

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 Wednesday 25 August to Friday 27 August July 2021 was provided in the Examining Authority's letter dated 27 July 2021 [PD-030].

Detailed Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 8 (ISH 8) on Air Quality and Noise and Vibration

Date: Wednesday 25 August 2021

Arrangements Conference: 9.15am

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 7, 3 September 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;
- Stop Sizewell C;
- Together against Sizewell C (TASC);
- Leiston Town Council;
- Marlesford Parish Council;
- Saxmundham Town Council;
- Wickham Market Parish Council;
- Yoxford Parish Council;
- Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council;
- Woodbridge Town Council;
- Paul Zanna Create Consulting Engineers;
- Frances Crowe;
- Laurence Moss

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 20 August 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.

All participants are advised that written summaries of their oral submissions at this Hearing should be submitted at **Deadline 7, 3 September 2021**.

¹ Section 91 Planning Act 2008

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 Air Quality and Noise and Vibration Issue Specific Hearing

The main purpose of this ISH is to undertake an examination of the Air Quality and Noise and Vibration issues, 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:

[REP2-076] Draft Statement of Common Ground with ESC and SCC

[REP2-112] Appendix 24C Mitigation for B1122 Communities during the Early Years

[REP4-044] Comments on the Local Impact Report

[REP5-079] Code of Construction Practice (Tracked Version)

[REP6-029] Draft Noise Monitoring and Management Plan

[REP6-015] Noise Mitigation Scheme

[AS-258] Rail Noise Mitigation Strategy

[APP-213] Outline Dust Management Plan (Annex 12A of Appendix 12A)

Detailed Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 8 (ISH8) on Noise and Vibration and Air Quality

1. Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the Hearing

Reference will be made in Agenda items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 to the Applicant's and IP's responses to ExQ1, the comments on those responses provided at Deadline 3, Comments on written representations received at Deadline 5 and other relevant submissions and responses up to and including Deadline 6.

2. The assessment of the noise and vibration impacts of the Proposed Development:

- (a) (i) Whether the potential noise and vibration impacts of the Proposed Development can be satisfactorily assessed from the information submitted by the Applicant?
- (a) (ii) If not, what additional information would be required?
- (b) Whether the SOAEL, LOAEL levels for construction, traffic, rail noise and vibration are set at appropriate levels.
- (c) Whether higher standards of protection are appropriate in light of the potential length of the construction period
- (d) Operational noise at the MDS and traffic noise from the new roads

3. The implications of the traffic noise from the Proposed Development during construction and operation

- (a) The early years
- (b) Traffic Noise upon completion of SLR, and at the P&R sites
- (c) Effect of shift patterns and freight management strategy

4. Night Time Rail Noise

- (a) Whether the operation of the rail freight as proposed is an appropriate mechanism for delivery of the proposed development

5. Mitigation and controls including;

- (a) The Code of Construction Practice (CoCP),
- (b) Noise Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (NMMP),
- (c) Noise Mitigation Scheme (NMS) and
- (d) Rail Noise Mitigation Strategy (RNMS):
- (e) Working Hours

Delivery and timing of primary, secondary and tertiary mitigation referred to throughout the ES.

Suitability/enforceability of alternative to Section 60 and Section 61 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 Procedure

Whether any additional requirements, would be necessary to address adverse noise and vibration affects and whether the ExA should disapply the defence of statutory authority in whole or in part?

6. Air Quality

- (a) Methodology of assessment and whether methods used are appropriate to ensure that the Proposed Development will meet the highest environmental standards both during construction and operation.
- (b) PM10 and PM2.5 and NOx Action levels, monitoring locations and reporting procedures

7. Dust mitigation

- (a) Standard that would be enforceable, how monitored and managed to ensure standard is achieved, consequences when/if it is not.

8. Stratford St Andrew and Woodbridge AQMA

- (a) Assessment of baseline conditions and subsequent monitoring during construction
- (b) Whether mitigation offered would ensure policy requirements are met

9. Mitigation and Controls including;

- (a) The Code of Construction Practice (CoCP),
- (b) Outline Dust Management Plan
- (c) Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)
- (d) Construction Worker Travel Plan (CWTP)
- (e) Percentage of NMMP at highest standards of environmental control
- (f) Percentage of HDV at highest standards of environmental control

Whether any additional requirements, would be necessary to address adverse air quality affects and whether the ExA should disapply the defence of statutory authority in whole or in part?

10. Any other matters relevant to the agenda

11. Close of Hearing