Sizewell C Community Forum

Thursday 22nd October 2026

Sizewell Visitors Centre

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Item 1: Welcome, Introductions, Agenda and Matters Arising

Christine Abraham Chair

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Christine Abraham

Independent Chair Sizewell C Community Forum and Main Development Site Forum

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Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introduction of the Chair and Panel** (Christine Abraham)
2. **Opening Remarks: Nigel Cann CEO**
3. **Community Relations** (Marjorie Barnes)
4. **Sizewell C Workforce update** (Chris Young)
5. **Project Look Ahead 2026/2027 & Key Milestones** (Rick Watler)
6. **Sizewell Deed of Obligation funding** (Richard Bull)
7. **Q&A – via Town and Parish Council Representative** (Christine Abraham)
8. **Dates of Future Meetings** (Christine Abraham)



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Community Forum Panel



Christine Abraham
Independent Chair



Nigel Cann
CEO Sizewell C



Marjorie Barnes
Head of Regional External Affairs & Development Sizewell C



Rick Watler
Site Delivery Lead Sizewell C



Chris Young
Director of Workforce & Skills



Richard Bull
Head of Planning Sizewell C

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Item 2: Nigel Cann
CEO Sizewell C

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Nigel Cann

CEO

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Item 3: Corporate and Community Relations Update

Marjorie Barnes

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Marjorie Barnes

Head of Regional External Affairs and Development

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Welcome to the Sizewell Visitor Centre!

- Over 10,000 visitors since opening our doors in January
- Families, friends, near and far
- Celebration of STEAM, Heritage and Community
- Primary Schools Workshops launching in January
- Family friendly visits all year
- Join us!











Our exciting centre for community engagement

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Six months on

People Place Partnerships

- Increased investment in infrastructure and public spaces
- First freight deliveries by rail
- DoO funding allocated across all impacted areas
- Local employment grows
- Local business contracts increase
- College on the Coast has planning approval






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Why we love to be beside the seaside
Coast is clear for £39.5m college
New training opportunities for post-16s
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Leiston Community Sports Hub
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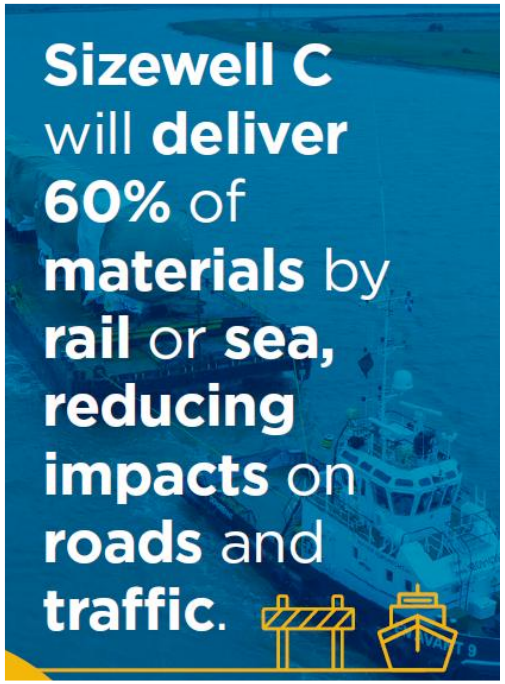

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Community Investment

Sizewell C Contractors working with the community

- Sizewell C Site Social Benefits Forum delivering community projects
- Forum marked one year of operation and 14 projects achieved











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Community Investment

Sizewell C Community Fund

£4.1m awarded | 61 organisations supported



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Empowering communities to support nature

NEIF & east suffolk trust

- **£12m Natural Environment Improvement Fund (NEIF)**
- NEIF grants (from £10k with no upper limit) are made by the Natural Environment Awards Panel which sits three times a year.
- To date six grants have been awarded for a variety of nature projects with a total value of £991,815 (details will be published soon when the current embargo pending formal acceptance ends).
- **£78m East Suffolk Trust**
- Run by its new CEO Lewis Spurgin and governed by its independent Board of Trustees
- Chair is RHS's Director General, Clare Matterson. The charity has opened its offices in Halesworth.
- £1.5m grant funding has so far been awarded, projects that have been supported include:

  River Waveney Trust – funding to support a major citizen-science led water monitoring programme
- RSPB – working with farmers to reverse the decline in key farmland bird species, including Turtle dove and waders
- Response to Dunwich fire - £200,000 donation shared by National Trust and RSPB to support planning and early action needed to begin restoration work
- SZC has asked RSPB, SWT, National Trust and Natural England to submit proposals for work that can be delivered this winter to increase the resilience of other protected sites for next summer using the European Sites Access Contingency Fund set up under the DoO

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Community events

People Place Partnerships

- Ipswich, Leiston and Lowestoft Book Festivals
- National Year of Reading media partnership
- Suffolk Show and First Light Festival
- STEAM Festival
- Children's Literacy Festival at University of Suffolk
- Archaeology Festival+ Summer Activity Programme
- Leiston Cinema in the Park
- Wild Aldhurst Community Day













