



# The Sizewell C Project

## 9.86 East Marine Plan Policy Checklist

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## 1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1.1 Marine plans, together with the Marine Policy Statement, underpin the planning system introduced through the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 for England's seas.
- 1.1.2 The East Inshore and Offshore Marine Plans (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 2014) provide a clear approach to managing the East Inshore and East Offshore areas, their resources, and the activities and interactions that take place within them.
- 1.1.3 Nationally significant infrastructure project applications must be determined in accordance with the National Policy Statement, subject to certain exceptions, and have regard to the Marine Policy Statement and relevant marine plans.
- 1.1.4 This document provides a checklist against the policies in the 2014 East Inshore and East Offshore Marine Plans (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 2014), with the Sizewell C Project to test and demonstrate compliance.



## 2 EAST MARINE PLAN POLICY CHECKLIST

Policy area	Code	Policy	Screening*	Sizewell C (SZC) Project Assessment	Conclusion
Economic	EC1	Proposals that provide economic productivity benefits which are additional to Gross Value Added currently generated by existing activities should be supported.	Whole marine plan area.	<p>The Sizewell C Project would create substantial economic benefits.</p> <p>The Sizewell C Project, will boost the economy both during the construction period and throughout the operation of the power station, as well as leave a long term legacy throughout the supply chain. As such, the project benefits are considered significant enough to provide a catalyst for positive change throughout the region.</p> <p>Environmental Statement (ES) Volume 2, Chapter 9 (Socio-economics) <a href="#">[APP-195]</a>, updated by <a href="#">AS-181</a>.</p> <p>Economic Statement <a href="#">[APP-610]</a>.</p>	Direct policy compliance.
Economic	EC2	Proposals that provide additional employment benefits should be supported, particularly where these benefits have the potential to meet employment needs in localities close to the marine plan areas.	Whole marine plan area.	<p>At the peak of construction, around a third of jobs are expected to be filled by existing local residents. If proportions are similar to Sizewell B, up to 480 of these roles would be filled by people who were formerly unemployed or previously economically inactive.</p> <p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 9 (Socio-economics) <a href="#">[APP-195]</a>, updated by <a href="#">AS-181</a>.</p> <p>Economic Statement <a href="#">[APP-610]</a>.</p>	Direct policy compliance.
Economic	EC3	Proposals that will help the East marine plan areas to contribute to offshore wind energy generation should be supported.	Whole marine plan area.	Not applicable to the Sizewell C Project.	Policy not applicable.
Social and Cultural.	SOC1	Proposals that provide health and social well-being benefits including through maintaining, or enhancing, access to the coast and marine area should be supported.	Whole marine plan area.	<p>NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited would provide a Community Fund to ensure that residual in-combination effects of the Sizewell C Project may be addressed and to enable communities to maximise the opportunities offered by the Sizewell C Project.</p> <p>The Community Fund would be administered on behalf of the community and would fund local schemes, measures, and projects which promote the economic, social, or environmental wellbeing of the communities affected by the Sizewell C Project, enhancing their quality of life.</p>	Direct consistency with the objectives of the policy.

