

National Infrastructure Planning

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**Your ref:** EN010012 **Our ref:** 20026200

**Date:** 12 May 2021 **Please ask for:** Mrs. Lisa Chandler

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Dear Ms. Wendy McKay,

## Deadline 1 of Sizewell C (EN010012) DCO Examination

This letter is provided in response to Deadline 1 of the Sizewell C Examination and the items identified within the Examination timetable provided in the Rule 8 letter.

Comments on Relevant Representations

ESC is commenting on a select number of other RRs submitted to the ExA. This is provided at Appendix A.

Summaries of all RRs exceeding 1500 words

We have provided a summary of our Relevant Representation as we recognise that this document exceeded the set 1500-word limit / 10% of total word count. The summary has been provided in **Appendix B**.

Comments on Applicant's draft itinerary for ASI and suggested locations for site inspections (Accompanied or Unaccompanied) including justification, for consideration by the ExA

East Suffolk Council notes the comprehensive site visits already undertaken by the ExA and the details published in the Applicant's draft itinerary [PDB-014] — Table 1.1. It is noted that a date has been arranged for a visit to Hinkley Point C, Somerset, and East Suffolk Council will be happy to provide an attendee to that visit. However, we await further details of the timings and logistics prior to committing the name of the officer attending as it is likely to require an overnight stay.

East Suffolk Council has previously commented on a draft itinerary provided by the Applicant and is pleased to note that some of our concerns re: timings have been incorporated.

However, it is noted that the Applicant is suggesting that an accompanied visit to the National Trust Dunwich Coastguard Cottages is not required. This is a key viewpoint for the project, and it is considered that ESC would prefer an ASI with our Conservation Officer and Landscape Manager present in order to highlight key points of interest.

Table 3.1 proposes locations for unaccompanied site inspections, with regards to those proposed for the East Suffolk Line, it is considered that the ExA should seek to visit at least one of these locations, preferably one with residential dwellings nearby, at a time when the passenger service is passing through, to get some idea of the potential noise and vibration impact from longer, heavier, noisier freight trains.

Notification of wish to attend ASI

ESC would like to attend all of the accompanied site inspections. It may be that at certain locations more than one attendee will be needed, e.g., Sizewell Beach it would be essential to have our Landscape Manager, Principal Coastal Engineer and a planning representative. However, we will be able to travel separately if required to meet any restrictions in force at the time.

Local Impact Reports from local authorities

East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council have prepared a joint Local Impact Report, this has been submitted separately. The LIR provides full detail of the impacts of the projects, by virtue of its comprehensive nature it is unlikely that ESC will provide a Written Representation in addition to this document.

Draft section 106 agreements

East Suffolk Council has been involved in discussions with the Applicant with regards to the draft Section 106 agreement. However, at this early stage of the Examination, we are not in a position to conclude many elements within that document, and we look forward to continuing to work with the Applicant on progressing the Section 106 further.

Notification by Statutory Parties of their wish to be considered as an IP by the ExA

East Suffolk Council has already been registered as an Interested Party and has the URN 20026200.

Notification of wish to speak at any Open Floor Hearing

East Suffolk Council requests that Councillor Craig Rivett, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economic Development be permitted to speak at the first OFH session on Tuesday 18 May in the morning session. Ideally, he would be permitted to speak after the Leader of Suffolk County Council, Cllr Matthew Hicks. The request for Cllr Rivett to speak has been submitted using the submission form, and a separate email sent to the support team with the request to speak directly before or after Cllr Hicks, SCC.

It is understood that each Interested Party will only be given one opportunity to participate in an Open Floor Hearing session during the examination unless there are extenuating circumstances. We recognise that we will have utilised this opportunity and therefore will not request to be heard for a second time at any further OFHs.

Notification of wish to make oral representations at an Issue Specific Hearing

East Suffolk Council would like to confirm that we would like to speak at the Issue Specific Hearings which are scheduled to be held over 6, 7, 8 and 9 July 2021. We would also like to confirm our wish to be heard at all subsequent Issue Specific Hearings to be scheduled, including the ones identified in the timetable for the weeks commencing 13 July, 23 August (potential) and 13 September (potential) 2021.

However, our Principal Design and Conservation Officer is unavailable for the ISH dates 6-9 July 2021. If it would be possible to schedule any ISH that would require input from a conservation, design or heritage nature at a later date it would be much appreciated by the Council

Notification of any Affected Person of wish to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing

East Suffolk Council do not wish to speak as an Affected Person at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing but will be able to attend should the ExA find that useful.

Notification of wish to have future correspondence received electronically

We can confirm that we are happy to receive all correspondence in relation to the examinations in electronic form. Please can this be sent to the Council's Sizewell C e-mail address <a href="mailto:sizewellc@eastsuffolk.gov.uk">sizewellc@eastsuffolk.gov.uk</a>, in addition to Lisa Chandler <a href="mailto:geastsuffolk.gov.uk">geastsuffolk.gov.uk</a>

Responses to any further information requested by the ExA for this deadline

There is nothing further that has been specifically asked of East Suffolk Council at this time.

Yours sincerely



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Appendices:

**Appendix A** – ESC's Comments on Relevant Representations **Appendix B** – Summary of ESC's Relevant Representation