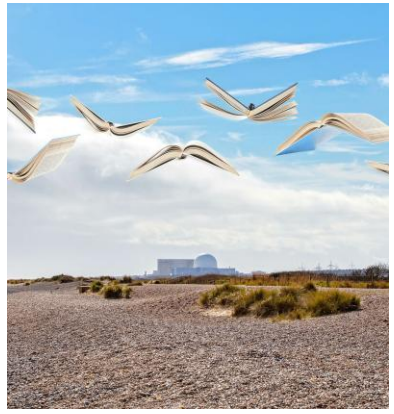

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The Power of Youth

Giving young people a voice













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Opening access to opportunity

People Place Partnerships

Investment in Suffolk's people

- ISCRE
- Ipswich Town Foundation
- Project 21
- Inspire
- Pathways Care Farm
- Kingfisher Trust













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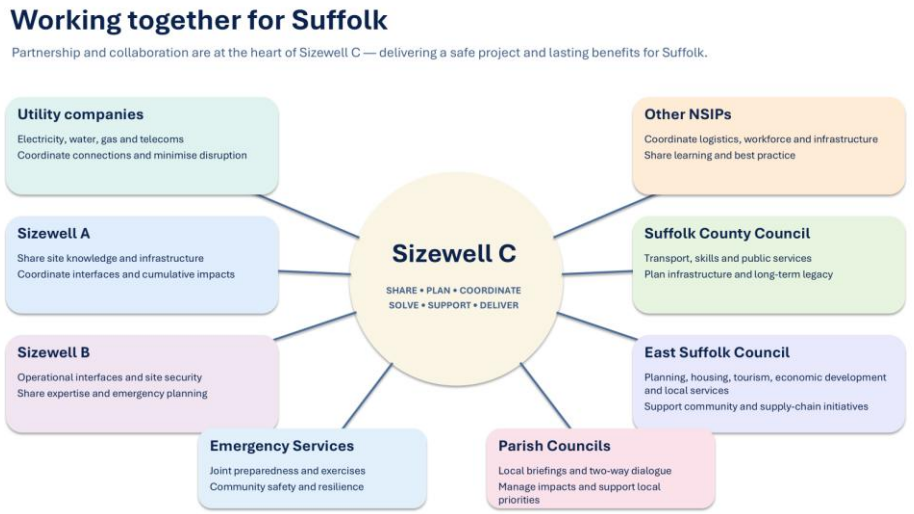
Working together

How to stay in touch

- Weekly notices by email
- Option to request mobile text messages on areas of interest to you
- Works Tracker
- Parish Newsletter
- Quarterly Forum meetings
- Bespoke coffee mornings by topic
- Information Office on the High Street in Leiston
- Community helpline





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Item 4: Sizewell C Workforce update

Chris Young, Head of Employment Affairs Unit

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Chris Young

Director of Workforce & Skills

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People, Employment & Skills - Success at Sizewell C

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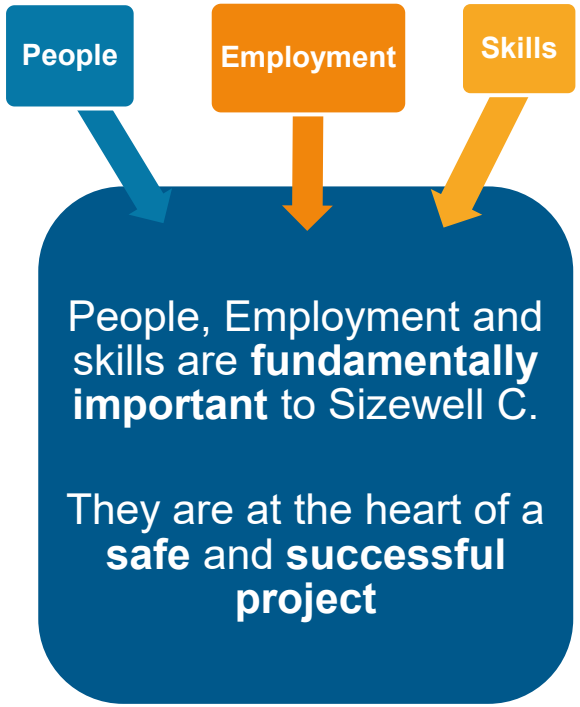
The heart of how we are helping people at Sizewell C succeed



Four basic objectives

- Fulfil DCO Deeds of Obligations
- Supply the required workforce
- Minimise workforce risk, maximise productivity
- Deliver more than just a power station – social, mobility and local benefit

Success Factors

- Secured the right workforce, in the right place, at the right time
- Managed workforce churn and displacement effectively
- Minimised wage inflation and maintained a stable Industrial Relations framework
- Collaborated positively with supply chain and other sectors
- Delivered a sustainable legacy and generated real social value

We are committed to creating an inclusive and diverse workforce, creating good jobs for local people, and leaving a lasting legacy of high value skills.

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Education, Skills and Job Service

166
Apprentices successfully onboarded onto the project across SZC and our Supply Chain (**8.1%** of **1500** target)

Young Sizewell C Registrations

3905 registrants in total

245 in the last month

Since Jan 2026, Young Sizewell C registrations have increased by **1345** registrations or **34%** of total.

Pre-Employment Programmes

50 Skills Bootcamp funded candidates have attended **Lound**, East Coast College, resulting in **38** SZC related jobs

Careers Fair, Inspire Colville House, Lowestoft



24 supply chain partners at the Inspire Colville House venue in Lowestoft. The event was very well attended, with more than **280** individuals in attendance.

