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Community Newsletter

Project planning and financing update

Recent activities in the local area

Latest on surveys and planning applications



Julia Pyke - Sizewell C Director

Thank you for taking the time to read this community newsletter about Sizewell C, the proposed new power station on the Suffolk coast.

The project has reached an important moment, with a decision on our planning application due within the next couple of weeks. It was originally expected in May but the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy wanted more time to examine the volume of detailed information that makes up the application.

We have recently had some positive news on funding for the project. The Government announced that Sizewell C could be eligible to receive support through a new financial model for nuclear power projects, which is intended to drive down costs for consumers.

The Government has estimated that the new approach to funding would add at most a few pounds a year to household energy bills during the early years of construction, and an average of £1 a month over the full construction phase – but will offer value for money to the consumer due to reduced electricity bills during the operation of Sizewell C power station.

The Government will now receive views from organisations like the Environment Agency and the energy markets regulator Ofgem. We look forward to the outcome and will continue to work hard to develop the project so it delivers the maximum possible benefits for communities in East Suffolk.

The aim remains for us to make a final decision in 2023 on whether to build Sizewell C.

Other milestones are ahead, and this edition of the newsletter includes information on the Environment Agency's upcoming consultation on our application for environmental permits.

We also look back on a hugely successful couple of days at the Suffolk Show, and there is more on the latest steps we have taken to ensure that the construction and operation of Sizewell C safeguards wildlife in East Suffolk.

As always, our staff in Leiston are on hand to answer questions or attend meetings of local groups and organisations. Please feel free to contact us if you would like more information. You can also stay up to date with survey activities through our online works tracker, www.szcworkstracker.co.uk

Best wishes,

Julia Pyke,
Director of Finance and Economic Regulation, Sizewell C.

Getting involved
at the Suffolk Show

Coming up this summer:

Consultation to begin on environmental permits

The Environment Agency (EA) will shortly be launching a consultation on awarding three environmental permits for Sizewell C.

Sizewell C applied for the permits in 2020. The EA then held a public consultation on the applications, considered the comments received and carried out its own detailed technical assessments.

The permits cover three activities that would need to be undertaken at Sizewell C: the disposal of radioactive waste; operating diesel generators to provide back-up electrical supply at the site; and discharging cooling water and liquid process effluents during the operation of the plant.

The EA is the independent environmental regulator for the nuclear industry in England, and ensures that nuclear power stations meet high standards of environmental protection.

This summer, local residents will be able to view the associated documents and provide comments to the EA on its proposed decisions. For more details about what the permits are for, and the scope of the consultation please visit the [information page](#).

Skills the focus at Suffolk Show

Sizewell C was visited by over 3,500 local people at this year's Suffolk Show, which was held at Trinity Park in Ipswich.

The main focus of the project's presence at the show was the employment and skills opportunities on the project and at Sizewell B, with apprentices and Visitor Centre staff on hand to talk about their experiences.

Sizewell C also used the event to launch its latest [Employment and Training Prospectus](#), showing the jobs on offer and the skills that will be needed. Sarah Hancock, Sizewell C HR Director, said: "As the interest in joining the project continues to grow we felt it was important to provide the employment and training prospectus as a guide to working with us. It is being shared with all our local colleges and training providers and we hope it will be useful for people keen to find out how to join us or take the next steps in their training towards employment."

The Sizewell C Leiston team and Sizewell B Visitor Centre teams greeted visitors from across the region during the two-day event. Families were able to enjoy the STEM-based activities on offer, such as virtual reality headsets that demonstrated how a nuclear power station works, while 'dress-up' activities which focused on the different jobs available at a power station were hugely popular with younger children and adults alike.

Sizewell C hosted a reception with the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce on the first evening of the event, which was well attended by local MPs, representatives of the county and district councils, and other local businesses. The team also met with education leaders at the show to explore the next steps in Sizewell C's exciting partnerships to deliver skills and educational opportunities for the East.





Sizewell C at the Southern North Sea conference

Sizewell C joined energy industry leaders at the Norfolk Showground for two days last month at the East of England Energy Group's annual Southern North Sea conference.

The two-day conference and exhibition was attended by members of several members of the Sizewell C team. Tom McGarry, Head of External Affairs and Development, delivered a keynote speech on 'The UK's Energy Baseload here in the East'.

The team hosted a stand at the event, speaking to many local businesses interested in opportunities to work on the Sizewell C project, as well as education providers keen to understand the skills initiatives that will be put in place.

