

Meeting Note



Main Development Site Forum (16 April 2024)

Meeting Type:	Main Development Site Forum	Meeting held on:	Tuesday 16 April 2024
Chair:	Christine Abraham, Chair	Council Representatives:	
Sizewell C Attendees:	David Peacop, Site Operations Lead Rick Watler, Site Delivery Lead Tim Newton, Site Security Manager Spencer Bowdler, Site Operations Jez Porter, SPM Associated Development, Highways Dr Stephen Roast, Marine Environment Manager Richard Bull, DCO Lead Marjorie Barnes, Head of Regional External Affairs & Development Richard Knight, Senior Community Relations Manager Zoe Botten, Community Relations Manager Darren Benford Brown, Community Safety Officer		Cllr Stephen Brett, Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council Cllr Nicky Corbett, Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council Pat Hogan, Sizewell Residents Association Cllr Maureen Jones, Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council Cllr Charles Macdowell, Middleton-cum-Fordley Parish Council Cllr John Staff, Knodishall Parish Council Cllr Marianne Fellowes, Aldeburgh Town Council Cllr Katie Graham, East Suffolk Council Cllr T-J Haworth-Culf, Suffolk County Council Steve Merry, Suffolk County Council, Highways
External Attendees:	Robyn Evans, SEC Newgate Drew Aspinwall, SEC Newgate Phil Briscoe, SEC Newgate		

1. **Welcome**
2. **Introduction of the Chair and Panel**
3. **Minutes and Actions from Previous Main Development Site Forum**
4. **Report back from: Main Development Site, Southern Transport, Northern Transport and Sizewell C Community Forums**
5. **Sizewell C Project Update and Overview**
6. **Main Site Update: Main Development Site; Ancillary Construction Area; Temporary Construction Area; Main Construction Area; Accommodation Campus; Off Site Infrastructure; Marine and Coastal Strategy and Update**
7. **Worker Code of Conduct**
8. **Q&A via Town and Parish Council Representative**
9. **Chair's Concluding Remarks**
10. **Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16 July 2024 at 18.30**



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Item Ref	Actions/Comments	Who	By when
1	Welcome and Introductions – (Chair)		
1.01	Christine Abraham, 'The Chair', opened the meeting, welcomed attendees and ran through the venue's housekeeping arrangements.		
2	Introduction of Chair and Panel – (Chair)		
2.01	The Chair welcomed the Sizewell C team presenting at the Forum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Bull – DCO Lead • Marjorie Barnes - Head of Regional External Affairs & Development (READ) • David Peacop - Site Operations Director • Rick Watler - Site Delivery Lead • Spencer Bowdler - Site Operations • Dr Stephen Roast - Marine Environment Manager • Tim Newton - Site Security Manager • Richard Knight – Senior Community Relations Manager 		
2.02	The Chair ran through the meeting agenda.		
3	Minutes and Actions from Previous Main Development Site Forum (16 January 2024) – (Chair)		
3.01	Item 2.02 - Cllr Marianne Fellowes suggested that there should be reports provided from the other Forums and vice versa. It was noted that this will become a standard agenda item.		
3.02	Item 2.03 – There was previously a request for a residents' representative to sit on the Forum. Pat Hogan was welcomed as the residents' representative on the Main Development Site Forum (MDSF).		
3.03	Item 2.04 – Cllr T-J Haworth-Culf had asked for Snape Parish Council to be represented on the Forum. The Forum members were informed that the Sizewell C team have had discussions with Snape Parish Council, and it has been agreed that they will not be joining the MDSF at this time.		
3.04	Item 2.05 – Cllr Charles Macdowell had asked whether the Sizewell Link Road would be considered within the MDSF, the Northern Transport Forum, or both. It was confirmed that the Sizewell Link Road would be covered at both the MDSF and the NTF.		
3.05	Item 3.02 – Cllr Brett asked if a project timetable would be published. It was confirmed that a timeline was shared at the SZC Annual Forum the previous week and will be shared at the forums going forward with updates as appropriate.		
3.06	Item 3.03 – Cllr Haworth-Culf had mentioned that the correspondence from SZC resembled junk mail and asked whether improvements could be considered to the communication. The Chair said that the team has taken this feedback onboard and were looking at branding the envelopes so that it is clear that correspondence is from the project.		