One attending Supplier**, HW Martin**, has scheduled two apprenticeship interviews for candidates they met on the day, proving the value of these events.

Apprenticeship Network Launch, Orwell Logistics Park



Held at Orwell Logistics Park, Apprentices from across the project connected with one another, shared experiences, heard updates from across the project.

The day included discussions on wellbeing, volunteering opportunities and College on the Coast, as well as the opportunity to meet Sarah Hancock, Chief People Officer and Damian Leydon, Site Delivery Director.

196
Jobs posted on the SZC Jobs Service in the month of September

136
Jobs currently live on the Jobs Service Board as of end of September

Job Service Registrations

279
New candidate registrations on the SZC Jobs Service in September from Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex.

And **145** nationwide.

Bringing the total nationwide **ACTIVE** candidates to **6,507**

Investment in our Community

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College on the Coast: **A Skills Revolution for the East of England**



Investment in our Workforce

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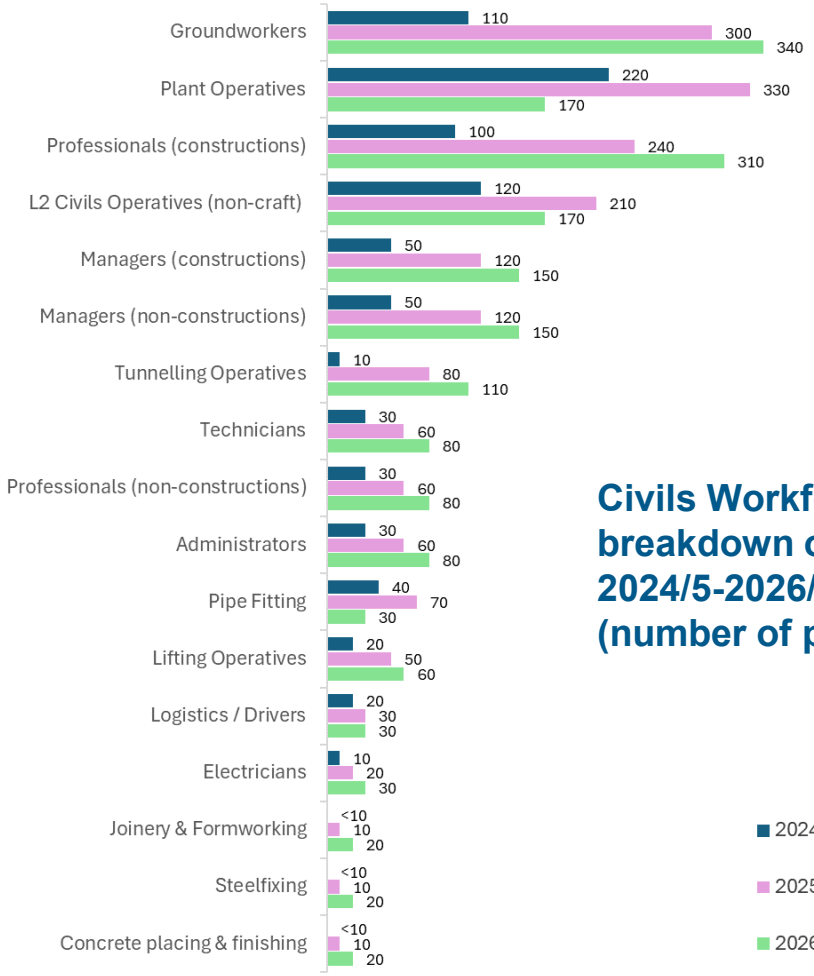
Project Facing Training Centre: **A Skills Revolution for the East of England**

