

The Sizewell C Project

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

- 1.1.1 A development consent application for the Sizewell C Project (the 'Project') was submitted by NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited ('SZC Co.') on 27 May 2020. The application was accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate on 24 June 2020 [PD-001]. An Examining Authority ('ExA') was appointed on 30 June 2020 [PD-004]. The Examination commenced on 14 April 2021. On 21 April 2021, 15 changes to the application were accepted for examination by the ExA [PD-013] following a request made by SZC Co. in a letter dated 11 January 2021 [AS-105] (the 'Accepted Changes').
- 1.1.2 As a result of the ongoing engagement between SZC Co. and stakeholders, including as part of the process of agreeing common ground and ongoing design development, SZC Co. has now identified a limited number of further proposed changes that it wishes to make to the application.
- 1.1.3 SZC Co. considers that the further proposed changes to the application are not material. However, as it is recognised that this is a question of planning judgment for the ExA, SZC Co. is following the process for making a material change set out in the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 16¹.
- 1.1.4 The first step in that process is to notify the ExA of the intention to request a change to the application. This Notification Report hereby notifies the ExA of that intention and seeks advice from the ExA on the procedural implications.
- 1.1.5 The further proposed changes are intended to enhance the application, which remains an application for fundamentally the same project. The changes affect only the Associated Development and the Main Development Site highway proposals, at Lover's Lane and Bridleway 19, and are not considered to be of such a degree that their effect would constitute a materially different project.
- 1.1.6 Consultation on the further proposed changes will be undertaken in accordance with Advice Note 16, as described more fully later in this report. Views of the ExA are sought by 7 June 2021 on the need, scale and nature of the proposed consultation exercise, which SZC Co. proposes to commence on 11 June 2021.

¹ Advice Note 16: How to request a change which may be material, Planning Inspectorate, March 2018



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1.2 Report structure

- 1.2.1 The remainder of this Notification Report is structured as follows:
 - **Section 2**: Further proposed changes provides a description of and justification for the changes.
 - Section 3: Potential changes to the environmental assessments –
 provides an overview of further work being undertaken to assess how
 the changes would affect the environmental assessments reported in
 the application.
 - **Section 4**: Consultation details the proposed consultation approach.
 - **Section 5**: Indicative programme sets out indicative timescales for introducing the changes.

2 FURTHER PROPOSED CHANGES

2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 Details of the extensive consultation carried out in respect of the Project are provided in the **Consultation Report** [APP-068] and **Consultation Report** Addendum [AS-153].
- 2.1.2 The further proposed changes set out in this report have resulted from ongoing engagement between SZC Co. and stakeholders particularly local stakeholders affected by the Sizewell link road and through engagement with Suffolk County Council ('SCC') in relation to highway design and drainage issues affecting the Sizewell link road and the two village bypass.
- 2.1.3 This formal notification of the intention to request further proposed changes is being made as soon as possible in the examination period to provide time for the necessary steps to be taken without impacting on the statutory timescale for the examination stage.

2.2 Materiality of changes

- 2.2.1 Neither the Planning Act 2008 nor the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 define what constitutes a material change to a project.
- 2.2.2 Advice Note 16 clarifies that 'whether the change is substantial' will be an appropriate consideration in identifying a material change. The matter is



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ultimately a question of planning judgement, which Advice Note 16 confirms may be based on criteria including:

- whether the change would generate new or different likely significant environmental effect(s); and
- whether (and if so the extent to which) a change request involves an extension to the order land, particularly where this would require additional compulsory acquisition powers, e.g. for new plots of land and/or interests.
- 2.2.3 At this stage it is not possible to fully determine whether the further proposed changes would generate new or materially different likely significant environmental effects. Assessments are ongoing to establish this and the results of these assessments will be included in the change request. The preliminary view is that it is unlikely that there will be any new or materially different effects.
- 2.2.4 The further proposed changes do involve minor extensions to the Order land as explained in **Section 2.3**. Whilst compulsory acquisition powers would not be needed over the majority of this new land, there is one parcel of land over which compulsory acquisition powers would be sought and which were not included in the original application (Proposed Change 18iii). The owner of this land is already an 'affected person' who owns land within the existing Order limits but this change would increase the extent of their land that is included within the Order limits. SZC Co. is in discussions with the landowner with a view to obtaining a private treaty agreement for the acquisition of that land. It is also in discussions with the landowner to obtain their consent to the inclusion of the compulsory acquisition powers within the Development Consent Order that would be exercised in the event that a private treaty agreement could not be reached.
- 2.2.5 The proposed changes are intended to enhance the application, which remains an application for fundamentally the same project.
- 2.2.6 SZC Co. considers that the further proposed changes to the application are not material. Nevertheless, SZC Co. intends to follow the process for making a material change set out in Advice Note 16.
- 2.2.7 This Notification Report constitutes Step 1 of the process and provides the ExA with the necessary information to allow advice to be given to SZC Co. (Step 2). The views of the ExA are sought by 7 June 2021 on the need, scale and nature of the proposed consultation exercise, which is due to commence on 11 June 2021.



- 2.3 Summary overview of the further proposed changes
- 2.3.1 SZC Co. is proposing changes to the proposals near Lover's Lane, the two village bypass and the Sizewell link road. The changes are summarised in **Table 2.1** and explained in the text that follows. The locations of the changes are shown in **Appendix A**.
- 2.3.2 The numbering of the further proposed changes starts at Proposed Change 16 to follow consecutively from the previous 15 Accepted Changes [PD-013].

Table 2.1: Summary of further proposed changes

| ID | Description | Impact on Order limits | | |
|---|--|---------------------------|--|--|
| Proposed Change 16: Lover's Lane and Main Development Site Access Works | | | | |
| i | Public Right of Way (PRoW) change (Bridleway 19) and the relocation of Pegasus crossing | None | | |
| | A change to PRoW Bridleway 19 to propose a different alignment of the bridleway south of the new B1122/Lover's Lane junction. In addition, the Pegasus crossing proposed on Lover's Lane (south of the existing Recycling Centre) would be relocated approximately 10m further to the south. | | | |
| ii | The removal of trees from the tree belt adjacent to Bridleway 19 at its southern end (north of Sizewell Gap) | None | | |
| | This is to ensure the appropriate width for Bridleway 19 can be accommodated with the least environmental impact. | | | |
| iii | Mammal culvert | None | | |
| | A change to reposition the proposed mammal culvert south of the Leiston Drain watercourse. | | | |
| Proposed Change 17: Two village bypass | | | | |
| i | Flood relief culverts | None | | |
| | A change to reduce the length of the flood relief culverts through the eastern embankment of the River Alde overbridge, and | | | |



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| ID | Description | Impact on Order limits | | | |
|------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | associated changes to the adjacent accommodation track and drainage basin. | | | | |
| ii | PRoW change (removal of bridleway upgrade) Removal of the proposed upgrade of existing footpaths E-243/003/0 and E-243/011/0 to a bridleway from the two village bypass proposals. The Order limits would be reduced as a result of this change. | Reduction | | | |
| iii | PRoW change (Friday Street roundabout) A change to the PRoW plans (and the Draft Development Consent Order) to show a crossing of the eastern arm of the proposed Friday Street roundabout. The crossing would connect the existing A1094 to the existing A12, both of which are proposed to be permanently converted to Non-Motorised User use. | None | | | |
| Prop | Proposed Change 18: Sizewell link road | | | | |
| i | Pretty Road bridge A change from a Non-Motorised User bridge to a vehicular bridge to avoid the closure of Pretty Road and increase connectivity across the route of the Sizewell link road. The junction between Pretty Road and the Sizewell link road on the south west side of the route is therefore no longer to be included in the proposals. | None | | | |
| ii | PRoW Changes to ensure that the PRoW proposals provide safe crossing points and reflect topography. | None | | | |
| iii | Gravity drainage solution An increase to the Order limits to allow for a gravity drainage solution to be achieved to the west of the East Suffolk line. | Increase (compulsory acquisition powers would be required) | | | |
| iv | Highway works - B1122 near Brown's Plantation | None | | | |



