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### **EU Referendum Update**

Following the EU Referendum EDF confirmed its commitment to the Hinkley Point C project in Somerset. EDF Chairman, Jean Bernard-Levy said  
“We believe that this vote has no impact on our strategy, and the strategy for our UK subsidiary [EDF Energy] has not changed.”

“Our business strategy is not linked to Great Britain’s political affiliation with the European Union, so we have no reason to change it.”

### **Upper Abbey Farmhouse Restoration Completed**



**EDF Energy and its contractor Morgan Sindall marked the completion of the restoration project at Upper Abbey Farmhouse in Leiston by welcoming Sheila Gedny, who was born in the house, her husband Dougie and their daughter Linda for a VIP tour along with other local guests with a connection to the building.**

It was a trip down memory lane for the Gednys who had not set foot in the house for many years. Sheila’s father Herbert Smith worked on the farm estate, which was managed by the Rope family, and her grandfather Lacey Smith was the farm

foreman and mechanic.

Mrs Gedny officially opened the building alongside Paul Morton, EDF Energy's Sizewell B Station Director, who said: **"It was a pleasure to meet the Gedny family and to officially mark the completion of restoration work on Upper Abbey Farmhouse. We have worked closely with our contractors to ensure this historic building was restored to its former glory."**



*Paul Morton and Shelia Gedny officially open Upper Abbey Farmhouse*

EDF Energy employed a team of specialists to undertake the restoration work on the listed building once the history of the house had been researched by an architectural historian from Cambridge University.

Sweett Group in Cambridge was the project manager of the restoration work, Brooks Architects in Leiston was the designer and Morgan Sindall in Ipswich was the specialist contractor.

Michael Paternoster, Senior Site Manager for Morgan Sindall said: **"This has been an enjoyable project and one that has showcased the work of many talented craftspeople across Suffolk and Norfolk."**



## **Aldhurst Farm Habitat Creation Scheme**

**We are very pleased to inform you the initial phase of Aldhurst Farm Habitat Creation is now complete.**

Six hectares of wetland and two kilometres of ditches have been created, with over 120,000 reedbeds planted in the basins. The surrounding fields have been cultivated and grass-seeded. The contractors are now finishing off fencing works and new signage prior to leaving site.

The site will now enter into a period of light care and maintenance until EDF Energy opens up parts for quiet public recreation once the habitats have had time to develop.

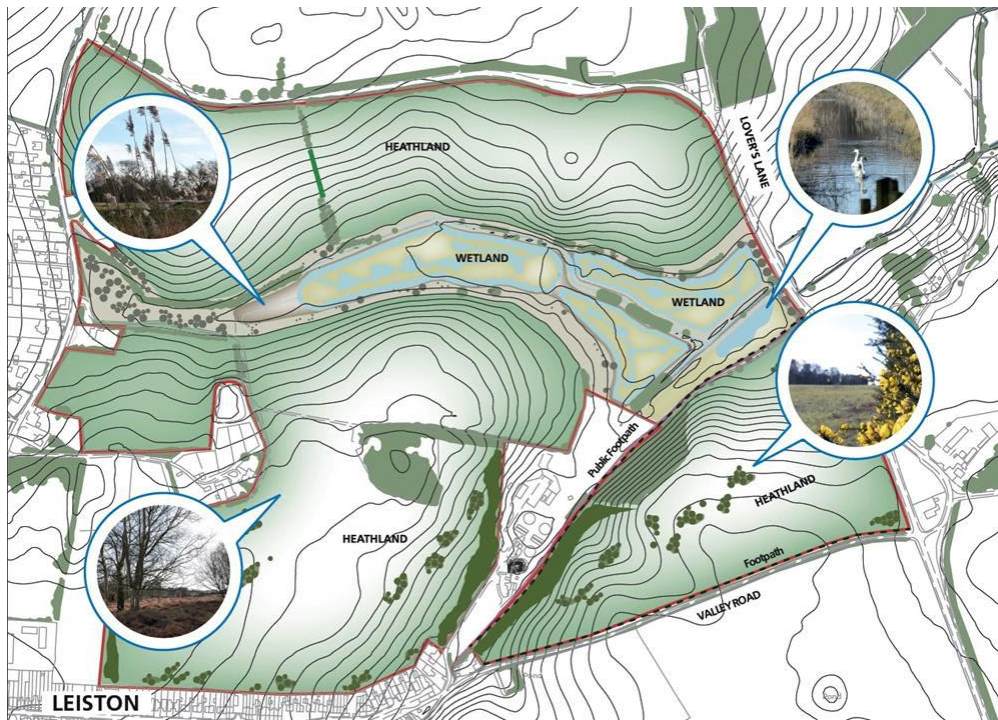
Until parts of the site are opened up public access is limited to the original and new footpaths between Valley Road and Lover's Lane. Enclosed, you will find a map indicating the site boundary and permitted routes. Dogs are also welcome if kept on a short lead.

We would like to thank the community for embracing this project and recognising its lasting legacy for Leiston. We have tried to engage with our nearest neighbours every step of the way as their support for this habitat creation scheme is integral to its success.



*View across Aldhurst Farm Habitat Creation*





*Aldhurst Farm Map*

### **Community Engagement**

**In June the Sizewell C team met with the following groups and organisations:**

- Raising the Bar Awards 2016
- Suffolk Wildlife Trust
- East of England Energy Group
- Suffolk Coast Business Group
- Suffolk High Sheriff
- Suffolk Chamber of Commerce.

### **Surveys and Assessments**



**The following have been undertaken over the last month to inform the proposals:**

- Aerial coastline surveys
- Offshore plankton surveys
- Traffic surveys
- Spring ecology surveys
- Public footpath surveys.

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