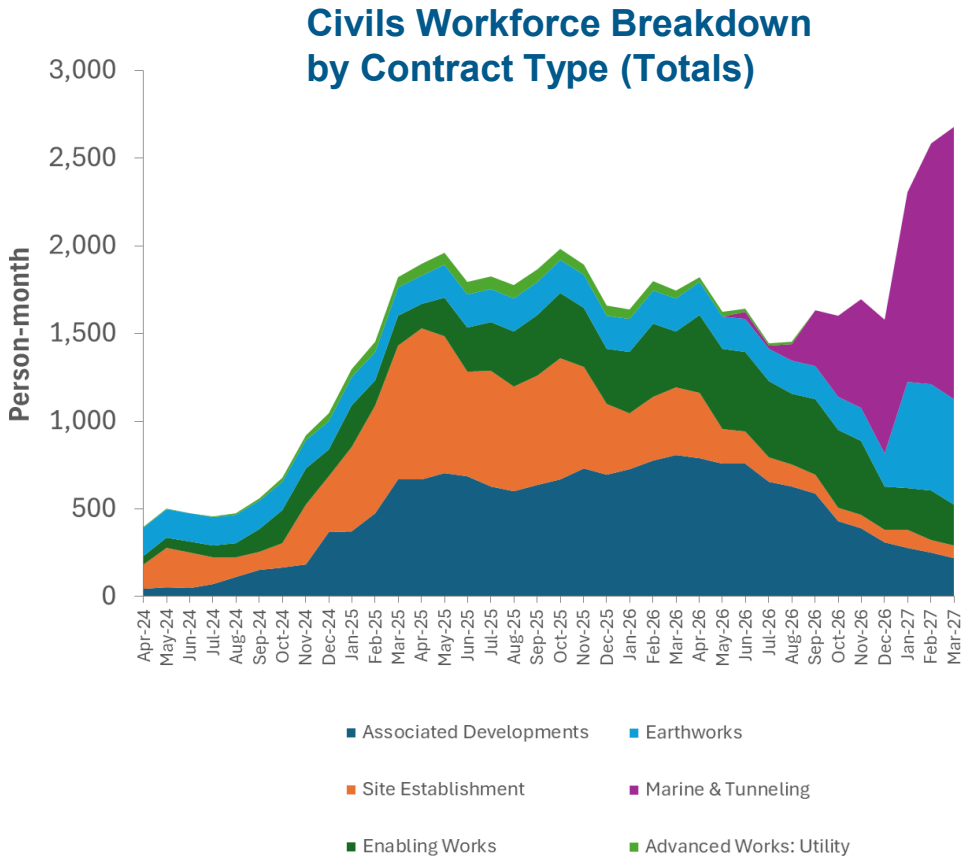


Workforce Forecasting & Availability

Detailed Programme Wide Role-based Forecasts



Civils Workforce breakdown over 2024/5-2026/7 (number of people)



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Sizewell C Jobs Service

Sizewell C Job Service – Building, Understanding & Aligning our Talent Pool Pipeline

Building our Talent Pool Pipeline

6,507 Active registrants

2,623 Suffolk registrants

613 Norfolk registrants

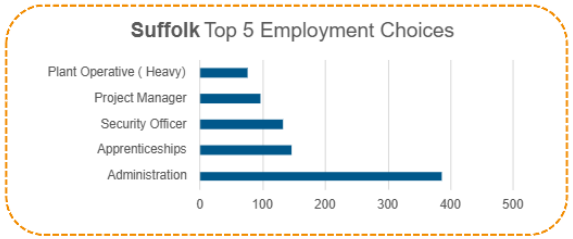
971 Essex registrants

2,300 Outside (SNE) registrants

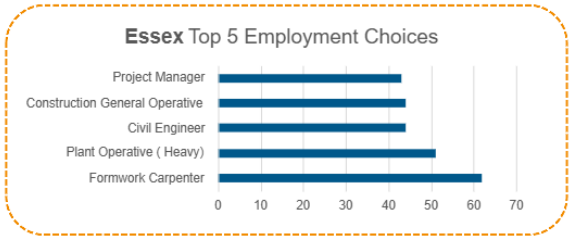
2,595 Roles posted on Job Service

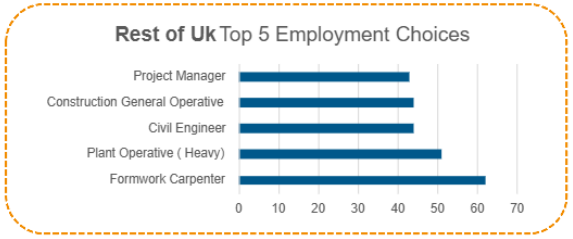
*'The Sizewell C Job Service has posted over 2,595 vacancies and is used by >45 Employers. Almost 7,000 registrants have identified Job Families they are interested in and are kept up to date when these go live.' October **2026***

Understanding our Talent Pool Pipeline









'By understanding what roles our registrant talent pool are interested in, we are able to identify Nationwide interest, & proactively address gaps where they exist, both in interest and available skills in the market.'

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Sizewell C Apprenticeships

SZC Apprentice Data - Meeting our 1500 Apprenticeship Commitment

166
Apprentices
11% of 1500

29
different
providers

32
different
courses

111
Suffolk residents
20% of 540

54
different postal
codes

13
different
employers

70
different
secondary
schools

74
different
primary schools

4,008
Young Sizewell C
registrants



‘Our local outreach activities continue to raise the profile of Apprenticeship opportunities. By employing local candidates, we embed ourselves as trusted, accessible and an 'employer of choice' throughout the East of England.’

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Summary

Key points to take away

- We are fully **committed** to the people, skills and local employment agenda
- **Collaboration** with HPC is crucial to enable Sizewell C **to deliver** its ambitions on skills, education, and employment
- Our regional **skills legacy** is a long-term ambition that we will benefit from – a rich and diverse highly skilled regional talent pool
- We need **Local and Regional Partner** support, engagement, and commitment to the people and skills agenda for that to be fulfilled



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Item 5: Project Look Ahead 2026/2027 & Key Milestones

Rick Watler, Site Delivery Lead

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DRONE FOOTAGE

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Getting workers into work

Park and Rides and bus service operational

- Both Northern and Southern Park and Rides are operational and increasing in capacity with a running bus service
- Sizewell C workers are required to register their vehicles and a parking space is assigned
- Workers buses are point to point, therefore reliable bus timetable
- Workers clock in when boarding the bus, therefore able to access site more easily
- Compliance is good, further internal comms campaign ongoing
- Result is to reduce cars on the road including 4x4
- Blue stickers changed black on white: control. Blue not allowed on site









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Sizewell Link Road: Status Summary

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1. A12 West SLR



2. Rookery Park Rail Bridge



3. Middleton Moor Roundabout



4. Pretty Road Overbridge





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Rail Movements: Gradual Start

