



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SIZEWELL A & B STAKEHOLDER GROUP (SSG)
HELD AT SIZEWELL SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB
WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2024**

Attendance/Apologies list

Attendance

Members / Members of the Public

Marianne Fellowes
Trevor Branton
Joan Girling
Pat Hogan
Cllr Russ Rainger
Cllr Bill Seale
Cllr Sara Fox
Cllr Lesley Hill
Cllr Tom Daly
Ashley Lancaster
Stan Smyth
Laverne Fawthrop
Murray Graham
Matthew Dent
Mike Taylor
Janet Fendley
Sheila Filby-Woznow
Jenny Kirtley
Pat Morris

Independent Chair
Co-Opted Member
Co-Opted Member
Sizewell Residents Association
Snape Parish Council
Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council
Aldeburgh Town Council
Leiston-cum-Sizewell Parish Council
East Suffolk Council
Project Manager, Erith
Demolition Manager, Erith
Environment & Sustainability Advisor, Erith
Associate Director, Enzygo
Minute Taker
Friends of the Earth
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TASC
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Operators Officers

Alan Walker
David Squirrell
Cath Pritchard
John Carey
James Heavingham
Alex Lord
Aiden Kelly
Themis Kantara
Richard Parlone
Niki Rousseau
Sean Verrall
Pip Hatt
David Prescott

Site Director, NRS
Decom Project Manager, NRS
Secretariat and Comms Officer, NRS
Sizewell A Senior Facilities Manager, NRS
Environment Agency Inspector SZA
Environment Agency Inspector SZB
Senior Regulated Industry Officer, Environment Agency
Environment Agency
Radiation Protection Officer, EDF
Community Relations Manager, EDF
Technical and Safety Support Manager, EDF
Corporate affairs NDA
ONR Principal Nuclear Safety Inspector

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Apologies

Bill Hamilton
Andrew Bull
Robert Gunn
Pete Wilkinson
Cllr T-J Haworth-Culf
Cllr Alistair Lumpkin
Cllr Nicky Corbett

NRS Communications & Stakeholder relationships
ONR SZA Inspector
Sizewell B Station Director – EDF
Vice Chair
Suffolk County Council
Aldeburgh Parish Council
Leiston Town Council

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4912. WELCOME

Marianne Fellowes welcomed the group to the meeting and reminded the attendees of the housekeeping rules. Emergency actions and housekeeping were explained.

No additional declarations were made.

Apologies were received as listed. Sean Verrall was present as a substitute for Robert Gunn.

4913. MATTERS ARISING AND QUESTIONS FROM MINUTES AND ACTION TRACKER

Marianne Fellowes explained that she would raise outstanding action points with each presenter as they presented. She noted that clarification about the constitution wording had been sent out.

James Heavingham noted that on the final page of the SZA reports, where he had said the discharging of liquid effluent took five years, it should instead read five hours.

Mike Taylor queried action 4611 regarding RIMNET data, noting that Richard Parlone had offered the use EU data which coordinated the monitoring, but he had not seen the link in question. Marianne Fellowes noted that the link reflected in the action tracker had been sent out.

Richard Parlone said he would provide the link, and it should be included under action 4902, with 4611 being closed.

Marianne Fellowes noted the NDA reports and proposed that these be gone through at a sub-group meeting.

4914. SIZEWELL B REPORTS

Sean Verrall (Site Director, EDF)

Sean Verrall presented his report.

SZB had been running at full load since the last SSG meeting in January. There had been no significant safety events on site.

The SZB refuelling outage would be starting in October, with the first turbine being turned off on 6 October, and the second on 11 October. The total duration of the outage would be 60 days. Around £60 million would be invested into refuelling the reactor as well as routine maintenance. All four large rotors would be replaced in turbine 1 as part of planned maintenance. On the reactor side, inspection was taking place of the thermal sleeves, regarding a detachment discovered during a previous outage. There would also be a lot of in-service inspections taking place.

There were now just over 600 staff onsite. The proposed extension of life from 2035 to 2055 brought a lot of extra work, hence staffing and contracting resource onsite were being geared up with around a 10% increase planned for.

