



# Community Newsletter

The latest news and updates from  
the Sizewell C project.

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# Project Update

Welcome to the latest community newsletter from Sizewell C, the proposed new nuclear power station on the Suffolk coast.



This is a new leadership partnership for the project, which combines Nigel's expertise and experiences from Hinkley Point C, with Julia's financial and regional development expertise to create an important leadership approach to deliver the Sizewell project. The partnership will enable closer collaboration between Hinkley Point C and Sizewell C, allowing both of our projects to pool capabilities and capacity.

So far in 2023, we have made progress with our preliminary works to create the access that will be required for works to commence, and to create two new wetland habitats; the wetland habitat for marsh harriers and other wildlife at the northernmost area of the construction site is almost complete. We have also started preparatory works for the creation of fen meadow and wet woodland habitat at Benhall, and this is due to be completed by the end of 2023. Our archaeological fieldwork, relocation of protected species and vegetation clearance continues, all overseen by an ecological clerk of works.

In May, we were delighted to welcome the Energy Minister, Andrew Bowie MP, to the Sizewell site, as part of a two-day visit to Suffolk. We led a tour to show the minister the progress being made on advanced civil works at site and

to see the rich biodiversity thriving at our neighbouring site at Wild Aldhurst, Sizewell C's nature reserve established in 2016, which is situated off Abbey Road in Leiston, and open to visitors.

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State was clearly impressed by the scale of the project and spoke of the "crucial part" Sizewell C will play in the government's plans to power up Britain, offering cheaper and more secure energy to power six million homes.

The project leadership team is not the only area of the business growing. As our preparation works continue and interest in the project grows, our local Community Relations Team, which is on hand directly in Leiston to answer your questions, is expanding (see page opposite). As always, if you have any questions about any area of the project, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the team at the Sizewell C Information Office in Leiston.

Best wishes,

Julia Pyke and Nigel Cann.

THE NEW LOOK

## Community Relations Team

As plans for the commencement of the Sizewell C project gather pace, the Sizewell C Community Relations Team is growing; there are several new faces you can expect to meet as we build on the crucial work we undertake with our community. We look forward to collaborating with you as the project progresses.



**Marjorie Barnes**

Marjorie now oversees the Community Relations team as Head of Regional External Affairs and Development (READ). She has worked with EDF and with the project for several years.

**Richard Knight**

Richard has recently joined the project as Senior Community Relations Manager for community governance, and will engage with Parish Councils and local authorities regarding project updates and the future governance of the Deed of Obligation.

### Paul Lennon

Paul joins the project as the new Senior Community Relations Manager for Residents and Land. Paul's team is responsible for engaging with residents and landowners regarding the project, addressing enquiries and/or any concerns they have.

### Zoe Botten

After nearly a decade with the communities team at East Suffolk Council, Zoe joins the project as Community Relations Manager, working alongside Richard Knight, managing our engagement with Town and Parish Councils, and the governance of the Deed of Obligation.

### Michelle Emmerson-Grey

Michelle is a familiar face to many stakeholders and continues to work on the project as Community Relations Manager, maintaining our excellent relationships with local community groups, promoting the Neighbourhood Fund and managing a wide variety of communications with residents about the project.

The team are all based locally to Leiston and are on hand to answer any questions. We can be contacted at the Sizewell C Information Office in person Monday-Friday, by phone on 0800 197 6102 or by email [info@sizewellc.com](mailto:info@sizewellc.com)





# Net Zero Leiston Update



The NZL project, which is led by Leiston Town Council, Sizewell C, EDF, East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council, is now into its third year.

In March 2023, the project won the Regional Small Scale Project of the Year Award at the East of England Energy Efficiency Awards, for the progress that has been made with insulation installation in vulnerable households.

One of the schemes that is being delivered by the project is funded by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (allocated to East Suffolk Council) and EDF (Energy Company Obligation funding for vulnerable/lower income homes). To date 25 homes have benefited from 29 measures between them, including insulation. The scheme not only makes these homes more energy efficient, but it also reduces bills and carbon emissions associated with energy. This scheme is targeting homes with the lowest EPC ratings (D, E, F or G).

The project team collecting their award.



Further information on NZL can be seen on the following website: [www.netzeroleiston.info](http://www.netzeroleiston.info)

## Planning Permission Granted for DAC

We are pleased to announce that our planning application for a demonstrator Direct Air Capture (DAC) facility in Lowestoft has been approved. Working with the Universities of Birmingham and Nottingham, Helical Energy, Atkins and Altrad Babcock, this project will be an important contributor to helping the UK achieve Net Zero by 2050. The demonstrator DAC plant will be located on the inner harbour of ABP's Lowestoft Port and the development is being funded by government through the Greenhouse Gas Removals competition.

DAC is an innovative technology that captures carbon dioxide from the ambient air, reducing the damage it causes to our environment. The prototype that we will be installing over 2023-2024 will have the capacity to capture 100 tonnes of carbon dioxide per year and will be an important demonstration of the technology which could be scaled-up to capture around 1.5 million tonnes of

carbon dioxide a year, utilising low carbon heat from Sizewell C (to make the process more efficient). Carbon capture on such scale would be enough to almost offset the entire emissions from the UK's railways.

Please do keep an eye out for further announcements as we begin this exciting venture.



Illustrative view of the proposed development.

## Noise Mitigation Scheme

As part of our community pledges, Sizewell C is committed to minimising disruption to the local community. We will implement a series of measures to limit disturbance, including the construction controls set out in the Code of Construction Practice, through targeted management plans to be agreed with the local planning authorities, by placing limits on the number and timing of HGV movements, and by restricting the number and timing of rail movements.