One of our Sizewell C apprentices



Leiston Big Weekend

Image: John Heald

The residents of Leiston came together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the Leiston Big Weekend in Victory Park in early June. Featuring afternoon tea, a funfair, outdoor cinema and lots of family-friendly fun, Sizewell C was proud to support this community event co-ordinated by Leiston Events Group.

Nearshore ground investigations at Sizewell

Sizewell C contractors have begun ground investigations of the nearshore area at Sizewell.

The works will provide information needed for the construction of the proposed Beach Landing Facility, Outer Bar Dredging, Combined Drainage Outfall, Marine Bulk Import Facility, and Desalination Intake and Outfall.

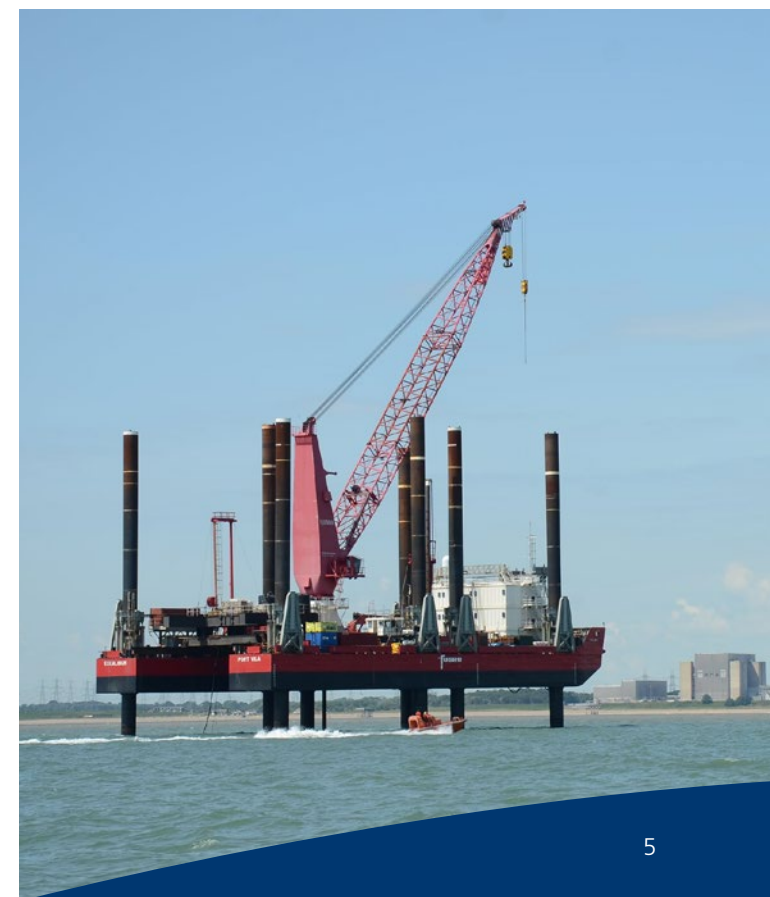
The works are being undertaken in an area that extends from the intertidal zone to 2km from the coastline. They are being carried out from a jack-up platform which has been towed to the site from Lowestoft.

Through the works, the contractor Fugro will provide marine borehole information in relation to the design and construction of the proposed structures.

Subject to weather conditions, these works are due to be completed by the beginning of August.

Find out more about all of our upcoming investigatory works here: www.szcworkstracker.co.uk.

Surveying off the coast of Sizewell



Creating space for nature

Sizewell C has submitted a planning application for permission to create additional wetland habitat for protected marsh harriers.

The application has been submitted in response to representations made by the RSPB and Suffolk Wildlife Trust during Sizewell C's planning examination.

The new wetland would be in addition to the successful habitat creation scheme, Aldhurst Farm, a 67-hectare site that Sizewell C established five years ago which is already home to nesting marsh harriers.

The proposed development is to create and maintain approximately 4.52 hectares of high-quality wetland habitat, comprising a mosaic of wet reedbed incorporating 20-30% open water and 1km of lowland ditch habitat in a single groundwater-fed basin. The wet reedbed would grade into dry reedbed and tussocky grassland around the margins of the basin.

The planning application will be decided by East Suffolk Council. If approved, the works would be delivered between September 2022 and February 2023.

In April, marsh harriers were discovered nesting in the Sizewell Marshes SSSI – the first time this has been seen in over 25 years of surveys. Sizewell C quickly put into place measures to protect the nest, while also informing the Government so that it could take the discovery into account as part of its consideration of Sizewell C's planning application.

A further nest was discovered at Aldhurst Farm.

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