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				<p>The employment and economic benefits of the Project will create social benefits, whilst the energy generated by the Project will contribute substantially to the quality of life of millions of households.</p> <p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 28 (Health and Wellbeing) [APP-346, updated by AS-181].</p>	
Social and Cultural.	SOC2	Proposals that may affect heritage assets should demonstrate, in order of preference: a) that they will not compromise or harm elements which contribute to the significance of the heritage asset; b) how, if there is compromise or harm to a heritage asset, this will be minimised; c) how, where compromise or harm to a heritage asset cannot be minimised it will be mitigated against; or d) the public benefits for proceeding with the proposal if it is not possible to minimise or mitigate compromise or harm to the heritage asset.	Whole marine plan area.	<p>Detailed assessments of potential effects on heritage assets are provided in the Environmental Statement including mitigation to avoid or minimise adverse effects.</p> <p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 16 (Terrestrial Historic Environment) [APP-272, updated by AS-181 and AS-210].</p> <p>ES Volume 2 Chapter 23 (Marine Historic Environment) [APP-334, updated by AS-181].</p>	Project is compliant with policy.
Social and Cultural.	SOC3	Proposals that may affect the terrestrial and marine character of an area should demonstrate, in order of preference: a) that they will not adversely impact the terrestrial and marine character of an area; b) how, if there are adverse impacts on the terrestrial and marine character of an area, they will minimise them; c) how, where these adverse impacts on the terrestrial and marine character of an area cannot be minimised they will be mitigated against; or d) the case for proceeding with the proposal if it is not possible to minimise or mitigate the adverse impacts.	Whole marine plan area.	<p>Detailed assessments of potential effects on terrestrial and marine character are provided in the Environmental Statement including mitigation to avoid or minimise adverse effects.</p> <p>All reasonably practical measures to mitigate landscape and visual impacts have been incorporated into the scheme. The approach to mitigation is considered to be robust and in accordance with paragraph 3.10.8 of the Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1), which states that “<i>the IPC should not expect the visual impacts associated with a new nuclear power station to be eliminated with mitigation. Indeed, the scope for visual mitigation will be quite limited. Mitigation should, however, be designed to reduce the visual intrusion of the project as far as reasonably practicable</i>”.</p> <p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 13 (Landscape and Visual) [APP-216, updated by AS-181 and AS-206].</p>	Project is compliant with policy.

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Ecosystem	ECO1	Cumulative impacts affecting the ecosystem of the East marine plans and adjacent areas (marine, terrestrial) should be addressed in decision-making and plan implementation.	Whole marine plan area.	<p>Detailed assessments of potential cumulative impacts are provided in the Environmental Statement Volume 10.</p> <p>Specific assessments of cumulative impacts on the marine and terrestrial ecosystem are assessed in sections 4.8 and 4.15 of ES Volume 10, Chapter 4 (Assessment of Cumulative Effects with Other Plans, Projects and Programmes) <a href="#">[APP-578]</a>, updated by <a href="#">AS-189</a>.</p>	Project is compliant with policy.
Ecosystem	ECO2	The risk of release of hazardous substances as a secondary effect due to any increased collision risk should be taken account of in proposals that require an authorisation.	Whole marine plan area.	<p>Detailed marine navigation assessments are provided in the Environmental Statement including mitigation to minimise collision risks. No significant collision risks were identified from the project. Analysis of hazardous cargo was further considered in the navigational risk assessment.</p> <p>The risk of contamination of the marine environment following a marine navigation major accident or emergency is also considered in the Environmental Statement chapter of Major Accidents and Disasters.</p> <p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 24 (Marine Navigation) <a href="#">[APP-337]</a>, updated by <a href="#">AS-181</a> and <a href="#">AS-239</a>.</p> <p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 24 (Marine Navigation), Appendices 24A - 24B (navigational risk assessment) <a href="#">[APP-338]</a>.</p> <p>ES Addendum Volume 1, Chapter 2 (Main Development Site) <a href="#">[AS-181]</a>.</p> <p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 27 (Major Accidents and Disasters) <a href="#">[APP-344]</a>, updated by <a href="#">AS-181</a>.</p>	Project is compliant with policy.
Biodiversity	BIO1	Appropriate weight should be attached to biodiversity, reflecting the need to protect biodiversity as a whole, taking account of the best available evidence including on habitats and species that are protected or of conservation concern in the East marine plans and adjacent areas (marine, terrestrial).	Whole marine plan area.	<p>Detailed assessments of potential effects on terrestrial and marine biodiversity are provided in the Environmental Statement and Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment.</p> <p>Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment <a href="#">[APP-145 to APP-152]</a> and Addendums <a href="#">[AS-173 to AS-178]</a>, <a href="#">REP2-032</a> and <a href="#">REP4-004</a>.</p>	Project is compliant with policy.

