



# The Sizewell C Project

## 9.3 SZC Co.'s responses to the Examining Authority's further questions on the relationship between dDCO and the ES

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EA's questions (Annex A of [PD-005])	EA's questions (Annex A of [PD-005])	EA's observations (Annex A of [PD-005])	Applicant's responses of 8 Jan 2021 to Annex A of [PD-005]	Questions following the Applicant's responses of 8 Jan 2021 contained in Annex A of [PD-010]	Applicant's Responses of 4 Feb 2021 to Annex A of [PD-010]	EA's questions of 23 Feb 2021 in Annex F of Rule 6 Letter [PD-011]	Applicant's Responses of 12 May 2021 to Annex F of Rule 6 Letter [PD-011]
10 Can the Applicant clarify the work in the draft DCO which is the proposed 2.2.26 Staveley Replacement car park?	The replacement car parking described in ES Volume 2, Chapter 2.2.26 is the same as the parking described in the EA's request.	Please see question B(2) above	The replacement car parking described in ES Volume 2, Chapter 2.2.26 is the same as the parking described in the EA's request.	Yes	Yes		
11 Is an Odour car park of 576 spaces is listed in ES Paragraph 2.5.38?	The proposed Staveley B odour car park, described in ES Volume 2, Chapter 2.5.38, is the same as the parking described in the EA's request.	Please see question B(2) above	The proposed Staveley B odour car park, described in ES Volume 2, Chapter 2.5.38, is the same as the parking described in the EA's request.	Yes	Yes		
12 Can the Applicant confirm that this Work No. 10(b) in the draft DCO, and if not, clarify which work the Odour car park relates to?	The EA notes that draft DCO does not specify a limit on spaces to be provided and therefore the limit is not clear.		We agree that this is an error and will amend the draft DCO accordingly as the 10(b) specifies 576 spaces and 10(b) specifies 112 spaces.				
13 Furthermore, the EA request that the draft DCO be amended to state the number of spaces to be provided.	See response to query 11 above.	Please see question B(2) above	See response to query 11 above.	Yes	Yes		
14 Can the Applicant clarify the work in this captured as part of the description of the Proposed Development in the ES?							
15 Work No. 1A includes a number of the listed works which are listed in their context which leads to ambiguity for the draft DCO in terms of what permission is being sought for.	Furthermore, this raises issues in relation to the EA's understanding of the Project Description and ensuring that all Works have been fully assessed.			In its response [AS-006] of 16 November 2020 the Applicant stated "None".	The Applicant has now completed its review of plans in the description of works in the draft DCO and will incorporate in the next revision specific numbers of footpaths/built-up areas in the information available.		
16 The Applicant is requested to consider this in the next draft DCO to ensure that such works are limited to being within the envelope of assessment undertaken in the ES.				The Applicant will consider this and amend the draft DCO as necessary.	"The second and third revisions of the DCO (submitted on 8 and 12 January 2021) do not appear to have any amendments to address this question."		
17 The EA would be grateful if the Applicant could update this question.				The EA would be grateful if the Applicant could update this question.			
18 The EA describes a Northern Mount in Table 2.3 and ES Paragraph 2.4.6.1 to 2.4.6.6. Can the Applicant explain what works to a Northern Mount are associated with the proposed development and whether the current feature is to be fully removed and replaced.	The Northern Mount is part of the hard coastal defence feature (Work No. 1A)(b). The EA is correct that the Northern Mount is currently present on the site and that it is to be fully removed and replaced as part of the proposed development.						
19 ES Table 2.5 states 'unspecified amount of associated Parameter Zone 10 (National Grid Substation) are described in work No. 1A(2)'. Can the Applicant explain this?	The works described in Table 2.5 under the section 'Parameter Zone 10 (National Grid Substation)' are described in work No. 1A(2).						
20 Similarly, can the Applicant provide further explanation in relation to the draft DCO Work No. 1A(1) in the 'and other parts' Can the Applicant set out, and explain, the works to be provided in the draft DCO which are set out as being assessed in the ES?	The description of development for Parameter Zone 10 is set out in ES Volume 2, Chapter 2.2.4.3-2.5.4.6.						
21 ES Paragraph 2.5.5 states 'office accommodation for site staff', the draft DCO Work No. 10(b) states 'office accommodation for site staff', with no details of accommodation. Can the Applicant confirm that these two descriptions relate to the same works?	The reference to 'office accommodation' (in the ES) and 'office' (in the DCO) should be taken to mean the same. The Applicant can update the terminology used in the draft DCO for clarity.						
