



The Planning Inspectorate

Application by NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for The Sizewell C Project

Notification of the dates, times, and venue for Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) from Tuesday 6 July to Friday 9 July 2021 and Tuesday 13 July to Friday 16 July 2021 was provided in the Examining Authority's letter dated 8 June 2021 [PD-026].

Detailed Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 6 (ISH 6) on Coastal Geomorphology

Date: Wednesday 14 July 2021

Arrangements Conference: 9.30am

Participants must join the Arrangements Conference in order to register and be permitted access to the virtual Issue Specific Hearing.

Hearing start time: 10.00am

Venue: Virtual hearing via Microsoft Teams

Full instructions on how to join online or by phone will be sent to parties registered to attend, shortly before the Hearing.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the event date. Interested Parties (IPs) and members of the public who wish to observe the event can therefore view and listen to the Hearing using the livestream, or the recording, after it has concluded.

Participation, conduct and management of the Hearing

The Examining Authority (ExA) has identified the matters to be considered at this ISH, and those on which it requires additional information, and these are set out in this agenda. It is intended that the scope of the ISH will be limited to those matters. However, the ExA may wish to raise matters arising from oral submissions and pursue lines of inquiry in the course of the discussions which are not listed on the agenda. The actual agenda on the day including the order of items may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

Oral submissions on other matters or from persons who are not IPs may only be heard at the discretion of the ExA. However, reliance should not be placed upon the exercise of that discretion and attention is drawn to the opportunity for any such submissions to be made in writing by **Deadline 5, 23 July 2021**.

The ExA invites and would particularly like to hear from the following IPs during this Hearing:

- The Applicant;
- East Suffolk Council;
- Suffolk County Council;
- Marine Management Organisation;
- Environment Agency;
- Natural England;
- East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board;
- Minsmere Levels Stakeholders Group (MLSG);
- Bill Parker;
- National Trust;
- Aldeburgh Town Council;
- Stop Sizewell C;
- Together against Sizewell C (TASC);
- Suffolk Coast Acting for Resilience (SCAR); and
- The Alde and Ore Association.

Those IPs listed above are those from whom the ExA would particularly like to hear from on this topic. By way of clarification, IPs who are not included in that list, but who have specifically requested to speak at this ISH will also be sent a joining link. They are reminded that the ISH will be livestreamed in the usual way. The ExA would be grateful if those IPs who have indicated a wish to speak at all ISHs would notify the case team by noon on Friday 9 July 2021, if in fact they wish to participate in the discussion at this ISH.

Participation in the Hearing is subject to the ExA's power to control the Hearing. It is for the ExA to determine how hearings are to be conducted, including the time allowed at the Hearing for the making of a person's representations. IPs may be invited to make oral representations at the Hearing¹ (subject to the ExA's power to control the Hearing), on the specific issues being examined at the event, as set out in this agenda. The Hearing will be managed in the interests of ensuring that the submissions of invited persons are fully heard within the allotted time.

Oral representations should be informed by the Relevant Representations, Written Representations and Local Impact Reports made by the person by whom (or on whose behalf) the oral representations are made.

However, representations made at the Hearing should not simply repeat matters previously covered in a written submission. Rather, they should draw attention to those submissions in summary form and provide further detail, explanation, and evidential corroboration to help inform the ExA.

The ExA may ask questions about representations or ask the Applicant or other parties to comment or respond. The ExA will probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questioning of persons making oral representations. Questioning at the Hearing will therefore be led by a member of the Panel, supported by other Panel members.

¹ Section 91 Planning Act 2008

All participants are advised that written summaries of their oral submissions at this Hearing should be submitted at **Deadline 5, 23 July 2021**.

The Hearing will run until the ExA is content that all matters on the agenda have been addressed. To avoid 'screen fatigue', session breaks will be provided after about 90 minutes of business, subject to the ExA's discretion.

Arrangements Conference

Invitees will receive a joining link or telephone number in a separate e-mail, shortly before the Hearing. Please join the Arrangements Conference at the appointed time for the Hearing you have been invited to. The Case Team will admit you from the Lobby and register your attendance. The Arrangements Conference allows procedures to be explained and will enable the Hearing to start promptly.