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				<p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 22 (Marine Ecology and Fisheries) [AS-035, updated by AS-181 and AS-238].</p> <p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 14 (Terrestrial Ecology and Ornithology) [AS-033, updated by AS-181 and AS-207 to AS-209].</p>	
Biodiversity	BIO2	Where appropriate, proposals for development should incorporate features that enhance biodiversity and geological interests.	Whole marine plan area.	<p>Biodiversity net gain calculations demonstrate that overall the project will enhance biodiversity although it is noted that these are terrestrial gains.</p> <p>The policy description states that “<i>Such benefits may include the enhancement of resilience of ecosystems (for example to the effects of climate change), and the provision of ecosystem services such as flood protection and water filtration.</i>” The project includes soft and hard coastal defence structures which will serve as flood and coastal protection. The assessment in the ES addendum (section 2.15) demonstrated that the natural release of sediments from the soft coastal defence feature could have a significant beneficial effect. Longshore shingle transport processes will act to slowly disperse the SCDF shingle drawn onto the active beach, which will benefit Sizewell C and the adjacent shorelines by slowing or reversing their rates of erosion.</p> <p>Biodiversity Net Gain Report - Revision 2.0 [REP1-004].</p> <p>ES Addendum Volume 1, Chapter 2 (Main Development Site) [AS-181].</p>	Project is compliant with policy.
Marine Protected Areas.	MPA1	Any impacts on the overall Marine Protected Area network must be taken account of in strategic level measures and assessments, with due regard given to any current agreed advice on an ecologically coherent network.	Whole marine plan area.	<p>Detailed assessments of potential effects on Marine Protected Areas are provided in the Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment. The submitted documents provide evidence of the consultations with regulator, statutory nature conservation bodies and other stakeholders to ensure the most up to date advice has been considered.</p> <p>Additionally, a Site Integrity Plan has been provided for the Southern North Sea SAC.</p> <p>Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment [APP-145 to APP-152] and Addendums [AS-173 to AS-178, REP2-032 and REP4-004],</p>	Project is compliant with policy.

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				including the Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment Addendum Appendices 1A-10A Part 5 of 5 [Site Integrity Plan) <a href="#">[AS-178]</a> .	
Climate Change.	CC1	<p>Proposals should take account of:</p> <p>a) how they may be impacted upon by, and respond to, climate change over their lifetime; and</p> <p>b) how they may impact upon any climate change adaptation measures elsewhere during their lifetime.</p> <p>Where detrimental impacts on climate change adaptation measures are identified, evidence should be provided as to how the proposal will reduce such impacts.</p>	Whole marine plan area.	<p>The potential for the project to be impacted on, and respond to, the effects of climate change is detailed in the Environmental Statement chapter on Climate Change (climate change resilience assessment) and various other chapters of the Environmental Statement. In particular, the Coastal Geomorphology chapter describes the coastal defences designed with future climate change considerations.</p> <p>The project has also considered how it may impact upon climate change measures in the Environmental Statement Chapter on Climate Change. The Sizewell C project itself is part of the UK strategy to reduce carbon emissions to tackle climate change.</p> <p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 20 (Coastal Geomorphology and Hydrodynamics) <a href="#">[APP-311]</a>, updated by <a href="#">AS-181</a> and <a href="#">AS-237</a>.</p> <p>ES Addendum Volume 1, Chapter 2 (Main Development Site) <a href="#">[AS-181]</a>.</p> <p>ES Addendum Volume 3, Chapter 2, Appendix 2.15.A (Coastal Geomorphology and Hydrodynamics) <a href="#">[REP5-059]</a>.</p> <p>ES Volume 2 Chapter 26 (Climate Change) <a href="#">[APP-342]</a>, updated by <a href="#">AS-181</a>.</p>	Project is compliant with policy.
Climate Change.	CC2	Proposals for development should minimise emissions of greenhouse gases as far as is appropriate. Mitigation measures will also be encouraged where emissions remain following minimising steps. Consideration should also be given to emissions from other activities or users affected by the proposal.	Whole marine plan area.	<p>A greenhouse gas impact assessment, which considers emissions from the project, is detailed in the Environmental Statement chapter on Climate Change. The assessment considers all emissions including associated activities such as construction transport and use of generators, as well as detailing primary (embedded) and tertiary mitigation. The assessment concluded that the construction of the Sizewell C Project will not have a significant impact on the UK meeting its five carbon budgets through to 2032 and therefore the effect is considered not significant. Furthermore, the operation of SZC was concluded to provide a significantly beneficial impact. Greenhouse gas emissions reduced as a result of Sizewell C equate to over 3% of total energy sector emissions in 2034.</p>	Project is compliant with policy.