22 Can the Applicant address, through revision, the discrepancy and provide clarification on the assessment of the works?	The Applicant does not consider there to be any actual gaps between the draft DCO and the description of the Staveley B power station facilities, to include: "... However, Staveley B power station facilities" is not a defined phrase and it does not appear to the EA that the actual facilities to be relocated are described in the draft DCO. However, the EA would be grateful if the Applicant could update the draft DCO to ensure that the documents are aligned as requested.						
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	<p>"Bypass" in the draft DCO does not specifically list the flood compensation land development. Can the Applicant either justify this approach or amend the draft DCO as appropriate?</p> <p>E. SZC B66 V6 Ch2 Description of Stowell Link Road</p> <p>1. The ExA notes that Work No. 12 as currently drafted in the draft DCO is very generic. The ExA also notes that the ES provides a further description of some larger components including, but not limited to, raising a railway by 2m and then building a bridge over it. Such detail is not included in the draft DCO. Can the Applicant review the Proposed Development of the Stowell Link Road and the drafting of Work No. 12 and either justify this approach or amend the draft DCO as appropriate? F. SZC B66 V6 Ch2 Description of the Freight Management Facility 1. The ExA notes that Work No. 13 stipulates the number of car parking spaces however information relating to the number, floor area and purpose of buildings to be erected is omitted. The ExA requests that the Applicant review this and ensure that parameters are secured in the draft DCO.</p>			<p>and cross the railway via the bridge, to provide sufficient headroom as required by Network Rail".</p> <p>Work No 13 - The Applicant does not consider it appropriate to make changes to the description of this work.</p> <p>The level of detail is consistent with the drafting of the two park and ride sites. As with other elements of the proposals, the development authorized by this description is controlled by the relevant plans and requirements, and it would be unnecessarily restrictive to list the number, floor area and purpose of all buildings. The description refers to 'amenity, welfare and security buildings', which the Applicant considers adequate and appropriate.</p>					
Q1			<p><b>CHP and back-up plant</b></p> <p>The documentation appears to refer to a series of alternatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Combined Heat and Power Plant, draft DCO description "Work No. 3 (iv) combined heat and power plant";</li> <li>2. Emergency Equipment Store back-up generator, draft DCO description "Work No. 14 (i) emergency equipment store, associated structures, back-up generator and other plant";</li> <li>3. Emergency response energy centre, draft DCO description "Work No. 14 (iv) emergency response centre".</li> </ol> <p>Please will the Applicant clarify for the ExA where the ES has assessed these elements of the draft DCO in respect of noise, air quality and landscape effects for both the construction and subsequent operational periods and how each element is intended to function.</p> <p>Please will the Applicant also clarify the true heights and their relation to the parameters plans.</p>	<p>The Applicant confirms in relation to the environmental assessment (EAC):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work No. 3(i)(iv) is assessed in the ES as part of the proposed development, and is described in Volume 2, Chapter 3, para. 3.4.180 (second bullet point).</li> <li>2. Work No. 14(i) is assessed in the ES as part of the proposed development, and is described in Volume 2, Chapter 2, para. 2.7 and Table 2.7.2. Work No. 14(i)(iv) is assessed in the ES as part of the proposed development, and is described in Volume 2, Chapter 2, Table 2.1 and 2.4.</li> </ol> <p>The CHP Plant, if progressed over the air source heat pump option, would serve the daily needs of the accommodation campus and would only be in use during the construction phase. During the operational phase, the CHP Plant would be retained as the emergency equipment store back-up generator, which would be used only when there is a loss of off-site power to the emergency equipment store.</p> <p>So, Work No 3(i)(iv) (CHP Plant) and part of 14(i) (back-up generator) relate to the same piece of plant albeit used at different phases of the development and for different purposes hence their different treatment in the ES.</p> <p>The Applicant can confirm that the CHP Plant/ back-up generator has one stack, which is described in ES Volume 2, Chapter 2 Table 2.7 and Chapter 3, para. 3.4.180 respectively. The back-up generator is within parameter zone 1M. The primary function of the emergency response energy centre is to host power distribution plant (back-up diesel generator, HV ring main unit and transformer, switchboards) and fuel to run the backup diesel generator and the on-site emergency response facilities and equipment.