



**EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL AND
SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL
JOINT LOCAL IMPACT REPORT**

ABSTRACT / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station

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Abstract / Executive summary

- A. NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited, a subsidiary of EDF Energy, has submitted an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for a new nuclear power plant at Sizewell, to be known as Sizewell C.
- B. The Local Impact Report (LIR) serves the purpose as defined in Section 60 (3) of the 2008 Planning Act:

“a report in writing giving details of the likely impact of the proposed development on the authority’s area.”
- C. The LIR has been prepared jointly by East Suffolk Council (ESC) and Suffolk County Council (SCC), referred to as “the Councils”, the two main host local authorities to Sizewell C. They have written this as a joint report to assist the Examining Authority (ExA) and to avoid repetition. The Councils have considerable experience of the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) planning regime, and the LIR has been prepared by a wide group of officers from the Councils with a wealth of experience in their respective technical areas.
- D. As a joint report by the Councils, the LIR generally reflects the assessment and views of both Councils. If there is a divergence in specific topic areas, the report clearly sets out the views of each Council on these topic areas. If this is not specified, it can be assumed that both Councils agree. Both Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council have an interest in all matters in this report. The Councils have divided the responsibility for leading responses to the ExA by topic area, and in respect of each topic have indicated which is the lead authority.
- E. The main content of this report is a description of the onshore (and offshore insofar as they relate to onshore responsibilities) impacts of the proposed development on the administrative areas of the Councils, as well as those of the neighbouring/lower tier Councils (Ipswich Borough and Mid Suffolk District, and West Suffolk Council for the recent fen meadow compensation site). Specifically, it describes the impact of the Works listed in the draft DCO (June 2020 version), and the Change submission (January 2021). This report does not describe the proposed development itself, relying on the Applicant’s detailed description of the development as set out in the DCO application documents. This report comments on the mitigation measures proposed by the Applicant, and as and where appropriate, sets out proposals by the Councils for alternative or additional measures to reduce the impact of the scheme.
- F. The LIR provides a contextual overview of the local area. It introduces a range of relevant local policy and strategy, and refers to national policy (most notably the National Policy Statements for Energy) where this is considered helpful.
- G. This report describes these impacts under headings by topic. Under each heading the key issues for the Councils and the local community are identified, and commentary is provided on the extent to which the Applicant addresses these issues by reference to the application documentation, including the DCO articles, requirements and obligations, as relevant.

- H. For each topic area, this report sets out:
- i. National and local policy context;
 - ii. The positive, neutral and negative impacts of the development during the construction phase, as anticipated by the Councils;
 - iii. The positive, neutral and negative impacts of the development during the operational phase, as anticipated by the Councils;
 - iv. The suitability of the measures proposed by the Applicant to avoid, reduce, mitigate or compensate the identified impacts;
 - v. Where applicable, proposals by the Councils for alternative or additional measures to better address the identified impacts;
 - vi. The need for obligations and requirements.
- I. Each topic area includes commentary on impacts arising from the Main Development Site and the Associated Development sites. These are then brought together by site and location, with summary tables of impacts across all topic areas for the Main Development Site and each Associated Development site. The LIR is rounded off by a section considering the cumulative project impacts for some of the most affected communities.
- J. The LIR covers the following topic areas:
- i. Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
 - ii. Impacts on the AONB
 - iii. Ecology and biodiversity
 - iv. Soils and Agriculture
 - v. Minerals and Waste
 - vi. Coastal Change / Geomorphology
 - vii. Historic Environment
 - viii. Archaeology
 - ix. Design
 - x. Traffic and Transport
 - xi. Transport impacts at Associated Development sites
 - xii. Access (PRoW), Amenity and Recreation
 - xiii. Noise and Vibration
 - xiv. Air Quality
 - xv. Flood and Water
 - xvi. Sustainability
 - xvii. Major Accidents and Disasters
 - xviii. Economic, skills and employment strategy

- xix. Economic and supply chain Impacts
 - xx. Skills, Employment and Education
 - xxi. Tourism Impacts
 - xxii. Public Services
 - xxiii. Community impacts
 - xxiv. Accommodation and Housing
 - xxv. Quality of Life and Wellbeing
 - xxvi. Implementation and Deliverability Risks
 - xxvii. Cumulative Impacts
- K. The main body of the LIR is supported by a substantial number of Annexes, providing additional detail and evidence to further substantiate the content of the LIR, and Appendices, covering relevant policy, strategy and other reference documents.