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				ES Volume 2 Chapter 26 (Climate Change) [APP-342, updated by AS-181].	
Governance	GOV1	Appropriate provision should be made for infrastructure on land which supports activities in the marine area and vice versa.	Whole marine plan area.	<p>The application describes all required infrastructure on land to support the marine activities. All features are described in the project description chapters of the Environmental Statement and Environmental Statement Addendum.</p> <p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 2 (Description of Permanent Development) [APP-180, updated by AS-202].</p> <p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 2 (Description of Construction) [APP-184, updated by AS-202].</p> <p>ES Addendum Volume 1, Chapter 2 (Main Development Site) [AS-181].</p>	Project is compliant with policy.
Governance	GOV2	Opportunities for co-existence should be maximised wherever possible.	Whole marine plan area.	<p>The marine area occupied by the project is minimal compared with, for example, offshore wind farms or marine aggregate extraction projects and therefore the opportunities (and need) for co-existence are minimal relating to SZC Co. infrastructure elements such as the intakes, outfalls and marine transport facilities.</p> <p>The location of the project does not coincide with potential or current marine aggregate extraction, offshore wind or offshore oil and gas projects.</p> <p>Commercial and recreational fisheries have been considered in the Environmental Statement chapter on Marine Ecology and Fisheries.</p> <p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 22 (Marine Ecology and Fisheries) [AS-035, updated by AS-181 and AS-238].</p>	Project is compliant with policy.

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Governance	GOV3	Proposals should demonstrate in order of preference: a) that they will avoid displacement of other existing or authorised (but yet to be implemented) activities; b) how, if there are adverse impacts resulting in displacement by the proposal, they will minimise them; c) how, if the adverse impacts resulting in displacement by the proposal, cannot be minimised, they will be mitigated against; or d) the case for proceeding with the proposal if it is not possible to minimise or mitigate the adverse impacts of displacement.	Whole marine plan area.	<p>The Environmental Statement has considered impacts on other users such as commercial and recreational fisheries, marine navigation (recreational and shipping) and designated conservation sites. The project is not known to displace any other authorised marine projects or activities other than those considered in the ES (see below):</p> <p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 22 (Marine Ecology and Fisheries) [<a href="#">AS-035</a>, updated by <a href="#">AS-181</a> and <a href="#">AS-238</a>].</p> <p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 24 (Marine Navigation) [<a href="#">APP-337</a>, updated by <a href="#">AS-181</a> and <a href="#">AS-239</a>].</p> <p>ES Addendum Volume 1, Chapter 2 (Main Development Site) [<a href="#">AS-181</a>].</p> <p>Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment [APP-145 to APP-152] and Addendums [AS-173 to AS-178, <a href="#">REP2-032</a> and <a href="#">REP4-004</a>].</p>	Project is compliant with policy.
Defence	DEF1	Proposals in or affecting Ministry of Defence Danger and Exercise Areas should not be authorised without agreement from the Ministry of Defence.	N/A	Not applicable to the Sizewell C Project.	Policy not applicable.
Oil and Gas.	OG1	Proposals within areas with existing oil and gas production should not be authorised except where compatibility with oil and gas production and infrastructure can be satisfactorily demonstrated.	Whole marine plan area.	Not applicable to the Sizewell C Project.	Policy not applicable.
Oil and Gas.	OG2	Proposals for new oil and gas activity should be supported over proposals for other development.	Whole marine plan area.	Not applicable to the Sizewell C Project.	Policy not applicable.

