

## The Sizewell C Project

### Marlesford Parish Council and Little Glemham Parish Council Response to The Secretary of State's invitation to comment on the responses to his letters of 18 March 2022, 31 March 2022 .

#### Interested Party No. 20025903 (Marlesford Parish Council)

1. In the Secretary of State's questions to the Applicant of 18th March at 4.1, he asks, *"The Applicant should advise as to whether or not they consider that a control mechanism(s) could secure the delivery of the Sizewell Link Road and Two Village Bypass in advance of the commencement of Phase 1 works on the Main Development Site, with consideration given to the effects of Heavy-Duty Vehicle movements on the B1122"*.

The focus of the Secretary of State's concern is on the early delivery of the Sizewell Link Road and the Two Village Bypass, but we would draw his attention to the fact that the SZC Co. design for the Two Village Bypass precludes its ultimate connection with a bypass for Marlesford and Little Glemham. This is a grave strategic error and would effectively prevent the delivery of Suffolk County Council's own proposed Four Village Bypass for Farnham, Stratford St Andrew, Little Glemham and Marlesford. We have consistently argued that the Applicant should be required (as a minimum) to design the Two Village Bypass of Farnham and Stratford St Andrew in such a way as to allow for the future bypassing of Marlesford and Little Glemham. The ideal (and most economically efficient) solution is to construct the bypass of all four villages along Suffolk County Council's SEGWay route – the delivery of which remains a strategic priority for the Council.

2. We note in the Secretary of State's letter of 25<sup>th</sup> April addressed to all Interested Parties and the Applicant that at Point 7, the Secretary of State asks the Applicant *"to provide details as to any further mitigation that could be provided in relation to noise and vibration impacts on this part of the B1122 before the SLR is in place, for example, but not limited to, pre-construction surveys, monitoring of affected properties along the B1122, remedial works etc"*.

Both Marlesford and Little Glemham have residents living in properties immediately adjacent to the A12. Given that neither of these two villages will be bypassed as part of the Applicant's proposals, we are very concerned about the adverse impact of Sizewell C construction traffic and the cumulative impact with traffic associated with onshore infrastructure for windfarms and interconnectors. We support the provision of better mitigation for noise and vibration on the B1122 and the A12 (through Farnham and Stratford St Andrew) but would point out to the Secretary of State that residents living along the B1122 and the A12 in Farnham and Stratford will benefit from the eventual delivery of the Sizewell Link Road and the Two Village Bypass. Marlesford will have to endure the full brunt of the Sizewell C construction traffic for the whole of the main site construction period and for the period of construction of onshore infrastructure for windfarms and interconnectors. Therefore, as an absolute minimum, the Applicant should be required to carry out proper baseline noise and vibration surveys on the A12 in Marlesford and Little Glemham prior to the commencement of works at the main construction site and to regularly monitor noise and vibration once construction starts.

There is a precedent for this, as provisions are already in place for B1122 properties. At Section 2 of its response to the Secretary of State's letter of 25<sup>th</sup> April under Traffic and Transport Mitigation, the Applicant states:

*2.1.3 Prior to the commencement of the development SZC Co. will send offers to the owners of the B1122 Properties identified in Annex G of the Deed of Obligation [REP10-077, electronic page 121]*

*setting out its willingness to conduct structural condition surveys ('the first survey') of the B1122 Properties.*

*2.1.4 These additional surveys will be carried out alongside the existing process required to implement the Noise Mitigation Scheme (Annex W of the Deed of Obligation [REP10-080, electronic page 101]) for the B1122 Properties.*

Whilst we realise that B1122 Properties is a defined term and provisions will be made for Noise Mitigation under the terms of the Deed of Obligation, we continue to argue (as we did throughout the Examination) that similar measures should be applied to A12 properties in Marlesford and Little Glemham.

3. We remain concerned that there is no settled position on the long-term supply of potable water to the main SZC site. Any prolonged use of a desalination plant will require diesel deliveries to site which will add further to the traffic on the A12, and its running will contribute to additional carbon emissions which were not allowed for in the original application.

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