# THE SIZEWELL C PROJECT - NOTICE OF HEARINGS (APPLICATION REFERENCE: EN010012)

# Notice under Section 91 of the Planning Act 2008 and Rule 13(6) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

An application for an order granting development consent has been made under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 by NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited ('Applicant'), whose registered office is at 90 Whitfield Street, London W1T 4EZ, to the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy) ('Application'). The Application was made on 27 May 2020 and accepted for Examination by the Planning Inspectorate on 24 June 2020 (Application Reference: EN010012). An Examining Authority was appointed on 30 June 2020 to examine the Application and the Examination is due to close by 14 October 2021. After the Examination has closed, the Examining Authority will submit a report to the Secretary of State who will then make the decision on whether or not to grant the development consent order.

## The Project

The Application is for development consent to construct, operate and maintain the proposed Sizewell C nuclear power station, which would comprise two UK EPR™ reactor units with an expected net electrical output of approximately 1,670 megawatts per unit, giving a total site capacity of approximately 3,340 megawatts, along with associated development required for the construction or operation of the Sizewell C nuclear power station or to mitigate its impacts ('**Project**'). The Sizewell C nuclear power station would be located in Sizewell in East Suffolk, approximately halfway between Felixstowe and Lowestoft; to the north-east of the town of Leiston.

The main on-site aspects of the Project comprise the nuclear power station; associated buildings, plant and infrastructure; offshore works including cooling water system and combined drainage outfall in the North Sea; a temporary accommodation campus; a new National Grid 400kV substation; relocation of certain Sizewell B infrastructure; a crossing over the Sizewell Marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest; access works; construction compounds and spoil management areas; temporary rail infrastructure; and landscaping. Proposed off-site associated development includes temporary park and ride sites; a two village bypass; a Sizewell link road; highway improvements; a temporary freight management facility; temporary rail infrastructure; and permanent rail upgrade works. Further details of the Project are provided in the Application.

### **Environmental Impact Assessment**

The Project is an EIA development, as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. An Environmental Statement was submitted with the Application (Examination Library refs. APP-159 to APP-582) pursuant to the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007. Details of environmental information submitted since acceptance of the Application, and how that information supplements or changes the Environmental Statement, are provided in the Environmental Statement Signposting Document (Doc Ref. PDB-2 (A)) submitted to the Examining Authority on 2 June 2021.

## **Hearings**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Section 91 of the Planning Act 2008 and Rule 13(6) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 that hearings are due to be held by the Examining Authority for the Examination of the Application at the dates and times set out in the table below:

Date	Hearing	Time	Venue
Tuesday 6 July 2021	Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) The draft DCO and s.106	Start: 10.00am (Arrangements Conference: 9.30am)	By Virtual Means (see below)

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	agreement / Deed of obligation	End: Not specified – the session will end once all agenda items have been covered
Wednesday 7 July 2021	Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) Traffic and Transport	Start: 10.00am (Arrangements Conference: 9.30am) End: Not specified – the session will end once all agenda items have been covered
Thursday 8 July 2021	Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) Traffic and Transport	Start: 10.00am  (Arrangements Conference: 9.30am)  End: Not specified – the session will end once all agenda items have been covered
Friday 9 July 2021	Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4) Socio- economic and Community Issues	Start: 10.00am  (Arrangements Conference: 9.30am)  End: Not specified – the session will end once all agenda items have been covered
Tuesday 13 July 2021	Issue Specific Hearing 5 (ISH5) Landscape and Visual Impact and Design	Start: 10.00am (Arrangements Conference: 9.30am) End: Not specified – the session will end once all agenda items have been covered
Wednesday 14 July 2021	Issue Specific Hearing 6 (ISH6) Coastal Geomorphology	Start: 10.00am  (Arrangements Conference: 9.30am)  End: Not specified – the session will end once all agenda items have been covered
Thursday 15 July 2021	Issue Specific Hearing 7 (part 1) (ISH7) Biodiversity and Ecology	Start: 10.00am  (Arrangements Conference: 9.30am)  End: Not specified – the session will end once all agenda items have been covered
Friday 16 July 2021	Issue Specific Hearing 7 (part 2) (ISH7) Biodiversity and Ecology (and to include certain Other Marine Issues)	Start: 10.00am (Arrangements Conference: 9.30am) End: Not specified – the session will end once all agenda items have been covered

In the light of the current government guidance to control the Covid-19 outbreak and the ongoing restrictions, these Issue Specific Hearings will be held by virtual means, through Microsoft Teams. The hearings will be Livestreamed and recorded. As soon as practicable after each hearing closes,

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the recordings will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's project page at: <a href="https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/the-sizewell-c-project/?ipcsection=overview">https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/the-sizewell-c-project/?ipcsection=overview</a>

Annex D of the Planning Inspectorate's Rule 8 letter dated 21 April 2021 provides further information on the hearings procedure and is available to download here: <a href="https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010012/EN010012-003597-Rule%208%20Letter%20and%20Annexes.pdf">https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010012/EN010012-003597-Rule%208%20Letter%20and%20Annexes.pdf</a>

Further information about hearings is included in the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Notes which can be found here: <a href="https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/">https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/</a>

### Requests to appear at hearings

If you wish to participate in any of the above hearings you must let the Planning Inspectorate's case team know by emailing the Project mailbox <u>sizewellc@planninginspectorate.gov.uk</u> no later than Deadline 3 on Thursday 24 June 2021.

People who have not made a request to speak will still be able to access the Livestream and/or the recording of the Issue Specific Hearings.

## **Copies of the Application Documents**

The Application form and its accompanying documents, drawings, plans and maps are available for inspection free of charge on the webpage relating to the Application on the Planning Inspectorate's website under the 'Documents' tab: <a href="https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/the-sizewell-c-project/?ipcsection=docs">https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/the-sizewell-c-project/?ipcsection=docs</a>

These documents will be available to view on the website for at least the duration of the Examination, which is due to be completed by no later than 14 October 2021.

Copies of these documents can be sent to you upon request on a USB stick (free of charge) or in hard copy (but the full suite of documents comes at a print cost of £9,800 plus VAT). To make a request, please use the Applicant's contact details below. Alternatively, subject to any applicable government restrictions in response to Covid-19 that may apply, you can book an appointment to view the documents at:

- the Sizewell C Information Office at 48-50 High Street, Leiston IP16 4EW (please call 0800 197 6102 to make an appointment) – all documents are available in both electronic and hard copy; and
- the Council Offices of the Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council at Council Offices, Main Street, Leiston IP16 4ER (please call 01728 830388 to make an appointment) – all documents are available in electronic copy, with copies of some documents available in hard copy.

#### **Enquiries**

Any enquiries about the Application, the hearings, how to take part in the Examination and any other matters covered in this notice may be raised with the Planning Inspectorate (0303 444 5000 or email <a href="mailto:sizewellc@planninginspectorate.gov.uk">sizewellc@planninginspectorate.gov.uk</a>) or the Applicant (Freephone 0800 197 6102 (09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday) or email info@sizewellc.co.uk).

Any details you provide to the Applicant via the telephone or email will be subject to the Applicant's privacy policy, which is available to view at: <a href="https://www.edfenergy.com/privacy/NNB">https://www.edfenergy.com/privacy/NNB</a>

In any correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate in relation to the Application, please quote the Application Reference (EN010012) and, where relevant, your unique reference number provided by the Planning Inspectorate.

### NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited

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