



## Meeting note

<b>Project name</b>	Sizewell C New Nuclear Power Station
<b>File reference</b>	EN010012
<b>Status</b>	<b>Final</b>
<b>Author</b>	The Planning Inspectorate
<b>Date</b>	7 May 2020
<b>Meeting with</b>	NNB Nuclear Generation (SZC) Limited
<b>Venue</b>	Online Meeting
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Submission logistics
<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees
<b>Summary of key points discussed and advice given</b>	

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 applicants (or others) could rely.

### ***Programme***

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that whilst it is still its intention to submit the application in May 2020, it was unable to confirm the exact submission date as this will depend on the monitoring of the ongoing Coronavirus (Covid-19) situation.

The Applicant stated it had continued to engage with stakeholders and key statutory bodies as well as the local authorities who will be sent a copy of the consultation report ahead of submission in support of preparing their adequacy of consultation response.

### ***Virtual events***

The Applicant asked if there was an update on the Inspectorate's work with digital hearings / virtual working as it had been monitoring progress of other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. Reference was made to those projects that are currently in the Pre-examination and Examination stages of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) regime that are exploring the use of holding virtual events. The Inspectorate encouraged the Applicant to continue monitoring progress of the projects.

The Inspectorate advised that whilst this is still a pilot project, a lot of work has already taken place in preparation for the consideration of holding hearings during the PA2008 examinations. The first digital hearing for the Inspectorate under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 is due to take place on 11 May 2020.

### ***S56 notification***

Should the application be accepted for Examination, the Applicant is keen to ensure it will be able to fulfil its obligations in accordance with the Regulations and asked whether



the Inspectorate was able to provide any advice or guidance on how the Applicant should approach this during the Covid-19 situation.

The Inspectorate acknowledged that the position in relation to the current difficulties' Applicants are experiencing in seeking to discharge some of its duties, such as making documents available at public deposit locations has not changed.

Whilst the Inspectorate hopes to be able to provide more detailed advice as the situation develops, it encouraged the Applicant to continue with its current approach exploring ways to support this and engaging with relevant parties. The Inspectorate reminded the Applicant to regularly check the guidance on the Inspectorate's website in relation to Covid-19: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-planning-inspectorate-guidance>.

### **Other**

It was also noted that the postponement of the East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two Preliminary Meetings may result in timetables clashing. The importance of a co-ordinated approach where possible to help reduce the impacts on local communities, local authorities and others was acknowledged as the Inspectorate is committed to maintaining the standards of fairness and inclusion for all.

The Applicant stated it will continue to monitor the ongoing Covid-19 situation when making its judgement on submission of the application and will provide the Inspectorate with an updated programme as the situation develops.

### **Specific decisions/ follow-up required?**

The following actions were agreed:

- Next meeting to be arranged for early May for the Applicant to provide an update on likely submission date of the Application. *Post meeting note: meeting scheduled for 18 May 2020.*