

Application by NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Sizewell C Project (Ref: EN010012)

Examining Authority's Record of Unaccompanied Inspections of Sites to which the Application Relates (USI 3)

Lead Examining Inspector, Wendy McKay and Examining Inspectors David Brock, Helen Cassini, Neil Humphrey, and Edwin Maund (all appointed as a members of the Examining Authority (ExA) for the application) undertook Unaccompanied Site Inspections on 7, 8, 9 and 10 June 2021 respectively.

The Inspections were undertaken by car and on foot on public land, roads and footpaths, so advance permission to enter land was not required. This therefore allowed the Inspections to be undertaken on an unaccompanied basis. The purpose of the Inspection is to inform the Applicant and Interested Parties (IPs) of actions already taken by the ExA and to enable the Applicant and IPs to consider which, if any, additional sites the ExA might need to inspect. Further Site Inspections may be required. If further USIs are carried out, further Inspection notes will be published.

Particulars of the Inspections

Day 1: 7 June 2021 – Issues relating to Pakenham Fen Meadow site

The purpose was for the ExA to look at Pakenham Fen in relation to fen meadow considerations. The Inspection was undertaken by David Brock and commenced at about 16:45 and concluded at about 17.45. Weather conditions were clear and warm.

Locations visited in respect of Pakenham Fen:

- 1 The track leading from Roman Road towards Pakenham Fen at about grid reference 923681, travelling down the track towards the tree line at the west side of Pakenham Fen
- 2 The road from the Roman Road to Grimstone, stopping at the bridge over the stream
- 3 The northern end of the fen, by walking along the footpath leading towards Old Hall from the Grimstone End – Pakenham Road, commencing at about grid reference 935687, passing across both arms of the stream and returning to the road.

Issues relating to proximity of the rail line to properties in Woodbridge

The inspection was undertaken by Edwin Maund commenced at about 15:20 and concluded at about 16:20. Weather conditions were clear and sunny.

Locations included:

- 1 Travelled from Martlesham east along Felixstowe Road, Main Road and Top Street, before joining Sandy Lane
- 2 Station Road, Quayside and visiting the station, via Tide Mill Way and a loop past Woodbridge Museum

Day 2: 8 June 2021 – Fen meadow in Sizewell Marshes SSSI

The purpose was to see fen meadow in the Sizewell Marshes SSSI and in particular the area of fen meadow to be included in the order limits. This was undertaken on foot.

The Inspection was undertaken by David Brock and commenced at about 18:15 and concluded at about 19.25. Weather conditions were clear and warm.

Locations visited were fields and fen meadows from the field gate on Sandy Lane immediately east of Rosary Cottages at approximately grid reference 470629 to approximately 468636. Ground conditions did not allow closer approach to the area included in the order land. Return by the same route.

Day 3: 9 June 2021 – Thorpeness Coastal Defences

The purpose was to see the damage to the coastal defences and erosion of the coastline at Thorpeness. The inspection was undertaken by all the ExA and commenced at 17.05 and finished at 18.05. Weather conditions were sunny and warm with good visibility.

The coastal defences and adjacent cliff were viewed from the Thorpeness beach in a location parallel to North End Avenue and from a short distance to the north beyond that point.

Day 4: 10 June 2021 – Farnham and Stratford St Andrew

The purpose was to experience the pedestrian environment in both villages alongside the A12.

The Inspection was undertaken by Helen Cassini, Neil Humphrey, and Edwin Maund. It commenced at 17.50 and finished at 18.30. Weather conditions were sunny and warm.

The ExA walked through both villages and crossed the road at several locations, noting the crossing facilities, the footway provision, and proximity of properties to the edge of the A12 carriageway.