In December 2021 there had been an event involving a chiller unit, where there had been a leak of refrigerant gas. There had been no hazard to personnel or nuclear safety, but it had been reported to the Environment Agency and an internal investigation had been undertaken. A number of improvements had been made, which the nuclear regulation side of the Environment Agency had responded positively to. However, in 2023 EDF had been contacted by the climate change side of the Environment Agency, which intended to pursue a civil case against EDF. The final decision had been to fine EDF £75,000, which had now been paid.

Until recently there had been three seals in the forebay area. EDF had been liaising with a local charity, which had been checking on the health of the seals. A recovery and rescue

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operation had been planned around a month earlier, but unfortunately one of the seals had died. The charity had confirmed the seal had not died from illness, and it may have come into contact with plant in that area. The other two seals were healthy. An unsuccessful rescue attempt had been made, and another attempt was planned before the outage. There was diving work and scans of the intake structure planned for the next outage to find the defect which had allowed the seals into the forebay.

EDF had been working with SZA on a transfer of ownership of a small area of land on the SZA site to the SZB site, to be used as storage area, avoiding use of greenfield sites. A new training building and new outage store were also being added to the site.

The amenity and accessibility fund had been well subscribed to in the year. Bids for the next year were welcomed. SZC had been working with Project 21, a charity working with individuals with Down's syndrome. SZB continued to work with SZC on this.

A formal freehold sale of a portion of the SZB-owned land to the SZC organisation had gone through. A nuclear site licence had been issued for a portion of that land. Marianne Fellowes noted that the site boundaries between SZB and SZC sites that had been sent to the SSG did not match what was in the system. Sean Verrall explained that the relicensing would take place in several stages, and the map from the ONR represented the likely end-stage. Marianne Fellowes noted that clarity was needed on this.

Marianne Fellowes noted that the previous SSG meeting had discussed reducing the amount of traffic from workers. She queried whether it was possible to get the postcodes of where workers were coming from, to facilitate making a case to the county council about appropriate schemes. SZB was increasing onsite numbers, and SZC would be increasing from 500 to 1,500 workers by December. Sean Verrall believed rough figures could be provided in directional terms.

Joan Girling queried the facilities provided on site for lorry drivers. Sean Verrall noted that only parking facilities were provided. Demand for large vehicles coming onsite had not changed significantly over the years. He suggested taking this up through the SZC forum.

Mike Taylor noted issues with workers monopolising local accommodation, which was becoming very difficult to find. Local people could not afford the rents which were being asked for as a result of the projects. Sean Verrall said he could not comment on the situation with SZC, but for SZB there had not been any issues reported back to him.

Trevor Branton asked whether the replacement of turbine rotors would be like-for-like, or whether there would be enhancements. Sean Verrall reported that on this occasion it would be a like-for-like replacement, but there was work ongoing with the supplier as part of a long-term operation to explore improved designs.

Cllr Tom Daly asked whether the outage would result in need for discharges and emissions. Sean Verrall reported that there were routine discharges as part of any outage, covered under permits. He could discuss the profile with Cllr Tom Daly outside the meeting, but it was nothing unusual or untoward. Marianne Fellowes suggested a virtual meeting to establish dialogue around discharges.

Cllr Russ Rainger expressed thanks for money and assistance via the helping hand scheme to the longship museum.

Alan Warner expressed concern at traffic speed down Lover's Lane and onto the site. He asked for support from SZA and SZB, which had not attended a meeting on the topic. Sean Verrall expressed his support and noted work which had already been done on the roads. He noted that, if number plates were supplied of cars in question, it could be investigated whether they were related the site.

Pat Hogan queried why additional staff were required to extend the life of SZB. SVC explained there were a number of big projects to extend the life of the site, including a lot of physical works and additional safety case work. Pat Hogan asked whether it was possible for some of

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the SZB staff to use the SZC access to the site. Sean Verrall said once the SZC entrance to the site was open it would very much reduce the traffic coming via the front of the site.

Cllr Lesley Hill expressed her thanks to the apprentices at SZB for their work making the brazier for the D-Day beacon.