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3.07	<p>Item 3.04 - Cllr Marianne Fellowes asked that the Sizewell C visitors centres be promoted more widely. The Chair confirmed that the visitor centre location, contact details and opening times were promoted at the Annual SZC Forum and the team will be continuing to promote that they are available for residents to call in without an appointment during open times.</p>		
3.08	<p>Item 4.05 – Cllr Haworth-Culf noted that HGVs were going through Leiston town taking ‘odd’ routes and asked SZC to liaise with Leiston Town Council about improving signage. Leiston Town Council confirmed that discussions were underway with the project about improving signage.</p>		
3.09	<p>Item 5.02 – Cllr Nicky Corbett had asked whether Tim Newton (TN) would be prepared to speak to Leiston Town Council about the code of conduct. TN confirmed that he was happy to do so. TN had spoken to the town council about it and the worker code of conduct was also Item 7 on the agenda for the meeting.</p>		
3.10	<p>Item 6.01 – Cllr Nicky Corbett had noted that she would like to see the speed limit on Lovers Lane extended. The Chair said this was on the meeting agenda and would also be discussed at the Northern Transport Forum.</p>		
3.11	<p>Item 6.05 – Cllr Marianne Fellowes asked whether the accommodation funds had been triggered. The Chair confirmed that there was no further information available at this time. Cllr Fellowes also asked for more information on the beach landing facilities. The chair confirmed that more information would be shared under the “Marine and Coastal Strategy and Update” section of Agenda Item 6.</p>		
3.12	<p>Cllr Marianne Fellowes thanked SZC for bringing the meeting 30 minutes forward.</p> <p>Cllr Fellowes asked if going forward it would be possible to receive answers from the previous meeting before the next meeting as she felt that three months was a long time to wait. She suggested some kind of action log would be helpful to keep track; especially as currently there is a lot of information not yet available.</p> <p>The Chair supported the idea of an ongoing action log and passed this over to the Sizewell C team to consider. RK confirmed that the team would look at this. ACTION</p> <p>AFTERNOTE: in the first instance a slide with ‘You asked’ / ‘We Responded’ has been included with the circulation of this meeting note. The team will continue to look at and improve this mechanism.</p>	AFTERNOTE	
3.13	<p>There were no further points raised by the forum members and the meeting note was signed off.</p>		
4	<p>Report back from other Forums – (Richard Knight)</p>		
4.01	<p>A slide was shown with a summary of requests made by Forum members at the last MDSF and the actions that had been taken by SZC in response. Hard copies were available for attendees. Richard Knight (RK) suggested that this slide, if presented ahead of each meeting, could serve as the action log suggested by Cllr Fellowes under Item 3.12.</p>		



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4.02	<p>RK went on to give an update on the other Forums. He noted that SZC had held all the inaugural meetings for each of the forums within three months of triggering the DCO. He said the team will provide the agendas in advance of each meeting and will also attempt to upload the slides on the SZC website shortly after each meeting takes place. The notes from the meetings will be published on the East Suffolk Council website as SZC are required under the deed of obligation to submit the meeting notes to East Suffolk Council. He made the point that the meeting notes are not a 'minute' and therefore will not be verbatim, rather a note of the key points of the meeting.</p>		
4.03	<p>Updates were provided on:</p> <p>Northern Transport Forum (6 February 2024) – discussion points included: Tracking of vehicles; road signage strategy; B1122 resurfacing work; Yoxford roundabout; Sizewell Link Road; Northern P&R.</p> <p>Southern Transport Forum (12 February 2024) Construction Management Plan; Freight Management Facility; Southern P&R; Two Village Bypass; A12 Improvements; rail-line strategy.</p> <p>Annual Community Forum (8 April 2024) – well over 100 attendees; there was a project overview; community benefits package; updates from delivery director and operations director also an update from the Suffolk Community Foundation.</p>		
5	<p>Sizewell C Project Update and Overview – (Marjorie Barnes)</p>		
5.01	<p>Marjorie Barnes (MB) gave an update on the project and community engagement to date.</p> <p>Since the last meeting, which was the day after the DCO was triggered, the project has purchased the land where it will build the power station, land by EDF is now owned by Sizewell C which is an important milestone. Secure fencing around the site has been put up. The access to the ancillary construction area is now complete and now fitting out some welfare building there. Coppicing work has been underway, this will be discussed during the forum and the community team have dealt with a number of enquiries on that. The coppicing was all overseen by an ecological clerk of works. The resurfacing on the B1122 has also been completed.</p> <p>The project will have impacts but will also have benefits, SZC will play an active role in regional skills development, the project has been working with local colleges, agreements have been put in place and the funding will start to flow through to colleges and will see local people being trained in the skill sets the project requires.</p> <p>The project will create 1,500 apprenticeships throughout the construction period. A third of those will be from Suffolk. To date, 50 apprenticeships have been created. A job service has been launched and we are working with the Department for Work and Pensions and other partners to promote the opportunities. Target for the year is to create 150 apprenticeships.</p> <p>SZC is working with local colleges but there are also agreements in place with social partners which are outside the deed of obligation commitments, these touch upon some hard-to-reach groups within the communities.</p>		