| ID | Description | Impact on Order limits |
|------|--|--|
| | A change to the road layout where the Sizewell link road joins to the B1122 near Brown's Plantation to address a departure from the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges ('DMRB') standards. | |
| V | Highway works - B1122/25 link A change to the road layout and carriageway level at the B1122/25 link to address a departure from DMRB standards. The proposed increase of the carriageway levels would also help to achieve a gravity drainage solution in this part of the site. | Increase (no compulsory acquisition powers would be required over this highway land) |
| vi | Highway works – Hawthorn Road An extension to the Order limits to allow tie in works to the Sizewell link road. It is also proposed to make minor revisions to the limits of deviation where the Sizewell link road joins Hawthorn Road to allow for improved tie ins with the existing highway. | Increase (no compulsory acquisition powers would be required over this highway land) |
| vii | Highways works – Middleton Moor roundabout An extension to the Order limits to allow tie in works to the Sizewell link road. It is also proposed to make minor revisions to the limits of deviation at the Middleton Moor roundabout to allow for improved tie ins with the existing highway. | Increase (no compulsory acquisition powers would be required over this highway land) |
| viii | Minor revisions to the limits of deviation - to allow for an improved tie in with the existing highway are proposed at Trust Farm Link/B1122 junction, Moat Road junction and at the eastern end of the Sizewell link road where it joins the existing B1122. | None |



- a) Proposed Change 16: Lover's Lane and Main Development Site Access Works
- i. Public Right of Way (PRoW) change (Bridleway 19) and the relocation of the Pegasus crossing
- 2.3.3 SZC Co. proposes to change the alignment of Bridleway 19, south of the B1122 (Abbey Road)/Lover's Lane junction, from a straight east-west alignment to an alignment with a small, kinked diversion to the south. This minor diversion to the south would allow for a less steep gradient for equestrian use.
- 2.3.4 SZC Co. also proposes to relocate the Pegasus crossing on Lover's Lane 10m to the south. This change would improve visibility for users of the Pegasus crossing and vehicular traffic on Lover's Lane, including vehicles exiting the existing Recycling Centre in a southerly direction. It would also maintain appropriate visibility splays in compliance with DMRB standards and Bridleway Design Guidelines.
- 2.3.5 Both of the above changes are proposed now following further design work, including monthly design review meetings with East Suffolk Council ('ESC') and SCC, along the length of Lover's Lane and Bridleway 19. As the design has developed, these changes have been found to be necessary to ensure the best design solutions, in compliance with relevant standards and guidance, are proposed in the application.
 - ii. Removal of trees from the tree belt adjacent to Bridleway 19 at its southern end (north of Sizewell Gap)
- 2.3.6 SZC Co. proposes to remove a strip of trees, measuring approximately 8m wide and 300m in length, along the northern edge of Paines Plantation. This change also follows the design development undertaken with ESC and SCC, and is proposed so that Bridleway 19 can pass between the tree belt and the site boundary with the necessary width to comply with Bridleway Design Guidelines².
- 2.3.7 It is not considered that it would be appropriate, as an alternative to the removal of the strip of trees, to widen the site boundary in this area. This is due to existing ecological mitigation in the adjacent field. The entire grassland and heathland mosaic in the adjacent field, which includes a number of reptile hibernacula, has been established as primary mitigation for reptiles, and the proposed Bridleway 19 site boundary was positioned to minimise any fragmentation of these habitats. Therefore, the clearance of a strip of trees approximately 8m wide, 300m in length is proposed to

² CD 143 - Designing for walking, cycling and horse-riding (March 2021): https://www.standardsforhighways.co.uk/dmrb/search/9b379a8b-b2e3-4ad3-8a93-ee4ea9c03f12



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ensure adequate space for the bridleway whilst protecting the adjacent established habitats. The current width of Paines Plantation varies, but the majority is between 40-60m wide.