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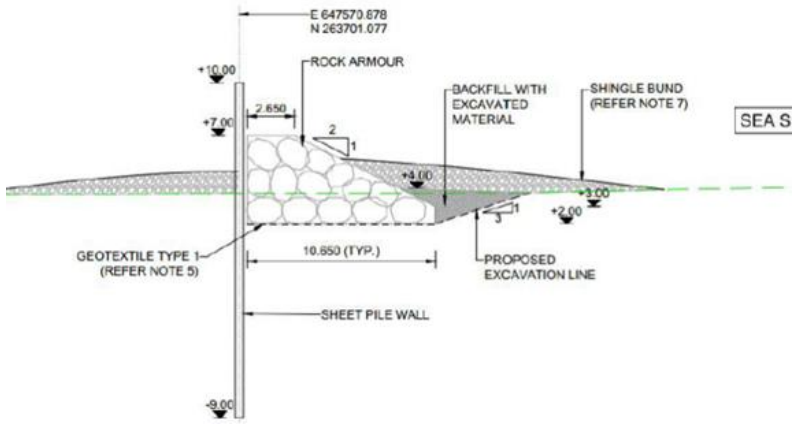
SZC Materials by Rail Trains planned to run overnight Monday to Friday between the hours of 2230 and 0530 between Woodbridge and Sizewell C during this period.

Main Site: Flood Defences Rock Armour

- The Public Right of Way (PROW) has been realigned to accommodate the safe working area for the Rock Armour placement.
- Rock Armour installation has commenced on the southern section of the Temporary Sea Defence sheet pile wall.
- First 50m complete of the total 340m wave defense to be constructed of 35,000T of imported granite from Norway.
- On completion of the Rock Armour Wall, the existing 10m Dune can be removed to allow the next phase of tunneling works to commence in Q1 2027.







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Main Construction Area: Marine Bulk Import Facility (MBIF)

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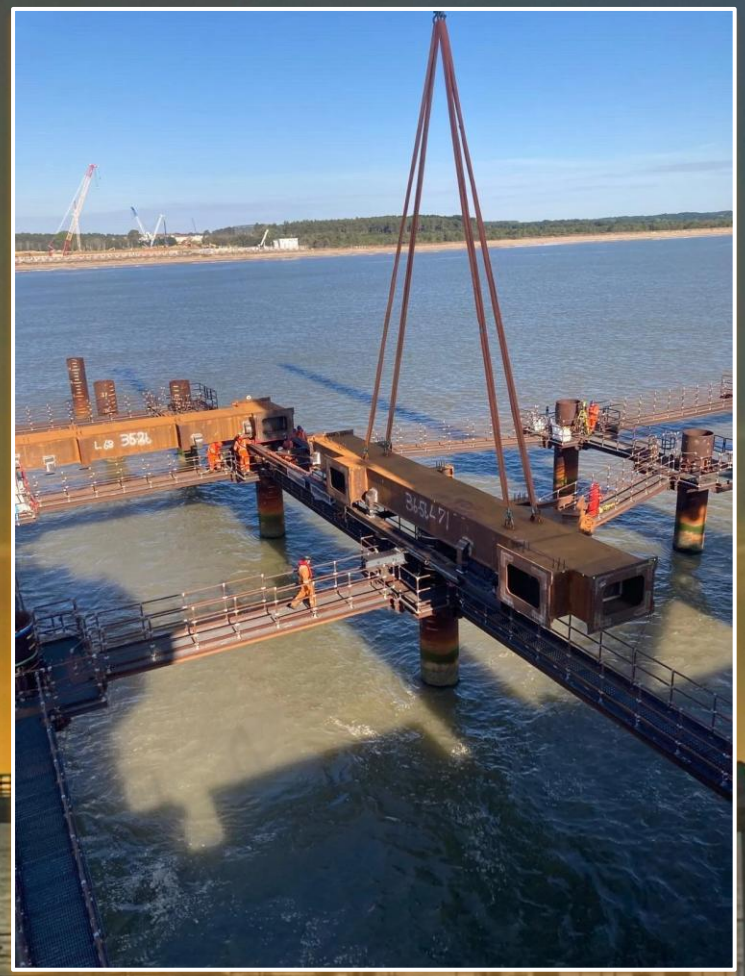
- Piling to reach the Loading Platform end of Nov. 2026
- MBIF works to complete end of Q1 2027



