



# The Sizewell C Project

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## 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### a) Introduction

A **Consultation Report** (Doc Ref. 5.1) ([APP-068](#)) was submitted by the applicant ('SZC Co.') pursuant to section 37(3)(c) of the Planning Act 2008 (the 'Act') as part of the Sizewell C Project (the 'Project') Development Consent Order application (the 'Application') in May 2020. This report is an addendum to the Consultation Report.

This Consultation Report Addendum has been prepared to demonstrate that SZC Co. has carried out proportionate non-statutory consultation on proposed changes to the Application and has taken into account the feedback from that consultation.

It has been prepared in accordance with the Planning Inspectorate's 'Advice note sixteen: How to request a change which may be material' ('Advice Note 16').

### b) The Applicant

NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited, the applicant for the Sizewell C Project, is currently a wholly owned subsidiary of NNB Holding Company (SZC) Limited.

NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited is the company within the EDF Energy Group that is applying for development consent to construct, operate and maintain Sizewell C (referred to in this Application as 'SZC Co.').

EDF Energy Group is one of the largest businesses in the energy sector in the UK; producing around 20% of the nation's electricity and supplying electricity and gas to its residential and business customers. EDF Energy Group's installed capacity is around 16.5 gigawatt ('GW'), and the company has over 5.5 million businesses and residential customers.

Currently, EDF Energy Group operates eight nuclear power stations across the UK, with a combined capacity of almost 9,000 megawatt ('MW'). These comprise seven advanced gas-cooled reactor power stations (each with two reactors) at six locations on the coast of Britain, and a pressurised water reactor ('PWR') located at Sizewell B.

### c) The Sizewell C Project

The development proposed in the Application comprises:

- a new nuclear power station and associated development on the main development site (comprising five components: the main platform; Sizewell B relocated facilities and National Grid land; offshore works area;

Temporary Construction Area; and Land East of Eastlands Industrial Estate (LEEIE); together with off-site sports facilities at Leiston; fen meadow compensation sites to the south of Benhall and to the east of Halesworth; and a marsh harrier habitat improvement area to the west of Westleton (if required)); and

- associated development at other locations necessary to support construction or operation of the power station or to mitigate its impacts.

Separately, planning permission has been granted under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for two related applications:

- ecological mitigation works at Aldhurst Farm, which have now been implemented; and
- the relocation of some facilities related to the operation of the Sizewell B power station (for which consent is also sought in the Application).

d) **Proposed changes to the Application**

On 6 October 2020, SZC Co. wrote to the Planning Inspectorate providing notification that it wished to propose changes to the Application [AS-004]. In accordance with Advice Note 16, a **Notification Report** (a report entitled 'Notification of Proposed Project Changes') [AS-005] was provided which identified the nature of the changes proposed and advised of SZC Co.'s intention to request that the changes of the nature described in the Notification Report be accepted as changes to the Application. Further work and engagement with stakeholders identified the potential merit of a further change: the establishment of a new bridleway between Aldhurst Farm and Kenton Hills.

Whilst there is no statutory requirement to carry out consultation on the proposed changes to the Application, SZC Co. carried out non-statutory consultation between 18 November 2020 and 18 December 2020 on each of the proposed changes.

Following the consultation, SZC Co. is now making a formal request to the Planning Inspectorate to make changes (including material changes) to the Application, as explained in this Consultation Report Addendum. SZC Co. has had regard to all relevant responses to the consultation in finalising its change request.

e) **The focus of the Consultation Report Addendum**

The focus of this Consultation Report Addendum, which is submitted in support of the changes request, is the consultation carried out in relation to the proposed changes to the Application. It sets out how SZC Co. has engaged with stakeholders, the local community and the general public.

## 2 INTRODUCTION

### 2.1 Introduction

2.1.1 SZC Co. submitted the Application to the Planning Inspectorate under the Act in May 2020. The Application was accepted for examination in June 2020.

2.1.2 Since the submission of the Application, SZC Co. has continued to engage with the local authorities, environmental organisations, local stakeholder groups and the public with regard to the Application. This process has identified potential opportunities for changing the Application to further minimise impacts on the local area and environment in many cases, whilst reflecting the further design detail that has come forward in preparation for implementation of the Sizewell C Project.

