



The Sizewell C Project

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1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 The Open Floor Hearings were attended by Carly Vince (Chief Planning Officer), Richard Bull (Transport and Associated Development Lead) and Tom McGarry (Head of Communications) on behalf of the Applicant, SZC Co. At the end of each of the nine sessions Carly Vince confirmed that the Applicant had listened to each oral submission. She advised that the Applicant's written submissions at Deadline 2 would have regard to the matters raised, including in relation to:

- the Examining Authority's questions - alternatives in respect of the Sizewell Link Road and Two Village Bypass, tourism, carbon, financing, coastal processes, ecology, harnessing economic benefits for Suffolk and timing for the delivery of key mitigation within the construction phase;
- the Statements of Common Ground that identify the status of engagement with stakeholders, including those with the local authorities, the emergency services and local interest groups; and
- other updated application documents, namely in relation to land matters.

1.1.2 The Applicant also committed to provide the following documents that are included in the Applicant's Written Submissions Responding to the Open Floor Hearings (Doc Ref. 9.26) as follows:

- a note on the chronology and current position in respect of rail infrastructure at Campsea Ashe, which was offered by the Applicant on 18 May 2021 (evening session);
- a note responding to concerns raised by landowners as to lack of meaningful engagement and negotiations in relation to compulsory acquisition and temporary possession of their land, which was requested by the Examining Authority on 19 May 2021 (evening session);
- a note on lessons learnt from the Hinkley Point C Project in relation to impacts on the local housing market, which was offered by the Applicant on 18 May 2021 (evening session);

- a copy of a report by Atkins referred to by Mr Scott in his oral submissions on 19 May 2021 (afternoon session), which was requested by the Examining Authority in that same session; and
- a copy of the Layfield Report that was requested by the Examining Authority.

1.1.3 The Applicant also provided an oral response to two specific matters as follows (on 19 May 2021, evening session):

- the age of Coronation Wood - Carly Vince confirmed that the correct document reference was [APP-163 - APP166] (Volume 1, Chapter 2 of the Environmental Statement, Appendix 2A), which showed that wood was around 100 years old, believed to have been planted to commemorate the coronation of King George V; and
- the extent of loss of Fen Meadow - Carly Vince confirmed that the reference was [\[AS-181\]](#) (Additional Submission in relation to the Applicant's request for changes to the application and Additional Information - 6.14 Environmental Statement Addendum Volume 1: Environmental Statement Addendum Chapters Chapter 2 Main Development Site) – Table 2.36 which confirms the temporary loss equates to 0.61ha and the permanent loss 0.46. Table 2.36 also details of the amount of land take stated in the original application documents and the rationale for the difference.

1.1.4 The Applicant is also following directly up with some individuals and parish councils who expressed personal concerns regarding the availability of information they required.

1.1.5 On 20 May 2021 (afternoon session), Carly Vince confirmed that there was no ongoing police investigation in relation to the felling of Coronation Wood carried out in connection with the Relocated Facilities planning permission (East Suffolk Council planning permission ref. DC/19/1637/FUL). She stated that the felling had been undertaken in accordance with the planning permission and to the satisfaction of East Suffolk Council (as the Local Planning Authority) and Natural England (in their licencing capacity). On the 21 May 2021 (morning session), Carly Vince committed to providing further details, which are included in the Applicant's Written Submissions Responding to the Open Floor Hearings (Doc Ref. 9.26).

1.1.6 On 21 May 2021 (morning session), Carly Vince advised that the Applicant team had listened carefully to all of the oral submissions made through the Open Floor Hearings. She advised that matters raised would be responded to in its Deadline 2 submissions, but took the opportunity to note that the Applicant understood the strength of feeling from those who spoke and

recognised the sensitivity of the communities and the environment around Sizewell. She stated that SZC Co. had long understood the Project will only secure the necessary consents if the proposals and mitigation were demonstrated to adequately respond to the concerns raised. She advised that the Applicant continues to supplement its assessment work in order to respond to the very specific matters being raised through the examination process. She thanked those who have provided their inputs to the shaping of the proposals and mitigation to date, stating that this is an ongoing exercise, involving close liaison with stakeholders. She encouraged others who wish to engage directly with the Applicant to do so at any stage in order to help the Applicant further refine the mitigation to respond to the concerns expressed by communities and organisations.