iii. Mammal culvert

- 2.3.8 SZC Co. proposes to re-position the mammal culvert, which passes under Lover's Lane, to be in closer proximity to the Leiston Drain watercourse, providing improved connectivity. The re-positioned culvert would make the crossing more attractive and effective for mammals to use and fencing is proposed to guide mammals to the crossing. The level of the mammal crossing would be aligned with the flood modelling in the Leiston Drain area.
- 2.3.9 This change is proposed now following design review meetings with the Environment Agency ('EA'), ESC and SCC concerning the development of Lover's Lane and Bridleway 19.
 - b) Proposed Change 17: Two village bypass
 - i. Flood Relief Culverts
- 2.3.10 Following continued engagement with the EA, ESC and SCC, SZC Co. proposes to reduce the length of the flood relief culverts through the River Alde overbridge embankment from 70m to 50m to meet the Environment Agency's requirements for culvert length. A 50m length culvert is the upper limit of culvert length preferred by the EA to reduce the risk of blockages, to ease maintenance and to maximise the chances of it being used by otters.
- 2.3.11 To allow for the shorter culverts, the gradient of the accommodation track, which is used for livestock and farm vehicles, located just south of the two village bypass route, is proposed to be amended to have a 10% gradient.
 - ii. PRoW change (removal of bridleway upgrade)
- 2.3.12 SZC Co. proposes to amend its package of PRoW changes such that it no longer proposes to upgrade the existing footpaths E-243/003/0 and E-243/011/0 to a bridleway.
- 2.3.13 The upgrade to a bridleway was previously requested by SCC who considered that there could be an opportunity to provide for the general enhancement of the wider bridleway network as part of the Sizewell C proposals at the two village bypass.
- 2.3.14 However, further analysis by SZC Co. has shown that the bridleway upgrade is not required to mitigate the impacts of the two village bypass. Therefore, it would not be justified to seek compulsory acquisition powers



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to be granted over this land or for it to be included within the Order limits. This change is also proposed as a result of consultation feedback.

- 2.3.15 SZC Co. proposes to remove the bridleway upgrade from the application. This change would result in a reduction in the Order limits, as indicated in **Figure 4** in **Appendix A**.
 - iii. PRoW change (Friday Street roundabout)
- 2.3.16 SZC Co. proposes to create a crossing across the north-eastern arm of the proposed Friday Street roundabout (across the tie-ins with the existing A12 towards Saxmundham). The proposed crossing would provide a link between the 'old' A12 and the 'old' A1094, both of which would be changed to Non-Motorised User use.
- 2.3.17 The proposed crossing would allow for pedestrian and cycle access between the proposed Non-Motorised User routes and provide safe access between Farnham and Friday Street Farm by foot or bicycle. It would also assist in Non-Motorised Users travelling to/from Farnham connecting with footpath E-137/028/0 off the A1094.
- 2.3.18 The change is proposed now as it arose through the design review meetings with ESC and SCC on the two village bypass. It was viewed as an opportunity to provide better connectivity in the area.
 - c) Proposed Change 18: Sizewell link road
 - i. Pretty Road Bridge
- 2.3.19 In the application, SZC Co. proposed a new priority 'T' junction on the south west side of the Sizewell link road at Pretty Road. It was also proposed to stop up Pretty Road on the north-eastern side of the route of the proposed Sizewell link road. A new single span overbridge, up to 44m long, was proposed which would carry Non-Motorised Users only (pedestrians, cyclists, equestrians) over the Sizewell link road and connect to Pretty Road on either side.
- 2.3.20 SZC Co. has continued to engage with the landowner in this location and with Theberton Parish Council, both of whom have expressed concerns in relation to the closure of Pretty Road. SZC Co. did not previously consider that it was feasible to propose Pretty Road as a vehicular through route but detailed design development and discussions with SCC have shown this to be practical. SZC Co. therefore no longer proposes to provide a new priority junction on the south west side of the Sizewell link road at Pretty Road or stop up Pretty Road on the north-eastern side of the route of the proposed Sizewell link road. Instead of a bridge being provided for just Non-Motorised Users to go over the Sizewell link road, a bridge would be



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provided which could also carry vehicles, allowing Pretty Road to continue to provide its existing connectivity – for example, between Theberton and Saxmundham.