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	<p>A short film on how the project is creating opportunities for people with Down’s Syndrome through ‘Project 21’ was shown https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLvjNb4iV_M&t=6s SZC will create up to five work placements for people with Down’s Syndrome in 2024, with SZC also funding a full-time position at Project 21 to oversee and coordinate placements and provide support over the next two years.</p> <p>SZC is supporting the Net Zero Leiston initiative. Currently progressing three linked transport initiatives: E-bike / bicycle / active travel scheme for local community use; Installation of EV charging hubs; EV Car Share Club.</p> <p>The project is also supporting a new local business communications campaign, to showcase businesses operating sustainably, with a view to boost shopping in the town and using services as well. Support is also being given to the “Green Spaces Project”, to support biodiversity and recreational opportunities. Wild Aldhurst is the habitat creation scheme on the edge of Leiston, this has bedded in really well, planning permission has been submitted for an education facility and bird hide and bike store. Wild Aldhurst is open to the public all year round, welcoming anyone who enjoys nature and wildlife. www.sizewellc.com/environment/wild-aldhurst.</p> <p>MB summarised that all the inaugural community forum meetings have now taken place, she acknowledged that there had been some teething issues, which were to be expected, but the project continues to learn from the feedback received and is grateful for that. Agendas and slides are on the Sizewell C website and the meeting notes on East Suffolk Council’s website. MB encouraged people to visit the team on Leiston High Street and reminded the Forum that the team is happy to come to individual parish meetings between the fora.</p> <p>The community fund and grants application process will launch soon, along with information about how people can access and apply for funds. The awards panel has held its inaugural meeting and there will be more information at www.suffolkcf.org.uk/the-sizewell-c-community-fund/ soon.</p>		
6	Main Site Update – (Rick Watler, David Peacop, Dr Stephen Roast)		
6.01	<p>Rick Watler (RW) gave an overview of the key schemes and orientated the attendees as to the location and project progress of the:</p> <p>Freight Management Facility; Southern P&R (Wickham Market); Two Village Bypass (Farnham & Stratford St Andrew), Sizewell Link Road; Northern P&R (Darsham); Sizewell Branch Rail Line; East Suffolk Rail Line.</p> <p>RW reported that all the schemes are at the initial stages, many elements are being revisited to look at ways minimise impact on the local community.</p> <p>He showed a map of the main road, traffic and public realm works planned for the Leiston area and talked about the Main Development Site (MDS) Roads and the scope of Lovers Lane & Abbey Road which includes significant utility works and road realignment & widening. Plus an improved entrance to Leiston Recycling Centre, a Bridleway 19 diversion & crossing and realigning Abbey Road and Lovers Lane junction.</p> <p>RW acknowledged that coppicing works has been a sensitive topic but wanted to offer reassurance that the team are working within the guidance of the DCO and with the ecological clerk of works who must issue a permit before any work can be undertaken.</p>		



