Comments on Applicants Accompanied Site Inspections and Additional Suggestions

These comments are submitted on behalf of Stop Sizewell C (IP: 20026489), Minsmere Levels Stakeholders Group (IP: 20026696), B1122 Group (IP: Not known) and Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council (IP: 20026558)

The first figure in Applicants Draft Itinerary for day 1 ASIs seems to be mislabelled Figure 2 when it should be Figure 1. Comments below assume the first figure is Figure 1. Changes or additions to suggestions from the applicant are highlighted in red/bold.

Table 1: Proposed Accompanied Site Inspections

Item	Location	Time	Points of Interest additions /changes	Reasons for additions/changes	Attendees Requested	e-mail addresses
1	Main Construction Area	9:45-12:30	No comments		Alison Downes (Stop Sizewell C) Bill Parker (Minsmere Levels SG) Stephen Brett (Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council)	
2	Main Development Site	13:00 – 16:00	 Identify areas that fall outside the original EN-6 area. Request EDF show EN-6 defined area on map Figure 2 Stop at Lower Abbey Farm (MDS13) – walk a short distance east to note proposed bat barn, the combined flood mitigation area and wetlands. Walk south west and note WMZ and proposed non-potable reservoir. Stop at Roundhouse (MDS14), note area for borrow pits (MDS15). Also note fields to east and south of MDS14 that are also borrow pits. Stop at main roundabout site (MDS19). Note Greenhouse 	Figure 1 needs to represent and show the extent of the area outside of EN-6 allocation. Also mark position of WMZ and non-potable reservoir on Black Walks. Mark both borrow pit locations on Figure 1. Access to Abbey Cottage will be changed due to entrance site roundabout.	Alison Downes (Stop Sizewell C) Bill Parker (Minsmere Levels SG) Stephen Brett (Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council)	

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			Plantation. Also note Abbey Cottage.			
3	Main Development Site – Sizewell Beach	16:00 – 17:30	 Note existing Sizewell B sea defences and Suffolk Coast Path (MDS23). Note groyne effect of Sizewell B intake and outfall to south of MDS23. At boundary of Minsmere to Walberswick SPA/SAC/Ramsar site, note tank traps low point in existing sacrificial dune and the tank traps in the beach showing coastal erosion since WWII. Walk north ~200m beyond boundary of Minsmere to Walberswick SPA/SAC/Ramsar site and note Flood zones to east of existing sacrificial dune 	This is likely to disappear once SZB stops generating. Visual example of existing coastal erosion at north end of proposed site Mark Flood zones on Figure 1 that connect to the Leiston drain in from of the SSSI crossing MDS7 or provide separate map to accompany visit.	Alison Downes (Stop Sizewell C) Bill Parker (Minsmere Levels SG) Stephen Brett (Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council)	
4	Day 2 - Main Development site – LEEIE, Aldhurst Farm and Kenton Hills	8:30 – 11:00	No comments			
5	Green Rail Route	11:00 – 12:00	No comments			
6	Sizewell Link Road	12:30 – 17:30	SLR1 and SLR3 are misplaced on Figure 3	SLR1 should be north of Moat Road and Moat Lane is misnamed and should be Moat Road in Table 2.2	Alison Downes (Stop Sizewell C) Stephen Brett (Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council) Charles Macdowell (B1122 group)	

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			 Drive down B1122 through the villages of Middleton Moor and Theberton. Stop at Middleton Moor note lack of footpaths and blind bend upon leaving towards Theberton Note existing junction between B1122 and B1125 where a staggered junction will be introduced. At blind (both directions) junction between Pretty Lane and B1122 note Theberton Church proximity to B1122 Through Theberton on both side of B1122 note listed buildings proximity to B1122 pavements and lack of controlled crossings. 		Roy Dowding (B1122 group)	
7	Day 3 – Associated Site visits P&Rs etc.		No comments			
8	Hinkley Point C Visit(s)		Daytime driving visits preferably on a Friday when traffic is at it's worse from M5 to Hinkley Point and back. HGV monitoring along the access from both M5 junctions (23 and 24) to site via the Cannington bypass Park & Rides and consolidation facilities at Cannington and J23 & J24 M5	No existing proposal is given for this visit, but the following are suggestions for the ExA to view and note during their visit to Hinkley Point and the surrounding area	Paul Collins (Stop Sizewell C, Minsmere Levels SG and Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council)	

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			 Accommodation Campus at HPC site Increased spoil heaps (up to 45m) Valley in-fill on-site Tower cranes and area required for "Big Carl" Layout of construction area around the two nuclear reactor footprints. Proximity of the construction and prefabrication area to the two nuclear reactors. Visit both Shurton and Burton and note spoil heaps from village Visit Stogursey and note parking issues in village Night visit to the following locations: Shurton, Burton and view the site from the C128 close to the turn off for Shurton. Night visit drive from the village of Fiddington from Keenthorne on the A39 			