MCA: Beach Landing Facility

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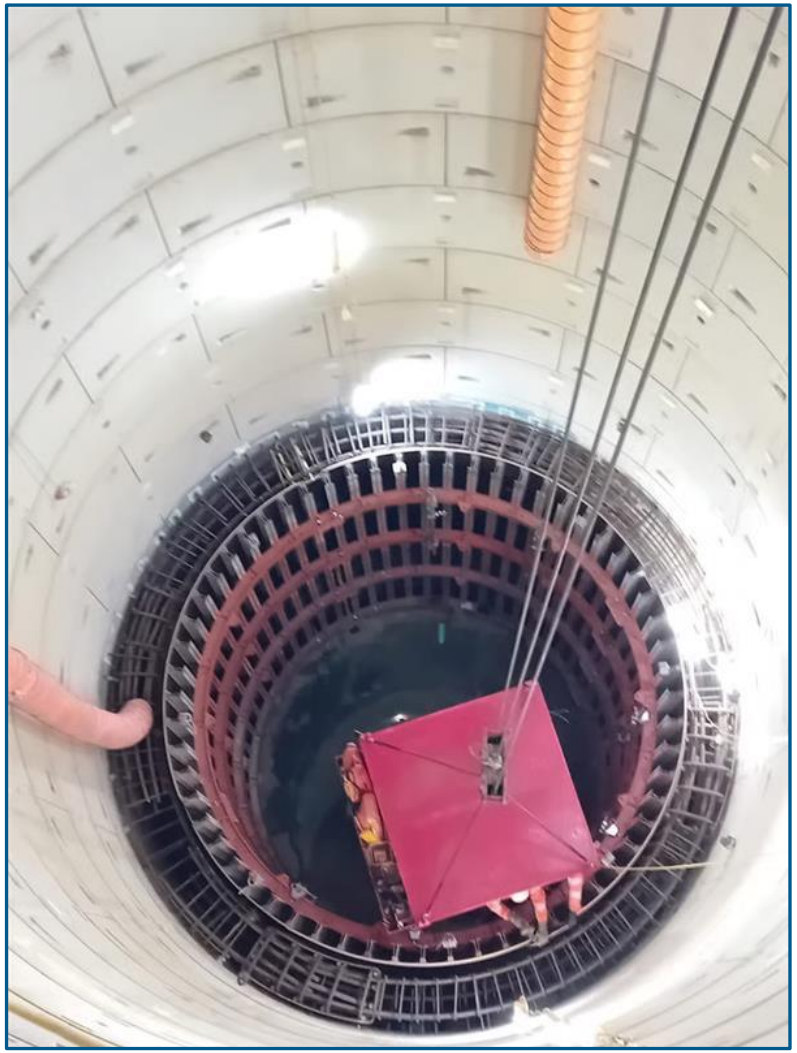
- The BLF (Beach Landing Facility) due to commence construction in Q1 2027 using the same Cantitravel system as the MBIF
- This will facilitate the delivery of approx. 1,400 exceptional loads by size and weigh from local roads including the delivery of the Tunnel Boring Machines, the Transformers, Steam Generators, the Reactor Domes and Container Liners.
- The BLF will be a permanent feature of Sizewell C and is designed to be used in the Decommissioning phase

Cantitravel



Marine works - Desalination System: Shafts and Pipeline

- The 21m deep Desalination Shaft has been constructed and is currently being fitted out with secondary concrete headwalls to receive the Micro-Tunnel Boring Machine (M-TBM)
- The first of two pipelines (the Outfall Pipe) has already been drilled to the seabed ready for the installation of the Outfall Head in Q1 2027
- The second pipeline (the Intake Pipe) will require the M-TBM to drive a pilot tunnel that will be followed by the Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) 430m to the seabed which will also have an intake head installed







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Item 6: Sizewell C Deed of Obligation Funding

Richard Bull, Head of Planning

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Richard Bull

Head of Planning

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Deed of Obligation - Financial Contributions

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Total paid to date:

£50,532,026

- **Council's Resourcing** *Schedule 2*
- **Accommodation & Housing** *Schedule 3*
- **Emergency Services** *Schedule 4*
- **Public Services and Community Safety** *Schedule 5*
- **Health and Wellbeing** *Schedule 6*
- **Employment, Skills, Education & Supply Chain** *Schedule 7*
- **Heritage** *Schedule 8*
- **Leisure and Amenity** *Schedule 10*
- **Natural Environment** *Schedule 11*
- **Third Party Resilience Funds** *Schedule 13*
- **Sizewell C Community Fund** *Schedule 14*
- **Tourism** *Schedule 15*
- **Transport and Public Rights of Way** *Schedule 16*

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Economic Review Group

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Suffolk County Council

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EASTSUFFOLK COUNCIL

Annual Skills Implementation Plan

September 2026 – August 2027

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Business Support Service

£1 Million Fund

Business Support Fund:

To enable businesses to adjust their methods of operation to work successfully alongside the Project.

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Education Skills Employment Working Group

£7.8 Million Fund

Asset Skills Enhancement and Capability (ASEC) Fund:

East Coast College and Suffolk New College awarded grants totalling almost £3 million in 2026, to expand training and apprenticeship **provision**



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Tourism Working Group

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£12 Million Fund

Tourism Fund:

To supporting the initial development and delivery of, tourism plans, projects and programmes



Marketing and PR	2026 Fund allocation £380,000
Destination Development	2026 Fund allocation £30,000
Grants and Business Support	2026 Fund allocation £480,000
Sector Training and Development	2026 Fund allocation £380,000
Coordination and Enabling	2026 Fund allocation £20,000
Data / Monitoring	2026 Fund allocation £71,000

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Accommodation Working Group

£12 Million Fund

Housing Fund:

Supporting increases in bedspaces in private housing, supply and availability of tourist accommodation bedspaces and supporting housing and homeless resilience measures

Accommodation Grants (£852,397 completed spend)

Rent and Deposit Schemes

Renovation grants

13 EPC grants delivered

Rent and Deposit Schemes via Housing Needs

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Natural Environment Awards Panel

£12 Million Fund

Natural Environment Improvement Fund:

£9.7 Million committed as direct funding for projects and initiatives.

