

Deadline 10 Submission TASC IP no. 20026424

TASC comments on ExQ3 responses submitted at deadline 8

**G.3.1** Question to the Applicant

Applicant's answer is set out in REP8-116

TASC comment:-

SZC Co say that the development plan policies for the area have no application to NSIPs. TASC is not aware that this was a position previously taken by the Applicant, and it appears to be a new point. TASC considers there to be no legal basis for this position and that Local Plan policies do apply to the NSIPs regime and are relevant considerations for the purposes of any DCO decision. SZA and B were both in existence when the Local Plans were formulated, and further development of the site would have been in contemplation in the formulation of those plans, given additional nuclear power capacity at Sizewell was a possibility at that time. It should be noted that the Local Plans do not say they exclude NSIP development.

TASC contend that Local Plan policies should carry weight when the ExA considers its recommendations.

If further submissions are required on this point, then TASC will be happy to assist the ExA.