

Sizewell C Councillors Monthly Update

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Post Stage 2 consultation

Firstly, a thank you from Suffolk Coastal District and Suffolk County Councils to those of you who sent us copies of your responses to EDF Energy's Stage 2 consultation. We have received 23 responses from Town and Parish councils, 22 organisational responses, and approximately 70 from individuals.

There is still time to send us your response – please send to sizewellc@eastssuffolk.gov.uk

The joint councils' response to EDF Energy was sent on 2nd February and you can read it [here](#)

EDF Energy are currently analysing all the responses they have received.

The Councils are now focussing on taking forward the actions arising from the recommendations that were agreed by the Councils' Cabinets on the [31 January 2017](#). This includes putting Suffolk's views to EDF Energy, taking forward some of the technical areas of work with EDF Energy (working towards further examination and clarification of the shape of the development and what mitigation is required). We will also liaise with Government to maximise the Community Benefit available to Suffolk, co-operate with other councils with proposed new nuclear build in order to share best practise, and begin to collate some ideas on a Community Impact Fund approach. We are also developing an Outline Business Case for a four-village-bypass as part of the Suffolk Energy Gateway (SEGway) to submit to Government for funding.

We want to continue the ongoing dialogue with our Parish and Town councils. This could be via a number of methods in addition to continued communication through this e-update, such as holding a further Town and Parish event as we did in December, or perhaps having more focussed topic or geographical based meetings. Please let us know by emailing sizewellc@eastssuffolk.gov.uk what your council would find most helpful so that we can plan our engagement for this year. Please respond to us by the end of April.

Planning Aid England

As a result of our strong representation to EDF Energy over the last couple of years, EDF Energy offered through Planning Aid England some independent support to Town and Parish councils to assist them in responding to Stage 2. We are aware that 15 local councils took up this offer. We are interested to hear about those councils' experience in using this service and will shortly be sending a brief questionnaire to those councils. This will help us to determine what kind of support for Town and Parish Councils we should ask EDF Energy to provide for future stages of consultation. If you did not take up this offer, we would like to hear from you as to why you did not, please email us at sizewellc@eastssuffolk.gov.uk.

New Nuclear Local Authorities Group (NNLAG):

We recently attended the New Nuclear Local Authorities Group conference in Cumbria – there was useful learning from other areas about their experiences of New Nuclear. The presentations included the National College for Nuclear, Centre of Nuclear Excellence, NuGen and a BEIS official. The conference culminated with site visits to Sellafield, the site for the Moorside development and the Low Level Waste Repository.