

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

**DCO Reference: EN010012**

**Response to The Examining Authority’s second written questions and requests for  
information (ExQ2) on behalf of:**

**The English Heritage Trust**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 As was set out in response to the Examining Authority's first set of written questions the Historic England hold Lieston Abbey Second Site in Guardianship through an Agreement dated 1964. The site is managed by The English Heritage Trust under a Property Licence and Operating Agreement for the National Heritage Collection dated 25th March 2015. English Heritage is entitled to collect any monies due in relation to the site and is equally liable for any costs. EHT has overall responsibility for the main part of the site that is accessible to the public, including the conservation care and repair of the monument. EHT's responsibilities also include promoting public access to the site and education/understanding about it. Carter Jonas LLP acts on behalf of EHT.
- 1.2 EHT is pleased to respond to three further questions asked of it by the Examining Authority (ExA) in their "*second written questions and requests for information (ExQ2)*"
- 1.3 The responses to the questions at section 2.0 are set out in the table format at supplied by the ExA.
- 1.4 EHT remains in constructive dialogue and discussion with NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited ('SZC Co. '), and the relevant part of the Deed of Obligation, and the Statement of Common Ground are both nearing finalisation.
- 1.5 In order to explain and justify mitigation measures for the Sizewell C project, as far as it affects Lieston Abbey Second Site, EHT has produced a "Sustainable Conservation and Management Strategy" (SCMS), and this has been shared with SZC Co. It is expected that the necessary mitigation identified in the SCMS will be secured through financial obligation in the Deed of Obligation. The financial sum in the Deed of Obligation is close to agreement, subject to final costed details of the SCMS being agreed between SZC Co. and EHT at a meeting due to be held on 13 September 2021.
- 1.6 EHT and SZC Co. commit to updating the ExA post their meeting on 13 September, and at least by 'Deadline 8' on 24 September. The need for this additional time is because of annual leave taken by vital members of the EHT team.

## 2.0 THE EXAMINING AUTHORITY'S SECOND WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (EXQ2)

2.1 Hereunder, we respond to three of the Inspectors' questions as set out in the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions and Requests for information. We have sought to respond to questions directed to the EHT.

2.2 We have responded to the following questions:

- Part 1 - AI.2.5
- Part 3 - Cu.2.8
- Part 4 - LI.2.6

2.3 We remain available for any hearing sessions to answer any further questions that the Inspectors may have about our replies or any other information that we have supplied.

### *Part 1*

ExQ2	Question to:	Question
AI.2.5	The Applicant, English Heritage Trust (EHT)	<b>Site specific assessment – Sizewell Link Road</b> The Applicant in its comments on the EHT response to ExQ1 AI.1.28 and AI.1.34 [REP3-046] in relation to the potential effect of increased traffic on the B1122 close to Leiston Abbey on the significance of the Leiston Abbey Group indicates that detailed discussions with EHT regarding measures to be included in the Draft Deed of Obligation are ongoing. Please state whether that particular matter has now been resolved and any necessary mitigation secured?
	<b>Response</b>	<p>EHT considers that the package of mitigation which is nearing agreement will include sufficient measures to ease its concerns regarding the impacts of increased traffic on the B1122. The mitigation will be secured as part of the financial contribution included in the Deed of Obligation, which is, in principle, agreed between the parties with final details to be discussed on 13 September 2021.</p> <p>EHT has requested further detail from SCZ Co. regarding any changes to the junction and access arrangements at the access to Leiston Abbey second site and the B1122. The land parcel MDS/02/14 is the subject of the CPO process – part of this DCO – and EHT requests that its rights across the land (through English Heritage's rights under the 1964 Guardianship Agreement) are retained.</p> <p>If changes are made to the access point, and junction with the B1122 to allow for a new bridal way, then the opportunity should also be taken to ensure that the access is safe for <i>all</i> road users including pedestrians, and that visibility splays are secured that are</p>

		as clear and safe as possible. Moreover, consideration should be given to extending the 30 mph speed limit from the new roundabout up to and past the Leiston Abbey entrance to avoid vehicles accelerating away from the roundabout, potentially into waiting or turning traffic.
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*Part 3*

ExQ2	Question to:	Question
<b>Cu.2.8</b>	The Applicant, Pro Corda, EHT	<p><b>Project wide effects</b></p> <p>The Applicant has provided its DL3 response to responses to Ex1 Cu.1.19 [REP3-046]. The responses of Pro Corda and EHT are noted. Please provide an update to those responses and indicate whether the detailed scope and quantum of mitigation with EHT and Pro Corda has now been agreed?</p>
	<b>Response</b>	<p>EHT considers that the package of mitigation which is nearing agreement will include sufficient measures to ease its concerns regarding the impacts of the Sizewell C project. The mitigation will be secured as part of the financial contribution included in the Deed of Obligation, which is, in principle, agreed between EHT and SCZ Co. with final details to be discussed on 13 September 2021.</p> <p>Any parts of the mitigation measures that need to be agreed between EHT and Pro Corda will be at the appropriate time, as the two continue to work in a mutually beneficial arrangement on the Leiston Abbey second site.</p>

*Part 4*

ExQ2	Question to:	Question
<b>LI.2.6</b>	The Applicant, Pro Corda, English Heritage Trust	<p><b>Leiston Abbey – Landscape Strategy/Masterplan</b></p> <p>Noting the responses made in respect of ExQ1 LI.1.124 [REP3-046], please provide an update of discussions regarding a proposed whole site landscape strategy/masterplan.</p>
	<b>Response</b>	<p>EHT accepts the principle of the landscape masterplan and sees its benefits in securing mitigation, and improvements to interpretation, wayfinding, and navigation. EHT also expects that it will be responsible for leading the landscape strategy and masterplan in consultation with Pro Corda.</p> <p>However, EHT would like to make it clear that whilst it sees the landscape master plan as an important part of the mitigation</p>

		<p>process, it is an addition to the necessary mitigation which relates to securing the fabric of Leiston Abbey, and its conservation and improvements to interpretation.</p> <p>It is agreed that in the Deed of Obligation there will be a line for (a) the <i>"Second Leiston Abbey Site Enhancement Scheme"</i> and (b) an additional line for the landscape masterplan works, which would address the whole site (as operated by English Heritage and Pro Corda).</p>
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### 3.0 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 English Heritage Trust (EHT) considers that discussions with NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited ('SZC Co.') have been, and remain, broadly constructive and positive. The package of necessary mitigation is nearing agreement and, as such, so is the appropriate financial sum or sums to be included in the Deed of Obligation.
- 3.2 The financial sum in the Deed of Obligation is subject to final costed details of EHT's Sustainable Conservation and Management Strategy being agreed between SCZ Co. and EHT at a meeting due to be held on 13 September 2021. EHT and SCZ Co. commit to updating the ExA post their meeting on 13 September, and at least by 'Deadline 8' on 24 September. The need for this additional time is because of annual leave taken by vital members of the EHT team.