The Natural Environment Awards Panel supported grant awards totalling £845,776.93 across 4 projects this month



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Item 7: Q&A

Via Town and Parish Representative Chair

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Pre-Submitted Question

Simon Amstutz: Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape Manager

Construction on the SZC project is recognised as commencing on 15 January 2024. During the work to secure the Development Consent Order a construction time of 9-12 years was used.

The National Audit Office report (20 May 2026) quotes the Company's 'project baseline' estimate for the scheme to be fully operational by July 2039.

This revised operational date is four and a half years beyond the date suggested in the work to secure the Development Consent Order.

The original date was the basis of compensation and mitigation funds such as the Natural Environment Improvement Fund.



- **Given construction impacts will be experienced for a period longer that originally intended, what plans does the Sizewell C Company have for extending the compensation and mitigation offer that were developed using the original timetable?**

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Pre-Submitted Question

Cllr Geraldine Barker – Saxmundham Town Council

The Centre for Social Justice has very recently published a report of people receiving out of work benefits.

Our area of East Suffolk has over 15% of working-age adults claiming out of work benefits.

Q1. How can this be justified with the largest construction project in Europe being located here?

Q2. Can Sizewell C, our local and national elected representatives in attendance at this forum, explain what actions they are taking to ensure that local adults can gain employment on Sizewell C and other planned Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects?



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Pre-Submitted Question

Cllr John Walford- Yoxford Parish Council

Q1. We have been told that landscaping will start on the Yoxford and Friday Street roundabouts next month. Can we have some details as to the trees, the look (are they both similar or do they have their own identity) and most importantly the after-care plans please?

Q2. There seems to be less signage of the 30mph limit on the A12 just North of Saxmundham through to just past the Two Magpies Cafe.
There is only one on the Yoxford roundabout. Can this be looked at, and please make it clear what the speed limit is because out of working hours especially the week end it is all becoming very chaotic again with people choosing what speed limit they want. Also, at what point if ever is the A12 between Yoxford and Saxmundham going back to 60 mph?



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Pre-Submitted Question

Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council

Q1. The Sizewell accommodation campus was originally planned to include a 2,500 space multi storey car park. This has since been removed from the plans with workers expected to use the North and South Park and Ride facilities instead to reduce pressure on the local road network.
Has the additional demand for parking from these workers been factored into the capacity, design and planning of both Park and Ride facilities? If so, can you confirm how this additional demand has been accounted for?



Q2. Theberton now has two confirmed HMOs involving changes of use to residential properties, expected to increase the population of our village of approximately 100 residents by around 16 people. This represents a significant change to the village's demographics and community dynamic, alongside the existing impact of Sizewell C and the nearby worker accommodation campus. Given smaller rural villages often lack public transport links, local retail facilities and the infrastructure to support a growing population.
We understand that SZC has provided funding to East Suffolk Council to incentivise additional local bed spaces.

How is SZC considering the cumulative impact of these changes, and can we open a constructive discussion about protecting small villages such as Theberton from potentially unsuitable development while accelerating the delivery of the Sizewell C campus in line with the demand for worker accommodation?

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Pre-Submitted Question

Friston Parish Council

Parish Councils and residents have been making complaints to Sizewell C concerning traffic violations by both HGVs and other construction traffic. These may be in relation to use of unauthorised routes, excessive speed, fly parking or other non-compliant behaviour. To our knowledge no specific feedback is provided in relation to these complaints, leaving the complainant with the impression that no enforcement action has been taken.



Whilst details of enforcement action in respect of each individual complaint would be preferred, I t is anticipated that Sizewell C will argue that this would be too administratively onerous. However in the absence of this preferred approach will Sizewell C provide both a report in relation to all complaints made to date, and going forward a quarterly report, setting out:

1. The number of complaints received, broken down by type of complaint - unauthorised routes, excessive speed, fly parking etc - and the parish from which the complaint was made, whether made by a parish council or by an individual;

2. The enforcement action taken;

3. If no enforcement action was taken, the reasons for this; and

4. Details of training given on traffic management measures to employees and contractors?

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Pre-Submitted Question

Cllr Nicky Corbett – Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council

Residents in our neighbouring towns and villages have abandoned Leiston in favour of other towns while access to our town is so difficult. Our businesses are suffering and we can see an unfolding crisis, mostly due to continuing road closures.

There has been a lack of early intervention through funding held by East Suffolk Council as part of the Deed of Obligation.

A number of East Suffolk Council initiatives to help our market towns are being rolled out across the district (e.g.High Street Matters) but these are not exclusively supported by the SZC fund and don't address the unique position our town is currently facing.

Our businesses urgently need support before more in the town close. How has money from the SZC economic development fund, as set aside within the Deed of Obligation, been spent to benefit Leiston?



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Pre-Submitted Question

Cllr Charlotte Fox – Benhall and Sternfield Parish Council

Q1. Even though SZC, EA2 and the National Grid Connection Hub are only in the early stages of development still, the lived experience of the local community is that construction of these projects is already causing significant adverse impacts. Benhall and Sternfield Parish Council is not alone in its concern that the addition of all the other NSIPs in the same small geographical area will lead to unprecedented cumulative impacts.