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Offshore Wind Renewable Energy.	WIND1	Developments requiring authorisation, that are in or could affect sites held under a lease or an agreement for lease that has been granted by The Crown Estate for development of an Offshore Wind Farm, should not be authorised unless: a) they can clearly demonstrate that they will not compromise the construction, operation, maintenance, or decommissioning of the Offshore Wind Farm; b) the lease/agreement for lease has been surrendered back to The Crown Estate and not been re-tendered; c) the lease/agreement for lease has been terminated by the Secretary of State; or d) in other exceptional circumstances.	Policy applied to specific area around SZC.	<p>The Sizewell C Project is not within an area leased for the development of an Offshore Wind Farm or any area included under the round 4 leasing (<a href="https://www.thecrownestate.co.uk/round-4/">https://www.thecrownestate.co.uk/round-4/</a>).</p> <p>Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm and Galloper Offshore Wind Farm are the only wind farms in proximity to the Sizewell C Project. The potential impacts related to disruption to maintenance works on these wind farms is considered in the Environmental Statement Chapter on Marine Navigation.</p> <p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 24 (Marine Navigation) [APP-337, updated by AS-181 and AS-239.</p> <p>ES Addendum Volume 1, Chapter 2 (Main Development Site) [AS-181].</p>	Project is compliant with policy.
Offshore Wind Renewable Energy.	WIND2	Proposals for Offshore Wind Farms inside Round 3 zones, including relevant supporting projects and infrastructure, should be supported.	N/A	Not applicable to the Sizewell C Project.	Policy not applicable.
Tidal Stream and Wave.	TIDE1	In defined areas of identified tidal stream resource, proposals should demonstrate, in order of preference: a) that they will not compromise potential future development of a tidal stream project; b) how, if there are any adverse impacts on potential tidal stream deployment, they will minimise them; c) how, if the adverse impacts cannot be minimised, they will be mitigated; or d) the case for proceeding with the proposal if it is not possible to minimise or mitigate the adverse impacts.	N/A	Not applicable to the Sizewell C Project.	Policy not applicable.

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Carbon Capture and Storage.	CCS1	Within defined areas of potential carbon dioxide storage, proposals should demonstrate in order of preference: a) that they will not prevent carbon dioxide storage; b) how, if there are adverse impacts on carbon dioxide storage, they will minimise them; c) how, if the adverse impacts cannot be minimised, they will be mitigated; or d) the case for proceeding with the proposal if it is not possible to minimise or mitigate the adverse impacts.	N/A	Not applicable to the Sizewell C Project.	Policy not applicable.
Carbon Capture and Storage.	CCS2	Carbon Capture and Storage proposals should demonstrate that consideration has been given to the re-use of existing oil and gas infrastructure rather than the installation of new infrastructure (either in depleted fields or in active fields via enhanced hydrocarbon recovery).	Whole marine plan area	Not applicable to the Sizewell C Project.	Policy not applicable.
Ports and Shipping.	PS1	Proposals that require static sea surface infrastructure or that significantly reduce under-keel clearance should not be authorised in International Maritime Organization designated routes.	N/A	Not applicable to the Sizewell C Project.	Policy not applicable.
Ports and Shipping.	PS2	Proposals that require static sea surface infrastructure that encroaches upon important navigation routes (see figure 18 [in the East Inshore and East Offshore Marine Plan]) should not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Proposals should: a) be compatible with the need to maintain space for safe navigation, avoiding adverse economic impact <sup>201</sup> ; b) anticipate and provide for future safe navigational requirements where evidence and/or stakeholder input allows; and c) account for impacts upon navigation in combination with other existing and proposed activities.	Policy applied to specific area around SZC.	The Environmental Statement has considered potential impacts to marine navigation and demonstrated that the project will not encroach upon important navigation routes.  ES Volume 2, Chapter 24 (Marine Navigation) [APP-337, updated by AS-181 and AS-239].  ES Addendum Volume 1, Chapter 2 (Main Development Site) [AS-181].	Project is compliant with policy.



