



Minsmere Levels Stakeholders Group (MLSG)

EDF's Sizewell C Project Alert

Since our last update on meetings with EDF regarding Sizewell C&D coastal issues and inland hydrology, we have been preparing for the next stage of consultation that is likely to start in January 2019.

We are still concerned with the incomplete assessment of potential changes to the inland hydrology within both Sizewell Marsh and Minsmere Levels and potential effects to the Minsmere Sluice.

We are due to meet again with the BLUECoast project in December to have an update on their shoreline monitoring results, although a final date is yet to be confirmed.

We have used the intervening time to prepare an impact poster based on EDF's Stage 2 documentation that shows where the construction site and platform will impact upon the area between Sizewell Marshes SSSI and Minsmere & Walberswick SSSI, which also hosts the RSPB Minsmere Nature Reserve.

The land that is to be used to host the construction site is mostly within Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) with a small part being within the local Special Protection Area. For the 10-12 years of the build, the AONB will be severed in two with no direct wildlife corridor from south to north.

Once the construction phase has completed and the land turned over to develop lowland heath habitat, it will be many more years before the site will be properly naturalised and work as an effective wildlife corridor.

The poster can be viewed on our website at;

<http://minsmerelevelsstakeholdersgroup.onesuffolk.net/sizewell-c/sizewell-c-construction-site/>

or at the following locations;

- Eel's Foot Inn, Eastbridge
- Middleton Farm shop, Middleton
- The Bell, Middleton
- The Lion, Theberton
- The White Horse, Westleton

EDF ENERGY IS EXPECTED TO LAUNCH THEIR THIRD AND FINAL PUBLIC CONSULTATION STAGE IN THE EARLY WEEKS OF JANUARY 2019.

The Stage 3 Consultation will be the **FINAL OPPORTUNITY** for comments and responses from the public until the inquiry by the Planning Inspectorate that EDF expects to occur 12 to 18 months following the end of the Stage 3 Consultation.

The Planning Inspectorate inquiry is a very formal process at which opportunities for community engagement will be much more limited. As a result, it is **ESSENTIAL** to ensure that EDF receive a robust, informed and wide ranging public response to their Stage 3 consultation.

We will send out a further newsletter early on in the consultation, once we have had good time to review the proposals and supporting impact information that has been so lacking in the previous two consultations. We hope that this will assist you in preparing your own informed response.

We continue to work with Theberton and Eastbridge Action Group on Sizewell (TEAGS) www.teags.org and will participate and contribute to their efforts leading up to, during and after the consultation period.

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