We have no comments to make regarding the proposed Unaccompanied Site Inspections

Table 2: Suggested Additional Accompanied Site Inspection

Item	Location	Points of Interest	Reasons for additions/changes	Attendees Requested	e-mail addresses
1	Roads East of B1122 from proposed Entrance Round about to RSPB Minsmere and Westleton	 Start at Junction between Eastbridge Road and B1122 (Figure 1 MDS19) Drive down Eastbridge Road. Note campus, two storey car park and workers facility site MDS17 to the right terminating at boundary of borrow pit MDS15, Sandlings Path and National cycle route Continue to Eel's Foot Inn. Note northern boundary of borrow pit MDS15. Turn sharp left onto Bakers Hill and bear right onto Chapel Road. At northern end of England Covert turn right onto Church Lane in the direction of Theberton village. At junction with B1122 at Theberton Church, turn left towards Leiston. Upon leaving the village note the entrance to Onners Lane and the listed gates on the southern corner. Continue towards Leiston and turn left onto Potters Street. Note Theberton House on the left At crossroads with Onners Lane, turn right onto Bakers Hill/Cemetery Road to return to Eastbridge and the junction close the Eel's Foot Inn Turn left towards RSPB Minsmere. Note grazing marsh to both sides and New Cut bridge. Follow road to right into RSPB Minsmere. Turn left at Scott's Hall junction and drive into Westleton. Return to start via B1125 and B1122. 	For all of these lanes, note the fact they are all single track and that Eastbridge has no speed limit, despite it being a popular walking location to Minsmere Sluice, RSPB Minsmere and Dunwich Coastguards Cottages (NT). This is a private road but is used by locals and others currently in conjunction with Eastbridge Road to access B1125 bypassing the Theberton section of the B1122	Paul Collins (Stop Sizewell C, and Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council) Stephen Brett (Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council)	

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2	Thorpeness Sea Defences - OS Map reference: TM 47640 60167	This visit is suggested by Bill Parker and I attach his proposal here in support of this suggestion. Suggested site visit locations for Sizewe This visit has also been proposed by Fran Crowe and I attach her proposal here in support of this suggestion. Proposed location for site visit - Thorpe	The damage caused to these relatively new sea defences have been damaged by weather events from both the south and north in recent years. The damage has been caused in mainly episodic events but also compounded with significant periods of bad weather, not necessarily of storm force. The defences were expected to last about 20 years but have only seen about 50% of that period before this damage occurred. It shows graphically how uncertain and unpredictable coastal damage is even for engineered defences from reputable suppliers (Royal Haskoning DHV)	Paul Collins (Minsmere Levels SG)	
3	Benacre Sluice – OS Map reference: TM 53650 84525	Benacre sluice and coastal strip to immediate north and south.	This site is another example of the issues of sea defence on the Suffolk Coast and whilst Sizewell may be less exposed, the episodic nature of erosion on this coast is highly unpredictable. Benacre sluice is also mentioned in APP-601 as a potential non-potable water supply for maintaining the reservoir at Black Walks. Apart from the distance involved (at least 25km) in	Paul Collins (Minsmere Levels SG)	

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			any pipeline supply to the SZC development site, the current conditions at Benacre Sluice should have removed it from any consideration in the DCO plans.		
			Benacre sluice, and the valley it protects and drains, has been under constant threat from inundation for at least the past 5 years with the rock armour sea defences having to be re-enforced and remade on a regular basis. In the past year 30-40 acres of land have been lost around this location.		
			The sluice and the valley behind to the A12 is now subject to an approved coastal fall-back plan as the defences at the sluice cannot be defended in the short or medium term and is under threat on a regular basis.		
			Benacre Estates would be happy to host a visit for the ExA to explain the current state of play, history and plans into the future.		
4	Night visits to understand the dark skies currently enjoyed around the Minsmere Valley	 Three locations are suggested for this visit. Whin Hill at RSPB Minsmere TM 4650 6715 overlooking the Minsmere Valley towards the current SZA/SZB and prospective SZC development. 	Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council are currently in discussion with RSPB and the Dark Sky Discovery Partnership about	Stephen Brett (Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council)	

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		 Campsite at Eastbridge Farm TM 4515 6595 (For access contact Stephen Brett) National Trust Coastguards Cottages at Dunwich TM 4767 6780 	recognition for this area as a Dark Sky Place. Several other areas close by are already recognised including Westleton Common. Dash Astro, a local astronomy organisation based in Westleton, is working with the AONB Partnership to survey Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB area for further areas that could be recognised as Dark Sky Places.		