Although we are repeatedly reassured that everything is being coordinated, it is clear that all the different projects are being viewed on an individual basis rather than cumulatively and we worry that, without better oversight, this cumulative impact problem will become so extreme that it ends up imposing a disproportionate infrastructure burden and construction duress on the human beings stuck in the middle of it all.

As the “Senior Developer”, please will SZC endeavour to bring all the other Developers together with the local, district and county councils in order to develop a more meaningful proactive approach towards the wider cumulative impact problem and attempt to pre-empt problems, rather than be picking up the pieces?

Q.2 What are SZC’s views about the challenges presented by accessing the Saxmundham Converter Stations site through Benhall and does it have any concerns that transporting AILs over the Benhall railway bridge might adversely impact the SZC Green Rail delivery route?

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Pre-Submitted Question

Cllr Charles MacDowell – Middleton-cum-Fordley Parish Council

Residents along the SLR workings in the Hawthorn Road area complain of intermittent low frequency (LFN) noise and vibrations. Amateur measurements put it in the 100-200 MHz range.

LFN has been associated with Chronic Stress and Cardiovascular Strain; irritability, anxiety, emotional distress, and depression; Cognitive and Concentration Impairment; head and ear pressure; tinnitus; and Vibroacoustic Disease.

Are you monitoring LFN along the SLR workings in any way and can you propose mitigation measures?



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Pre-Submitted Question

Cllr Tom Daly – East Suffolk Council

East Suffolk Council Officers continue to receive regular noise complaints from local residents, many of whom report adverse effects on their wellbeing. A number of these residents are experiencing significant impacts but have found the mitigation options offered to be inflexible and not always suited to their individual circumstances.
The Council also receives regular complaints from non-residential properties, such as guesthouses and tourist accommodation providers, whose businesses are being adversely affected by project-related noise and who are losing customers as a result. These properties are not eligible for mitigation under the current terms of the Noise Mitigation Scheme.



Would Sizewell C be willing to expand the scheme to include certain non-residential properties, such as guesthouses and tourist accommodation providers, where there is evidence of significant project-related impacts?

In addition, would Sizewell C consider adopting a more pragmatic and flexible approach to the mitigation measures available under the scheme? In particular, there have been cases where residents have identified alternative mitigation solutions that would meet the objectives and requirements of the scheme, are less intrusive to their homes and daily lives, and in some instances represent a lower-cost option. However, these alternatives have not always been accepted.

Will Sizewell C commit to considering such proposals on a case-by-case basis and demonstrating greater flexibility where alternative, less expensive measures meet the requirements as set out in the Deed of Obligation?

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Pre-Submitted Question

Cllr Nicky Corbett on behalf of Alde Valley Academy School Council

'We really appreciate the investment and opportunities that have already been provided for young people in Leiston. We would like to ask a few questions about issues that affect us day to day, and understand whether there are opportunities for young people, schools and local partners to work together to improve them'

- **Transport to post-16 education**

Q1. For young people in Leiston, travelling to sixth forms and colleges in places such as Ipswich can be expensive. Are there opportunities to work with schools, transport providers and other partners to make post-16 travel more affordable, so that the cost of transport does not limit the courses young people can choose?



- **Student voice**

Q2. There has already been significant investment in opportunities for young people locally. Looking ahead, how can young people themselves have a stronger voice in deciding what would make the biggest difference to them and their community?

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Item 8: Dates of future meetings

Chair

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Sizewell C Forums 2027

Our forums are open to local people to attend as observers. They're a great way to hear about our latest work, community events and more.

All forum timings: **18:00–20:00** (arrival from 17:45)

OUR FORUMS ARE HELD AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Leiston Town Athletic Association
Victory Road, Leiston, IP16 4DQ

High Lodge Darsham
Haw Wood, Hinton, Nr Darsham, IP17 3QT

Farnham & Stratford St Andrew Riverside Centre
Great Glemham Road, Stratford St Andrew, Saxmundham, IP17 1LL

Sizewell Social Club
King Georges Avenue, Leiston, IP16 4JX

Sizewell Visitor Centre
Sizewell Visitor Centre, Leiston, IP16 4UR

Main Development Site	Wednesday 13 January	Leiston Town Athletic Association
Northern Transport	Wednesday 3 February	High Lodge Darsham
Southern Transport	Thursday 4 March	Farnham & Stratford St Andrew Riverside Centre
Community	Thursday 18 March	Sizewell Social Club
Main Development Site	Wednesday 7 April	Leiston Town Athletic Association
Northern Transport	Wednesday 5 May	High Lodge Darsham
Southern Transport	Thursday 10 June	Farnham & Stratford St Andrew Riverside Centre
Main Development Site	Wednesday 7 July	Leiston Town Athletic Association
Northern Transport	Wednesday 4 August	High Lodge Darsham
Southern Transport	Thursday 9 September	Farnham & Stratford St Andrew Riverside Centre
Main Development Site	Wednesday 6 October	Leiston Town Athletic Association
Community	Thursday 21 October	Sizewell Visitor Centre
Northern Transport	Wednesday 3 November	High Lodge Darsham
Southern Transport	Thursday 2 December	Farnham & Stratford St Andrew Riverside Centre



Thank you

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