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# Welcome



An artist's impression of Sizewell C, the new nuclear power station on the Suffolk coast

## Introduction

### Julia Pyke - Sizewell C Director

Thank you for reading our first community newsletter of 2021.

Sizewell C has reached an important moment as we enter the formal examination phase of the planning process. Over the next six months, a panel commissioned by the Government will consider all relevant and important issues to do with our proposals in a series of public hearings. It's a vital step in ensuring our plans are openly scrutinised and we welcome it.

We started our public consultation almost a decade ago and we remain totally committed to listening to the views of East Suffolk communities. In response to feedback, we put forward new ideas which will ensure most construction materials are delivered by sea and rail. Our proposals mean the maximum number of HGVs on any day will be reduced by 30%. We have also reduced the amount of environmentally sensitive land we will use.

I am confident the benefits of the power station will far outweigh any disruption caused by construction. By creating thousands of jobs and apprenticeships it will bring a long-term boost to this region which has seen youth unemployment double during the COVID pandemic.

This newsletter includes information about our new Jobs Service where you can register if you are interested in working with us in the future. There is also a summary of our plans to protect and enhance local wildlife. The measures we will take during and after construction mean we will increase biodiversity at the main development site and other areas by 19%.

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 kickstart the green recovery following the pandemic.

As ever, our staff in the Sizewell C Information Office in Leiston are on hand to answer questions or attend meetings of local groups and organisations. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like more information.

Best wishes,

Julia Pyke,  
Nuclear Development Director,  
Sizewell C





# The Sizewell C Jobs Service

Sizewell C will create thousands of local jobs and apprenticeships, and we will need different skill sets at different stages of the project, from early enabling works right through to the operation of the power station.

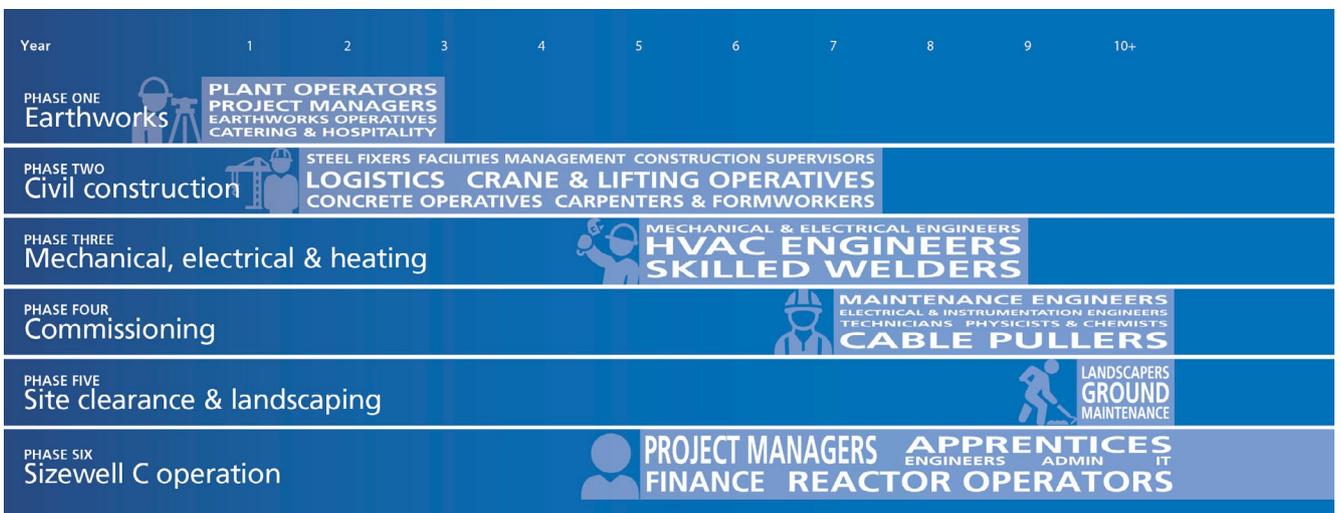
We have launched a Jobs Service so that people who are thinking of working for us in the future can register their interest.

There will be a broad range of occupations and careers, for example in construction, civil engineering, project management, electrical installation, ecology, hospitality, catering, logistics, security, site services, support roles and others over the coming years.

When complete, Sizewell C will have an expected workforce of 900 people to run the power station throughout its 60-year operation. Sizewell B, our operating power station on the Suffolk coast, already provides long-term rewarding careers and we want Sizewell C to offer similar opportunities.