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Ports and Shipping.	PS3	Proposals should demonstrate, in order of preference: a) that they will not interfere with current activity and future opportunity for expansion of ports and harbours; b) how, if the proposal may interfere with current activity and future opportunities for expansion, they will minimise this; c) how, if the interference cannot be minimised, it will be mitigated; or d) the case for proceeding if it is not possible to minimise or mitigate the interference.	Whole marine plan area	The Environmental Statement has considered potential impacts to marine navigation including ports and harbours and demonstrated that the project will not have a significant impact on current activities or future opportunities for expansion.  ES Volume 2, Chapter 24 (Marine Navigation) [APP-337, updated by AS-181 and AS-239].  ES Addendum Volume 1, Chapter 2 (Main Development Site) [AS-181].	Project is compliant with policy.
Dredging and Disposal.	DD1	Proposals within or adjacent to licensed dredging and disposal areas should demonstrate, in order of preference a) that they will not adversely impact dredging and disposal activities: b) how, if there are adverse impacts on dredging and disposal, they will minimise these; c) how, if the adverse impacts cannot be minimised they will be mitigated; or d) the case for proceeding with the proposal if it is not possible to minimise or mitigate the adverse impacts.	Policy applied to specific area around SZC.	The project is not within or close to a licensed dredging site or disposal location.  The project has applied for dredging activities and for a disposal site to be authorised within the immediate vicinity of the dredging. The impacts associated with the dredging and disposal are assessed in the Environmental Statement, which includes a specific Site Characterisation for the Disposal of Material Associated with Drilling and Dredging.  ES Volume 2, Chapter 22 (Marine Ecology and Fisheries) [AS-035, updated by AS-181 and AS-238].  Appendix 22K - Sizewell C: Site Characterisation for the Disposal of Material Associated with Drilling and Dredging [APP-328].	Project is compliant with policy.
Aggregates	AGG1	Proposals in areas where a licence for extraction of aggregates has been granted or formally applied for should not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.	N/A	Not applicable to the Sizewell C Project.	Policy not applicable.
Aggregates	AGG2	Proposals within an area subject to an Exploration and Option Agreement with The Crown Estate should not be supported unless it is demonstrated that the other development or activity is compatible with aggregate extraction or there are exceptional circumstances.	N/A	Not applicable to the Sizewell C Project.	Policy not applicable.

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Aggregates	AGG3	Within defined areas of high potential aggregate resource, proposals should demonstrate in order of preference: a) that they will not, prevent aggregate extraction; b) how, if there are adverse impacts on aggregate extraction, they will minimise these; c) how, if the adverse impacts cannot be minimised, they will be mitigated; or d) the case for proceeding with the application if it is not possible to minimise or mitigate the adverse impacts.	Policy applied to specific area around SZC.	The project does not coincide with the potential marine aggregate extraction area defined in the East inshore and East offshore Marine Plan ( <a href="https://explore-marine-plans.marineservices.org.uk/">https://explore-marine-plans.marineservices.org.uk/</a> accessed 28/07/2021).	Policy not applicable.
Cabling	CAB1	Preference should be given to proposals for cable installation where the method of installation is burial. Where burial is not achievable, decisions should take account of protection measures for the cable that may be proposed by the applicant.	Whole marine plan area.	No cabling on or under the seabed is proposed. Not applicable to the Sizewell C Project.	Policy not applicable.
Fisheries	FISH1	Within areas of fishing activity, proposals should demonstrate in order of preference: a) that they will not prevent fishing activities on, or access to, fishing grounds; b) how, if there are adverse impacts on the ability to undertake fishing activities or access to fishing grounds, they will minimise them; c) how, if the adverse impacts cannot be minimised, they will be mitigated; or d) the case for proceeding with their proposal if it is not possible to minimise or mitigate the adverse impacts.	Whole marine plan area.	The Environmental Statement has considered impacts on commercial and recreational fisheries. While there is potential for small scale vessel displacement from safety exclusion zones during construction and around operational infrastructure, effects were found to be not significant.  ES Volume 2, Chapter 22 (Marine Ecology and Fisheries) [ <a href="#">AS-035</a> , updated by <a href="#">AS-181</a> and <a href="#">AS-238</a> ].	Project is compliant with policy.
Fisheries	FISH2	Proposals should demonstrate, in order of preference: a) that they will not have an adverse impact upon spawning and nursery areas and any associated habitat; b) how, if there are adverse impacts upon the spawning and nursery areas and any associated habitat, they will minimise them; c) how, if the adverse impacts cannot be minimised they will be mitigated; or	Whole marine plan area.	The Environmental Statement has considered impacts on fish ecology including detailed assessments on spawning and nursery areas and demonstrated with the mitigations proposed that there are no significant impacts on fish spawning or nursery grounds.  ES Volume 2, Chapter 22 (Marine Ecology and Fisheries) [ <a href="#">AS-035</a> , updated by <a href="#">AS-181</a> and <a href="#">AS-238</a> ].	Project is compliant with policy.

