



The Sizewell C Project

9.10.11 Statement of Common Ground - Royal Mail

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Status of the SOCG

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground ('SoCG') has been prepared in respect of the application for development consent under the Planning Act 2008 ('the Application') for the proposed Sizewell C Project. This version 01, dated 27th May 2021, has been prepared through a programme of engagement between NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited ('SZC Co.') as the Applicant and Royal Mail, referred to as 'the parties'. The parties will continue productive discussions held to date in order to finalise the SoCG.

1.2 Purpose of this document

- 1.2.1 The purpose of this SoCG is to set out the position of the parties arising from the application for development consent for the construction and operation of the Sizewell C nuclear power station and together with the proposed associated development (hereafter referred to as 'the Sizewell C Project'). This SoCG has been prepared in accordance with the 'Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent' published in March 2015 by the Department of Communities and Local Government (hereafter referred to as 'DCLG guidance').
- 1.2.2 The aim of this SoCG is, therefore, to inform the Examining Authority and provide a clear position on the state and extent of discussions and agreement between the parties on matters relating to the proposed Sizewell C Project.
- 1.2.3 This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere within the DCO application documents. All documents are available on the Planning Inspectorate website.

1.3 Structure of this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.3.1 Chapter 2 provides a schedule which detail the position on relevant matters between the parties, including any matters where discussions are ongoing. This is underpinned by Appendix A, which provides a summary of engagement undertaken to establish this SoCG.

2 POSITION OF THE PARTIES

- 2.1.1 Table 2.1 provides an overview of the position of the parties and any further actions planned.

Table 2.1: Position of the Parties

Ref.	Matter	Royal Mail Position	SZC Co.'s Position	Agreed / Not Agreed / In Progress
1.	Impact of construction traffic on Royal Mail's ability to meet its statutory obligations	<p>Royal Mail's postal sorting and delivery operations rely heavily on road communications. Royal Mail's ability to provide efficient mail collection, sorting and delivery to the public is sensitive to changes in the capacity of the highway network.</p> <p>Royal Mail is a major road user nationally. Disruption to the highway network and traffic delays can have direct consequences on Royal Mail's operations, its ability to meet the Universal Service Obligation and comply with the regulatory regime for postal services thereby presenting a significant risk to Royal Mail's business.</p> <p>Royal Mail has seven operational facilities within or in the vicinity of Sizewell C and its associated infrastructure, the closest two: Leiston Delivery Office and Saxmundham Delivery Office being less than a mile away.</p> <p>In exercising its statutory duties, on a daily basis Royal Mail vehicles use the A12 and all local roads in the vicinity of Sizewell C and its</p>	<p>This potential impact on Royal Mail ability to meet its statutory obligations is acknowledged and accepted. SZC will ensure that Royal Mail are provided with the no less than one months' notice of any proposed road closures and diversions and alternative access arrangements.</p>	In Progress

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		associated infrastructure. Any additional congestion or traffic management these roads during the construction phase has the potential to significantly disrupt Royal Mail's operations.		
2.	DCO requirement	Royal Mail requests that the DCO includes the specific requirement that during the construction phase Royal Mail is notified by EDF/SCZ at least one month in advance on any proposed road closures / diversions / alternative access arrangements and hours of working.	SCZ has agreed to give Royal Mail no less than one months' notice of any proposed road closures and diversions and alternative access arrangements and to include this as a commitment within the CTMP.	Not Agreed
3	Construction Traffic Management Plan	Royal Mail requests that the final CTMP includes a mechanism to inform major road users (including Royal Mail) about works affecting the local highways network (with particular regard to Royal Mail's operational facilities near the DCO application boundary as identified on the attached plan labelled []). Specifically, the CTMP will provide that that during the construction phase Royal Mail is notified by EDF/SCZ at least one month in	SCZ has agreed to add these commitments to the CTMP which will be appended to the final signed Deed of Obligation.	Agreed

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		advance on any proposed road closures / diversions / alternative access arrangements and hours of working.		

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APPENDIX A: ENGAGEMENT ON THE SOCG

- A.1.1. The preparation of this SoCG has been informed by a programme of discussions between the parties, as are summarised in **Error! Reference source not found..**

Table 2.2: SOCG meetings held between the parties

Date	Details of the Meeting
13th April 2021	Initial discussion of SoCG
5th August 2021	Second Meeting on SoCG