About the Coastal Geomorphology Issue Specific Hearing

The main purpose of this ISH is to undertake an examination of Coastal Geomorphology, and to provide an opportunity for the issues raised by IPs, in particular the differences between them, to be explored further by the ExA.

Relevant application and supporting documents to be considered include: the basic parameters provided in the DCO application description of the proposed development; the application changes submission documents [APP-180], and [APP-181]; Report TR543 Modelling of the Temporary & Permanent Beach Landing Facilities at Sizewell C [PDB-010], Coastal Processes Monitoring and Mitigation Plan [AS-237], HCDF – Sizewell C Coastal Defences Design Report [REP2-116], One Dimensional Modelling of SCDF [REP2-115], Temporary and Permanent Coastal Defence Feature Plans - Revision 1.0 [REP3-004], TR544 Preliminary design and maintenance requirements for the Sizewell C Coastal Defence Feature - Revision 2.0 [REP3-032] and TR545 Storm Erosion Modelling of the Sizewell C Coastal Defence Feature - Revision 1.0 [REP3-048].

Detailed Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 6 (ISH6) on Coastal Geomorphology

1. Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the Hearing

Reference will be made in Agenda items 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to the Applicant's and IP's responses to ExQ1, the comments on those responses provided at Deadline 3, and other relevant submissions and responses up to and including that deadline.

2. The assessment of the coastal impacts of the Proposed Development:

- (a) Whether the potential coastal impacts of the Proposed Development can be satisfactorily assessed from the information submitted by the Applicant?
- (b) If not, what additional information would be required?
- (c) Update on the additional details of the hard coastal sea defence feature (HCDF) design to be provided at Deadline 5.
- (d) The assessment principles adopted by the Applicant.

3. The implications of the Proposed Development on the strategies for managing the coast as set out in the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP)?

- (a) The SMP policy boundary between MIN 12.2 and 13.1.
- (b) The MIN 13.1 policy to 'Hold the Line to 2105', and whether the more seaward position of the HCDF and the SCDF for Sizewell C relative to the Sizewell A and B sites would be in conflict with the SMP.

4. Potential impacts on coastal processes and geomorphology including those arising from the proposed HCDF and the soft coastal sea defence (SCDF) and the temporary and permanent beach landing facilities (BLFs) and associated activities:

- (a) The potential for consequential adverse and/ or beneficial impacts on coastal processes arising from these features and activities.
- (b) The vulnerability of the coastline to erosion with particular regard to the role played by the Sizewell-Dunwich banks and the Coralline Crag outcrop.
- (c) The spatial scale of the coastal processes assessment and whether the geomorphic context should be regarded as extending beyond Sizewell Bay?
- (d) Whether other locations, such as Southwold, Thorpeness and Aldeburgh, should be included in the baseline monitoring and mitigation proposals?
- (e) The potential impacts upon the Minsmere frontage, and the role of the Minsmere sluice.
- (f) For the permanent BLF, during the construction phase, the impacts of any dredging, and the barge berthing platform.
- (g) Cumulative impacts.

5. The adequacy of the proposed climate change adaptation measures, and the resilience of the Proposed Development to ongoing and potential future coastal change during the Project's operational life and any decommissioning period including:

- (a) The scope for the HCDF to undergo design adaptation to maintain nuclear safety against predicted sea level rises.
- (b) The resilience of the Proposed Development, taking account of climate change, in response to shoreline evolution and change scenarios over the anticipated site life.

6. Mitigation and controls including the Coastal Processes Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (CPMMP):

- (a) Draft DCO Requirement 2, and the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP), Part B, Section 12.
- (b) Draft DCO Requirement 7A and the CPMMP.
- (c) Draft DCO Requirement 12B.
- (d) Draft DCO Article 86.
- (e) Whether any additional requirements, including those relating to the Marine Technical Forum (MTF), the MAP, the BLF and funding arrangements would be necessary to address adverse physical changes to the coast?
- (f) Whether it would be necessary and reasonable to make provision in the draft DCO for the removal of the HCDF at decommissioning?

7. Close of Hearing