- 2.3.21 A bridge suitable for vehicles would enable the landowner in this location to maintain vehicular access to land either side of the proposed Sizewell link road (a matter which the landowner explained was important to facilitate their ongoing use of that land).
- 2.3.22 This bridge would follow a similar alignment to the existing Pretty Road. The bridge would be a multi span bridge up to 60m long.
- 2.3.23 The permanent land take to the south of Sizewell link road would be reduced.

ii. PRoW

SZC Co. has continued to progress the design of the Sizewell link road through engagement with SCC and through this process SZC Co. has established that improvements to the PRoW proposals are necessary to ensure that they provide safe crossing points and reflect detailed local topography. The precise details of how the PRoW proposals will change are currently being finalised. Revisions are expected to be required where the following PRoW cross the proposed Sizewell link road (as indicated on Figure 3 in Appendix A): E-344/014/0, E-344013/0, E-584/016/0, the proposed PRoW at Littlemoor Road, E-396/017/0, E-396/020/0, E-396/023/0, E-396/015/0, E-515/003/0, E-515/004/0, E-515/007/0 and E-515/013/0. No extensions to the Order Limits would be required.

iii. Gravity drainage solution

- 2.3.25 SZC Co. has continued to progress the design of the Sizewell link road, and has continued to engage with SCC, who have strongly advocated natural gravity drainage solutions. As a result of this continued design work and continued engagement, SZC Co. considers that it would be possible to adopt a gravity drainage solution using an outfall route located to west of the East Suffolk line (to the south of the proposed Sizewell link road route).
- 2.3.26 SZC Co. proposes to extend the Order Limits to allow for a gravity drainage solution to be achieved in this location (**Figure 5** in **Appendix A**). Should this gravity solution be adopted it would remove the need for a pumped drainage solution in this location.
 - iv. Highway works B1122 near Brown's Plantation
- 2.3.27 SZC Co. proposes a minor change to the alignment of the road layout where the Sizewell link road joins to the B1122 near Brown's Plantation.



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This change is as a result of progressing the design of the Sizewell link road through engagement with SCC and would avoid the need to depart from the DMRB standards.

- 2.3.28 This change would result in an amendment to the dashed limit of deviation line shown on Work Plan SZC-SZ0204-XX-000-DRW-100484 Rev 03 [AS-286]. There would, however, be no extension of the Order limits required.
 - v. Highway works B1122/25 link
- 2.3.29 SZC Co. proposes to change the road layout and increase the carriageway level at the B1122/25 link. This change is as a result of progressing the design of the Sizewell link road through engagement with SCC and would avoid the need to depart from the DMRB standards.
- 2.3.30 This change would result in an amendment to the dashed limit of deviation line shown on Work Plan SZC-SZ0204-XX-000-DRW-100255 Rev 03 [AS-286], to allow a slightly revised road layout.
- 2.3.31 The proposed increase of the carriageway levels would also help to achieve a gravity drainage solution in this part of the site. This would avoid the need for a pumped drainage solution in this location.
- 2.3.32 This change would require a small increase in Order limits to allow for the link to tie into the existing B1122 appropriately, as indicated in **Figure 5** in **Appendix A**. However, this extension would involve highway land only over which no compulsory acquisition powers would be required.
 - vi. Highway works Hawthorn Road
- 2.3.33 A small increase to the Order limits in this location is proposed, as indicated in **Figure 5** in **Appendix A**. This would allow for an improved tie in between the proposed Sizewell Link Road and the existing Hawthorn Road. This extension would involve highway land only over which no compulsory acquisition powers would be required.
- 2.3.34 It is also proposed to make minor revisions to the limits of deviation as shown on Work Plan SZC-SZ0204-XX-000-DRW-100255 Rev 03 [AS-286], where the Sizewell link road joins Hawthorn Road to allow for improved tie ins with the existing highway. Further site investigations, including topographical survey have shown this to be required.
 - vii. Highway works Middleton Moor Roundabout
- 2.3.35 A small increase to the Order limits in this location is proposed, as indicated in **Figure 5** in **Appendix A**. This for an improved tie in between the eastern and western arms of the proposed Middleton Moor roundabout and the



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existing B1122. This extension would involve highway land only over which no compulsory acquisition powers would be required.

