

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

Notification of the date, time, and venue for an Issue Specific Hearing to be held on Tuesday 5 October 2021 was provided in the Examining Authority's letter dated 10 September 2021 [PD-050].

### **Detailed Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 15 (ISH 15) on the proposed temporary desalination plant the subject of Change Request 19**

**Date:** Tuesday 5 October 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 10, Tuesday 12 October 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;
- Environment Agency;
- MMO;
- Natural England;
- Essex and Suffolk Water Company / Northumbrian Water Limited;
- Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB Partnership;
- Historic England;
- Stop Sizewell C;
- Together against Sizewell C (TASC);
- Alde and Ore Association; and
- Suffolk Coastal Friends of the Earth.

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.

Participation in the ISH 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 ISH<sup>1</sup> (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 ISH 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 10, Tuesday 12 October 2021**.

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.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 91 Planning Act 2008

## **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. 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 Proposed Temporary Desalination Plant Issue Specific Hearing**

The main purpose of this ISH is to undertake an examination of the proposed temporary desalination plant the subject of Change Request 19, 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 other documents to be considered include:**

Fourth Environmental Statement Addendum - Volume 1: Main Text - Revision 1.0 [REP7-030]  
SZC Bk5 5.10Ad3 Ch Shadow HRA Report Third Addendum - Revision 1.0 [REP7-279]  
SZC Bk5 5.11(B) Ch Schedule of Other Consents Licences and Agreements - Revision 3.0 [REP7-280]  
SZC Bk6 6.3 3D(C) Ch ES V2 C3 Appendix 3D Construction Method Statement - Revision 4.0 [REP7-281]  
SZC Bk6 6.3 22OAd1 Ch Eels Regulations Compliance Assessment First Addendum - Revision 1.0 [REP7-282]  
SZC Bk8 8.12Ad3 Ch Mitigation Route Map Third Addendum - Revision 1.0 [REP7-283]  
SZC Bk8 8.14Ad2 Ch WFD Assessment Report Second Addendum - Revision 1.0 [REP7-284]  
SZC Bk9 9.95 Ch Part 1 Change Report - Revision 1.0 [REP7-285]

## **Detailed Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 15 on the Proposed Temporary Desalination Plant**

### **1. Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the Hearing**

Reference will be made in Agenda items 2, 3, and 4 to the Applicant's and IP's responses to ExQ3, the comments on those responses provided at Deadline 8, and other relevant submissions and responses up to and including Deadline 9.

### **2. Water Supply update:**

Following the discussion at ISH11, the parties to provide an update on the Water Supply Strategy with particular reference to:

- (a) Period prior to the temporary desalination plant being operational;

- (b) Period of operation of the temporary desalination plant, including the transfer of the temporary plant to the Temporary Construction Area; and
- (c) Period when Temporary Construction Area is being reinstated and operation of the Proposed Development.

**3 The Environmental Assessment and the environmental implications of the proposed temporary desalination plant including matters relevant to the Habitats Regulations Assessment:**

- (a) The additional environmental assessments and supporting documentation submitted in connection with the proposed temporary desalination plant.
- (b) Transport implications, including the Heavy Good Vehicle (HGV) deliveries and any Abnormal Invisible Loads (AILs) associated with the water tankers during the early stages of Sizewell C construction, and the construction and demolition of the temporary desalination plant.
- (c) Noise and vibration, including that associated with the additional construction plant and activities within the main development site and additional activities within the marine area and having regard to any additional impacts upon relevant internationally and nationally designated sites.
- (d) Air quality, including those associated with the introduction of additional on-site diesel generators within the main development site and any additional impacts upon relevant internationally and nationally designated sites.
- (e) Coastal Geomorphology, including any effects arising from the introduction of new infrastructure and construction activities within the marine environment, with particular regard to the effect of intake and outfall headworks on coastal processes and any additional impacts upon relevant internationally and nationally designated sites.
- (f) Landscape and visual implications, including the impact of equipment associated with the temporary desalination plant, with particular regard to any additional landscape impacts on the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) associated with the construction and siting of a containerised desalination module.
- (g) Marine historic environment implications, including the impact of horizontal directional drilling and dredging with particular regard to buried archaeological remains.

- (h) Marine water quality, sediments, and ecology, including the Water Framework Directive and any effects arising from the introduction of new infrastructure and construction activities within the marine environment, and impacts of use, abstraction, discharge and hypersaline water on relevant internationally and nationally designated sites.
- (i) Terrestrial ecology and ornithology, including any additional effects upon marine birds and mammals and upon relevant internationally and nationally designated sites.
- (j) Any other relevant environmental implications, including any additional in-combination or cumulative impacts.

#### **4 General Habitats Regulations Assessment matters not covered under item 3 above:**

- (a) Physical interaction between species and project infrastructure - effects on bird, marine mammal and fish qualifying features of relevant European sites.
- (b) Direct habitat loss and direct/indirect habitat fragmentation effects on marine mammal qualifying features of relevant European sites.
- (c) The views of Natural England, the Environment Agency, MMO, RSPB and other IPs on the third addendum to the Shadow HRA report [REP7-279] and any relevant subsequent HRA material.

#### **5 The DCO, DoO and other control documents**

- (a) Are any changes over and above those in Revision 9 of the DCO and versions current at Deadline 7 of the DoO and other control documents needed?
- (b) Practicalities of review and submission of any revisions.

#### **6 Any other matters relevant to the agenda**

#### **7 Close of Hearing**