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6.02	<p>An update was given on the timeline of the off-site infrastructure (Plan on a Page). RW highlighted that despite the Accommodation Campus being a standing item at the Main Development Site Forum, there won't be much more to report until around Q3 / Q4 as it is currently in design stage and any obvious activity will be archaeological.</p>		
6.03	<p>David Peacop (DP) explained that the B1122 (road noise and vibration scheme) works are now complete and went on to talk about the speed limits on the B1122.</p> <p>The B1122 existing speed limits are varied with sections of 30mph, 40mph and national speed limit. The proposal is to reduce and unify the speed limit to 30mph; the intention is for this to be in place by the end of May 2024.</p>		
6.04	<p>DP then moved on to talk about extra Vehicle Messaging Signs (VMS) on the B1125. He said that these, 'dot matrix' signs, will be put up in 3 locations and then monitored to see if these are having any effect, then reviewed.</p> <p>The locations shown were: Site 1: Blythburgh VMS Sign installed on A12, near River Blyth overbridge. Site 2: Darsham VMS Sign installed on A12, near junction with The Street. Site 3: Junction where the B1125 (Leiston Road) meets the B1122 nearest Theberton.</p> <p>The purpose of these signs is to give direction to people and freight and deter them from using the non-determined routes. These signs belong to the project and can be moved around, and the messaging changed as required.</p>		
6.05	<p>Accommodation Campus</p> <p>There will be a working group set up to discuss the accommodation campus, a notification will be sent but anyone interested in being part of that working group should also get in touch. DP said that key topics already raised have been car parking, landscaping, lighting design and noise monitoring.</p> <p>The slide shown gave an overview of the key features of the campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 2,4000 beds • Recreation building (restaurants, kitchens, gyms, prayer rooms, service rooms) • Reception building (management space, medical facility, administration) • Emergency equipment store for wider site • 1,627 car parking spaces (inc EV charging) • 120 motorcycle and 120 bicycle spaces. 		
6.06	<p>DP's final slide was about the Temporary Construction Area (TCA) / Main Construction Area (MCA).</p> <p>He said works take place in 'earth work seasons', working in the drier months to minimise damage.</p> <p>The green area of the map shown is where the main activity is taking place during this year. It will be a very slow start with low level earth works of 1 – 2m to level the site ready for infrastructure to go in and to start to monitor the environmental data from these works, which will feed into the various groups.</p>		



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	<p>The slide showed the areas of earthworks and ground engineering trials on the Main Development Site.</p> <p>TCA – Early Earthworks – Purpose to form working platforms and site roads. Support construction of temporary buildings, site infrastructure, site roads and tracks and the main concrete batcher.</p> <p>MCA – Ground Engineering Trials – Purpose to confirm design assumptions. Example of types of trials being undertaken – sheet piling, ground anchor trials, deep soil mixing trials and backfill trials.</p>		
6.07	<p>Marine and Coastal</p> <p>Dr Stephen Roast (SR) then gave an overview of the elements that are in the marine environment.</p> <p>SR clarified that there would not be any works covered by the deemed marine licence taking place this year as they require various conditions still to be discharge. The first works are not likely to commence until around Q3 2025. Some activities will take place on the beach itself, such as fencing as well as investigatory works as mentioned.</p> <p>The marine works are subject to conditions under the Deemed Marine Licence which require monitoring, detail on the construction methods and any mitigation required to minimise impact.</p> <p>Activities are sequenced over the next 10 years. Those marked with an asterisk* are part of the permanent design and those without are related to the construction phase of the power station.</p> <p>Temporary Sea Defence Desalination plant intake and outfall Combined Drainage Outfall Beach Landing Facility (BLF) * Marine Bulk Import Facility (MBIF) Cooling Water Intake Shafts / Heads * Cooling Water Outfall Shafts Heads * Fish Recovery Return Outfalls * Hard Coastal Defence * Soft Coastal Defence *</p> <p>Many of the elements are below the water line, although the 2 freight facilities (Beach Landing Facility (BLF) and the Temporary Marine Bulk Import Facility (MBIF) (550m off-shore) will of course be visible.</p> <p>SR discussed the outfall and intake heads that will be 3km offshore to the east of the Sizewell Bank. He also talked about the project being awarded the status as a Harbour Authority as part of the DCO, for safe construction at sea and also safe movement of vessels in the area.</p> <p>SR discussed the Marine Freight Facilities. During the construction period there will be a Beach Landing Facility and Marine Bulk Import Facility. Construction on the MBIF will start in the 2025 with the Beach Landing Facility likely in 2027.</p>		



