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Dear Ms McKay,

Thank you for your request to provide comment at Examination Deadline 1, as set out in your Rule 8 letter.

Please find attached Natural England's formal response, which we hope you will find helpful.

Feel free to contact me should you have any queries.

Kind regards,

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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Ms McKay

**Planning Act 2008 – Section 88 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8, 9 & 13.**

**Application by NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for The Sizewell C Project**

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response for Examination Deadline 1.

**1. Summary of Relevant Representations exceeding 1500 words**

- 1.1. A summary of Natural England's Relevant Representations can be found in Part 1 of our Relevant Representations (pages 1-23) as submitted on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 [RR-0878].
- 1.2. Natural England wish to highlight that elements of our Relevant Representations may have been superseded since submission, particularly considering the acceptance of The Applicant's proposed changes following the Preliminary Meeting. As such we will update our advice where appropriate in our Written Representation, due at Examination Deadline 2.

**2. Notification of wish to attend Accompanied Site Inspections (ASIs)**

- 2.1. Natural England do not wish to attend the ASIs set out by the Examining Authority (ExA). However, as mentioned in our Rule 6 response letter [PDA-013], assent from Natural England will be needed for any ASIs proposed within Sites of Special

Scientific Interest (SSSIs), which involve crossing areas which are not a public right of way.

### **3. Issue Specific Hearings (ISHs)**

- 3.1. Natural England note the Examination Timetable as set out in the Rule 8 letter includes a series of ISHs. Natural England consider these to be a primarily written process, and our decision on whether or not to attend will be based on the outstanding issues and hearing agendas/objectives which we understand will be provided nearer the time.
- 3.2. Natural England also wish to request that a detailed agenda with times, themes and areas of discussion is provided by the ExA at least 7 days before any hearings. We also reiterate our position as stated in our Rule 6 response letter [PDA-013], that it would be helpful to Natural England's participation at ISHs if agendas could be focused on specific questions from the ExA.
- 3.3. Our non-attendance at any hearings should not be construed as a lack of concern on outstanding issues, or a lack of willingness to engage.

This concludes Natural England's advice at this time, which we hope you will find helpful.

For any queries relating to the content of this letter only, please contact Jack Haynes on 020802 64857.

Yours sincerely,

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