

Encouraging Biodiversity

Habitat Trials: When we wrote to you last, we were preparing to carry out a number of trials on land identified as part of the Sizewell C site to see whether the peat and clay underlying the land could be used to create new heathland habitats. Unfortunately due to the coldest winter for 30 years, the grass seed sowing and spreading of heather brushings have had to be delayed. The EDF Energy team will start this work as soon as soil temperatures rise.

Reptiles: The creation of new areas of suitable habitat for reptiles requires some selective thinning of conifers in St James Covert. The area of thinning will be regenerated as a heathland glade within the wood. EDF Energy applied to the Forestry Commission for a licence, which has now been granted. These works will not affect any broad leaved trees and logs created will go to Bentwaters Park for use as wood fuel.

The habitat enhancement work for reptiles and other wildlife at Upper Abbey and near Sizewell Wents is also progressing. The conservation grasses were sown in the autumn and 7,000 native shrubs were planted in February. Wildlife ponds will be created in the spring, as soon as ground conditions improve.



Heathland habitat

Frequently Asked Questions

Our answers to the most frequently asked questions can be found on the EDF Energy consultation website - www.edfconsultation.info - with the most common set out below:

When will EDF Energy consult the community on the proposals?

EDF Energy is proposing to start its public consultation on the proposals this coming winter. EDF Energy plans to submit a planning application to the IPC in 2011, following the completion of a comprehensive public consultation programme. The IPC will examine projects of national significance and its recommendations and decisions must

be taken in accordance with national policy, taking into account the local impacts of any proposal.

Why hasn't more detail been made available yet?

EDF Energy is about to undertake investigative studies on the land identified for Sizewell C. Once the investigative works are completed, the team will be able to prepare more detailed plans for the new power station. We will be updating the community on a regular basis and will make new information available as part of the consultation process.

Update on Spent Fuel

During November and December 2009 British Energy, part of EDF Energy, consulted on proposals for a dry storage facility to manage spent fuel from Sizewell B. This consultation closed on Friday 18 December 2009.

The views submitted were fed into an Environmental Statement, which was submitted as part of our application to the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC), as an application for consent under the Electricity Works (England and Wales) Regulations 2000. If you would like more information on the spent fuel application please call **0800 975 5852** or email **mail@sizewellspentfuelproject.co.uk**

Contact us...

Would you like more information? If so, please do not hesitate to contact the team on our free phone number **0800 197 6102*** or email **sizewell@edfconsultation.info**

Alternatively you can write to us at **Sizewell Nuclear New Build, FREEPOST LON20574, London W1E 3EZ** or visit our website **www.edfconsultation.info**

*This is a free phone number but please note that you may be charged if calling from a mobile phone.

The contact details above will put you in touch with PPS, who are managing the public consultation programme on behalf of EDF Energy.

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Sizewell Progress Update

We last wrote to you in November 2009 to let you know that Sizewell was included on the list of potential nuclear new build sites set out in the Government's draft Nuclear National Policy Statement (NPS). We will be updating you over the coming months as we progress our proposals for a new nuclear power station at Sizewell (Sizewell C).

The inclusion of the Sizewell site in the NPS was an important milestone, but there is a long way to go before an application is submitted to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC). Our intention is to carry out public consultation this coming winter onwards as we develop our detailed plans and we aim to submit a planning application in 2011.



View of the existing power stations at Sizewell. Sizewell C would be built on land to the north of Sizewell B (shown above)

Investigative Works

Investigations are already underway to gather the information we need to work up our proposals and explore the options for development.

We have already completed baseline environmental survey work. Over the next few weeks you may see or hear about investigative works that are taking place on the land identified as potentially required for the development of the Sizewell C power station. It is important that surveys are undertaken now so that we have a clear understanding of the geological character of the site, and of any archaeological features that would need further investigation.

These initial studies mean that a number of boreholes and trenches will be required. Subject to receiving the appropriate consents, these works will start in April and will take around three months to complete. While the works are being undertaken, EDF Energy will make every effort to ensure that footpaths across our site remain open but some may have to be temporarily closed. Any footpaths that do have to close will be reopened as soon as possible.

Over the past two years a comprehensive series of marine environmental investigations have been developed in order to characterise the

local seabed habitats and the associated fauna, and to understand better the local hydrographic conditions so that we can decide where best to locate a new station's cooling water intake and outfall structures. These investigations are continuing and later on this year will involve a number of deep offshore boreholes as we seek to confirm the local geological conditions in some detail.

In addition to all the investigative work, we will be commencing a number of local traffic and ecological surveys over the coming months.