2.1.3 In addition to the proposed changes, SZC Co. has also prepared 'Additional Information'. This does not constitute a change to the Application or the conclusions of the environmental assessments supporting the Application. However, it does add to the information supporting the Application and should assist interested parties in their understanding of matters raised by the Application.

2.1.4 The proposed changes and the Additional Information are described and assessed in a number of updates and addenda to the originally submitted application documents. The **Navigation Document** (Doc Ref. 1.3(C)) charts the submission of these documents and serves as a guide to understanding the structure of the Application and the principal contents within each Book.

### 2.2 Purpose of the Consultation Report Addendum

2.2.1 A **Consultation Report** (Doc Ref. 5.1) ([APP-068](#)) was submitted pursuant to section 37(3)(c) of the Act as part of the Application in May 2020. This report is an addendum to the Consultation Report.

2.2.2 This **Consultation Report Addendum** (Doc Ref. 5.1Ad) has been prepared to demonstrate that SZC Co. has carried out proportionate non-statutory consultation on proposed changes to the Application and has taken into account the feedback from that consultation.

2.2.3 It has been prepared in accordance with Advice Note 16 (Ref. 1.1). Figure 3, paragraph g. of Advice Note 16 states that a request to make a material change to an application after it has been accepted for examination should include the following:

*“Where (proportionate) additional non-statutory consultation has been carried out (either voluntarily or at the direction of the ExA) a Consultation Statement confirming who has been consulted in relation to the proposed change should be submitted. Copies of any consultation responses received by an applicant should also be included with any request, as an annex.”*

#### 2.2.4 This document sets out:

- A description of the Sizewell C Project (**Section 2.3**).
- A summary of the consultation context and why the process has been undertaken (**Section 2.4**).
- How the consultation has been undertaken to ensure compliance with Advice Note 16 (**Section 3.1**).
- A description of the consultation undertaken and who has been consulted (**Section 3.2**).
- A description of the consultation materials used as part of the consultation (**Section 3.3**).
- How SZC Co. has analysed and had regard to the consultation responses received to inform the change request (**Section 4**).
- The changes that SZC Co. is proposing to the Application (**Section 5**).

## 2.3 Description of the Sizewell C Project

2.3.1 The Development Consent Order (‘DCO’), if granted, would authorise the creation of two UK EPR™ units with an expected net electrical output of approximately 1,670MW per unit, giving a total site capacity of approximately 3,340MW, and other permanent and temporary development to support the construction and operation of the Sizewell C power station. These are:

- two temporary park and ride sites; one to the north-west of Sizewell C at Darsham (the ‘northern park and ride’) and one to the south-west at Wickham Market (the ‘southern park and ride’);
- permanent road improvements on the A12 to bypass Stratford St Andrew and Farnham (referred to as the ‘two village bypass’);
- a permanent road linking the A12 to the Sizewell C main development site (referred to as the ‘Sizewell link road’);

- permanent highway improvements at Yoxford roundabout and other road junctions;
- a temporary freight management facility at Seven Hills on land to the south-east of the A12/A14 junction;
- a temporary extension of the existing Saxmundham to Leiston branch line into the main development site ('the green rail route') and other permanent rail improvements on the Saxmundham to Leiston branch line; and
- ecological mitigation sites.

## 2.4 Consultation context

2.4.1 During the pre-examination stage, SZC Co. has continued to engage with local authorities, environmental organisations, local stakeholder groups and the public with regard to the Application. This process has identified potential opportunities for changing the Application to further minimise impacts on the local area and environment in many cases, whilst reflecting the further design detail that has come forward in preparation for implementation of the Project.

