

A meeting of the Parish Council took place on Sunday, 27th January 2013 at 3pm in Eyke Village Hall.

Present: Mr Fleming, in the chair, Mrs Abu-Hejleh, Mrs Atkinson, Mr Cushing, Mr Mutten, Mr Smith, Mr Whitmore and the clerk.

As this was an extraordinary meeting to discuss the Parish Council's response to the Sizewell C Consultation Document, no minutes were read, nor other business dealt with, excepting the signing of one cheque for £373.06, to SCC for electricity supply and maintenance.

County Councillor Andrew Reid's e-mail of this day's date was read, explaining SCC's strong reservations in respect of EDF's commitment to infrastructure improvements, educational facilities and long term job opportunities, as well as a lack of analysis on which to base those needs.

The Parish Council supported this view, and agreed to go through the response questionnaire, which would be sent with a covering letter emphasising the points made at each question, and stressing the parish's concern over the likely knock-on effects in terms of traffic in and around the village, and the county as a whole.

Q1. Sizewell C Proposals: overall views. It makes sense, as there are already two there. Would create employment. An efficient way of producing maximum energy in a contained space which is already degraded by the other two power stations. What will happen to the land EDF uses temporarily during construction, when the work is completed? Concern over Eyke being used as a rat run to the coast. Great concern over traffic increase in general and safety in Farnham.

Q2. Temporary developments. This is a necessary adjunct to the proposals, which is acceptable, providing there is full reinstatement.

Q3. Location of visitor centre. *The Goose Hill option was chosen.* It makes sense to be as close to the construction works as possible.

Q4. Accommodation. 66% of workers to live in temporary accommodation, the remainder at home or in private rental. This is acceptable, as long as the temporary accommodation is temporary and the area reinstated following construction.

Q5. Campus. *The site immediately adjacent to Sizewell C was chosen.* This would be least disruptive, but refer again to previous answer.

Q6. Transport. Overall views on the strategy. Support the use of the railway and jetty. For reasons explained later, the consideration given to the road network is totally inadequate.

Q7. Northern Park & Ride. No comment.

Q8. Southern Park & Ride. *The Wickham Market option was chosen.* It is the safest and least disruptive, but again a commitment to reinstatement following construction is required.

Q9. Road Freight. The provision of a lorry park is a prudent measure, but it should not be next to a Park & Ride.

Q10. Lorry Park. *Option 1, Orwell Lorry Park (West) or Option 2 Orwell Lorry Park (East) were acceptable.* Option 1 or 2 is acceptable, with existing lorry parks already nearby. Option 3, Seven Hills junction is the least safe and could cause traffic problems.

Q11. Junction and road improvements. *Option 1, a bypass of Farnham was chosen.* Is the only option. If the road was widened, traffic would still be a problem. People should not have to sacrifice their homes for this purpose. Traffic controls will not really work, and would cause more problems.

Q12. Local Road Network. *EDF expects a 5-15% rise in traffic and cannot justify a bypass.* The bypass option is the only one available. Eyke Parish Council, with some experience of traffic forecasts and projections, disagrees with the analysis of a 5-15% rise in traffic. It will be considerably more. Suffolk is a rural county with a network of many minor roads, which already deal with more traffic than they can comfortably handle. The pressure on these roads will become intolerable, unless EDF makes a serious commitment to the road infrastructure.

Q13. Transport: Rail. *Option 2. Temporary rail extension was chosen, bringing the existing line into the site.* Option 2 would seem to be the best solution, but should be retained following the construction phase.

Q14. Transport: Rail. *The red route option, passing through Leiston, spurring off to the Sizewell C site north of Leiston Industrial Estate was chosen as the most appropriate.*

Q15. People and Economy. The use of local supply chains is to be strongly supported.

Q16. Consultation Process. No comment so far.

The meeting closed at 4.15pm. The clerk would copy the covering letter to Dr Therese Coffey, MP, and Cllrs. Reid and Marson.