The skills we will need for the project will also be required by other developers in this region, so a job at Sizewell C could lead to new opportunities in other parts of the energy industry and the wider economy in East Anglia.

Register your interest at [www.edfenergy.com/szc-jobs](http://www.edfenergy.com/szc-jobs)





## Training the local workforce

Sizewell C plans to invest in local education and training to make sure those nearest our project have the right skills to work with us.

Local colleges, universities and training centres offer a wide range of courses to develop those skills. East Coast College is bringing entry level training to young people in Suffolk and Norfolk who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs).

## Sizewell C Consortium

The Sizewell C Consortium, which includes some of the UK's biggest construction and nuclear firms, has pledged to invest £4.4 billion in the East of England if Sizewell C goes ahead.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Consortium and a number of East of England MPs, business groups, businesses and educational institutes outlines the potential investment for the East of England during the construction phase of the project. In addition, new research conducted by Ernst & Young, on behalf of the Consortium, estimates that 73,000 job opportunities would be created in the East of England by direct employment in the supply chain, or through local spending on goods and services.

We have also partnered with Inspire Suffolk and Access Community Trust so that we can offer opportunities for some of the harder to reach groups in east Suffolk.

We are collaborating on training initiatives with other developers in the East of England such as Vattenfall, Scottish Power, Morgan Sindall and Lovell because we all need many of the same skills.

Visit [www.edfenergy.com/szc-prospectus](http://www.edfenergy.com/szc-prospectus) to see the new Employment and Skills Prospectus.

## Sizewell C Consortium



"Sizewell C doesn't just mean a new nuclear power station in the east of England. It means livelihoods for thousands of people."

Cameron Gilmour

Head of the Sizewell C Consortium

# Meet some of our people



## Sarah Williamson

### Sizewell C Civil Construction Director

"I am excited to be working on the Sizewell C project and, subject to the necessary consents, I look forward to delivering the same high quality build programme we are seeing at Hinkley Point C in Somerset, which is four years into construction. At Hinkley Point we have already employed over 700 apprentices and invested £2.7bn with companies in the South West. We want to bring the same benefits to the East of England."

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## Cody Lucas

### Apprentice welder

Cody is studying Level 3 qualifications in welding at the Lowestoft campus of East Coast College. His apprenticeship with Doosan Babcock will see him start at Hinkley Point C before returning to Suffolk to work at Sizewell C.

"It is an opportunity of a lifetime to work at Hinkley Point C and then come back home to Suffolk as a qualified welder to work at Sizewell C. I was over the moon when I got the phone call to say I got the apprenticeship. I can't wait to start."

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## Vanessa Burton

### Sizewell C Engineer

Vanessa studied Civil Engineering (MEng Hons) at the University of Surrey and secured a place on the Institute of Civil Engineering Scholarship scheme. This allowed her to work with Mott McDonald as an intern during each summer while at university, and in her industrial placement year. She says this was an important step into her career.

"Working as an intern in the construction industry gave me the real-life experience of the job I was hoping to do when I graduated."

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# Sizewell C and biodiversity

Sizewell C will be located within the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB and close to RSPB Minsmere, an area rightly regarded as a jewel in the crown of UK wildlife sites.

We understand how precious this part of Suffolk is and we have a great track record in looking after it. Over 600ha of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is part of the Sizewell estate. That's why Sizewell C will not be built at the expense of the environment.

The measures we are taking will protect and enhance nature and, in the long run, will lead to a 19% net gain in biodiversity.

The biggest challenge facing wildlife is climate change. We cannot address the climate crisis without nuclear power.



Marsh harrier seen at Aldhurst Farm



Otters are seen at Aldhurst Farm

# RSPB Minsmere

Sizewell C will not be building on any land owned by RSPB Minsmere. Fig. 1 shows the boundary line of the temporary construction area for the project.

At the northernmost point, where a small part of the boundary meets RSPB land, we are creating a new area of wetland which includes open water, reedbeds and wet woodland. This will allow wildlife to thrive, while helping to reduce any impacts from flooding. Species which live on the RSPB reserve, including bats and rare birds such as marsh harriers, will be protected.

We will limit construction when necessary to reduce noise and we will minimise light spillage by using directional and low-level lighting. We are already planting trees along the northern boundary to reinforce the existing woodland which separates our land from the reserve.

We will create 47ha of new habitats for foraging marsh harriers to the north of the construction site. We have consulted the RSPB, Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Natural England over many years to develop these boundary treatments and controls. We are confident our plans will not have an impact on this internationally important nature reserve and valued neighbour.