2.4.2 On 6 October 2020, SZC Co. wrote to the Planning Inspectorate to provide notification of the intention to consult on and request changes to the Application. A **Notification Report (AS-005)** which accompanied the letter (**AS-004**) identified the nature of the proposed changes and the proposed approach to consultation and to the submission of the request for the changes. A response was received from the Planning Inspectorate on 23 October 2020 acknowledging the Notification Report and confirming the need, scale and procedure in respect of consultation (**AS-006**):

*“The ExA agrees that the consultation must engage all those persons identified in the Planning Act 2008 under section 42 (a) to (d) who would be affected by the proposed changes (giving a minimum of 28 days) including any section 42 persons not originally consulted on the application but who may now be affected by the proposed changes. The ExA notes that West Suffolk Council should be included in those persons consulted in accordance with section 42 (b). The Applicant should also consider whether or not persons not already registered to participate in the Examination might need an opportunity to comment (such as persons living, or commercial entities operating, outside the Order limits).*

*The Applicant also proposes, and the ExA agrees, that the public should be consulted through a newsletter and*



*publication in appropriate newspapers. The ExA also considers that site notices should be posted. The ExA recognises that public exhibitions cannot take place due to the current restrictions in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however the Applicant should ensure that access to physical documents is available for those who are unable to access material online.”*

2.4.3 Having regard to this, consultation was carried out, as explained in **Section 3**, on the following proposed changes to the Application:

- Increase in the frequency of freight train movements to facilitate bulk material imports by rail.
- Enhancement of the permanent beach landing facility and options for a new temporary beach landing facility to facilitate material imports by sea.
- Change to the SSSI crossing design to a single span bridge with embankments.
- Surface water removed early in the construction process to be discharged to the foreshore via a temporary outfall.
- Change to the sea defence to make the scheme more efficient and resilient to climate change.
- Greater flexibility as to where certain Sizewell B facilities are relocated to potentially avoid the need for car parking on Pillbox Field.
- Change to certain parameter heights and activities on the main development site to facilitate the construction process.
- Change to the location of the Water Resource Storage Area and the addition of flood mitigation measures to lower flood risk.
- Revisions to tree retention on the main development site.
- A new bridleway link between Aldhurst Farm and Kenton Hills.
- Extension of the Order Limits to provide for fen meadow habitat at Pakenham as further mitigation for fen meadow loss.
- Extension and reduction of the Order Limits for works on the main development site and related sites (fen meadow mitigation sites and marsh harrier improvement sites).

- Extension of landscaped bund and other minor changes at the southern park and ride site, including a minor reduction of the Order Limits.
- Minor reductions to the Order Limits at the northern park and ride site.
- Extension of the Order Limits for works on the two village bypass, change to the public right of way around Walk Barn Farm and additional habitat mitigation proposals.
- Extension to and reduction of the Order Limits for works on the Sizewell link road.
- Minor reductions to the Order Limits for Yoxford Roundabout, the A12/B1119 junction at Saxmundham and the A1094/B1069 south of Knodishall.

## 3 CONSULTATION PROCESS

### 3.1 Overview of consultation and notification

3.1.1 This section sets out SZC Co.'s approach to the consultation on the proposed changes. It explains how the consultation was undertaken to ensure compliance with Advice Note 16 and the procedural decision letter dated 23 October 2020 ([PD-006](#)) giving details of:

- who was consulted and how (**Section 3.2**);
- the consultation material (**Section 3.3**); and
- ways that feedback was received (**Section 3.4**).

3.1.2 Whilst there is no statutory requirement to carry out consultation on the proposed changes to the Application, SZC Co. carried out non-statutory consultation between 18 November 2020 and 18 December 2020. This consultation sought views on the proposed changes to the Application set out in **Section 2.4**.

3.1.3 In addition to this period of consultation, SZC Co. has undertaken informal ongoing engagement throughout the pre-examination stage and has conducted a structured process of direct engagement with a number of statutory stakeholders.

## 3.2 Who was consulted and how?

3.2.1 SZC Co.'s approach to consultation has been structured to provide a high quality and meaningful process of consultation with statutory consultees, the local community and the general public.

### i. Section 42(1)(a)-(d) consultees

3.2.2 Paragraph 3.3 of Advice Note 16 states: “...it is recommended that applicants consult all those persons prescribed in the [Act] under section 42 (a) to (d) who would be affected by the proposed change”.

