


From: 
To: [SizewellC](#)
Subject: Fwd: Misleading claims in Community Newsletter
Date: 16 June 2021 09:39:30

Dear Sizewell C Case Team

In my Deadline 2 written submission (published 4/6/2021) I raised a question regarding EDF's claim in their May 2021 Community Newsletter. For ease of reference my relevant text is below:-

'EDF claim and I quote "Sizewell C can deliver for East Suffolk and for Britain on several fronts at the same time - by lowering carbon emissions and fighting climate change, tackling the biodiversity crisis and helping to kick start the green recovery following the pandemic".

So do tell me, how do EDF intend to achieve all this at the same time particularly the lowering of carbon emissions when during the 12 years of construction an estimated 6.2 million tonnes of CO2 will be produced? I can't see that information in their Community Newsletter.'

You will note from EDF's reply to my complaint regarding their claim (see below) that they have now acknowledged it was false and hence misleading. Their suggested alternative wording would be similarly misleading as it makes no reference to the timescales over which these claims may apply.

As I pointed out in my written submissions, this misleading claim by EDF is just one of a number and as it was issued at a time ahead of the open floor hearings it may well have influenced people's views on the impacts of building Sizewell C.

I trust you will take these misrepresentations and lack of openness into account in your consideration of whether EDF have correctly informed local residents of the impacts of building Sizewell C.

Yours faithfully

Alan Collett

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Sizewell C" <info@sizewellc.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Re: Misleading claims in Community Newsletter
Date: 9 June 2021 at 14:50:28 BST
To: "Alan Collett" 
Reply-To: "Sizewell C" <info@sizewellc.co.uk>

Dear Mr Collett,

Thank you for your further email, we stand by our comments about Sizewell C's potential to increase biodiversity, as we have undertaken an assessment made against the criteria set by Natural England on biodiversity net gain

With reference to Sizewell C's ability to reduce carbon emissions, fight climate change and help kickstart the post-Covid economy (if we get planning permission), the intention is to show the benefits of the project during its lifetime.

As such, we concede that this would have been worded more appropriately as 'the same project' rather than 'the same time' and will adopt that language going forward. However, the fact remains that Sizewell will tackle climate change, the biodiversity crisis and economic recovery.

In the fight against climate change, Britain is committed to reduce harmful carbon emissions to 'net zero' by 2050. Achieving this challenging target will require us to generate four times more low carbon electricity than we do today. Sizewell C will generate low carbon electricity for 60 years.

The two reactors at Sizewell C will be capable of generating enough low carbon electricity to supply over six million homes, while avoiding around nine million tonnes of carbon emissions every year of operation, compared to a gas-fired power station.

At the peak of construction, the project will provide around 7,900 skilled jobs for mainly British companies, pumping millions of pounds into the local economy. Once operational, it will provide about 900 skilled jobs, including careers and apprenticeships for local young people.

For more information about how Sizewell C could benefit the local economy, see:
<https://www.edfenergy.com/energy/nuclear-new-build-projects/sizewell-c/news-views/new-report-shows-how-Sizewell-C-is-set-to-provide-economic-recovery-for-the-region>

To see how local businesses are welcoming the opportunities that Sizewell C could bring, see:
<https://www.edfenergy.com/energy/nuclear-new-build-projects/sizewell-c/news-views/new-industrial-consortium-backs-sizewell-c>

For further background information on the Project, please see: About | Sizewell C | EDF ([edfenergy.com](https://www.edfenergy.com))

We are also currently exploring the possibility of harnessing the power produced at Sizewell C to produce hydrogen or for direct air capture.

For more information about our plans for Hydrogen, see: Sizewell C and Hydrogen | EDF ([edfenergy.com](https://www.edfenergy.com))

and Direct Air Capture, please see Direct Air Capture: Sizewell C and partners awarded Direct Air Capture funding | EDF ([edfenergy.com](https://www.edfenergy.com))

There is also information about Sustainability within:
<https://www.edfenergy.com/about/sustainability>

Best wishes

The Sizewell C Project Team

From [REDACTED]
Sent: 25/05/2021
To: sizewell@edfconsultation.info
Subject: Re: Misleading claims in Community Newsletter
Dear Sirs

Thank you for your response but I would point out that potentially increasing Biodiversity Units is very different to increasing biodiversity itself. As I

pointed out in my email, biodiversity is defined as the variety of plant and animal species and there is no way that you are able to guarantee this will occur. Your claim is therefore highly simplistic and misleading and this should be made very clear in future editions of your Community Newsletter so that there is no misunderstanding on this matter.

Your response fails to address the second issue I raised ie the simultaneous achievements you claim. I look forward to hearing from you on this issue with an explanation.

Yours faithfully

Alan Collett

On 18 May 2021, at 10:00, Sizewell C <info@sizewellc.co.uk> wrote:

Dear Mr Collett,

Your complaint is noted. However, the statements published in the newsletter are all factual and are based on information derived from our application for a Development Consent Order to build Sizewell C, which includes an extensive Environmental Statement, which you can find on the Planning Inspectorate's website at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/the-sizewell-c-project/>

In your email you write: 'You claim that EDF will increase biodiversity, ie the variety of plant and animal species, within the main development site by 19%. Where is your evidence to support the fact that this will happen and to that degree?'

The sentence in the introduction you refer to actually reads 'The measures we will take during and after construction mean we will increase biodiversity at the main development site and other areas by 19%.'

This assessment is made against the criteria set by Natural England on biodiversity net gain. It is not compulsory for a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project to undertake this measurement of its mitigation measures, but we have chosen to do so.

We published a e-brochure focussing on environmental issues in May, which may be useful in providing more information. Please see:

<https://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&edid=a487172a-9953-49f3-8d4b-e92d81a83ef3>

If you require greater detail, then the best reference in the DCO will be the updated Biodiversity Net Gain reports which were submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 12 May and are accessible via their website:

- Main Development Site Biodiversity Net Gain Report can be found [here](#)
- Sizewell Link Road Biodiversity Net Gain Report can be found [here](#)
- Two Village Bypass Biodiversity Net Gain Report can be found [here](#)
- Yoxford Roundabout Biodiversity Net Gain Report can be found [here](#)

Sizewell C will create thousands of jobs and investment in skills and education. For more information on our Jobs Service and Skills Prospectus, please see:

www.edfenergy.com/szc-jobs

Nuclear power has a proven track record of generating low carbon electricity, whatever the weather. In the case of Sizewell, this stretches back over 50 years.

Similarly, we also have a proven track record for caring for the environment near our sites, such as Sizewell B power station which has won an

environmental award for its work in the area.

Our strategy for the management of our land before, during and post-construction gives us the confidence to communicate these accurate statements.

Best wishes

The Sizewell C Project Team

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 05/05/2021 13:46:46

To: sizewell@edfconsultation.info

Subject: Misleading claims in Community Newsletter

Body:

Dear Sirs

I would like to register my formal complaint about some of the wording in Julia Pyke's introduction section of your May 2021 Community Newsletter. There are a number of statements therein which are misleading and totally unsubstantiated and I would request that you provide evidence to justify your claims.

You claim that EDF will increase biodiversity, ie the variety of plant and animal species, within the main development site by 19%. Where is your evidence to support the fact that this will happen and to that degree?

You claim that "Sizewell C can deliver for East Suffolk and for Britain on several fronts at the same time - by lowering carbon emissions and fighting climate change, tackling the biodiversity crisis and helping to kick start the green recovery following the pandemic." Will you please provide evidence of how you are going to do all these at the same time.

I look forward to hearing from your Nuclear Development Director at her earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

Alan Collett