

Saxmundham Town Council

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Sizewell C

- Together Against Sizewell C's Judicial Review, supported by Stop Sizewell C and Friends of the Earth, was heard in court on 22/23 March 2023. The Justice reserved his decision, stating that it was important that he carefully considered all the points as some would have significant potential precedence in future planning applications. A decision is expected in 4-6 weeks.
- Stop Sizewell C met with Sizewell C Co (Directors Julia Pyke from EDF and Declan Burke from the c 'DESNZ'). The major point for discussion was the inadequate level of information about the various ground clearance and preparatory projects now in progress on the Sizewell estate around Kenton Hills and Goose Hill to create an access road to the proposed SSSI crossing. Stop Sizewell C challenged SZC Co to ensure that these projects were placed on their project website in good time and described more clearly to help residents understand what is about to occur in good time rather than only being added when work has started. A link to the project website is here: [A New Nuclear Power Station for Britain - Sizewell C](#)

Sizewell B

- The power station remains in its statutory refuelling outage and, at the date of this report, was on day 80, an overrun of 14 days. It is expected to return to service on 22-24 May 2023.

Energy Projects Cumulative Impact Group and Anglia Energy Planning Alliance

- A group consisting of the various windfarms, Sizewell C groups, Aldeburgh organisation, RSPB and others have met to highlight the cumulative impact of all the projects in the area to try to coordinate efforts in raising the considerable impacts should all these projects actually come to fruition. It is likely that Minister Andrew Bowie from DESNZ will visit Sizewell in the near future and efforts to have him meet representatives from Town and Parish Councils and other organisations are underway. The Minister has overarching responsibility for all the energy projects in this area from Sizewell C to interconnectors and windfarms.

Scottish Power Renewables

- There is no further news on the SEAS hearing on the DCO examination.

National Grid

- The EuroLink has been renamed LionLink. It is an interconnector which will enable the cross-border flow of electricity between the UK and the Netherlands and the connection of offshore wind. In the next few years, on and offshore studies will commence and more research conducted to refine the project proposal. The emerging preferences for the siting and routing options will be publicly communicated in due course. A link to the project website is here: [LionLink | National Grid Group](#)