

As the longstanding voice of the Suffolk business community, Suffolk Chamber of Commerce is uniquely placed to articulate and represent the views of its members and indeed a wider range of local companies on a multiple number of issues.

For that reason, we believe that Sizewell C represents a significant opportunity to positively boost local business activity and reset the county's skills profile and contribute to the United Kingdom's energy security.

For Suffolk, it also represents a pivotal opportunity for transformational technological and economic growth in the region, providing much needed new high-quality skills and employment opportunities for younger generations blighted by the decline of previous high growth legacy industries in the region.

It will also be a key contributor to the country's Net Zero ambitions and commitments and the wider Build Back Better agenda.

As part of its procurement strategy for Sizewell C, for many years EDF Energy has partnered with Suffolk Chamber to identify, mobilise and support local and regional businesses that want to become part of the construction, operation and non-operational (support services) supply chain.

This relationship has given us leverage throughout the various consultation stages to raise specific issues from businesses across a number of sectors in Suffolk, ranging from tourism to logistics to manufacturing with EDF about their proposals – to which the company has always responded constructively.

Suffolk Chamber's Sizewell C Supply Chain Team is the first point of contact for business and agencies wishing to engage in the project. The Team's website (www.sizewellcsupplychain.co.uk) forms the central point of contact and resource for all Suffolk and regional businesses who wish to register in order to make the most of the opportunities arising out of the development.

The scope of the project is vast, with estimates of £1.5Bn - £2Bn of investment opportunity for Suffolk alone; £100m per annum will be invested in the local community and business sector with a £40m+ investment injection into the economy for every year of generation.

The project will benefit a diverse range of local companies wishing to get involved, covering everything from concrete to catering, engineering design, metal fabrication, transport, ecology and landscaping and in so doing will boost the skills ecosystem of the region, especially in some of the country's most socially deprived coastal areas.

Suffolk Chamber's interest extends well beyond the construction project. The potential for follow-on new technology and Net Zero Carbon business opportunities derived from Sizewell C and the wider Eastern Energy Coast, to provide renewed growth, especially for forthcoming generations, is a key interest for the businesses of Suffolk.

In conclusion, Sizewell C will be a key vehicle in energising local businesses to develop and improve their technical and business competencies and skills and help them become more resilient and build back better able to respond to other new initiatives and associated opportunities in the region.