



The Sizewell C Project

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Status of the SOCG

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground ('SoCG') has been prepared in respect of the application for development consent under the Planning Act 2008 ('the Application') for the proposed Sizewell C Project. This version 01, dated 27th May 2021, has been prepared through a programme of engagement between NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited ('SZC Co.') as the Applicant and Royal Mail, referred to as 'the parties'. The parties will continue productive discussions held to date in order to finalise the SoCG.

1.2 Purpose of this document

- 1.2.1 The purpose of this SoCG is to set out the position of the parties arising from the application for development consent for the construction and operation of the Sizewell C nuclear power station and together with the proposed associated development (hereafter referred to as 'the Sizewell C Project'). This SoCG has been prepared in accordance with the 'Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent' published in March 2015 by the Department of Communities and Local Government (hereafter referred to as 'DCLG guidance').
- 1.2.2 The aim of this SoCG is, therefore, to inform the Examining Authority and provide a clear position on the state and extent of discussions and agreement between the parties on matters relating to the proposed Sizewell C Project.
- 1.2.3 This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere within the DCO application documents. All documents are available on the Planning Inspectorate website.

1.3 Structure of this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.3.1 **Chapter 2** provides a schedule which detail the position on relevant matters between the parties, including any matters where discussions are ongoing. This is underpinned by Appendix A, which provides a summary of engagement undertaken to establish this SoCG.

2 POSITION OF THE PARTIES

- 2.1.1 **Table 2.1** provides an overview of the position of the parties and any further actions planned.

Table 2.1: Position of Parties

Ref.	Matter	Royal Mail position	SZC Co.'s Position	Further Action Required	Agreed / Not Agreed / In Progress
Highway Works / Access					
1.	Proposed road closures / diversions / alternative access arrangements	Royal Mail requests that the DCO includes specific requirements that during the construction phase Royal Mail is consulted by SZC Co. or its contractors at least one month in advance on any proposed road closures / diversions / alternative access arrangements hours of working, and the content of the final CTMP.	<p>SZC Co. (or its contractors) will consult with Royal Mail, at least one month in advance, on any proposed road closures, diversions or alternative access arrangements and hours of working should these be likely to affect the highways network. The means of securing this mitigation has yet to be agreed between the parties but it is likely to be through the CTMP, possibly augmented by a DCO requirement.</p> <p>Prior to commencement of construction SZC Co. will establish an email notification process whereby interested parties and stakeholders can register for email notifications with regards to transport updates for the Sizewell C Project during the construction phase, such as, but not limited to, programme updates for planned highway improvements, temporary traffic management measures, timing of any Special Order or VR1 AIL movements by road and the proposed AIL route.</p>	Further discussion to take place in June 2021.	In Progress

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CTMP					
2.	Construction Traffic Management Plan	<p>The final CTMP should include a mechanism to inform major road users (including Royal Mail) about works affecting the local highways network (with particular regard to Royal Mail's distribution facilities near the DCO application boundary).</p> <p>Royal Mail reserves its position to object to the DCO application if the above requests are not adequately addressed.</p>	<p>The CTMP establishes the principle of the creation of local transport and traffic groups with local stakeholders which would form key links between the transport review group and the wider community. These local transport and traffic groups would provide an indication of the transport-related issues that have the potential to impact local businesses and the general public.</p> <p>The establishment of these local transport and traffic groups will be secured through an obligation in the Section 106 Agreement.</p>	Further discussion to take place in June 2021.	In Progress

APPENDIX A: ENGAGEMENT ON THE SOCG

A.1.1. The preparation of this SoCG has been informed by a programme of discussions between the parties, as are summarised in **Table 2.2**.

Table 2.2: SoCG meetings held between the parties

Date	Details of the Meeting
13th April 2021	Initial discussion of SoCG