



Meeting note

Project name	Sizewell C New Nuclear Power Station
File reference	EN010012
Status	Final
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	18 May 2020
Meeting with	NNB Nuclear Generation (SZC) Limited
Venue	Online Meeting
Meeting objectives	Submission logistics
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 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 and anticipate submission during the last week however they are unable to confirm the exact submission date as this will still depend on the monitoring of the ongoing Coronavirus (Covid-19) situation.

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

Virtual events

The Inspectorate advised the Applicant that work is progressing on its preparation for holding virtual events. Reference was made to the recently published Written Ministerial Statement (WMS) and the Government's intention to minimise the impacts of delays to planning processes and decisions due to social distancing requirements and its expectations that events will take place virtually.

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It was noted that the recently published WMS confirms that the Government has introduced temporary regulations to supplement the existing statutory publicity arrangements for planning applications, listed building consent applications and environmental statements for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development in relation to Town and Country Planning Act applications only.



The Planning Inspectorate

The Inspectorate advised that this WMS is focused on the move to virtual events and digital processes within the planning system but that consideration was being given as to whether amendments are needed to the EIA regulations for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.

The Applicant was encouraged to continue with their current approach exploring ways to support electronic working and 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>.

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:

- Applicant to update the Inspectorate of the day and time for submission