



Meeting note

Project name	Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station
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Meeting with	EDF Energy
Venue	The Planning Inspectorate offices
Meeting objectives	Project update meeting
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which Developers (or others) could rely.

Sizewell C Project Overview

The Developer explained that there has been an extensive stakeholder consultation programme for Sizewell C including on-going engagement with Parish Councils, local authorities and other statutory parties and local representatives.

Lessons Learnt from Hinkley Point C

The Developer provided the Inspectorate with an overview of how lessons learned from the Hinkley Point C development has influenced the Sizewell C proposal. The Developer explained that the Sizewell C application will be smaller than Hinkley Point C application with a rationalised document structure. There has been innovation in the industry since Hinkley Point C was approved and these innovations have influenced the Sizewell C proposals. There have also been several non-material changes with the Hinkley Point C proposals and again these are influencing the Sizewell C proposals.

Sizewell C Stage 3 Consultation

Public consultation and engagement has been on-going since 2012 and the project will begin its third stage of public consultation in January 2019. Consultation will be based around the following proposals:

- Transport strategy – road verses rail
- Update of the Main Site proposals
- Changes to the B Station
- Overhead cables from the turbine halls to connect into the existing grid infrastructure
- Changes to the area to the North of the site including training and simulator buildings
- Coastline views
- Impact of construction site
- Construction worker accommodation campus
- Freight management overview

The Inspectorate queried if the road proposals constitute a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project in their own right, the Developer will consider this.

The Developer is intending to submit a section 46 notification (under the Planning Act 2008) to the Inspectorate, prior to commencing its Stage 3 consultation.

The Inspectorate advised the Developer to consult with the National Trust in relation to this proposal.

Sizewell C Approach to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

The Developer advised that it will submit a new scoping request as there have been some scheme changes since the previous scoping opinion was issued (in 2014) and new EIA Regulations have now been issued. **Post meeting note:** The Developer confirmed that they intend to submit a notification under regulation 8 of the 2017 EIA Regulations (prior to undertaking stage 3 consultation) to state that they propose to provide an Environmental Statement for this proposal.

When raised by the Inspectorate, the Developer confirmed that they will append the previous Scoping Opinion to the new scoping request information and explain the interaction between the previous opinion and the new scoping exercise.

The Developer confirmed it will provide narrative and justification in the scoping request.

Sizewell C Approach to Land Matters

The Developer explained that they may require access to land under section 53 of the Planning Act 2008. The Inspectorate advised the developer to submit such requests after the scoping opinion has been issued.

Draft Documents

The Inspectorate explained that the following documents are generally submitted as draft documents for comment:

- Draft Development Consent Order
- Explanatory Memorandum
- Works and Land Plans
- Consultation Report
- Draft HRA Report
- Book of Reference
- Statement of Reasons
- Funding Statement
- The Project description within the Environmental Statement

The developer will write to confirm the scope and structure of its application documents by September 2019.

Next Steps and Any Other Business / Summary of actions/ follow-up

The Inspectorate advised that one hard copy of the application documents will be required as part of application submission