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		d) the case for proceeding with their proposals if it is not possible to minimise or mitigate the adverse impacts.			
Aquaculture	AQ1	Within sustainable aquaculture development sites (identified through research), proposals should demonstrate in order of preference: a) that they will avoid adverse impacts on future aquaculture development by altering the sea bed or water column in ways which would cause adverse impacts to aquaculture productivity or potential; b) how, if there are adverse impacts on aquaculture development, they can be minimised; c) how, if the adverse impacts cannot be minimised they will be mitigated; or d) the case for proceeding with the proposal if it is not possible to minimise or mitigate the adverse impacts.	Policy applied to specific area around SZC.	<p>The project does not coincide with strategic areas of sustainable aquaculture production defined in the East inshore and East offshore Marine Plan (<a href="https://explore-marine-plans.marineservices.org.uk/">https://explore-marine-plans.marineservices.org.uk/</a> accessed 28/07/2021).</p> <p>Discharges associated with the project with the potential to alter the sea bed or water column are assessed in the Environmental Statement. No significant effects on the seabed or water column quality are predicted. Furthermore, all discharges will be regulated by a Water Discharge Activity Permit (WDA permit) to be issued by the Environment Agency which will include associated conditions and monitoring.</p> <p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 21 (Marine Water Quality and Sediments) [AS-034, updated by AS-181].</p>	Project is compliant with policy.
Tourism and Recreation.	TR1	Proposals for development should demonstrate that during construction and operation, in order of preference: a) they will not adversely impact tourism and recreation activities; b) how, if there are adverse impacts on tourism and recreation activities, they will minimise them; c) how, if the adverse impacts cannot be minimised, they will be mitigated; or d) the case for proceeding with the proposal if it is not possible to minimise or mitigate the adverse impacts.	Whole marine plan area.	<p>The Environmental Statement assesses the potential impacts on tourism from the project. It recognises that there may be potential for the tourist economy to be adversely affected as a result of the Sizewell C Project, in some locations and under some conditions. It is recognised that there is inherent uncertainty in whether and where such adverse effects may occur.</p> <p>The project will make available a Tourism Fund to develop mitigation measures to reduce the risk of adverse effects on tourism and promote the area in order to reduce the risk of perceived changes in visitor behaviour from materialising.</p> <p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 9 (Socio-economics) [APP-195, updated by AS-181].</p>	Project is compliant with policy.

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Tourism and Recreation.	TR2	Proposals that require static objects in the East marine plan areas, should demonstrate, in order of preference: a) that they will not adversely impact on recreational boating routes; b) how, if there are adverse impacts on recreational boating routes, they will minimise them; c) how, if the adverse impacts cannot be minimised, they will be mitigated; or d) the case for proceeding with the proposal if it is not possible to minimise or mitigate the adverse impacts.	Whole marine plan area.	The Environmental Statement has considered potential impacts to marine navigation including recreational boating and demonstrated that the project will not have a significant impact on recreational boating activities.  ES Volume 2, Chapter 24 (Marine Navigation) [APP-337, updated by AS-181 and AS-239].  ES Addendum Volume 1, Chapter 2 (Main Development Site) [AS-181].	Project is compliant with policy.
Tourism and Recreation.	TR3	Proposals that deliver tourism and/or recreation related benefits in communities adjacent to the East marine plan areas should be supported.	Whole marine plan area.	The project does not directly deliver tourism or recreational benefits. Although as detailed in the Socio-Economics Chapter of the Environmental Statement the existing Sizewell B visitor centre would be replaced with a permanent, modern educational facility for visitors, including school groups.  The project will also make available a Tourism Fund to develop mitigation measures to reduce the risk of adverse effects on tourism and promote the area in order to reduce the risk of perceived changes in visitor behaviour from materialising.  ES Volume 2, Chapter 9 (Socio-economics) [APP-195, updated by AS-181].	Policy not applicable.

\*Spatial screening of marine plan policies using the Explore Marine Plans web service available at <https://explore-marine-plans.marineservices.org.uk/> access 27/07/2021.



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