3.2.3 Section 42 includes prescribed consultees (section 42(1)(a)), the Marine Management Organisation (section 42(1)(aa)), local authorities (section 42(1)(b)), and persons within one or more categories in section 44 (section 42(1)(d)).

3.2.4 SZC Co. chose to consult even more widely than the approach set out in Advice Note 16, by consulting all those persons identified in section 42(1)(a) to (d) of the Act, whether or not they would be affected by the proposed changes. In accordance with the procedural decision letter of 23 October 2020 ([PD-006](#)), this included any section 42 persons not originally consulted at the pre-application stage but who may now be affected by the proposed changes, including West Suffolk Council. A full list of section 42 consultees is provided in **Appendix A**. This list clearly identifies those persons who:

(i) were consulted in relation to the proposed changes but not in relation to the original Application (shaded in blue in Appendix A);

(ii) are “affected persons”, meaning those persons over whose land compulsory acquisition powers are proposed to be exercised (shaded in orange in Appendix A); or

(iii) are both, i.e. affected persons who were consulted in relation to the proposed changes but not in relation to the original Application (shaded in green in Appendix A).

3.2.5 SZC Co. wrote to the section 42 consultees on 16 November 2020<sup>1</sup> telling them about the consultation and how they could access the Consultation Document and Feedback Form (see **Section 3.3** below). The consultation ran from 18 November 2020 to 18 December 2020, a period in excess of the minimum 28 days referred to in Advice Note 16. **Appendix B** contains sample consultation letters.

<sup>1</sup> Shortly after the start of the consultation on 18 November 2020, SZC Co. wrote to six land owners where further land interests and land titles had been identified. These consultees were allowed a minimum of 28 days to submit their comments on the proposed changes.

- 3.2.6 Before and during the consultation period, SZC Co. held virtual meetings with a number of consultees to discuss the proposed changes. This included meetings with East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council and landowners and stakeholders affected by the changes. SZC Co. held a virtual presentation on the principle of the change consultation for East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council on 14 October 2020 and provided early access to the draft Consultation Document on 11 November 2020. East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council confirmed they were satisfied with the proposed consultation approach.

ii. The local community

- 3.2.7 Whilst Advice Note 16 only refers to consultation with those persons identified in section 42(1)(a) to (d) of the Act, SZC Co. also consulted the local community about the proposed changes. SZC Co. discussed and agreed the consultation approach with East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council and took steps to ensure that the local community had access to the consultation materials especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3.2.8 SZC Co. sent the Consultation Newsletter (see **Appendix F**) to 41,706 homes and businesses within a ten-miles radius of Sizewell, and in parishes neighbouring associated development sites further away, such as the freight management facility site. Those who are subscribed to receive email updates on the Sizewell C Project also received an online copy of the newsletter.
- 3.2.9 SZC Co. provided a virtual exhibition on the project web page (<https://3dwtech.co.uk/dashboard/edf/sizewell-c/exhibition/>).
- 3.2.10 SZC Co. also displayed site notices summarising the proposed changes and setting out details of the proposed changes consultation, including the deadline for the receipt of responses, at or as close as reasonably practicable to the proposed development sites. A copy of the site notice is in **Appendix D**.
- 3.2.11 In addition to the newspaper notices mentioned below, details of the consultation were also published in local newspapers (the Lowestoft Journal and Ipswich Star).

iii. The general public

- 3.2.12 SZC Co. published a notice summarising the proposed changes and setting out details of the proposed changes consultation, including the deadline for the receipt of responses, in local and national newspapers. **Appendix C** contains copies of the notice, which was published on the following dates:



- East Anglian Daily Times: 10 & 17 November 2020
- Fishing News: 19 November 2020
- Lloyd's List: 17 November 2020
- The London Gazette: 17 November 2020
- The Times: 17 November 2020

3.2.13 SZC Co. has a Twitter account and followers were updated on the latest events and news during the public consultation (@edfesizewellc).

iv. Other

3.2.14 In accordance with the procedural decision letter of 23 October 2020 (**PD-006**), SZC Co. considered whether or not persons not already registered to participate in the Examination might need an opportunity to comment (such as persons living, or commercial entities operating, outside the Order Limits). SZC Co. is satisfied that the wide range of consultation activities carried out, as explained in this Consultation Report Addendum, captured any such persons.

