

# Southern Park and Ride

One of the changes since Stage 1 Consultation relates to the lead site for our Southern Park and Ride facility, which is located within the parish of Hacheston, north of Wickham Market.

Recent studies have indicated that there is material of archaeological interest within the boundary shown at Stage 1 (the area hatched in red on this map). Therefore, we have started investigative work on land to the east of the current site. We have merged the existing site boundary with the area hatched in blue. We have shown this extended area in the EIA Scoping Request as we intend to conduct further studies on this land.

It is important to note that this does not mean we intend to develop the whole area as a park and ride facility. We would only envisage using part of the overall site and any proposals different to those presented at Stage 1 will be updated and presented at Stage 2 Consultation for feedback from local residents.



# Sizewell C: Project Update

## Community Engagement

Public engagement on the Sizewell C project continues. The team has been out and about meeting parish councils to talk about the project and listen to feedback.

Informal public consultation has also taken place with communities around some of the proposed lead sites for the accommodation campus and park and ride facilities.

EDF Energy representatives have also spoken at a number of events. The East of England Energy Group held their annual Southern North Sea conference in Norfolk on 5/6 March, attracting the major energy generators in the region. Chris Squires, Supply Chain Engagement Manager for Nuclear New Build, attended and provided a project update on Sizewell C.

The Sizewell C Community Forum has been consistently well attended by representatives from community



*Sizewell C team members before last month's Community Forum meeting*

groups, parish, town and county councils. Many members of the Forum have also asked for project presentations to their individual groups, such as Community Action Suffolk (CAS), which represents voluntary and community organisations in Suffolk.

Tom McGarry, Head of Communications for Sizewell C, said: "We regularly deliver presentations and meet with many community groups and business associations. I would encourage anyone interested in hearing more about the project to get in touch with us".



**Inside:** The latest news on EDF Energy's plans for Sizewell C

*Ground investigation drilling at the proposed Sizewell C construction area*

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# Sizewell C Public Consultation: The Next Steps

EDF Energy continues to make progress on a number of important environmental studies and technical engineering assessments, as we develop our plans for a new nuclear power station in Suffolk – Sizewell C.

Recent activity has included ground investigation works in a number of areas around the construction site and potential rail extension routes off the Saxmundham to Leiston branch line. We are dependent on a good understanding of the geophysical properties of the land. This work will help us decide on options for the location of bridges, construction compounds and rail routes for the project.

Other recent activity includes work on the design of the power station, coastal processes and flood risk assessment, ecology and vegetation surveys. The results will help our engineers and planners to develop proposals that will be presented to local communities at the next stage of public consultation.

As well as technical studies, feedback from the community is vital in shaping our proposals. At Stage 1 last year, many local residents and parish councils indicated that they would like to see an additional stage of consultation. This would include more detail on aspects of the project before the plans for Sizewell C and associated developments, such as park and ride and accommodation campus facilities, are finalised.

In response, we are introducing a further stage of consultation, which we intend to launch later this year. The Stage 2 Consultation will provide more detail on issues of interest to the local community, such as transport, accommodation, environmental information and the emerging design of the power station.

In presenting more detail to the community, we will explain the development in our thinking about the options presented at Stage 1. We will also encourage more detailed feedback on the specific issues around our proposals, at a time when there is still opportunity to influence the development of our final plans. We can also understand public concerns and, in doing so, plan our site to the standard expected by the community.

The feedback from Stage 2 will inform full and detailed proposals which will be presented at Stage 3 in 2015. The focus of Stage 3, given the level of technical detail, will naturally lend itself more to statutory consultees, like the Environment Agency and councils, which are responsible for considering technical issues, but it will also be open to the public.

We will soon discuss our approach to public consultation with Suffolk Coastal District Council and Suffolk County Council. We hope that this further opportunity to respond to our proposals will be welcomed by you personally, and by your parish, business or community group.

# Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping

In order to build Sizewell C, EDF Energy will have to submit a Development Consent Order (DCO) application to the Planning Inspectorate. The Planning Inspectorate will consider the application and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State on whether or not to give permission to build the power station.

A key document that will form part of the DCO application is the Environmental Statement. This will detail our understanding of the current environmental conditions in the areas we wish to develop and the impact our project could have on that environment. We will have to state clearly how we will address and mitigate such impact.