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	<p>When the power station is complete the Beach Landing Facility will be retained for use during operation but will have the roadway removed when not in use.</p> <p>This year there will be Geotechnical Campaign, very similar to works in 2022 – these will use the same jack up barges, Fugro Excalibur and Fugro Aran 250. The work they will be undertaking will be for mostly for cooling water intake / outfall locations, drilling boreholes and for geological assessment as well as taking sediment samples to analyse for trace metals, hydrocarbons, and radiological elements assessment of dredging and dredge disposal (these samples have a year three “shelf life” which is why they need to be repeated).</p>		
7	Worker Code of Conduct / Security – (Tim Newton)		
7.01	<p>Tim Newton (TN) gave an update on the Worker Code of Conduct:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worker Code of Conduct in place and signed by all on project and held to account <p>TN introduced Darren Benford Brown, who was in attendance, and has joined the project to perform the role of Community Safety Officer under the Deed of Obligation. Darren has joined the project after 17 years with the Suffolk Constabulary to perform this key community role.</p> <p>TN gave an update on the recent statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site numbers average between 450-500 per day Staff numbers are expected up to 1,500 by end of the year <p>The graph provided by G4S (contractor) showed where the employees they have recruited have come from. Out of the 140 personnel employed, 87% are from Suffolk (Highest number currently from Lowestoft).</p>		
8	Q&A via Town and Parish Council Representative – (Chair)		
8.01	<p>Submitted by Councillor Stephen Brett, Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council</p> <p>“Light Pollution - residents have observed a considerable increase in light pollution and sky glow coming from the extremely bright and glaring lights in use going into the site from Lover's Lane. It was our understanding that Sizewell C fully intended to take steps to minimise light pollution, and this is especially important during the bird migratory season and for bats as they come out of hibernation. Please can Sizewell C make urgent changes to the lights in use in this location to reduce the impact on residents up to two miles away.”</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>Spencer Bowdler (SB) said: “We have lighting in certain areas for the safety of personnel and internal road users. In the Lover’s Lane areas there is also a dark corridor for bats, Natural England have issued a bat licence to us. We undertake regular checks. The last one being last night (15 April) and all of our LUV levels were within our bat licence compliance.</p> <p>Now the evenings are getting lighter we have been making adjustments to the temporary lighting , saying that we urge anyone who sees light bleed / light pollution to contact the community team, so we can make adjustments to the light or move the light towers. We are very responsive and are able to make adjustments but do need these to be reported to us.”</p> <p>SB also said he would be happy to visit any locations of concern and asked the forum members to report these to the team to arrange.</p>		



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8.02	<p>Submitted by Councillor Stephen Brett, Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council</p> <p>“Have EDF completed ground strengthening tests on the main site and what have these tests concluded? Why are EDF not doing similar tests in the area underneath the hard coastal defences?”</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>RW confirmed that some of the tests had been completed to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geotechnical and geophysical investigations • Hydrological investigations and monitoring • Heat stabilisation laboratory testing • Crag reuse and blending laboratory testing • Physical anchor trials • Physical ground stabilisation trials (phase 1) • Infiltration testing <p>Ongoing monitoring includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground and surface water monitoring and management • Further physical testing of the main construction area • Piling tests • Peat stabilisation testing • Phase 2 anchor tests • Phase 2 Physical ground stabilisation trials 		
8.03	<p>Submitted by Councillor Charles Macdowell, Middleton Parish Council</p> <p>“When will the Early Years speed limits be in force?”</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>DP said that he hoped he had answered in his presentation. The intention is for this to be in place by the end of May 2024.</p>		
8.04	<p>Submitted by Councillor Charles Macdowell, Middleton Parish Council</p> <p>“When will the marking signs for SZC contractor vehicles be implemented?”</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>DP said that the regular 4x4 vehicles are starting to be stickered up now, with regular freight vehicles to follow, in the coming months. He urged people to keep an eye out for the stickers on the rear of the vehicle and include this if you need to report a vehicle to the community team.</p> <p>Call: FREEPHONE 0800 197 6102</p>		



