

## The Sizewell C Project

SZC Co.'s Response to the Secretary of State's Request for Further Information dated 18 March 2022: Appendix 4 - Email from Network Rail to SZC Co. in relation to the Darsham Level Crossing, dated 30 March 2022

Revision: 1.0

April 2022



## **Richard Bull**

From: Mark Walker (Anglia)
Sent: 30 March 2022 11:32

To: Richard Bull

**Cc:** Matthew Wilson; Marie Burrows **Subject:** Sizewell C - Darsham Level Crossing

**OFFICIAL** 

Hello Richard,

By way of introduction, I am Mark Walker, the Route Infrastructure Engineer for the Anglia route. I manage the work bank for the Anglia route including maintenance, renewals, enhancements and projects.

Through conversations with the Network Rail Sizewell Team and to assist with the DCO decision for Sizewell C, I have been forwarded a query from the Secretary of State regarding the Darsham Level Crossing joint funding agreement. Network Rail and Sizewell C have provisionally agreed to a 50:50 split funding agreement for the upgrade of Darsham Level crossing.

The estimate for this upgrade was circa £4m with Network Rails Expected Contribution therefore in the region of £2m

Network Rails funding is set in 5 yearly cycles and this work is proposed in our next cycle, known as control period 7. The final CP7 determination is not due to be confirmed until next year, but the process is iterative and I can confirm that Network Rail have already and will continue to make provision in that funding bid for our contribution to the upgrade of Darsham level crossing. As I explained the funding cycle is ongoing and we are expecting a smaller settlement than in previous years but excluding any major unexpected government funding cuts, Network Rail will be in a position fund half of the upgrade for Darsham Level Crossing.

I look forward to assisting the project further where I can and ensuring the successful upgrade to the railway, contributing to the construction of the Sizewell Power Station.

Kind Regards,



Mark Walker

Route Infrastructure Engineer (Anglia) Anglia Route

One Stratford Place Montfichet Road, London, E20 1EJ

Phone:

At Network Rail we work flexibly – so whilst it suits me to email now, I do not expect a response or action outside of your own working hours