- 2.3.36 It is also proposed to make minor revisions to the limits of deviation as shown on Work Plan SZC-SZ0204-XX-000-DRW-100254 Rev 03 [AS-286] at the Middleton Moor roundabout to allow for improved tie ins with the existing highway. Further site investigations, including topographical survey have shown this to be required.
 - viii. Minor revisions to the limits of deviation
- 2.3.37 Minor revisions to the dashed limit of deviation lines shown on Works Plans SZC-SZ0204-XX-000-DRW-100255 Rev 03 and SZC-SZ0204-XX-000-DRW-100484 Rev 03 [AS-286] are required. Further site investigations, including topographical survey have shown it to be required. It would allow for improved tie ins with the existing highway in the following locations:
 - Trust Farm Link/B1122 junction;
 - Moat Road junction; and
 - Eastern end of the Sizewell link road where it joins the existing B1122.
- 2.3.38 There would be no extension of the Order limits required as a result of these minor revisions to the limits of deviation.
- 3 POTENTIAL CHANGES TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS
- 3.1 Overview
- 3.1.1 The findings of the environmental assessments reported in the **Environmental Statement** [APP-159 to APP-582], as amended by the **Environmental Statement Addendum** [AS-179 to AS-260], and other environmental information outlined in the **Environmental Statement Signposting Document** (Doc Ref. PDB-2 (A)), are unlikely to materially alter as a result of the further proposed changes. However, further work is required to confirm this position. Such confirmation will be provided when SZC Co. makes a formal change request following consultation.
- 3.1.2 For each of the further proposed changes, this section of the report identifies the scope of any further assessment necessary and provides an initial view on which environmental topics are potentially likely to be affected. Where further assessment identifies a change, the cumulative effects will also be considered.



- 3.1.3 The findings of the **Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment Report** [APP-145 to APP-152, AS-173 to AS-178 and Doc Ref. 5.10Ad2], **Water Framework Directive** [APP-619 to APP-633 and AS-277 to AS-279] and **Flood Risk Assessments** [APP-093 to APP-144, AS-157 to AS-172 and Doc Ref. 5.6Ad] are anticipated to be unchanged.
 - a) Proposed Change 16: Lover's Lane and Main Development Site Access Works
- 3.1.4 All environmental effects reported within **Volume 2** of the **ES** [APP-178 to APP-347], as updated by **Volume 1, Chapter 2** of the **ES Addendum** [AS-181], are anticipated to remain unchanged, however, the assessments will be reviewed to confirm this, including but not limited to the impacts of any additional vegetation clearance. This is due to the relatively minor nature and scale of the works associated with the further proposed changes within the context of the proposed development.
 - b) Proposed Change 17: Two village bypass
- 3.1.5 The impacts on landscape and visual receptors will be considered further in relation to the amendments to the accommodation access. However, no changes to the assessment of likely significant effects are anticipated. All other environmental effects reported within **Volume 5** of the **ES** [APP-409 to APP-443], as updated by **Volume 1**, **Chapter 5** of the **ES Addendum** [AS-184], are anticipated to remain unchanged. This is due to the relatively minor nature and scale of the works associated with the further proposed changes within the context of the proposed development.
 - c) Proposed Change 18: Sizewell link road
- 3.1.6 The impacts on landscape and visual, and historic environment will be considered further in relation to the amendments to Pretty Road bridge.
- 3.1.7 In addition, the impacts on landscape and visual receptors will also be considered further in relation to the amendments to the PRoW.
- 3.1.8 However, no changes to the assessment of likely significant effects are anticipated. All other environmental effects reported within **Volume 6** of the **ES** [APP-444 to APP-477], as updated by **Volume 1, Chapter 6** of the **ES Addendum** [AS-185], are anticipated to remain unchanged. This is due to the relatively minor nature and scale of the works associated with the further proposed changes within the context of the proposed development.



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4 CONSULTATION

4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 Advice Note 16 states that 'Before making a written request (Step 4 of Figure 1, page 4) it is recommended that applicants consult all those persons prescribed in the PA2008 under section 42 (a) to (d) who would be affected by the proposed change (giving a minimum of 28 days)' (paragraph 3.3).
- 4.1.2 In accordance with this recommendation, SZC Co. intends to carry out non-statutory consultation on Proposed Changes 16 to 18 before submitting its change request. This will allow consultees, including those potentially impacted by the proposed changes, to consider and respond to them, and for those responses to be considered by SZC Co. before it decides on the final form of any changes to include in the written request.
- 4.1.3 SZC Co. seeks the views of the ExA by 7 June 2021 as to the need, scale and nature of the proposed consultation exercise, as described below.