### 3.3 Consultation material

3.3.1 The consultation material comprised a Consultation Document<sup>2</sup> and Feedback Form (November 2020), see **Appendix E**.

3.3.2 During the consultation period, copies of the Consultation Document, Feedback Form, Consultation Newsletter and virtual exhibition were made available on the Sizewell C Project website (<http://sizewell.edfenergyconsultation.info>).

3.3.3 Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was not possible to make hard copies of the Consultation Document and Feedback Form available for viewing in local public places. Therefore, other methods that were made available to support engagement with the consultation included:

- Consultees were able to contact the Project Team by freephone (0800 197 6102 between 09:00 and 17:00 Monday to Friday) or email (info@sizewellc.co.uk).
- SZC Co. offered to send documents directly to homes and offices in hard copy or on a USB stick, free of charge.

<sup>2</sup> On 24 November 2020, SZC Co identified that Figure 5.15 of the Consultation Document was incorrect. The online version was promptly corrected and copies of the corrected figure were sent to those who had received hard copies of the Consultation Document (sample letter in **Appendix B**).

- Town and parish councils, community groups and stakeholders could request online meetings and presentations during the consultation period, which SZC Co. would seek to accommodate where possible. On 18 November 2020, stakeholders including 152 parish councils in East Suffolk were sent an email noting the start of consultation and offering a presentation on the proposed changes. A copy of the slide pack can be found in **Appendix G**.

3.3.4 The following took place with the stakeholders who requested the presentations:

**Table 3-1: Presentations given to stakeholders**

Stakeholder	Date
Suffolk Coastal Friends of the Earth	30 November 2020
Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council	1 December 2020
Sizewell Residents Association	8 December 2020
Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council*	9 December 2020
Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB Partnership	11 December 2020
*Other residents and councillors joined this meeting from Yoxford, Middleton-cum-Fordley and Aldeburgh Parish Councils	

3.3.5 In addition to the presentations, SZC Co. offered support to the town and parish councils through Planning Aid England to empower them in their involvement in the consultation process.

3.3.6 To support parishes within the Inner Area and Outer Area, Planning Aid England provided:

- a downloadable briefing pack of the consultation made available via web link on 20 November 2020;
- 4 topic-focussed virtual Question and Answer (Q&A) sessions, held by Planning Aid England during the week of 23 November 2020;

- individual video/telephone calls for one council/councillor to speak with members of the Planning Aid England panel, held between 1 and 11 December 2020; and
- an email advice service was provided by Planning Aid England operating from the week beginning 30 November 2020 until the end of the consultation on 18 December 2020.

3.3.7 Virtual Q&A sessions were also provided by Planning Aid England. A total of 20 councillors from across 14 parish/town councils joined the virtual Q&A sessions between 24 and 27 November 2020. **Table 2.2** sets out the details of the Q&A sessions.

**Table 3-2: Virtual Q&A sessions**

Date	Virtual Q&A sessions	No. of councillors
24/11/20	Setting the scene – where are we now?	6
25/11/20	New proposals & the main construction site	4
26/11/20	New proposals & significant associated projects: southern park & ride; Pakenham	7
27/11/20	New proposals & the transport network: relief road; Yoxford roundabout; two village bypass	10

3.3.8 Across the consultation period, Planning Aid England actively engaged with a total of 17 councils.

**Table 3-3: List of councils**

Parish/Town Council	
1	Aldeburgh TC
2	Blythburgh with Bulcamp and Hinton PC
3	Campsea Ashe PC
4	Farnham with Stratford St Andrew PC
5	Friston PC
6	Great Glemham PC

7	Hacheston PC
8	Hasketon PC
9	Leiston TC
10	Melton PC
11	Nacton PC
12	Pakenham PC
13	Ufford PC
14	Rendham PC
15	Walberswick PC
16	Wickham Market PC
17	Woodbridge TC

### 3.4 Ways that feedback was received

3.4.1 To optimise the response rate from consultees, those consulted were able to respond to the proposed changes consultation in a variety of ways, including by:

- completing a response form online ([www.sizewellc.co.uk](http://www.sizewellc.co.uk));
- emailing comments to [info@sizewellc.co.uk](mailto:info@sizewellc.co.uk);
- posting comments to the free post address (FREEPOST SZC CONSULTATION); and
- for people who were shielding and unable to use the above methods, calling Freephone 0800 197 6102 (09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday) to arrange for their response to be collected.

