

- 1. The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) have issued what is called the Rule 6 letter that details the draft timetable for the examination of the Sizewell C DCO. The Examination will start on the 15 April 2021 and close on the 14 October 2021.
- 2. Preliminary meetings are scheduled for Tuesday 23 March (Part 1) and Wednesday 14 April (Part 2), to discuss the arrangements for the Examination. If you wish to speak at the Preliminary Meeting you will have had to request to speak by the 10 March. However, not requesting to speak at Preliminary Meeting does not preclude you from taking part in the Examination as an Interested Party.
- 3. Full details and all paperwork in relation to the Examination will be available on the PINS webpages at: <u>The Sizewell C Project | National Infrastructure Planning (planninginspectorate.gov.uk)</u>. This is the place to go to for up-to-date information on the Examination.

Legal briefing for town and parish councils

4. Open Floor Hearings are scheduled for Wednesday 19 May – Friday 21 May 2021, which is an important opportunity for Interested Parties to make oral representations about the application. In advance of these, Emyr Thomas and Alastair Lewis of Sharpe Pritchard, Suffolk County Council's external solicitors, will present a briefing on DCO examinations on 20 April 2021 at 3.00 PM. The briefing will concentrate on how to best prepare for the examination, including tactical and practical considerations, ranging from dealing with the applicant and Examining Authority and the preparation of documents to making representations at hearings. Emyr and Alastair will also take any questions you might have at the end of the briefing. It will not discuss the merits of the proposals, thus should not conflict with election moratorium requirements. If you would like to attend this briefing, please register here: <u>Sizewell C Legal Briefing for Town & Parish Councils Tickets, Tue 20 Apr 2021 at 15:00 | Eventbrite</u>. For queries, please contact <u>brogan.mann2@suffolk.gov.uk</u>.

SCC and ESC role and responsibilities during examination

- 5. Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council are currently working on preparing the Local Impact Report, which must be submitted by Deadline 1 on Wednesday 12 May. In preparing this, the Councils will be drawing knowledge from our responses to all Sizewell C consultations as well as the numerous engagement events we have had with our town and parish councils and coastal communities over the last few years. Once finalised and submitted, that document will be put on the JLAG DCO pages at: <u>Sizewell Development Consent Order (DCO)</u> » East Suffolk Council. However, the Councils will not be maintaining a document library on our webpages throughout the examination process as all documents will be published on the PINS webpages for Sizewell C. Throughout the examination process the two Councils will be submitting representations and appearing at issue specific hearings with our technical specialists.
- 6. The next six months will be a resource intensive time period for all involved. However, do please, as always, contact us through <u>sizewellc@eastsuffolk.gov.uk</u> and we will do our best to help and guide where appropriate.