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### **Nuclear New Build Update**

The Strategic Investment Agreement with China General Nuclear Power Corporation (CGN) for the building and operation of Sizewell C's sister project in Somerset, Hinkley Point C (HPC) was signed last month, setting the steps for a final investment decision. The announcement also marked an agreement for a wider UK partnership with CGN to take forward the development of both Sizewell C and Bradwell B in Essex.

Under the agreement EDF Energy will take an 80% share in Sizewell C, with CGN taking a 20% stake. Subject to receiving all the appropriate consents and permissions including planning consent, the construction and operation of Sizewell C would require a Final Investment Decision, like HPC.

We aim to announce Stage 2 public consultation for Sizewell C as soon as possible after the HPC final investment decision. We want to work with local communities to understand how we can manage the impact of construction and maximise the benefits this project could bring to Suffolk.

### **Aldhurst Farm Habitat Creation Scheme**

EDF Energy have made excellent progress on the Aldhurst Farm Habitat Creation Scheme and we are now demobilising the operations for the winter period. There will be some tasks finishing up over the next few weeks, but the earthworks have now been suspended.

We have started the process of moving all machinery off the site, including heavy vehicles. This work requires the use of intermittent temporary traffic lights so that abnormally large machines can safely enter the B1122/Abbey Road. Additionally, the existing footpath will be re-opened in the coming weeks.

The project team will return to Aldhurst Farm in the spring to carry out the last remaining

works, and we will notify residents before this happens.

In the meantime, 80% of the basins have been created and thousands of reeds have been planted, which means real transformation of the site should be seen in the spring of next year.

### **Surveys and Assessments**

**The following surveys and assessments have been undertaken or proposed over the last month to inform the Environmental Impact Assessment:**

- Noise monitoring
- Unexploded ordinance surveys
- Geotechnical survey
- Reptile, bird and bat survey
- Maritime traffic survey
- Public Rights of Way survey
- Archaeological investigations

### **Community Engagement**

The Sizewell C Communications team continue engagement with organisations across the county, keeping communities regularly informed about the proposal. Here's a snapshot of our activity over the last month:

- Farnham with Stratford St Andrew Parish Council
- Leiston Town Council
- University of East Anglia
- East of England Energy Group
- Woodbridge Lions Club
- Age UK
- Suffolk Coast Business Association
- Felixstowe Town Council
- Lowestoft and Waveney Chamber of Commerce
- East Suffolk Partnership Forum

Please let us know if you have any queries, or if your parish clerk and select representatives of your council would like a project briefing with the communications team. Please call our Community Freephone on 0800 197 6102 to schedule a meeting.

Yours, Sizewell C Community Team