In addition to these controls, we are committed to delivering a Noise Mitigation Scheme (NMS), as set out in the Deed of Obligation, to address any remaining significant noise and vibration effects of the project.

Under the NMS, owners of residential properties that meet eligibility criteria will be offered noise insulation and/or ventilation, to be installed in habitable rooms. The final offer will be subject to confirmation by a surveyor that the property would benefit and that any measures may be practically and safely installed.

We will roll-out the NMS in phases, starting with properties along the B1122 and then around the main development site, including land east of Eastlands Industrial Estate. Roll-out will start this summer so keep an eye out for the NMS Provisional Offer Letter and Scheme Booklet, which will be hand-delivered to eligible properties.

Sizewell C is committed to making an offer of glazing and/or ventilation to the owners of eligible properties at least three months ahead of the construction works that give rise to the eligibility, providing the process and timings in the Scheme Booklet have been followed. This will provide time for the property owner to get the glazing and/or ventilation installed before the construction works begin.

The NMS is intended to be flexible so Sizewell C may review the list of eligible properties in the future if there is a change to construction methods or the programme or as a result of noise monitoring information. East Suffolk Council or Suffolk County Council may also require that Sizewell C carry out a review of a specific property or properties for the reasons above or as a result of a complaint. Offers of noise insulation may then be made to additional properties.

There is flexibility for property owners too: properties will remain eligible as long as the source of noise remains so the owner may choose not to participate now then change their mind later or a new owner may choose to participate if the property is sold.

If you have any questions about the NMS or need any help filling in the application form, then please get in contact with the Sizewell team using the contact details in this newsletter.

## Memorandum of Understanding Announcement

One of the objectives of the Sizewell C project is to be the most welcoming, diverse and inclusive workforce representing the region. In order to achieve this, the project needs to engage with hard to reach groups, lower the barriers that people face and improve the aspirations and the life chances of people in Suffolk. To do this, we will need the support of local organisations that are experts in achieving these outcomes for people in Suffolk.

At the Suffolk Show we announced and signed an MoU with our first wave of 'social partners'. This MoU follows on from the agreements the project has with local Education Partners who are helping us to train the future workforce of our project. We are already working with various groups within the region whose expertise will enable us to break down these barriers. Our social partners include Inspire, Access Community Trust, Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality, Outreach Youth, Project 21, Women into Construction and the Department for Work and Pensions.

We are looking forward to the development of these partnerships and the creation of new social partners for the project. Please look out for further updates as this project progresses.



Sizewell C HR Director Sarah Hancock (centre) with Sizewell C's Jack Raven (left) and Chris Young (top left) who worked on an MoU for social partners, pictured at the Suffolk Show.





## Sizewell C at the Suffolk Show

Sizewell C and Sizewell B Visitors Centre teams had a wonderful time meeting crowds at this year's Suffolk Show held at Trinity Park in Ipswich on 31 May and 1 June. The teams greeted thousands of visitors over the two-day event.

The main focus of Sizewell C's stand was on education and skills, with apprentices on hand to talk about opportunities with the project, and we also launched the Sizewell C employment and training prospectus: [sizewellc.com/jobs](https://sizewellc.com/jobs)

Families loved the STEM-based activities on offer, particularly the virtual reality headsets illustrating how a nuclear power station works, while the 'dress-up' activities identifying possible roles at Sizewell C were hugely popular with younger children and adults alike.

Cotswold Archaeology was also in attendance and very popular with the visitors, displaying information boards and showcasing selected finds that were discovered at the site of the marsh harrier habitat during the early stages of this vital piece of work. The pieces that were on display included prehistoric pottery, flint tools, Roman industrial waste relating to salt production and a 17th-century token issued by the Ipswich grocer Samuel Stannard.

We hosted a reception with the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce on the first evening, which was well attended by local MPs, the County and District Council and other local businesses. The teams also met with education leaders at the show to explore the next steps in our exciting partnerships to deliver skills and educational opportunities for the East.

Sizewell C is working closely with Job Centres across Suffolk and Norfolk, and charity partners Access Community Trust and Inspire to ensure local people are ready to work on the project. At peak construction over 7,800 roles will be carried out on the Sizewell site and a third of those are anticipated to be filled by local people. The team behind the Sizewell C Jobs Service, an online portal for the jobs and apprenticeship opportunities on the project, is running bespoke training on the service so that Employment Coaches can swiftly match local people with jobs and also support those who are not quite ready for work.

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# Sizewell C Neighbourhood Fund

The Sizewell C Neighbourhood Fund continues to support local organisations and groups within the community.

This is an annual fund of £10,000, which is available for projects that deliver a direct benefit to people living within 10 miles of the proposed development sites. Sizewell B also has a long-standing annual community fund of £10,000.

**So far in 2023, £3,560 has been awarded to various projects including;**

Leiston Primary School to support their Enterprise week.

Southwold and District Tennis Club in their endeavours to replace their hut.

Theatre IF in their weekly workshops delivering theatre skills and creative work.

A contribution towards the development of Southwold Klondyke Skatepark project.

Funds for the Sizewell Seniors walking football club.

Aldeburgh Jubilee Hall to support their event as part of The Big Help Out over the Coronation weekend in May.



The Sizewell C Neighbourhood Fund is open all year for applications. These are reviewed and notified quarterly throughout the year. Further information on how to apply can be found here: [sizewellc.com/community/community-benefits/](https://sizewellc.com/community/community-benefits/)

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