

Unite Sizewell Energy Branch welcomes the enhancements to the Sizewell C project proposed by the developer Edf Energy. The enhancements are a result of the feedback provided through the consultation process.

The commitment to transport 60% of construction materials by sea will reduce construction traffic on local roads. Removing all the construction and freight infrastructure once construction is complete will restore the lands around the project. Creating 47 hectares of new habitats for local wildlife and establishing an independent wildlife trust will support the rewilding and future biodiversity of the landscape surrounding the site. Providing a Tourism Fund to support the Suffolk coast tourism industry will help tourism sector businesses to mitigate the impacts of the construction phase of the project. These and many more pledges highlight the benefits of the consultation process between the project developer and the local community.

Unite Sizewell Energy Branch recognises the Sizewell C project as vital for the future economy of East Anglia. It will provide thousands of opportunities for members of local and surrounding communities to learn and develop new skills. It will provide thousands of jobs across the construction phase of the project. Across construction and commissioning, it will provide jobs throughout the full range of engineering and science disciplines. It will support apprenticeships and job opportunities in all trades. It will provide well paid jobs across all skill sets and across the numerous service industries required to make a project of this scale a success. Once operational, the site will employ over 900 people during its operational life span. These will be well paid, highly skilled jobs across a wide range of disciplines and skill sets, providing quality, secure employment within our local community.

It will provide the local and UK wide supply chain with new work streams and new opportunities to grow and expand their businesses for years to come. Across its 60 years of operation, the project will continue to call on the skills and support offered by its local and nationwide suppliers.

More importantly the Unite Sizewell Energy Branch acknowledges the importance of the Sizewell C project in helping the UK meet its commitments to a zero carbon future. By providing zero carbon electricity generation it will mean the UK can reach its net zero target date of 2050, a target now enshrined in law. The battle against climate change hinges on countries setting and reaching such ambitious targets. The Sizewell C project will be a key piece of infrastructure in helping the UK become one of the first major economies to reach this milestone.

The Sizewell C project along with other zero carbon generators such as wind, solar, hydro and battery storage projects will help drive the UK green economy. Introducing new technologies such as green hydrogen generation on the Sizewell C site will put the project at the forefront of the green energy revolution, providing jobs and driving economic growth across the whole country.

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