</p> <p>The emergency response energy centre is unrelated to the CHP/ back-up generator. The Emergency Response Energy Centre does not have any stacks.</p>	<p>The ExA thanks the Applicant for this explanation. However, the ExA is unclear what height is proposed and has been assessed.</p> <p>The response states that the "CHP Plant/ back-up generator has one stack, which is described in ES Volume 2, Chapter 3, para. 3.4.180 respectively. The back-up generator is within parameter zone 1M".</p> <p>The ExA observes that the parameters in Table 2.7 of Chapter 2 (Description of Permanent Development)(APR 188)and para. 3.4.180 of Chapter 3 (Description of Construction)(APR 188)are different. Table 2.7 gives a maximum height of 36 m (plus a 3.5m tall stack). Para 3.4.180 gives a building height of approximately 10m with a CHP stack of approximately 4m. Also, if the maximum parameter is 36m plus 3.5m tall stack this would exceed the maximum parameter as detailed for construction in Zone CA3 (APR 182).</p> <p>Please will the Applicant (a) state what heights have actually been assessed (b) demonstrate that the correct heights have been assessed (c) clarify the relationship with the maximum height in CA3 (d) clarify for the ExA where the ES has assessed these elements of the draft DCO in respect of noise, air quality and landscape effects for both the construction and subsequent operational periods.</p>	<p>The heights assessed are as referred to in the Applicant's response dated 5 January 2021 [AS-006]. For the avoidance of doubt, the assessed heights were approximately 10m tall building plus approximately 4m tall stack during the construction phase (i.e. Work No. 3(i)(iv) CHP Plant) and maximum 36m plus 3.5m tall stack during operation (i.e. Work No. 14(i) back-up generator). 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The Applicant will provide an update on this matter by Deadline 1.</p>	<p>As stated above in the Applicant's response to question 16, the Applicant is in the process of reviewing the need for the development comprised in Work No. 1A(i) as standalone development outside of the Main Platform for the power station. An update will be provided on this at Deadline 2.</p>	
Q2			<p><b>Aide Valley Academy Lotion</b></p> <p>The draft DCO describes the Sports Facilities at Work No. 5 as "Landscape works including open space, sports facilities and associated structures and plant".</p> <p>The location of the above works is shown on sheet no. 11 of the Works Plans. However, this does not appear to correspond with either of the descriptions in the ES Vol 2 Ch. 2 (APR 188) Description of permanent development para 2.8.1 or ES Vol 2 Ch. 3 (APR 184) Description of Construction para 3.4.222.</p> <p>Please clarify what has been assessed in the ES and make clear where the details of the floodlights, illumination plans, and acoustic barriers can be found.</p>	<p>The Applicant will update the draft DCO to more closely align Work No 5 with the description of development in the ES. ES Volume 2, Chapter 8 (noise and vibration) assumes a permanent 2m acoustic fence at para. 11.6.178 (i.e. referring to 1.18 in the ExA notes that 1.18 is part of the Material Change required on which a decision has yet been made. The floodlights and screens are an assessment of the pitch as it would not result in significant adverse effects.</p> <p>The Applicant will be proposing an additional Requirement to submit reserved matters for details of the layout, scale and external appearance of the buildings and landscape works contained in Work No 5. This additional Requirement will be included in the updated draft DCO submitted on 11 January 2021.</p>	<p>The amendment to the description of Work No. 5 in the DCO versions 3.1A and 3.1B is welcomed as proposed requirement 1.2A in Volume 2, Chapter 13 (landscape and visual) recognises at Appendix 12C that the sports pitch would be illuminated and screens are an assessment of the pitch as it would not result in significant adverse effects.</p> <p>Please will the Applicant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) clarify how Work No 5 in its original and amended form has been assessed in the ES.</li> <li>(b) explain where the limits in drawing PD017 021-06-02 Pt (which is referred to in proposed requirement 1.2A) have been assessed and regarded as limits (and state where in the Application documents that drawing is to be found).</li> <li>(c) explain the basis on which the floodlighting was assessed out.</li> <li>(d) define the number of lighting columns, specified type of construction e.g. monopole or lattice construction, and the luminosity/level of</li> </ol>	<p>The Applicant commits to reviewing both the descriptions and the assessment accordingly, particularly in relation to lighting and limits as referenced by the ExA. The Applicant will provide an update on this matter by Deadline 1.</p>	<p><b>Noted.</b></p>	<p>The Applicant's review of the descriptions and assessment of Work No. 5 is ongoing. The Applicant will provide a further update on this matter at Deadline 2.</p>	