

Energy Projects update

Strategic Planning Committee

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Cabinet Member with responsibility for Energy and Climate Change



Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) Update

New Nuclear

- Sizewell C – **consented**, pre-commencement. Judicial Review quashed in late June 2023.

Offshore Wind

- East Anglia One – **operational**
- East Anglia One North - **consented**, pre-commencement - Judicial Review in progress
- East Anglia Two - **consented**, pre-commencement - Judicial Review in progress
- East Anglia Three – **consented**, commenced
- Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm (Galloper extension) - **pre-application**. DCO submission expected Q4 2023
- North Falls Offshore Wind Farm (Greater Gabbard extension) - **pre-application**. DCO submission expected Q3/Q4 2023

Interconnectors

- Nautilus Multipurpose Interconnector - **pre-application**
- LionLink Multipurpose Interconnector (formerly known as EuroLink) - **pre-application**
- Sea Link - **pre-application**, DCO submission 2024

Network Reinforcement Projects (Out of District)

- Norwich to Tilbury (formerly East Anglia GREEN) - **pre-application**. DCO submission expected Q4 2024
- Bramford to Twinstead – application submitted to Planning Inspectorate in April 2023, accepted in May 2023

Project Updates

Sizewell C

- Two discharge of requirement applications are currently in
 - Requirement 2, Code of Construction Practice: Dust and Soil Management Plans for Benhall Fen Meadow Works
 - Requirement 2, Code of Construction Practice: Noise Monitoring and Management Plan for Benhall Fen Meadow Works
- Town and Country Planning Act Application for a Water Sourcing Facility at the site of the future Sizewell C Freight Management Facility

East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two

- Multiple discharge of requirement applications currently in, ecological management plans and onshore preparation works management plans for soil surveys
- Substation Act Save East Suffolk (SASES) has been given permission to appeal the High Court decision at the Court of Appeal
- SEAS challenge remains with the High Court

Project Updates

Recent and Open Consultations

Five Estuaries Statutory Consultation

- Consulting on developed proposals for the project, likely to be the final consultation before formal submission to the Planning Inspectorate
- ESC's response can be found at: [ESC-Final-Response-Five-Estuaries-Offshore-Wind-Farm-Statutory-Consultation.pdf \(eastsoffolk.gov.uk\)](#)

North Falls Statutory Consultation (open)

- Runs 16 May – 14 July 2023
- Officers are reviewing documents and will formally respond

Community Benefits Consultation

- Government seeking views on a recommended approach to community benefits for electricity transmission network infrastructure, ran March – June 2023
- ESC's response can be found on our website, [ESC-Response-to-Community-Benefits-Consultation.pdf \(eastsoffolk.gov.uk\)](#)

National Policy Statements

- Government seeking views on the revised energy National Policy Statements EN-1 to EN-5 that support decisions on major energy infrastructure/NSIPS, ran March – June 2023
- ESC's response can be found at: [ESC-Response-to-Draft-Energy-National-Policy-Statements-Consultation.pdf \(eastsoffolk.gov.uk\)](#)

Post-consent work on NSIPs

- The grant of a Development Consent Order (DCO) is not the end of the planning process for NSIPs. Lots of work for officers remaining
 - Discharge of requirements (akin to planning conditions) to be undertaken in accordance with the DCO
 - Working closely with internal and external stakeholders, developers, statutory bodies, and communities
 - Ensuring progress of projects in accordance with the DCO, making sure works are carried out as agreed. Monitoring and ensuring the mitigation and engagement set out in the DCO are delivered by developers
 - ESC has statutory powers under the DCO for enforcement
 - Recognising and addressing concerns raised by stakeholders
- Early works can be consented under the Town and Country Planning Act applications
 - Sizewell C early works applications consented include ecological mitigation and enhancement: marsh harrier wetland, artificial badger setts
- ESC continues to request that developers engage with communities appropriately and effectively

Looking Forward, and Contact Information

- All responses to project and government consultations are published on the East Suffolk Council website: [National infrastructure and energy projects » East Suffolk Council](#)
- ESC continues to engage government, take part in consultations, and engage with developers and communities.
- Lots of matters/issues left to resolve through discharges of requirements, ESC will continue to identify and address concerns about projects with developers from pre-commencement, construction, and operation.
- There are many outstanding issues that are out of scope of the nuclear site licensing assessment including flood resilience and sea defences and on-going water supply. This council is concerned that these matters of public health and safety remain unresolved at present.
- ESC continues to ask for reasoned and evidenced proposals and justifications, and will indicate support for alternative solutions where feasible. ESC fully supports potential offshore grid options.
- The Energy Projects Team has two designated inboxes for all NSIP queries which is monitored, and the team are happy to help wherever possible.
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