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8.05	<p>Submitted by Councillor Katie Graham, East Suffolk Council</p> <p>“Would SZC consider working with affected residents and interested groups such as the Sizewell Park Run and Long-Distance Walkers Association for Suffolk and Norfolk to look again at the diversionary routes being provided to compensate for public bridleways and footpaths that will be closed or disrupted during the period of construction.”</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>TN said yes absolutely, last week SZC met with the Parkrun team on the beach to discuss the works and how SZC can work with them support the run as construction is started. They left very happy. SZC will meet with any special interest groups to discuss access and routes.</p>		
8.06	<p>Submitted by Councillor Katie Graham, East Suffolk Council</p> <p>“Notwithstanding the consultation and management plan laid out in the Rights of Way and Access Strategy, there is feedback from residents that the current proposals could be significantly improved from both a safety and amenity perspective.”</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>RB said: “Firstly we always welcome feedback, and we encourage that. The Public Rights of Way Working Group is now up and running, which is chaired by SCC with representatives from the District Council and Sizewell on it. It is there to manage the implementation of the Rights of Way and Access Strategy, so any comments can be fed in accordingly through the local authority officers or through the local Sizewell team.”</p>		
8.07	<p>Submitted by Councillor Nicky Corbett, Leiston Town Council</p> <p>“Trees and hedging clearance: The loss of habitat caused by the construction of SZC is an emotive subject. While we understand the loss of trees and hedges is sadly necessary, the recent work carried out on Lovers Lane included the destruction of a number of small trees that could have been left untouched if a more sympathetic approach had been taken. While we understand this work was apparently to improve sight lines (all within the DCO and approved by the local authority), SZC must be made aware of how this apparent disregard for our precious landscape has caused dismay to many residents. The trees in the hedgerow provided precious habitat for our wildlife, as well as screening to mitigate light pollution and dust. Please can we seek assurance that a more sympathetic approach to the treatment of trees and hedges is adopted where possible, particularly on the boundaries of the main site and associated development sites (e.g. Buckleswood Road)?”</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>Nicky Corbett was happy that this had been answered in the presentation but added that she, and others in the community, felt that many of the young trees could have been left where the Bell-mouth Junction was going.</p>		
8.08	<p>Submitted by Councillor Nicky Corbett, Leiston Town Council</p>		



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	<p>“Early years apprenticeships: At the annual forum, delegates were told that in the early years there is a target number of apprentices being employed by contractors and directly by SZC.</p> <p>a. How many apprentices have been employed to date, b. in which fields of employment, c. what is the target number over the next 24 months, d. where will the apprentices come from and where will they be trained (i.e. will they be very local to the site and therefore home-based and which college will they attend?)”</p> <p>Answer: MB said:</p> <p>a. <i>How many apprentices have been employed to date:</i> 50</p> <p>b. <i>in which fields of employment:</i> very varied at the moment, included HR, project management, not a one type and will change as the project develops</p> <p>c. <i>what is the target number over the next 24 months,</i> Target for 2024 is 155 and will updating on these as each meeting</p> <p>d. <i>where will the apprentices come from and where will they be trained (i.e. will they be very local to the site and therefore home-based and which college will they attend?)”</i> As local as possible; partnerships and funding are in place with the local colleges and the university. By way of an example the HR apprentice is from Southwold and studies at Suffolk New College.</p>		
9	Questions		
9.01	<p>Cllr Marianne Fellowes asked about marine works and the impact on tourism and the timeline for the sea wall.</p> <p>SR said that all the items bar the temporary sea defences won't start this year, these are in the programme for the end of the year and at the northern end.</p> <p>Cllr Fellowes understood that a date of late August was given at the meeting with the Parkrun organisers regarding works to the sea wall.</p> <p>TN confirmed that at the Parkrun meeting they discussed that the intention was to open up diversion of the footpath from late August, but this is not rubber stamped and requires several months' work to be undertaken first to make this happen.</p> <p>Cllr Fellowes suggested that with the next MDSF taking place in mid-July that this should really be discussed at the meeting.</p>		
9.02	<p>Cllr Charles Macdowell had a supplementary question to Cllr Fellowes, asking if there was a date for the beach to actually be closed.</p> <p>TN said that there is no intention to close the beach while the works are being undertaken. Diversionary routes have been agreed for the occasions when the beach does need to be closed.</p> <p>DP suggested having beach closures / diversions as a standing item on the forum agenda.</p>		
9.03	<p>Cllr Macdowell's own question was: The Transport Review Group (TRG) report and the data regarding the B1122 online, only goes to the end of 2023, and there is no data available from 1 January 2024 on East Suffolk</p>	ACTION / AFTERNOTE	



