

Sizewell C Parish Emlaler



Good afternoon,

It has been a busy year for local communities and the Sizewell C Project, with the challenges of the pandemic ongoing and the examination of the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to build Sizewell C. For all of you who have been involved in the project and representing your communities, we would like to express thanks and hope to continue working constructively with you in the New Year, whatever the outcome of the decision on whether Sizewell can be built.



Planning and Financing Update

At the start of 2021, Sizewell C Co. submitted a change application to the DCO for the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) to consider. The principle changes proposed were to increase the amount of materials delivered to the Sizewell C site by sea and rail by up to 60%, reducing the forecast number of HGVs on local roads. The Examining Panel of five individuals appointed by PINS to lead the examination of Sizewell C's DCO application accepted this change request. Two further change applications were subsequently submitted in response to feedback from stakeholders. These included the proposals to use a desalination plant during construction.

The examination of Sizewell C's DCO application ran from mid-April to mid-October. During this period the Project Team met with parish councils and several neighbours of potential development sites to discuss their relevant representations to the Examining Authority. We thank them for their time and feedback.

Legislation is moving through Parliament which would facilitate the use of a Regulated Asset Base (RAB) financing model to fund large-scale nuclear power projects such as Sizewell C. We will keep you updated on progress.

What's Next?

PINS will, by mid-January, send a report to the Secretary of State which will include a recommendation on whether to grant a DCO to Sizewell C. The Secretary of State will then have until mid-April to announce the decision. We are aiming to be in a position to announce a Final Investment Decision on the project in late 2022 or early 2023.



Survey and Site Update

We have undertaken several ecological surveys over the course of the year. Recent activity includes some ongoing archaeological surveys in Farnham. More of these will be undertaken at other sites early in the new year.

Aldhurst Farm, to the north east of Leiston, was low-grade agricultural land, but over the course of the last six years it has been transformed into a six hectares of wetland habitat surrounded by 60 hectares of heathland. This year, the paths and public access areas were completed, allowing the land to be opened up to the public.

The 600-hectare Sizewell estate is part of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB and we have managed it in a way that allows wildlife to thrive and the public to have access to well-maintained paths. The Sizewell Estate has 210 ha of managed woodland and over the last decade 12,073 trees have been planted on the estate with an additional 43,205 shrubs.

Projects like Aldhurst Farm and the Studio Field complex at Sizewell Gap have contributed to our converting over 150 hectares of arable land into grassland. This is equivalent to an area six times the size of Thorpeness Meare.



Other Community Activities

Since our last update in October 2021, the Sizewell C project team has continued its engagement with communities and their representatives in East Suffolk.

Over the course of the last few months we have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) agreements with Further and Higher Education institutions in Suffolk. These MoUs confirm the activities and investment that will be placed in each college and the University of Suffolk in order to give young people in the county the best opportunities to access the skills and qualifications needed to work not only on Sizewell C but in all sectors of our economy.

Events were held in Lowestoft, Bury St Edmunds and culminated in a major stakeholder conference, held at Trinity Park in November, where around 200 local business, education and third-sector leaders gave their views on the key actions that will be necessary to ensure that Sizewell C leaves the best possible legacy for East Suffolk. Achieving the maximum benefits from Sizewell C and limiting the impacts of construction as much as possible can only be achieved in partnership. We will continue to listen and implement changes wherever possible to achieve that aim. Should any Parish Council require a project update or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by email (info@sizewellc.co.uk) or phone ([0800 197 6102](tel:08001976102)).

Kind regards,

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