3.4.2 The online system was closed at midnight on the final day of the consultation period. A period of one week after the deadline was, however, permitted to allow for postal delays.



## 4 FEEDBACK RECEIVED AND HOW SZC CO. HAD REGARD TO IT

### 4.1 Analysis of the responses to the consultation

4.1.1 This section provides an overview of the responses received to the proposed changes consultation.

4.1.2 A total of 429 responses were received by SZC Co. **Annex A** contains copies of all redacted responses.

4.1.3 **Table 3.1** shows the number of responses received via each of the possible methods of providing feedback:

**Table 4-1: Response received by method**

Response Type	Count
Online response form	168
Email	247
Post	13
Telephone	1
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>429</b>

4.1.4 The Feedback Form (**Appendix E**) asked consultees to answer 12 questions, but explained that consultees were welcome to answer as many or as few of the questions as they like.

4.1.5 Two sets of 'issues tables' are provided at **Appendix H**. These set out an 'issues-led' review of the comments received under the following titles:

- Section 42 consultees
- Local community or general public consultees

4.1.6 The tables are organised under themed headings. To avoid repetition, where the same comment or issue has been raised by a section 42 and a member of the local community or general public, this is denoted in bold and shaded grey in the section 42 tables, and not repeated within the local community and general public tables.

4.1.7 The following process was adopted in the preparation of the tables:

- A systematic methodology was used to analyse responses to the consultation, through which responses were analysed at a

sentence level, using themes to group together comments on similar topics.

- A coding framework was developed by senior analysts with codes being applied to each response by an analysis team which regularly discussed their work and suggest amendments to the coding framework as and when it may be needed.
- An individual response was coded in as many layers as required to ensure the whole sentiment of the comment was captured.
- The coding process enabled all responses to be indexed according to the issues raised by respondents and allowed a summary to be prepared of the content by themes and topics raised.

4.1.8 The number of responses to each question of the Feedback Form are shown in **Table 3.2**. These questions were only answered by those who took part in the consultation via the online or paper response forms.

**Table 4-2: Consultation questions and number of responses**

	Question within Questionnaire	Number of Responses		
		Appropriate	Inappropriate	Not sure
1.	<b>Freight management</b> Do you support the following approach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Option 1: support the DCO application approach</li> <li>• Option 2: support moving more material by rail</li> <li>• Option 3: support moving more material by sea</li> </ul>	35	107	
		92	61	
		115	38	
2.	<b>Increased frequency of train movements</b>			

	Question within Questionnaire	Number of Responses		
		Appropriate	Inappropriate	Not sure
	Views sought on the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Option 1: running four trains per day than three</li> <li>• Option 2: running train six days a week</li> <li>• Option 3: the possibility of operating a fifth train for a short period at the peak of construction. This would require changes to the current passenger timetable on the East Suffolk Line</li> </ul>	71	72	16
		71	75	13
		40	94	25
3.	<b>Enhancing the permanent beach landing facility ('BLF')</b> Views sought on enhancing the BLF	74	52	26
4.	<b>A new temporary BLF</b> Views sought on a new, temporary BLF	74	44	32
5.	<b>New temporary BLF options</b> Views sought on the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Option 1: lowest capacity</li> <li>• Option 2: short pier low capacity</li> <li>• Option 3: medium pier high capacity</li> <li>• Option 4: long pier, highest capacity</li> </ul>	18	67	35
		28	65	34
		37	61	29
		57	48	31
6.	<b>SSSI Crossings</b>			

