



Sizewell C

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First of all, we would like to say how saddening it was to see the wildfire devastation at Dunwich Heath. This is a much-loved area, and as we can see by the response from organisations such as ours and the wider public, there is widespread support for its recovery.

Over the summer months, our teams were out and about supporting a wide range of public engagement events across the county. Whether it's meeting people at the First Light Festival, supporting local events and schools, or sitting down with residents and parish representatives to talk through the issues that matter to them, these conversations are an important part of how we deliver Sizewell C.

As construction progresses, I know there will inevitably be disruption alongside the opportunities the project brings. Our community relations team continues to listen, respond, and keep people informed. We have a regular schedule of community forums if you want to find out more about our work, and you can find us on the High Street in Leiston if you want to talk.

It is really pleasing to see the positive difference our partnerships are beginning to make. The Sizewell C Community Fund has now delivered more than £4m to local projects, while initiatives such as Net Zero Leiston and our work with local schools are helping us invest in communities in ways that go well beyond construction.

One of my favourite examples recently was seeing local primary school pupils learning about biodiversity at Wild Aldhurst – getting hands-on experience of everything from plant surveying to camera trapping and discovering how the area has been transformed into a nature reserve.

There is a great deal happening, and I hope this edition gives you a useful flavour of both the progress being made and the work we are doing with communities across East Suffolk and beyond.

Marjorie Barnes
HEAD OF COMMUNITY
RELATIONS



A sizzling summer of family fun and community spirit

We were delighted to support a fantastic programme of family-friendly events across East Suffolk this summer. We kicked things off at the First Light Festival in Lowestoft, before music and storytelling took centre stage at King Arthur Reimagined at Snape Maltings in July, presented by Sizewell Creative. We then welcomed visitors to an open day at our flagship Wild Aldhurst nature reserve, followed by Cinema in the Park at Victory Road Recreation Ground in Leiston, where families enjoyed a free screening of Paddington in Peru.

Each event brought people together to celebrate culture, creativity, and the great outdoors, making it a summer to remember.



More information on our events, and all the latest news from Sizewell C, can be found on our Facebook page.

Communities take the lead as East Suffolk Trust awards first grants



The newly established East Suffolk Trust has awarded more than £500,000 to four local environmental projects. Founded by Sizewell C, East Suffolk Council, and Suffolk County Council, the charity aims to make East Suffolk the most ecologically diverse and climate resilient area in England, supported by at least £78m in funding from Sizewell C over the next 70 years.

Grants have been awarded to Chalkeith Conservation to restore chalk grassland near Needham Market, and to the River Waveney Trust to expand its citizen science programme, improve water quality, and enhance habitats for wildlife.

The trust has also awarded £100,000 each to the National Trust and the RSPB to support planning and early restoration work at Dunwich Heath, helping to recover habitats damaged by the devastating wildfire.



Applications open for Natural Environment Improvement Fund

Applications are now open for the Natural Environment Improvement Fund. This offers grants to support projects that mitigate the landscape and visual impact of Sizewell C on the Suffolk and Essex Coast and Heaths National Landscape (SECHNL), contribute to the conservation and enhancement of landscape character and biodiversity, and improve habitat resilience. The £10m mitigation fund, secured as part of our Deed of Obligation, aims to empower community groups and not-for-profit organisations to deliver practical environmental improvements, helping to create a greener, more resilient future within the SECHNL, Suffolk Heritage Coast, and beyond.

For more information, visit: www.coastandheaths-nl.org.uk/managing/grants

Green light for new Leiston college and apprentice hub

We've secured planning permission from East Suffolk Council to build an exciting new permanent post-16 college and apprentice hub in Leiston, helping to remove significant barriers to further education. Delivered in partnership with Suffolk New College, the College on the Coast and Apprentice Hub will provide technical and vocational training in engineering, digital skills, business, and logistics.

The two-storey facility, opposite our offices on King George's Avenue, will accommodate 150 students, 20 staff, and 50 apprentices, with classrooms, workshops, and a lecture theatre.

Lord Vallance, Minister of State for Science, Innovation, Research and Nuclear, said: "This new college will give many people in Suffolk the skills they need to access good jobs and ensure the benefits of Sizewell C are felt across the local community for years to come."



