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Dear Ms McKay

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

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response for Examination Deadline 6.

1. Natural England's Deadline 6 Submissions

- 1.1. Natural England are reviewing the documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 5.
- 1.2. Due to the large number of documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 5 which are directly relevant to Natural England's remit, coupled with the short turnaround between Examination Deadlines 5 and 6, and Natural England staff advising on the Application taking annual leave during the summer months, we will make best endeavours to provide comment on the Applicant's Deadline 5 submissions at Deadline 7. However, we highlight that we are still reviewing documents which have been submitted at previous deadlines, so this may not be possible in every instance.
- 1.3. Natural England are submitting the following documents at Deadline 6:

- EN010012_362979_SZC_NE's Comments on Terrestrial Ecology Documents

2. Issue Specific Hearing 10 (ISH10) on biodiversity, ecology, and HRA matters, including protected species, designated sites and SSSI crossing update.

- 2.1. Natural England note the addition of Issue Specific Hearing 10 on Friday 27th August to the Examination timetable.
- 2.2. We will assess our ability to resource attendance at this ISH and will notify the case team once a detailed agenda for the hearing has been published.
- 2.3. We also refer to points raised in our Deadline 1 [REP1-027] and Deadline 3 [REP3-071] responses. We request detailed agendas and a list of questions specifically for Natural England as far in advance of the ISH as possible. These will then be used to inform our decision on whether representatives of Natural England will attend specific ISHs.
- 2.4. However, we continue to welcome ongoing engagement with the Examining Authority through a written process. We will make best endeavours to provide comprehensive answers to any specific questions for Natural England by the following Examination deadline.

This concludes Natural England's advice at this time, which we hope you will find helpful.

For any queries relating to the content of this letter only, please contact Jack Haynes on 020802 64857.

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