council pursuant to any of the conditions attached to the Permission shall be deemed to constitute approval for the purposes of any covenant or provision in this agreement which corresponds to any such condition.

#### 11. REVOCATION OF PERMISSION

If the Permission is cancelled, quashed, revoked or otherwise withdrawn or (without the consent of the Owner) it is modified by any statutory procedure or expires before Implementation this agreement shall cease to have effect immediately.

#### 12. SERVICE OF NOTICES

- 12.1 Any notice, consent or approval required to be given under this agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or sent by pre-paid first class or recorded delivery post or through any document exchange of which the intended recipient is a member.
- The address for service of any such notice, consent or approval as aforesaid shall be the address given in this agreement for each of the parties hereto or such other address for service as shall have been previously notified in writing by the intended recipient to the party desiring to effect service.
- 12.3 A notice, consent or approval under this agreement shall be deemed to have been served as follows:
  - 12.3.1 if personally delivered at the time of delivery;
  - 12.3.2 if posted at the expiration of 48 hours after the envelope containing the same was delivered into the custody of the postal authority within the United Kingdom; and

and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that personal delivery was made or that the envelope containing such notice, consent or approval was properly addressed and delivered into the custody of the postal authority in a pre-paid first class or recorded delivery envelope (as appropriate) as the case may be.

#### 13. COSTS

The Owner agrees to pay on the date of this agreement £ 510 to the Council as a full and final contribution towards their legal and other costs incurred in the preparation and execution of this agreement.

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#### 14. **SEVERANCE**

If any provision of this agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this agreement shall not in any way be deemed thereby to be affected or impaired.

#### 15. CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999

A person who is not a party to this agreement shall have no right under the 1999 Act to enforce any term of this agreement.

#### 16. **COUNTERPARTS**

This deed may be executed in any number of counterparts (but shall not take effect until each party has executed at least one counterpart) each of which when executed shall be an original and which together shall have the same effect as if each party had executed the same document.

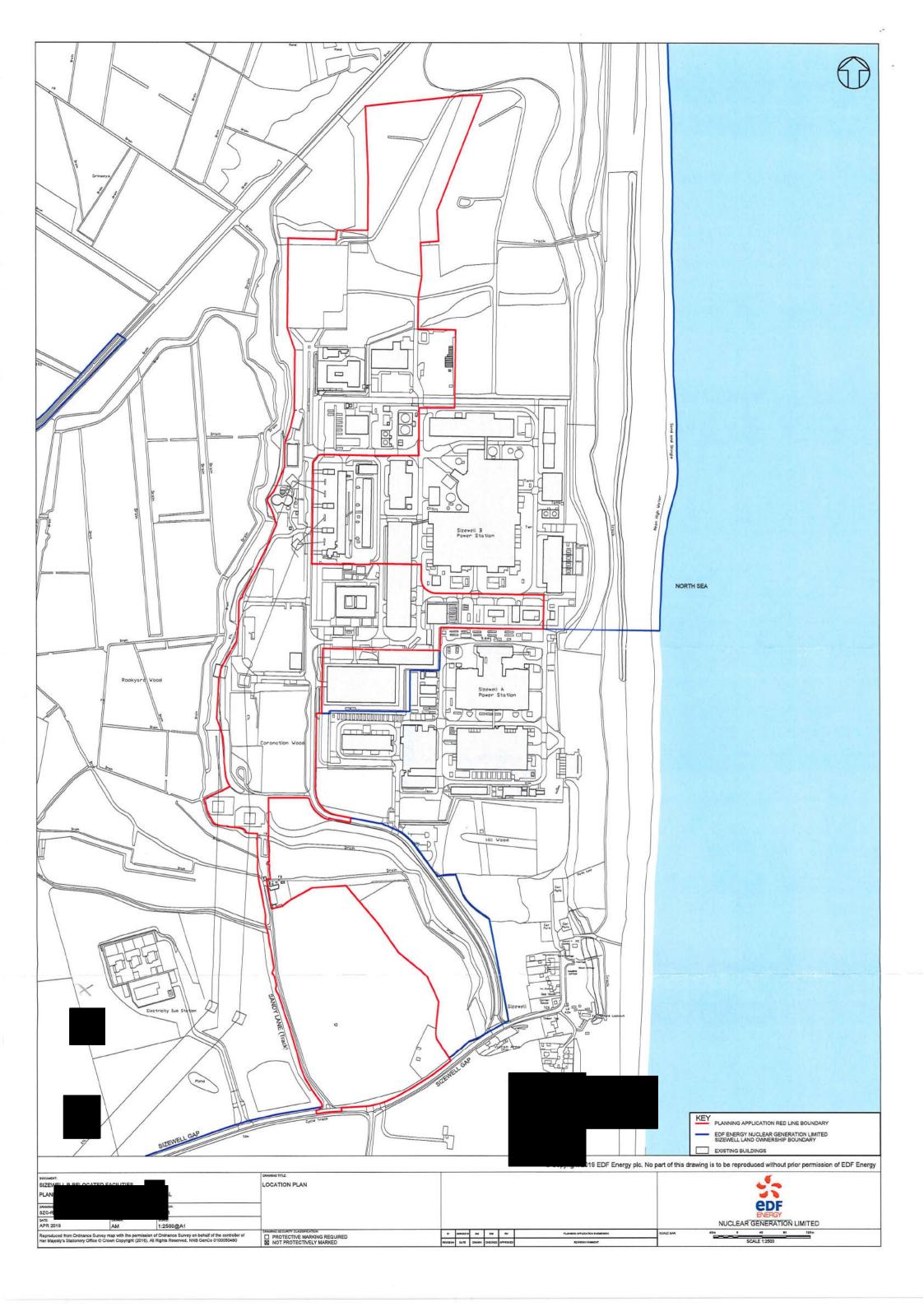
#### 17. **JURISDICTION**

This Deed is governed by and interpreted in accordance with English law and (save for any reference to or proceedings in the European Court of Justice) shall be determined in the Courts of England and Wales.

