



## Sizewell C Joint Local Authority Group (JLAG) Update

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### EDF Energy Submit Application for Development Consent Order

1. As you will know, EDF Energy have now submitted its application for Development Consent Order for the new nuclear power station, Sizewell C, to the Planning Inspectorate.
2. The next 28 days are a time for the Planning Inspectorate to assess the submission and determine if they are willing to accept it for Examination. During this period, our two Councils will be asked, as host Local Authorities, for our opinion in relation to the Adequacy of Consultation that EDF Energy has carried out in advance of the submission.
3. We have been reviewing our position in relation to the requirements set out in the Planning Act and in responding will take into consideration the many representations we have received from Town and Parish Councils, Non-Governmental Organisations, and local residents.
4. If the application is accepted by the Planning Inspectorate after the 28 days, we expect to work closely with the Planning Inspectorate and EDF Energy to determine an appropriate start time for the Section 56 period as set out in our letters to EDF Energy and the Planning Inspectorate which can be found here: <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/sizewell-nuclear-power-station/development-consent-order-dco/>.
5. In our letter to EDF Energy of the 9 April the Leaders specifically asked that EDF Energy 'delay the Section 56 consultation until such time as all parties, including EDF Energy, PINS and the Councils are satisfied that appropriate public engagement can take place.'
6. Once we have confirmation that the application has been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate, we will work with the Inspectorate and EDF Energy to ensure that we are able to carry out a fair and open engagement process during this important time that complies with any relevant Planning Inspectorate guidance and enables us to properly interact with our communities at this important stage of the process. It is understood that EDF Energy have engaged the services of Planning Aid England to support Town and Parishes through the consultation.
7. We will be wanting to engage with our Town and Parish Councils during the Section 56 period and we need to ensure that this can be carried out safely for all and without risking the health of any parties.
8. During this time we will be encouraging you all to register as Interested Parties with the Planning Inspectorate and to draft Relevant Representations summarising your views and opinions on the Sizewell C project for submission to the Planning Inspectorate. We will maintain up to date information with regards to the Councils

submissions to the Inspectorate on the DCO page of our website <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/sizewell-nuclear-power-station/development-consent-order-dco/> . However, full up-to-date documentation of the project will only be available through the Planning Inspectorate's web pages <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/sizewell-c-new-nuclear-power-station/> .

9. Both Councils have teams working on the project and we are always available to answer questions at our joint email address [sizewellc@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:sizewellc@eastsuffolk.gov.uk)
10. We will publish information of interest including the dates of our Cabinet meetings when they are available on the aforementioned DCO pages of our website.
11. Once we have certainty over dates for Section 56 engagement and plans for the engagement, we will send an email to all Town and Parish Councils advising of our plans for holding an engagement event.