To ensure we include the right information within our consultation material and eventually in the DCO application itself, we will shortly submit an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Request to the Planning Inspectorate. Essentially, this is a process where we ask if they agree we are looking at the right environmental issues, in order to provide the correct information in the Environmental Statement.

On behalf of the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate will consult organisations, such as the Environment Agency and the local authorities, on our EIA Scoping Request.

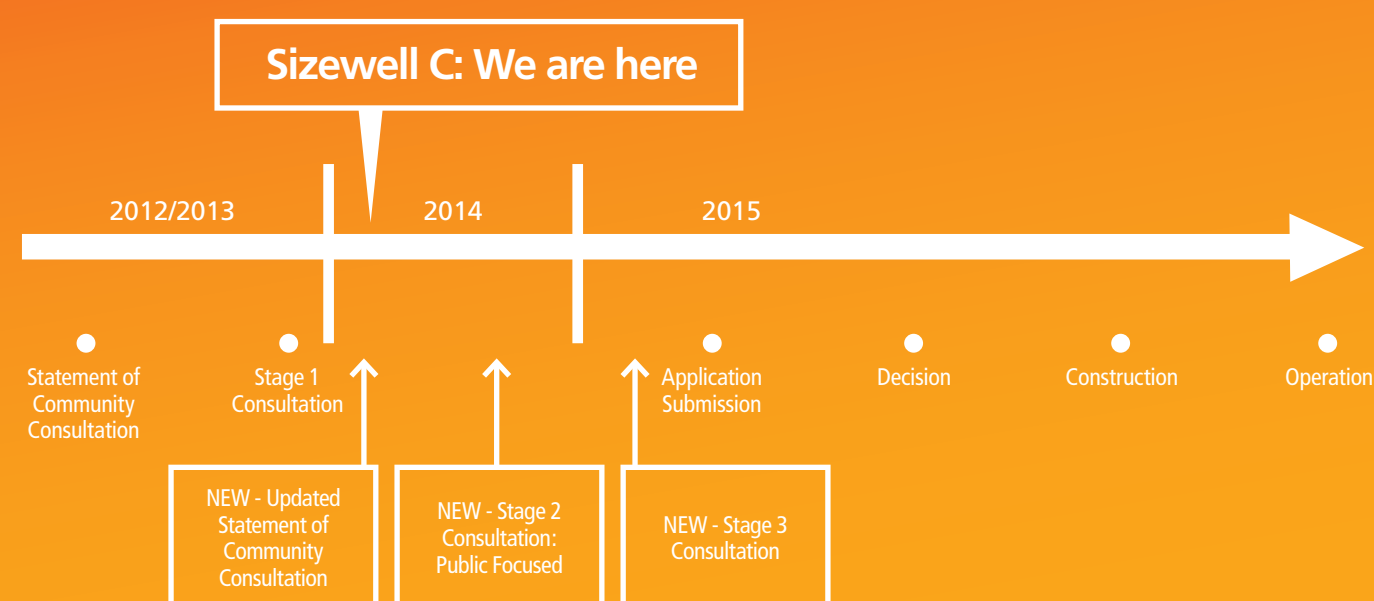
The EIA Scoping Request is a technical document which will be published on the Planning Inspectorate website. We expect to receive a response from the Planning Inspectorate in June.

There are two site options referred to in the document which are different to the information we presented at Stage 1 Consultation: the Visitor Centre and Wickham Market Park and Ride. The changes are explained in this newsletter.



Taking geological samples at the proposed Sizewell C construction area

## Revised Sizewell C Consultation Process



## Visitor Centre

Sizewell B Visitor Centre is currently a temporary facility and would need to be relocated once work starts on Sizewell C. Three options were presented at Stage 1 Consultation for a new Visitor Centre: Sizewell Beach, Lover's Lane and Goose Hill. Following feedback at Stage 1 Consultation, we have decided to discontinue the Lover's Lane and Sizewell Beach options. We have also undertaken an extensive review of our strategy and would like to introduce a new site option for the Visitor Centre at the north end of Coronation Wood, within the existing nuclear licensed area, located close to Sizewell B.

The Visitor Centre facilities would be shared with Sizewell B and the Coronation Wood location would allow for more efficient management of visitor tours and site security, as well as keeping new development and activity in close proximity to the power station complex.

The option of using Coronation Wood will be subject to public consultation at Stage 2. The alternative option that is being considered is to locate a temporary Visitor Centre on the edge of, or within, Leiston during construction and to build a permanent facility on Goose Hill when Sizewell C is operating.

