



The Sizewell C Project

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Status of the SOCG

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground ('SoCG') has been prepared in respect of the application for development consent under the Planning Act 2008 ('the Application') for the proposed Sizewell C Project. This version (Version 1), dated 27 May 2021, has been prepared through a programme of engagement between NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited ('SZC Co.') as the Applicant and EDF Energy Nuclear Generation Limited ('ENGL'), referred to as 'the parties'. The parties will continue to work together to seek to resolve the outstanding matter in **Table 2.1** and an updated SoCG will be submitted at Deadline 4.

1.2 Purpose of this document

- 1.2.1 The purpose of this SoCG is to set out the position of the parties arising from the application for development consent for the construction and operation of the Sizewell C nuclear power station and together with the proposed associated development (hereafter referred to as 'the Sizewell C Project'). This SoCG has been prepared in accordance with the 'Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent' published in March 2015 by the Department of Communities and Local Government (hereafter referred to as 'DCLG guidance').
- 1.2.2 The aim of this SoCG is, therefore, to inform the Examining Authority and provide a clear position on the state and extent of discussions and agreement between the parties on matters relating to the proposed Sizewell C Project.
- 1.2.3 This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere within the DCO application documents. All documents are available on the Planning Inspectorate website.

1.3 Structure of this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.3.1 **Chapter 2** provides a schedule which detail the position on relevant matters between the parties, including any matters where discussions are ongoing. This is underpinned by Appendix A, which provides a summary of engagement undertaken to establish this SoCG.

2 POSITION OF THE PARTIES

2.1.1 **Table 2.1** provides an overview of the position of the parties and any further actions planned.

Table 2.1: Position of Parties

Ref.	Matter	ENGL's position	SZC Co.'s Position	Further Action Required	Agreed/ Not Agreed/ In Progress
Draft Development Consent Order					
1.	Powers of compulsory acquisition sought in the Development Consent Order.	ENGL's position is that the dDCO should prevent SZC Co. from compulsorily acquiring any of ENGL's interests in the Order Land without written agreement (in ENGL's absolute discretion). ENGL does not object to the extinguishment or overriding of any third party rights over ENGL's land (save for those rights which relate to the operation of Sizewell B power station which is dealt with by article 26(2)(b)).	SZC Co. intends to proceed on the basis as set out under ENGL's position.	Discussions are ongoing between the parties	In progress – Update to be provided at Deadline 4

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Compatibility of the construction and operation of Sizewell C with the operation and decommissioning of Sizewell B					
2.	ENGL and NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited ("SZC Co") have worked together for a number of years, to ensure that the construction and operation of Sizewell C is compatible with the safe operation and decommissioning of Sizewell B.	The effects of the construction and operation of Sizewell C on Sizewell B and the wider ENGL estate will be resolved by side agreements between the parties which will include the land transaction documentation. These side agreements are currently under negotiation.	SZC Co intends to complete the side agreements referred to under ENGL's position when negotiations are complete.	N/A	Agreed for the purposes of planning
The relationship between Sizewell C project and the use of the wider EDF Energy Estate					
3.	The project deals sensitively and appropriately with use of the wider ENGL Estate and the parties will work to ensure this is the case throughout the construction and operation of Sizewell C.	Subject to the conclusion of the relevant side agreements, ENGL is confident that the wider ENGL Estate will continue to be managed in accordance with good estate	SZC Co are confident that the wider ENGL Estate will continue to be managed in accordance with good estate management principles and for the benefit of the environment.	N/A	Agreed for the purposes of planning

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		management principles and for the benefit of the environment.			
Deed of Obligation					
4.	The Deed of Obligation will secure the necessary mitigation in connection with the SZC Project.	ENGL's position is that it should have no liability pursuant to the Deed of Obligation.	ENGL does not need to be a signatory to the Deed of Obligation and will have no liability pursuant to it.	N/A	Agreed

APPENDIX A: ENGAGEMENT ON THE SOCG

- A.1.1. The preparation of this SoCG has been informed by a programme of discussions between the parties, through correspondence and meetings as summarised in **Table A.1**.

Table A.2: SOCG meetings held between the parties

Date	Details of the Meeting
24th March 2021	Discussion in respect of issues to be included in SoCG
6th May 2021	Further discussion on wording in respect of issues included in SoCG