	Question within Questionnaire	Number of Responses		
		Appropriate	Inappropriate	Not sure
	Views sought on the new design for the SSSI crossing	57	53	34
7.	<b>Fen meadow replacement</b> Views sought on the appropriateness of creating fen meadow habitat at an additional site near Packenham, West Suffolk	47	68	37
8.	<b>Water Resource Storage Area</b> Views sought on the change to the location of the temporary area for water that will be used during construction, with the existing location used as a permanent flood mitigation area	53	40	52
9.	<b>Surface Water</b> Views sought on the use of a temporary drainage pipe that would pass over the temporary sea defences to release water onto the beach	53	47	47
10.	<b>Other main site changes</b> Views sought on the following main site changes: a) <b>Sea defence</b> - increase in the minimum and maximum crest height of the permanent sea defence to provide further protection and allow for landscaping and	60	45	40



	Question within Questionnaire	Number of Responses		
		Appropriate	Inappropriate	Not sure
	change to the temporary sea defence to simplify its construction			
b)	<b>Construction activities and height limits</b> - changes to some height limits and activities during construction are proposed to allow for the potential increase in materials being delivered by sea. These include space in the temporary construction area for an additional stockpile, working heights at the BLF and to allow cranes to operate in the relocated marine tunnelling works area	56	50	42
c)	<b>Tree retention</b> - changes to tree retention on the main development site to support construction activity in three locations. Two of the changes will not result in any additional net loss of trees and the other proposes removal of three or four trees	44	59	41
d)	<b>Boundary changes</b> - minor boundary	33	51	61

	Question within Questionnaire	Number of Responses		
		Appropriate	Inappropriate	Not sure
	<p>changes (reductions and additions) to the main development site and the off-site habitat creation sites are proposed, including at the temporary construction area, the marsh harrier habitat improvement area west of Westleton, and the Benhall and Halesworth fen meadow compensation sites</p> <p>e) <b>Bridleway</b> - a new bridleway link between Aldhurst Farm and Kenton Hills is proposed to improve recreational connectivity and enhance the north-south recreational routes within the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB</p>	71	36	40
11.	<p><b>Sizewell B relocated facilities</b></p> <p>Views sought on the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Option 1: changes with use of additional Sizewell A land</li> <li>• Option 2: changes without use of additional Sizewell A land</li> </ul>	<p>53</p> <p>8</p>	<p>30</p> <p>56</p>	<p>49</p> <p>64</p>

	Question within Questionnaire	Number of Responses		
		Appropriate	Inappropriate	Not sure
12.	<p><b>Associated development changes</b></p> <p>Views sought on the following associated development changes:</p> <p>a) <b>Reduction in land require</b> - potential reductions in land required, including a parcel of land at the A12/B1119 junction near Saxmundham no longer needed for highway improvements, minor reductions at the northern park and ride, and other small areas of land</p> <p>b) <b>Boundary changes</b> - potential reductions in land required, including a parcel of land at the A12/B1119 junction near Saxmundham no longer needed for highway improvements, minor reductions at the northern park and ride, and other small areas of land</p> <p>c) <b>Southern park and ride</b> – an extension of the landscaping is proposed at the southern park and ride to provide additional screening for views from the</p>	69	23	49
		30	49	63
		61	31	50

	Question within Questionnaire	Number of Responses		
		Appropriate	Inappropriate	Not sure
	B1116 and a nearby footpath, along with other potential minor design changes			
	<b>Total:</b>	1407	1422	910

## 4.2 Ongoing informal non-statutory consultation and engagement

4.2.1 SZC Co. has continued to engage with the local community and key stakeholders prior to and throughout the pre-examination period. This period provided an opportunity for SZC Co. to take stock of the Relevant Representations.

4.2.2 This consultation and engagement has involved virtual presentations, community liaison groups and meetings. Gathering feedback in this way has been invaluable to SZC Co. and the evolution of the Project.

## 5 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SIZEWELL C PROJECT

5.1.1 SZC Co. has had regard to the consultation responses, as explained in detail within the issues tables at **Appendix H**, in finalising the change request that this Consultation Report Addendum is submitted in support of.

5.1.2 SZC Co. is formally requesting that the 15 proposed changes to the Application set out in **Table 5.1** are accepted into the Examination.