4.2 Consultation Activity

4.2.1 SZC Co. intends to carry out consultation between Friday 11 June and midday Monday 12 July 2021. Consultation will be carried out as follows:

Letters posted to all section 42(1)(a) to (d) consultees

- 4.2.2 SZC Co. will consult all of the consultees identified in section 42(1)(a) to (d) of the Planning Act 2008, being prescribed persons, the MMO, the local authorities and persons with an interest in the land. This goes beyond the recommendation in Advice Note 16, which refers to consultation only with those section 42 consultees who would be affected by the proposed changes.
- 4.2.3 Letters will be sent to these parties by 11 June 2021 with details of the proposed changes and how they can submit comments on the proposed changes to SZC Co. by midday 12 July 2021.

Consultation newsletter to 40,000+ homes and businesses

4.2.4 SZC Co. will also voluntarily send a consultation newsletter to 40,000+ homes and businesses within a ten-mile radius of Sizewell and to those within the parish and neighbouring parishes of associated development sites outside this area. This newsletter will provide a summary of the further proposed changes, the dates of the consultation, details of how to participate and directions to the consultation website.



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Meetings

4.2.5 Emails will be sent to the parish councils within the areas affected by the proposed changes to offer them the opportunity to participate in meetings with SZC Co. to discuss the proposed changes.

Press releases to advertise the consultation

- 4.2.6 The launch of the consultation will be advertised through press adverts in the East Anglian Daily Times on 4 June and 11 June 2021 and adverts displayed in the vicinity of the locations affected by the proposed changes.
- 4.2.7 The consultation will also be advertised through digital and social platforms.
- 4.3 Access to Consultation Material
- 4.3.1 A consultation document, an online feedback form and the consultation newsletter will be available to view on the SZC Co. website during the consultation period at: www.sizewellc.co.uk.
- 4.3.2 Owing to the current period of Covid-19 related uncertainty, SZC Co. does not intend to host any public exhibitions. However, subject to any applicable Government restrictions in response to Covid-19 that might apply at the time, SZC Co. will provide access (by appointment) to view hard copies of the consultation material at the Sizewell C Information Office and the Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council.
- 4.3.3 A phone number and email address will be provided in the consultation material where hard copies or electronic copies on a USB stick can be requested by those facing difficulties accessing the material online or who wish to ask questions about the proposed changes.
- 4.4 Consultation Statement
- 4.4.1 A Consultation Statement, in the form of a further addendum to the **Consultation Report** [APP-068], will be submitted with the change request, confirming who has been consulted in relation to the proposed changes in accordance with Advice Note 16, and how the feedback received in response to that consultation has been taken into account.
- 4.4.2 Copies of any consultation responses received will also be included as an annex.
- 5 INDICATIVE PROGRAMME
- 5.1.1 In accordance with Advice Note 16, this report sets out when the request to make a change is likely to be made to the ExA.



- 5.1.2 For additional clarity, the programme dates for each of the six steps contained in Advice Note 16 are set out below:
 - Step 1. Notification of changes to Inspectorate: 2 June 2021
 - Step 2. Inspectorate to provide advice: By 7 June 2021
 - Step 3. Non-statutory consultation begins: 11 June 2021 (to midday 12 July 2021)
 - Step 4. Formal request for changes: 23 July 2021
 - Step 5. ExA decision on whether to accept the changes: August 2021
- As explained earlier in this Notification Report, SZC Co. is proposing to make changes to the Order land. This includes the addition of new land over which SZC Co. is proposing to exercise powers of compulsory acquisition (the Additional Land).
- 5.1.4 SZC Co. is seeking to obtain consent from all persons with an interest in the Additional Land to the inclusion of such powers within the Development Consent Order and is confident that consent will be obtained prior to the submission of the change request. An update on the progress of these discussions, and a copy of any landowner consent obtained, will be included with the change request.
- If landowner consent is not forthcoming, notifications would be sent out / published in accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 following acceptance of the proposed changes (if accepted) in August to September 2021.
- 5.1.6 It is not at this stage considered that it is appropriate or necessary to carry out any publicity that reflects the requirements of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. However, if such publicity is subsequently considered to be required, this would also be carried out following acceptance of the proposed changes (if accepted) in August to September 2021.



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APPENDIX A: PLANS SHOWING LOCATIONS OF SPATIAL CHANGES