**IN WITNESS** whereof this agreement has been executed by the parties hereto and is intended to be and is hereby delivered on the date first above written

## THE APPLICATION SITE

The land comprising the Application Site at the Sizewell B power station complex and adjoining land, Sizewell Power Station Road, Sizewell, Leiston IP16 4UE shown for identification purposes only edged in red on the Plan and being registered at HM Land Registry as part of Title Reference Numbers: SK160398 and SK160397.



#### THE DEVELOPMENT

A Visitor Centre (maximum 2,000sq.m GEA) and a maximum of 9,500sq.m (GEA) of floorspace to provide administration, storage, welfare and canteen facilities with all matters reserved apart from access.

The demolition of the existing Outage Store, Laydown Area, Operations Training Centre, Technical Training Facility, Visitor Centre, and Rosery Cottage garage; removal of technical training and pool car park (63 spaces), Coronation Wood car park (21 spaces), Visitor Centre car park (16 spaces) and northern outage car park (576 spaces); meantime use of the Technical Training Centre as an interim Visitor Centre followed by its demolition; and erection of new (all floorspace in GEA) Outage Store (2,778sq.m), Laydown Area (11,990sq.m) including New Western Access Road, Yardman's Office (23sq.m), Training Centre (4,032sq.m), Rosery Cottage garage (30sq.m), Replacement Car Park (2,363sq.m) providing 112 spaces, and Outage Car Park (15,525sq.m) providing (576 spaces) including new access road (and alternative access to bridleway), footpath and amended junction at Sizewell Gap; and associated landscaping earthworks/recontouring, tree felling and boundary treatment.

#### **OWNER'S COVENANTS**

#### 1. ACCESS AND AMENITY FUND (AAF)

#### 1.1 Outage Car Park

- 1.1.1 The Owner agrees not later than 14 days after the Implementation Date of the Outage Car Park to pay to the Council 60% of the Amenity Payment.
- 1.1.2 The Owner agrees not later than 14 days after the Implementation Date of the Outage Car Park and annually thereafter until and including the year 2035 to pay to the Council 60% of the Accessibility Payment.

#### 1.2 Western Access Road

- 1.2.1 The Owner agrees not later than 14 days after the Implementation Date of the Western Access Road to pay to the Council 30% of the Amenity Payment.
- 1.2.2 The Owner agrees not later than 14 days after the Implementation Date of the Western Access Road and annually thereafter until and including the year 2035 to pay to the Council 30% of the Accessibility Payment.

#### 1.3 Visitor Centre

- 1.3.1 The Owner agrees not later than 14 days after the Implementation Date of the Visitor Centre to pay to the Council 10% of the Amenity Payment.
- 1.3.2 The Owner agrees not later than 14 days after the Implementation Date of the Visitor Centre and annually thereafter until and including the year 2035 to pay to the Council 10% of the Accessibility Payment.
- 1.4 The Owner agrees not less than 7 days prior to the fifth anniversary and each following fifth anniversary of the Implementation Date of the Outage Car Park, Western Access Road or Visitor Centre (whichever is the first to be Implemented) to review and where necessary adjust (by addition or subtraction) the Accessibility Payment to reflect changes to the Consumer Prices Index over the preceding sixty month period and to provide the Council with written details, where requested.
- 1.5 The Owner and the Council agree that the planning obligations contained in this Agreement are directly related to the Development and are fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the Development. The Owner agrees that the Amenity Payment and the Accessibility Payment may be used by the Funding Group to fund works to improve the amenity and accessibility of the AONB within the locality of the Development and the wider environs of the AONB.

#### **COUNCIL'S COVENANTS**

- 1. The Council agrees that upon receipt of the Amenity Payment (or any part thereof) and receipt of the Accessibility Payment (or any part thereof) it shall without delay deposit all such payments (without deduction) into the Nominated Bank Account and thereafter it shall utilise all such deposited payments in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Funding Group.
- 2. The Council agrees that the Amenity Payment and the Accessibility Payment (or any part thereof) shall be held in the Nominated Bank Account pending instruction from the Funding Group and shall not be used for any other purpose.
- 3. Where in this agreement it is stated that the Council's consent approval or agreement is required the Council agrees not to unreasonably withhold its consent approval or agreement and to confirm in writing its consent approval or agreement or otherwise of submitted schemes and or measures within twenty eight days of the date of receipt of such schemes and or measures, or such longer period as may be agreed in writing between the Owner and the Council, and in the event of it failing to respond within the said twenty eight days that the Owner may proceed with the Development on the basis that such scheme and or measures have been approved by the Council.