**Table 5-1: Summary of changes**

Proposed Change Number	Proposed Change (January 2021 submission)
<b>Change 1</b>	Potential to increase the frequency of freight train movements to facilitate bulk material imports by rail.
<b>Change 2</b>	An enhancement of the permanent beach landing facility and construction of a new, temporary beach landing facility. <i>[Note: This includes changes to parameters]</i>



<b>Change 3</b>	Greater flexibility as to where certain Sizewell B facilities are relocated to potentially avoid the need for car parking on Pillbox Field. <i>[Note: This includes changes to parameters]</i> Greater flexibility as to where certain Sizewell B facilities are relocated to potentially avoid the need for car parking on Pillbox Field. <i>[Note: This includes changes to parameters]</i>
<b>Change 4</b>	Change to certain parameter heights and activities on the main development site.
<b>Change 5</b>	Change to the location of the water resource storage area and the addition of flood mitigation measures to lower flood risk.
<b>Change 6</b>	Change to the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) crossing design to a single span bridge with embankments. <i>[Note: This includes changes to parameters]</i>
<b>Change 7</b>	Revisions to tree retention on the main development site.
<b>Change 8</b>	Surface water removed early in the construction process to be discharged to the foreshore via a temporary outfall.
<b>Change 9</b>	Change to the sea defence to make the scheme more efficient and resilient to climate change. <i>[Note: This includes changes to parameters]</i>
<b>Change 10</b>	Extension of landscaped bund, other minor changes at the southern park and ride, including a minor reduction of the Order Limits.
<b>Change 11</b>	Extension of the Order Limits to provide for additional fen meadow habitat at Pakenham as mitigation for fen meadow loss.
<b>Change 12</b>	Extensions and reductions of the Order Limits for works on the Two village bypass, Sizewell link road and Yoxford roundabout as well as minor changes to the public right of way proposals at these sites. <i>[Note: This includes the change to the public right of way around walk barn farm and also any accommodation works, previously described as part of Change 13]</i>

<b>Change 13</b>	Minor extensions and reductions of the Order Limits for works on the main development site and related sites (fen meadow mitigation sites and marsh harrier improvement sites). <i>[Note: Reductions to the main development site were previous including in Change 14, and extensions described in the Consultation Document. The Accommodation works are associated with the Southern park and ride, two village bypass and Sizewell link road only and are therefore covered in the Changes 10 and 12 respectively].</i>
<b>Change 14</b>	Minor reductions to the Order Limits of the northern park and ride, the A12/B1119 junction at Saxmundham and the A1094/B1069 south of Knodishall).
<b>Change 15</b>	A new bridleway link between Aldhurst Farm and Kenton Hills.

5.1.3 As the notes in the table explain, there has been some rationalising of the way in which the changes are described, as a result of design development, engagement and response to the outcome of the consultation. In substance, however, (with the addition of Change 15) these are the changes identified in the **Notification Report** [\[AS-005\]](#) and they are the changes which have been subject consultation.

5.1.4 A detailed description of each change is provided in the relevant chapter of the **Environmental Statement (ES) Addendum** (Doc Ref. 6.14), whilst appendices to the **ES Addendum** provide track changed versions of the Descriptions of Development contained in the submitted **ES** (Book 6).

## 6 CONCLUSION

### 6.1 Summary

6.1.1 SZC Co. has reviewed and considered all consultation responses as explained in detail within the issues tables at **Appendix H**.

6.1.2 The consultation process has been effective and productive, and the content of the change request has been informed and improved as a result. It is considered that the documents provided with this change request provide the detail required to satisfy concerns and requests raised during the consultation period.

6.1.3 Overall, the proposed changes received mixed reactions, however, no fundamental issues were raised that would lead SZC Co. to conclude that

the changes would not improve the Project or that they should not be taken forward.

6.1.4 SZC Co. is very grateful to all parties who have responded to the consultation or engaged with the evolving development of the Sizewell C Project. SZC Co. will continue to work with respondents to provide responses to queries.

6.1.5 SZC Co. has a direct relationship with each of the principal stakeholders. SZC Co. is engaging directly with aims to resolve issues and such engagement will be used to form the basis of Statements of Common Ground, which will be developed and formulated over the course of Examination.

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