

Sizewell C Councillors Monthly Update

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SIZEWELL C STAGE TWO CONSULTATION ANNOUNCED.

After three years of uncertainty it is good news for Suffolk that EDF Energy have announced the start of the second stage of their Sizewell C consultation. Finally, you the people most affected by the proposed Sizewell C development will have the opportunity to study and comment on how EDF Energy will manage this massive construction project and see how EDF Energy have responded to the views they received from you after stage one of their consultation. You can find all the details of EDF Energy's consultation process at <http://sizewell.edfenergyconsultation.info/szc-proposals/stage-2/>

The consultation information will be published on 23rd November. The proposed development will obviously bring lasting benefits, creating jobs and inject much-needed investment into the economy, but there will also be pressure on the transport network and local community life. Our two councils support the development in principle but if we are to do right by the nation the nation must also do right by Suffolk. We are committed to holding EDF Energy to account, on behalf of Suffolk people, to make sure that we maximise the benefits to our communities, whilst minimising the adverse impact of the development. After the consultation process has started we will keep you all up to date through our own website:

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/sizewell-nuclear-power-station/stage-two-consultation/>

We will be taking an active role in this consultation, listening to our communities and would urge others to make sure they have their say. It is our intention that your two councils speak for Suffolk in a consultation process which will be very important to the future of our County. To make sure you are aware of our views and to make sure that you have an early opportunity to influence our thinking, we will be holding a town and parish councils event on **Tues 6th Dec** at High Lodge, Darsham. As on previous occasions the event will be for the nominated representatives of the Town and Parish Councils. Please look out for the details of this event which will be circulated as soon as we have finalised the arrangements.

It is very important that every parish and town council has its say in an effective way so we made representations on your behalf to EDF Energy about the support you will need to make a good response. We are pleased to report that EDF Energy have employed Planning Aid England to support you. The details of how you can access Planning Aid England will be made available from EDF Energy and we suggest you take advantage of this support. We also made representations to EDF Energy that the consultation period should be ten weeks long, twelve if a holiday period was included. We made this point as we wanted to maximise community and parish council involvement but on this point we did not find ourselves in agreement with EDF Energy so the consultation is shorter than we would have hoped.

It will be useful going forward in this process to understand your positions, so please consider sending your response to us as well as responding to EDF Energy. Please send to sizewellc@eastsuffolk.gov.uk This is also the address for any further queries you may have.

At the end of the consultation period in the New Year the Cabinets of Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council will meet together to determine Suffolk's response to the second stage of consultation. The joint Cabinet meeting will be a public meeting and there will be an opportunity for a number of community representatives to address the meeting before it starts. As we have stated above, this is an important moment for Suffolk and we look forward to working with you to do all we can to make the Sizewell C development a success for our precious county and make sure Suffolk's voice is heard.