CONTRACTORS CORNER

We've helped to transform Leiston's BMX pump track, creating a safer and more enjoyable space for local children and families.

The improvements were delivered through our Site Social Benefits Forum, which brings together Sizewell C contractors to support projects that make a positive difference in local communities.

Led by Jackson Civil Engineering, with support from Toppesfield, Ovenden, Lynch, and ATM, teams volunteered their time, expertise, and resources to restore the track at King George's Recreation Ground after it had fallen into disrepair. The work included a new asphalt riding surface, landscaping improvements, and replacement fencing.

The upgraded facility was officially opened by the Mayor of Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council, which owns the track and supported the project.

Other projects delivered through the Site Social Benefits Forum include:

G4S VOLUNTEERS SUPPORTED CINEMA IN THE PARK

JACKSON CIVIL ENGINEERING INSTALLED A CANOPY AT 1ST RENDLESHAM SCOUTS GROUP

BLACKWELL EARTHMOVING INSTALLED AN ACCESS RAMP AT ACCESSIBLE CYCLING CHARITY IN HALESWORTH

CMT GROUP PAINTED THE HUT OF THE 1ST LEISTON SCOUTS GROUP



Caroline Rinder, Responsible Finance Officer and Assets Officer at the Council, said: "This project is a fantastic example of organisations working together to create something positive for young people, giving them a safe and enjoyable space to be active and have fun."

Supporting businesses in East Suffolk

As Sizewell C moves into its main delivery phase, local businesses are already benefiting from a dedicated support service run by East Suffolk Council designed to help them grow, adapt, and seize new opportunities.

Funded through our Deed of Obligation, *Sizewell C Supporting East Suffolk Business* is available to small and medium-sized businesses across the district. With an initial focus on Leiston and the surrounding parishes, the programme is helping businesses closest to the construction site make the most of the investment, jobs, and supply chain opportunities that Sizewell C will bring to the area.

The service provides free one-to-one support, giving businesses access to a named adviser who can offer practical guidance and connect them with specialist expertise. Through close partnership working with Suffolk Chamber of Commerce's Supply Chain Team, businesses can also receive support to register for opportunities and access live Sizewell C tenders.

“Where major national infrastructure is built, the businesses and residents nearby should be supported to navigate its effects, whilst also benefiting from the support available as a result.”

Cllr Caroline Topping, Leader of East Suffolk Council and Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Regeneration

A range of specialist programmes is available to support businesses in sectors including energy, food and drink, and high street retail, helping them build resilience and prepare for future growth. Looking ahead, two new grant schemes are also being developed. These will support businesses in adapting to construction-related changes and strengthening their ability to compete for supply chain work. Details of the new grant schemes are expected to be announced soon.

Since launching earlier this year, the programme has made an encouraging start. More than 35 local business representatives attended a roundtable event in Leiston in February, helping to shape support around the needs of the local business community. Since then, the team has responded to enquiries, funded specialist programmes and hosted drop-in sessions, including a well-attended event at the White Horse Hotel in July. With more events planned in the months ahead, even more businesses will have the chance to access support and explore the opportunities emerging as Sizewell C progresses.

More information can be found at:
www.eastsuffolkmeansbusiness.co.uk



Delivering lasting transport improvements for local communities

Firstly, thank you for your continued patience as we continue to improve the local road network. We understand the disruption can be frustrating, and we greatly appreciate your support.

The improvements being delivered today will provide lasting benefits for the community long after the power station is complete. As well as supporting the movement of construction traffic, these upgrades will improve access, reduce congestion, and enhance traffic flow for residents, businesses, and visitors across East Suffolk for generations to come.

To help keep these works on schedule, a number of weekend closures will be required on the B1122 Abbey Road between Lover's Lane and Eastbridge Road over the coming months. These closures will enable the safe construction of a new roundabout linking Abbey Road, Eastbridge Road, and the new northern entrance to our site, known as the North Plaza.

At the same time, work continues to realign Lover's Lane, helping to improve traffic flow and connectivity around Leiston. Together, these schemes will form an important part of the area's future transport network.

Alongside these road improvements, significant progress has been made on our Green Rail Route (GRR), which enabled the first commercial train to the Temporary Construction Area in early September. The GRR, which connects to the Sizewell branch line and bypasses Leiston, will play a key role in meeting our commitment to transport 60% of construction materials by rail or sea.

