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Monthly Update

The Sizewell C team continues its engagement with communities and businesses around the area. This month our new Project Development Director Jim Crawford started in the role, and immediately went out to meet various stakeholders and interest groups in the region.



Southern North Sea Conference

EDF Energy hosted an exhibition stand at the East of England Energy Group's flagship Southern North Sea conference earlier in the month, and engaged with upwards of 500 delegates from across the energy industry.

EDF Energy used the event as an opportunity to discuss and debate issues affecting the sector and to establish new relationships with business across the regional supply chain.

Jim Crawford spoke at the conference, outlining his views on the future of nuclear power in the UK and the opportunities Sizewell C could bring to the region.



Project Director Shares Vision with Suffolk 100

The East Anglian Daily Times hosted an event for the 'Suffolk 100', which is made up of stakeholders who have an influence on the economy in Suffolk. Jim Crawford set out his vision for maximising the opportunities Sizewell C could bring to the local area, and the impact the project has already had across Suffolk.

An excerpt of his speech noted: "Even at this early stage, local suppliers from this county and across the region have been providing plant, materials and services to our project. Many of these businesses, of varying sizes, are based in places very familiar to us: Southwold, Lowestoft, Leiston, Felixstowe, Mildenhall, Ipswich, Woodbridge, Bury St Edmunds, Claydon and Saxmundham. Several local people have worked on our project, whether that has been on site at Aldhurst Farm, our wildlife habitat creation project in Leiston, or focusing on local engagement from the Sizewell C Information Office."

Routes to Market

Suffolk Coast Businesses (SCB) is the organisation that provides the business associations of Leiston, Aldeburgh, Saxmundham and Framlingham with representation, advice and routes to funding. SCB also organises events and workshops to help local businesses grow and boost the local economy.

Sizewell C had an exhibition stand at SCB's 'Routes to Market' event at Ufford Park earlier this month. Over 100 delegates visited the stand, all with an interest on how local businesses can prepare themselves for supply chain opportunities at Sizewell C. The Sizewell C team also took part in presenting Business Booster Workshops to delegates - five minute presentations crammed full of useful information. A website run by Suffolk and Norfolk Chambers of Commerce is available for businesses to register their interest in becoming suppliers for the project:

[Visit Sizewell C Supply Chain Website >](#)



Aerial photograph of Aldhurst Farm - October 2015

Project team return to Aldhurst Farm

Last year EDF Energy began to convert 67 hectares of arable farmland in Leiston, known as Aldhurst Farm, into wildlife habitat. We downed tools in November for the winter months and are looking forward to remobilising in April.

We will be completing these outstanding tasks:

- Excavation of remaining groundwater basins
- Soil spreading
- Grass seeding of fields
- Fencing
- Landscape management
- Power connection to pump house

EDF Energy has made a commitment to open up parts of the site for quiet public recreation in the future, in a manner that does not compromise the wildlife interest

of the site, once the new habitats have had time to mature. We will engage with neighbours on proposals for doing this in due course.

Community Engagement

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

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Surveys and Assessments



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

- Wildlife surveys
- Piezometer monitoring
- Soil Auguring
- Bird Surveys
- Rail route walkovers

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If you have any queries, or if your parish clerk and representatives of your council would like a project briefing with the communications team, please get in touch to schedule a meeting.

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