

Sizewell C Councillors Monthly Update

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1. **AONB Natural Beauty and Special Qualities** document is now available:
[This document](#) sets out the Natural Beauty and Special Qualities of the Suffolk Coast & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The document has been developed by EDF Energy, as part of their preparatory work for the proposed Sizewell C, in consultation and agreement with the AONB Partnership, Suffolk Coastal District Council and Suffolk County Council. It follows a rigorous criteria based approach, building on the existing Natural England process for the designation of protected landscapes. It forms an important part of the baseline to help inform the design of the proposed development and against which to judge the effects of the proposed development on the protected landscape and its special qualities, but clearly will be of significant wider benefit to the AONB Partnership in articulating what is characteristic and special about this nationally important landscape
2. From listening to feedback from local communities, we have been encouraging EDF Energy to provide some level of **support to Town and Parish councils** to enable them to make meaningful responses to Stage 2 and beyond the application for Sizewell C. EDF Energy have now arranged this support with Planning Aid England and the details will be shared with Parishes and Town councils early in 2016, This is a significant and valuable step in the democratic process.
3. **Suffolk Coastal District Council Task Group** met on 9 Dec. The [papers](#) for this meeting are available.
4. In order to gain a greater understanding of community concerns relating to Sizewell C construction traffic using the **A12 near Yoxford and the B1122**, Suffolk County Council in its capacity as Highway Authority has commissioned research.
The aim of this research is to get a better understanding of community perceptions over the types of impact that would arise should EDF Energy route its construction traffic along the B1122. All residents of Yoxford, Theberton & Eastbridge and Middleton have been sent a letter to explain this work.

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