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To the Applicant, Interested Parties,
Additional Interested Parties, Affected
Persons and Additional Affected Persons

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010012

Date: 27 July 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended); The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 13; The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (the CA Regs)

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

Notification of Hearings

The Examination Timetable at Annex A of the Examining Authority’s (ExA) Rule 8 letter, dated 21 April 2021, included reserved dates for Open Floor Hearings (OFH) and Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) in August 2021.

We are now writing to confirm the arrangements for the following hearings to be held under Sections 93 and 91 of the Planning Act 2008:

Date	Hearing	Time	Venue
Tuesday 24 August 2021	Open Floor Hearing 10	Start: 10:00am (Arrangements Conference: 9:30am)	By virtual means (see below)
Wednesday 25 August 2021	Issue Specific Hearing 8 (ISH8) on air quality, noise and vibration, including monitoring and mitigation.	Start: 10:00am (Arrangements Conference: 9:30am)	
Thursday 26 August 2021	Issue Specific Hearing 9 (ISH9) on policy and need.	Start: 10:00am (Arrangements Conference: 9:30am)	
Friday 27 August 2021	Issue Specific Hearing 10 (ISH10) on biodiversity, ecology, and HRA matters, including protected	Start: 10:00am (Arrangements Conference: 9:30am)	

	species, designated sites and SSSI crossing update.		
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In the light of the current Government Guidance to control the COVID-19 outbreak, and the need to hold these events in a way that is safe and fair to all, the ExA has made a Procedural Decision that these hearings will be held by virtual means, through Microsoft Teams.

Please note that the ExA will aim to publish detailed draft agendas for the OFH and for ISH8-10 on the project website at least five working days in advance of the hearing dates. However, the actual agenda on the day of the hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

Notification of wish to speak by Interested Parties, Additional Interested Parties and Additional Affected Persons

If you wish to participate and be heard orally at any of the above hearings please let the Case Team know no later than **Deadline 6 on Friday 6 August 2021** clearly indicating which hearing(s) you wish to be heard at. Please ensure that you include your Interested Party (IP) reference number in your correspondence. This can be found either in the email covering this letter or on the letter you have received.

In relation to the OFH, as a consequence of the ExA's decision to accept a Change Request from the Applicant [[PD-013](#)], and since Changes 11, 12 and 13 include 'additional land', the CA Regs are engaged. The revised timetable [[PD-027](#)] set a deadline of Friday 23 July 2021 (Deadline 5) by which each additional Affected Person (AP) and each additional IP were required to give notice of their wish to be heard at an OFH. Since such a request was received by that deadline, and the OFHs have already taken place, the ExA has arranged for a further OFH to take place as set out above¹. The purpose of this OFH is to afford an opportunity to participate for those IPs whose land or rights might be affected as a result of the changes and who did not have an opportunity to participate in the earlier OFHs.

Those wishing to be heard orally at the OFH are requested to note:

- A maximum speaking time guide of 5 minutes per IP will apply to oral submissions by individual IPs.
- Organisations and groups with shared representation will receive a maximum speaking time guide of 15 minutes.
- Anyone that speaks at the OFH is required to provide a written submission of their oral case at Deadline 7, Friday 3 September 2021.

Procedure at Hearings

The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rule 2010.

All Examination events, whether virtual or physical are recorded. The recordings of the OFH and ISHs will be made available on the project page of the National Infrastructure website as soon as practicable following each hearing. The recordings

¹ Regulation 16 of The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010

allow any member of the public who is interested in the application and the Examination to find out what has been discussed at a hearing. It is therefore important to note that anyone speaking at a hearing will need to introduce themselves, including any organisation or groups that they represent, each time they speak to ensure that someone listening to the recording after the event is clear who was speaking.

As the recordings are retained and published, they form a public record that can contain personal information to which the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) applies. Please refer to our [Privacy Notice](#) for further information. Participants must do their best to avoid making public any information which they would otherwise wish to be kept private and confidential. If there is a need to refer to such information, it should be in written form. Although this will also be published, personal and private content can be redacted or removed before it is made publicly available. Any person who is unclear on this point should ask the Case Team for guidance before they place personal and private information into the public domain. The Planning Inspectorate's practice is to publish the recordings and retain them for a period of five years from the SoS's decision on the Development Consent Order (DCO). If you actively participate in a hearing, it is important that you understand that you will be recorded and that the recording will be made available in the public domain. If you prefer not to have your image recorded, you can switch off your camera at any point.

For those parties who do not wish to participate in these hearings, it will be available to view on the Livestream or the recordings which will be published as soon as practicable after the hearing.

Yours faithfully

Wendy McKay

Lead Member of the Examining Authority, on behalf of the Panel

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