

SIZEWELL C REPORT TO THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
8th July 2020

1 TEAGS – Stop Sizewell C

Once again, it has been two months since the last report on activities surrounding the Sizewell C proposal.

We recorded a second Zoom session following the acceptance of the Sizewell C Development Consent Order by the Planning Inspectorate on 2nd July. It was streamed on our Facebook page and is available for review through the Stop Sizewell C website.

We have been successful in placing a number of stories and letters in both national (Times, FT, Telegraph, Mail on Sunday) and local press and there have been interviews and stories on both local and national radio as well as Look East and Anglia news programs. There have also been technical articles in some of the nuclear related journals and magazines. We continue to work with a variety of collaborators to tease out issues relevant to the project and find ways of using them to further the campaign.

Now the DCO is available on the PINS website we are engaging with supporters to examine the documents and report on their findings. There are some areas where we are fortunate to have knowledgeable engineers working on some of the more technical aspect of the proposal and these are continuing but we are frustrated by some of the information being redacted or marked as commercially sensitive. In some cases, we are pursuing FOI requests about specific issues to see whether access has been granted to local councils and statutory authorities to properly scrutinise EDFs proposals.

The PINS website of DCO documents is arranged in what appears to be some order but once you are in the document displays the order is pretty random and the search facility only works on the document titles or dates of submission. We have created an index of all the documents on the website which at least allows you to sort in title order and filter document sets in a more useful way than available at the PINS website. EDF do have the full DCO document set on USB chips (9.1Gb) which can be loaded onto a computer and then the PDF document content can be searched across documents by Adobe Acrobat and when the word/search term is found will take you right to the line in the document. A search of the Environmental Statement section of documents for the term “borrow”, as in borrow pits, found over 700 references in 41 documents (it also took a while). There are currently 673 documents on the PINS website with the DCO submission totalling about 56,000 words.

We continue to work with the Anglia Energy Planning Alliance and parish and town councils to put pressure on District, County and Parliamentary MPs and Minister as well as a grouping of NGOs including RSPB, SWT, FOE, NT, TASC to work on the next steps in reviewing the DCO and preparing for the DCO examination stage.

We have a draft Relevant Representation document that we are now beginning to cross check with what is in the DCO with a view to submitting it in September. It has been suggested that we should submit the RR in conjunction with the Parish Council if that is acceptable to the Parish Council. A similar approach was used for the Scottish Power Wind Farm proposals by

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Friston Parish in conjunction with the SASES group. Their submission was ~1,600 words compared to the expected 500 words for a single organisation/individual submission. This approach is supported by PINS and RRs of around 1500 words are the acceptable maximum at this stage of the process as there are opportunities later to submit detailed documents covering the areas raised in the RR.

General meetings have taken place on 8th and 29th June. Our next meeting is scheduled for 27th July and we will be arranging further Zoom broadcast meetings through August and September to advise people on submitting their RR.

2 T&E Parish Council

Nothing further to report apart from the letters referred to above.