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The Sizewell C Project, Ref. EN010012

Suffolk County Council Deadline 2 submissions - overview

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Dear Sir/Madam

As requested in the Examining Authority's Rule 8 letter, Suffolk County Council ('SCC') has submitted separate documents according to the different 'drop down' submission items.

With this letter, the Council wishes to summarise all its submissions made under Deadline 2, and comment on other items.

1. Post Hearing submissions including written submissions of oral case

SCC has submitted a transcript of the Open Floor Hearing representation of Cllr Richard Rout speaking on behalf of the Leader of Suffolk County Council.

2. Written Representation

SCC has submitted a Written Representation, to be seen as supplementary to the Local Impact Report, that elaborates upon and sets out further evidence and background by SCC to a number of important topic areas: The transport strategy (including the evolution of rail and sea proposals, and for the Two Village Bypass and Sizewell Link Road an overview of the evolution of the schemes and the Council's stance on them, and the matters that still need to be addressed to make the transport strategy acceptable to the Council), the rationale for and practicalities of removing the Sizewell Link Road, and further evidence and an elaborated rationale for the Council's request for alternatives solutions to on-site pylons and overhead lines, and to the proposed outage car park at Goose Hill.

With the Written Representation, four Appendices have been submitted.

3. Summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words

SCC has submitted separately an Executive Summary of the Written Representation.

4. Initial Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) requested by the ExA

The Applicant will submit the initial Statements of Common Ground with SCC and East Suffolk Council.

5. Responses to the ExA's Written Questions (ExQ1)

SCC has submitted answers to all the questions directed to us, using the forms provided by the ExA, submitted as answers to ExQs Part 1 to 6, plus in a seventh document the answers to the ExQs on Section 106 issued by the ExA in its Rule 17 letter dated 6 May 2021.

To support some of the answers, four Appendices are also submitted.

6. Comments by registered Interested Parties only on any updated application documents and Changed Application documents

Following the acceptance by the ExA of the Change Application by the Applicant, SCC has submitted an Addendum to our Relevant Representation, which signposts the ExA to relevant sections of the Local Impact Report and the Written Representation to explain SCC's position on the changed proposals.

SCC also notes that the Applicant has submitted the following documents at Deadline 1, and we wish to inform the ExA that we will be seeking to discuss these additional and/or revised documents further with the Applicant before making additional representations to the ExA:

- Amended Design and Access Statement
- Terrestrial Ecology Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (Doc Ref. 9.4)
- Appendix 14E Biodiversity Net Gain Report (Doc Ref. 6.3 14E(A))
- Biodiversity Net Gain Report Sizewell Link Road (Doc Ref. 9.5)
- Biodiversity Net Gain Report Two Village Bypass (Doc Ref. 9.6)
- Biodiversity Net Gain Report Yoxford Roundabout (Doc Ref. 9.7)
- Wet Woodland Strategy (Doc Ref. 9.8)
- Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (oLEMP) (Doc Ref. 8.2(A))

7. Comments on draft s.106, accompanying draft Explanatory Memorandum and draft Confirmation and Compliance Document

SCC is in regular dialogue with the Applicant regarding the draft s.106 agreement, and has provided detailed comments on the first draft to the Applicant prior to their submission of it [PDB-004] at Procedural Deadline B. SCC has noted the contents of the draft s.106 Explanatory Memorandum [PDB-009].

The ExA issued, in their Rule 17 letter dated 6 May 2021, a series of questions in relation to the draft s.106 agreement. These have been answered by SCC, submitted at Deadline 2 using the template provided by the ExA.

In respect of West Suffolk Council (WSC) being included as a party to the draft s.106 agreement because of the Applicant's proposals for Pakenham fen meadow this has been discussed with officers at WSC to find a practical way forward. WSC have considered matters in relation to the proposals for the Pakenham fen meadow land and is content to authorise SCC to negotiate and agree the details of the scheme on behalf of WSC. The Applicant has been separately advised of these suggested arrangements and that WSC is not required to be a party to the s.106 agreement. In respect of the ExA s.106 questions directed to WSC these have been answered by SCC on their behalf.

At this point in time, SCC does not wish to provide any further comments on the draft s.106, accompanying draft Explanatory Memorandum and draft Confirmation and Compliance Document by D2. This is on the basis that SCC will continue to work collaboratively with the Applicant on the draft s.106 and will provide further comments on further evolved draft s.106 documents at future deadlines.

8. Responses to comments on RRs

SCC has submitted a short representation to respond to comments on its Relevant Representation, by the Applicant, FERN, and Marlesford Parish Council.

For any queries, please contact Michael Moll, Programme Director Sizewell C, Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Gov.uk

Yours faithfully

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