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	<p>Council’s website. He felt that this lag is not acceptable and asked whether it could be sped up.</p> <p>Steve Merry, Suffolk County Council, Highways, said that data from up until the end of February was presented at the TRG and he will check if it is on the website and will investigate whether it is possible to reduce the lag in publishing the data. ACTION</p> <p>AFTERNOTE: At the time of writing TRG April’s Monitoring Report was the latest report posted online: https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/national-infrastructure-and-energy-projects/sizewell-c-nuclear-power-station/governance-groups/</p>		
9.04	<p>Cllr Maureen Jones had a supplementary question related to the tree work discussed earlier and wanted to know when replanting of the trees will be taking place as people are concerned with the re-growth.</p> <p>RW said he will follow this up after looking at the plans. ACTION</p>	ACTION	
9.05	<p>Cllr Maureen Jones’ main question was related to her concern regarding coastal erosion in her parish and said that over the last two years a lot of defences have been lost, asking whether the project is monitoring the impact of its works.</p> <p>SR said that they have been monitoring the coastal processes for many years and will be doing so right up until decommissioning. They use aerial photography to monitor and this goes down as far as Thorpeness. SR said the works at SZC cannot impact that far down the coast, but the monitoring plan is adaptive, so if they were to pick up any impact there then they would adapt the plan accordingly.</p> <p>Cllr Jones suggested construction and the construction of the intake tunnels might impact. SR reiterated that it would not impact that far down the coast.</p> <p>Cllr Jones then asked, if something did happen, would the project pay for any damage. SR said there is no identified means for this to happen; the soft defences are provided specifically to erode and create sediment. The tunnels will be bored under the seabed with only the intake head on the seabed (3km out) unlike Sizewell B which uses a cut and cover technique.</p>		
9.06	<p>Pat Hogan said she had intended to make a positive comment but found it quite difficult not being able to ask a question after each person has spoken, so would like this (presentational) approach to be reconsidered.</p> <p>She added that lot of her questions have been answered and it is nice to hear that the hedging is being looked at. There are lots of works wherever you go, and people are anxious so anything SZC can do to alleviate that is welcome. She said the appearance of the area is important, thinking of the visitor economy and urged for SZC to screen the works as much as possible.</p> <p>Pat Hogan did welcome the visitor centre and regular forums and other efforts being made.</p> <p>She said the Sizewell gap road should be 40mph, asking for this to be looked at.</p> <p>She also asked if the deadline for pre-submitted questions could be changed to make it shorter.</p>		



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9.07	<p>Cllr Nicky Corbett asked for data about the number of non-home-based workers given that the campus will not be ready until 2027. He said there are huge concerns about displacement of local residents and the tourist industry.</p> <p>RB said that there is a threshold that has to be triggered before a survey can take place, this will report into the working group, whose governance will monitor, inform the appropriate actions and mitigations. RB added that the project will be returning to this again, it is very good point.</p>		
9.08	<p>Cllr Nicky Corbett asked about the rail works between Buckleswood and Sizewell holt and when works would start.</p> <p>RW said that the works that come down through Saxmundham will start to see a compound going in later this year to manage those works. With further works (location) will be undertaken in Q1/ Q2 2025.</p> <p>ACTION: Update to be given at the next MDSF.</p> <p>Cllr Corbett wanted confirmation that trains would not be running overnight through Leiston and that residents would be notified regarding any works with plenty of notice. This was confirmed to be the case.</p> <p>RK added that said that Network Rail has been invited to attend the Southern Transport Forum to talk about their works.</p>	ACTION	
9.09	<p>Cllr Stephen Brett asked about soil store, which was reported in the DCO to be up to 35m in height. Residents are concerned about dust caused by high winds, asking what to do about this dust-blow.</p> <p>DP said that SZC will not be going for 35m, the size of stockpiles are being looked at. SZC will cover the stockpiles to minimise dust-blow.</p>		
9.10	<p>Cllr T-J Haworth-Culf asked how SZC are going to enforce the reduces speed limits. RB said that the project is talking to the highway authority and the police as to how this will be enforced and agreed that there is no point having a reduced speed limit if it can't be enforced. Cllr Haworth-Culf requested that the community be taken on that journey.</p>		
9.11	<p>Cllr T-J Haworth-Culf asked about HGVs under 3.5 tonnes using non-approved routes.</p> <p>RB said that the induction process is key, signage, tracking and monitoring all play a part in this. The project has quite aggressive targets for car-sharing for non-home-based workers, there will not be enough parking on site; people residing to the west of the A12 or North or South of the area will have to car share and use the park and rides. SZC will be returning to this at future forums and revisiting the measures as the project moves forward.</p>		
9.12	<p>Cllr Katie Graham asked if any reassurance can be given in light of the war in Ukraine and nuclear power plants being targeted and switch off, citing the International Atomic Agency's statement that the 'world is dangerously close to a nuclear accident'. She asked what reassurance the team can give that we are not vulnerable to similar risk both during construction and operation.</p> <p>TN said whilst I cannot give specific details, to reassure the room, we have security plans in place, approved by the ONR. The regulator ensure our arrangements to be appropriate,</p>		