Further upgrades are also planned at the Station Road level crossing once the current gas main renewal works are complete. These improvements will include new water pipes, enhanced crossing barriers, and track renewal works.

Thank you again for your patience as we deliver these important upgrades. We will continue to share information about planned closures and traffic management arrangements through our usual communication channels and via the Sizewell C Works Tracker.

For more information, visit
szcworkstracker.co.uk





MAIN DEVELOPMENT SITE



The final sheet pile has now been installed along our 783-metre Temporary Sea Defence, completing this phase of work and paving the way for the next stage of construction.

Temporary Construction Area (TCA)

Steelwork on our campus amenity building is now complete, marking another important construction milestone. The next phase will see the building clad and foundations laid for the first eight accommodation blocks.

One of our temporary concrete batching plants is now operational. Four larger plants will be constructed in total, helping to support the bulk construction phase and improve efficiency across the site.



RAIL SCHEMES



We reached another significant milestone in early September when the first commercial train arrived at our Temporary Construction Area via the new Green Rail Route.

Delivered in partnership with organisations including East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council, the rail line will remove the need for hundreds of HGV journeys through East Suffolk each week.

MORE INFO ON OUR CURRENT ACTIVITY

You can get more detail about our latest activity on our online Works Tracker, where you can sign up for activity alerts: szcworkstracker.co.uk

We issue a monthly online newsletter outlining all the activity across all our key schemes: contact info@sizewellc.com to get it in your inbox.



SEA SCHEMES



If you've visited Sizewell Beach recently, you may have seen the progress being made on our Marine Bulk Import Facility (MBIF), which extends 500 metres into the North Sea. The facility will enable materials to be delivered by ship, supporting our commitment to transport at least 60% of construction materials by sea or rail. The first deliveries are expected in the coming months.

PARK AND RIDE SCHEMES



We've added more parking spaces at our Southern Park and Ride site in Wickham Market, making it even easier for workers to travel to and from site by bus, and helping to keep cars off local rural roads. Both Park and Ride facilities will be fully operational by the end of the year, with a combined capacity for up to 2,500 vehicles.

MAJOR ROAD SCHEMES



Two Village Bypass and Sizewell Link Road

Construction of the 6.8km Sizewell Link Road, which will connect the A12 to our construction site, is now underway. Pretty Road and Fordley Road will remain closed for the duration of the works, while Hawthorn Road will be closed for the next few months.

Work on the Two Village Bypass, which will divert traffic away from the villages of Farnham and Stratford St Andrew, is also progressing well, with the new roundabout at Tinker Brook Lane beginning to take shape. Earthworks are continuing across the site, alongside piling works for the new bridge over the River Alde.

Yoxford and Friday Street Roundabouts

Construction on both roundabouts is now complete, and speed limits have returned to normal. Grass seed has also been sown ahead of further landscaping work this autumn, most of which will take place offline to minimise travel disruption.



Who works at Sizewell C?

In each newsletter, we spotlight some of the amazing people who work on site.

I started at Sizewell C three years ago as a Business Administrator with G4S.

I soon enrolled on a Level 3 HR apprenticeship, which sparked my passion for HR and people development. I now lead the HR function for G4S at Sizewell C and recently won Apprentice of the Year at the British Security Awards.

Being part of a business that invests in its people, supports local communities, and creates genuine career opportunities is something I'm incredibly proud of. The biggest attraction of working here is the opportunity to learn, gain recognised qualifications, and build a rewarding long-term career.

Outside of work, I'm proud to be Miss Beccles, where I spend my time fundraising for local charities, supporting community events, and representing the town.

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Laura Rudd, HR Manager at G4S
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Working at Sizewell C's three nature reserves around Leiston, my role involves supporting conservation work such as tree planting, grazing management, wetland creation, and monitoring wildlife across a large area of woodland, fields, and marshland.

Since starting last September, I've been developing my wildlife identification skills and building a deeper understanding of the local landscape.

What I enjoy most is the long-term restoration of East Suffolk's Sandlings habitat, reconnecting heathland and wetlands across the area. It's a great place to work and to contribute to a project that benefits both nature and the wider community.

I love Suffolk's strong community spirit. Outside work, you'll find me walking my dogs in the countryside or spending time along the coast.

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Henry Meredith, Countryside Worker Apprentice
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