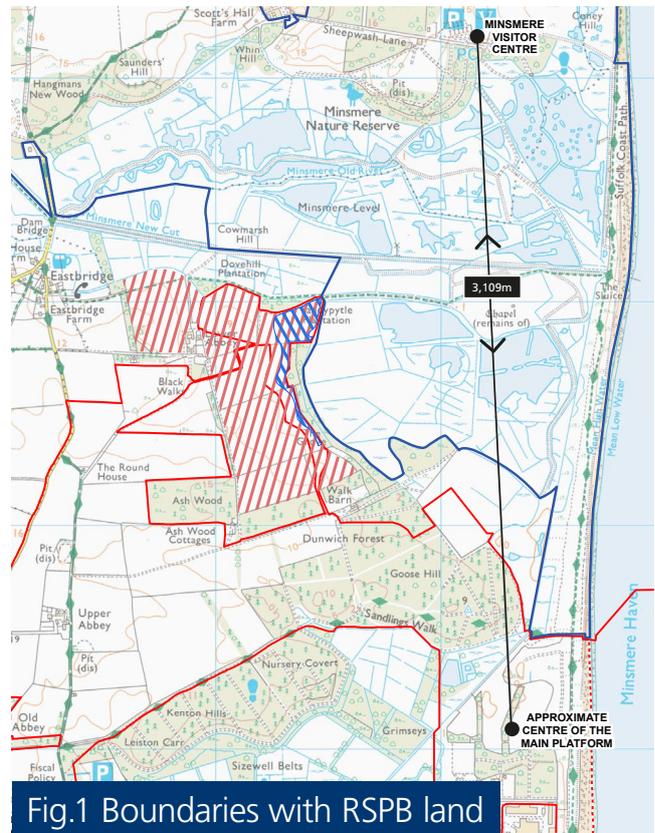


Fig.1 Boundaries with RSPB land

- Southern boundary of RSPB land
- EDF main development site
- Marsh harrier foraging area
- Wet woodland and reedbeds

# A new Environmental Trust

Today, the Sizewell estate is more than 600ha in size and is currently managed in cooperation with Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

With the inclusion of new land to mitigate any effects on wildlife, our land ownership after construction will increase substantially to around 800ha (almost the size of 1,000 football pitches).

To make sure that our whole estate continues to enhance the area's rich landscape, we will establish an independent Environmental Trust to support rewilding and promote further biodiversity. Its work will go beyond the ecological mitigation measures set out in our application for planning permission.



## Our Community Pledges

- Minimise disruption to local communities during the construction of Sizewell C.
- Invest in local employment, education and skills. This includes an aim to enable 1,500 apprenticeships.
- Support the growth of the local economy. This includes measures to support local firms in gaining work on the project.
- Transport 60% of the construction materials by rail and sea, significantly reducing the number of Sizewell C HGVs on local roads.
- Respect the Suffolk heritage coast and minimise impact on RSPB Minsmere, National Trust Dunwich Heath and Leiston Abbey.
- Return the temporary construction area to a standard befitting the AONB following construction.
- Remove the accommodation campus and caravan site, the park and ride sites, the rail extension of the Saxmundham to Leiston branch line and freight management facility following construction and restore the land.
- Support the Suffolk coast tourism sector to offset impacts from construction through the provision of a Tourism Fund.
- Provide a comprehensive 24/7 onsite occupational health service for workers, a healthcare contribution and a Public Services Contingency Fund.
- Require all workers to sign a Worker Code of Conduct and enforce it – as we have done successfully at Hinkley Point C.
- Enhance the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of local communities through the provision of a Community Fund.

# The planning

# process:

# Next steps

The planning process for Sizewell C has now reached what's known as the Examination. It will be led by a panel of five people known as the Examining Authority.

The Examination will include several deadlines for written submissions as well as hearings for Interested Parties and 'open floor' hearings.

The Planning Inspectorate runs the Examination so it is best to consult their website for details at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>. Alternatively you can contact us for information.

We regularly update local parish councils on the planning process. If you are involved in a local community group and would like to know more about Sizewell C, please do not hesitate to contact us for a presentation or meeting.

Should you have any further questions or would like to discuss any aspects of the planning process, please call the Sizewell C Community Freephone line on **0800 197 6102** or email us at [info@sizewellc.co.uk](mailto:info@sizewellc.co.uk)



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