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	adequate and proportionate. We are many years away from the site being operational. This kind of scenario you describe would be part of a national security response.		
9.13	<p>Cllr Fellowes wanted to make the point to Dr Roast that the Marine Bulk Import Facility will act like a pier and states that piers have been proven to contribute to coastal erosion.</p> <p>AFTERNOTE (SR): The MBIF is deliberately designed to be open-piled so that it does not affect sediment transport or affect coastal processes. There is no mechanism for it to cause erosion – detailed numerical modelling has proven this. The Environment Agency, East Suffolk Council and Marine Management Organisation specialists all concurred with the impact assessment.</p> <p>She then asked: with 450 – 500 workers on site, proposed 1,500 by the end of the year when is there plans for GP to be onsite. Cllr Fellowes did not expect an answer at the meeting but is happy with an email. ACTION.</p> <p>AFTERNOTE: email sent to Cllr Fellow regarding the medical services - which are due to commence in September 2024.</p> <p>Cllr Fellowes also requested that the independent chair’s email address be shared with the fora and asked for the chair to make a statement on publicity that is made in name of the chair.</p>	<p>AFTERNOTE</p> <p>ACTION / AFTERNOTE</p>	
9.14	<p>Cllr T-J Haworth-Culf requested more to be done about traffic in Leiston.</p> <p>DP said suggested a separate discussion with Leiston Town Council about traffic. This was welcomed by Cllr Haworth-Culf.</p> <p>AFTERNOTE: an initial meeting took place in June.</p>	AFTERNOTE	
9.15	Cllr Corbett had been talking to the police team and they have been doing excellent work on looking at traffic; she pointed out that not all traffic is for SZC but perhaps one step removed, they could be providing material for companies working on site.		
9.16	<p>Cllr Jones said that the road signage is not a sign to direct traffic up Abbey Road in Leiston. ACTION – Jez Porter took a note to check this.</p> <p>AFTERNOTE: This was looked at; a sign has been made and is awaiting installation.</p>	AFTERNOTE	
9.17	<p>Pat Hogan asked for the slide from tonight’s meeting to be made available. Pat was handed a copy of the slides to take home. RK said they will also be on the East Suffolk website.</p>		
10	Chair’s Concluding Remarks – (Chair)		
	<p>Christine said she was asked to write an opinion piece about the role of the independent chair for the SZC annual community forum, in the East Anglian Daily Times, published on Saturday (13 April). She said that the piece was very much about her aspirations for the role and what had attracted her to it.</p> <p>Christine said she had carefully considered the content of the piece. However, when published, the headline, not written by Christine, read: “A significant step forward for Sizewell C and its great benefits”</p>		



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	<p>She asked for members to read the article, consider her behaviours, actions and conduct in chairing the meetings, and to disregard a journalist's unhelpful headline. Christine invited comment and discussion after the meeting should anyone want to.</p> <p>Christine thanked all the council representatives for their questions, the project teams for responding to the questions and the members of the public who attended.</p> <p>The chair encouraged all attendees to contact the community team between forums with any concerns, suggestions and questions they have either by phone, email, post or in person.</p>		
11	Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16th July 2024 – (Chair)		
11.01	<p>The dates of future Forum meetings were provided.</p> <p>Main Development Site Forum Tuesday 16th April 2024 Tuesday 16th July 2024 Tuesday 15th October 2024</p> <p>Northern Transport Forum Wednesday 8th May 2024 Wednesday 7th August 2024 Wednesday 6th November 2024</p> <p>Southern Transport Forum Wednesday 15th May 2024 Wednesday 14th August 2024 Wednesday 13th November 2024</p> <p>The Chair noted that the meeting notes will be posted on the East Suffolk Notes will be posted on the webpage for the community forums.</p>		
12	<p>Project Contact Details:</p> <p>Call: FREEPHONE 0800 197 6102 Email: info@sizewellc.com</p> <p>In person: Sizewell C Information Office, 48 – 50 High Street, Leiston IP16 4EW. (Open for visits without appointment 9:30am – 5pm (weekdays only), closed lunchtimes 12:30pm – 1:30pm).</p> <p>By post: FREEPOST SZC (No stamp or further address required)</p>		