It was queried whether deer fencing could be considered on the south side of the estate. Sean Verrall said he would come back with an answer.

Marianne Fellowes noted that the deer had been displaced so were crossing at different points. Janet Fendley noted that she had heard a lot about culling of deer on Leiston Common.

Marianne Fellowes noted that the action 4848 (c) on the concentration levels of disinfectant was closed.

Marianne Fellowes noted action 4888 (b) regarding taking the flooding area on the B1119 to the Sizewell Emergency Planning Consultative Committee (SEPCC) meeting in June. Sean Verrall reported that this had already been communicated.

Marianne Fellowes noted action **4890, regarding information from SZC on use of SZB water effluence for its water strategy. Sean Verrall would provide a written response on this but confirmed that this would be taking place. Standing water had been pumped off the site through SZB, which had been controlled through normal surface drainage routes.**

Marianne Fellowes noted action 4657, regarding damage to the fuel rods from the Taishan incident. Sean Verrall reported there was still no further information.

Marianne Fellowes noted action 4848 (d), a request for an update on the desalination plant to be powered by SZB and where that might be sited. Sean Verrall noted this was more of a SZC matter.

Marianne Fellowes noted action 4905 (a), concerning information regarding comparative discharges at other sites. Richard Parlone would provide a written response to this.

Marianne Fellowes noted that at the previous meeting Alan Hatt had asked about new plans for sea defences, and the request from the SSG had been that SZA and SZB confirm they were fully aware of the ongoing work. Sean Verrall explained that this was one of the big impact projects from SZC to SZB, and EDF had a number of engineers directly involved in that project to make sure there was no detrimental impact. Marianne Fellowes noted that at the SZC main site forum it had been stated that there were no plans to do beach work imminently, but it had transpired it would be taking place in August. There was a current planning application regarding the footpath on the Suffolk County Council website for comment.

Joan Girling noted that SZB owned the SZA/B sewage works and SZA managed it. Joan Girling had previously asked whether a new sewage works would be put in place when SZC was up and running and had been told there would be a new sewage works for all three sites. Now it appeared there would be a new sewage works for SZC, and SZA and SZB would continue with the existing works. Joan Girling queried whether there would be an upgrade to the SZA/B sewage works. Sean Verrall explained that the intent would be to continue to manage the existing facility and ensure it met requirements. The sewage works would be included in the lifetime extension works.

Trevor Branton noted that in the construction of the SZB site a diaphragm wall had been employed to limit the effect of dewatering to the construction area. He queried what the plans were to limit the effect of SZC dewatering on SZB. Sean Verrall said he did not have that level of detail, but SZC would need to demonstrate a plan for where the drainage would go, and work was underway.

Alan Warner referenced the drain from Leiston sewage works to the sluice. A few years previously it had been partially cleared by SZC, which had helped. He asked what could be done about it. Sean Verrall would take this away.

4915. David Prescott (Site Inspector, Office for Nuclear Regulation)

David Prescott presented his report.

The handover from Daniel Gregory had given David Prescott a good grasp of the operation, but his familiarisation journey was continuing.

There had been a freedom of information request regarding sirens being heard locally. The response had been that there had been a series of sirens, and it was likely that more would be heard in future. The next level 1 exercise would be in July.

The ONR regulated both nuclear safety and security, conventional health and safety, and transport safeguards. An inspection had been carried out on maintenance and testing on security-related electrical equipment, where no shortfalls in compliance had been identified. The conventional health and safety team and internal hazards team had been on site to look at fire safety and some of the facilities. The outcomes of these inspections had been positive.

A convention on non-nuclear health and safety inspections had been held looking at chemistry commodities and how they were managed, stored and distributed onsite. An inspection had been held in conjunction with the Control of Major Accidents Hazards (COMAH) team, and no shortfalls had been identified with SZB, but there had been a corporate issue around accident assessments across the EDF fleet.

Marianne Fellowes noted that the EDF corporate methodology for compiling reviews at SZB had been highlighted at the previous SSG meeting as requiring improvement. It had also been found that the record-keeping for training of reactor operators required improvement. She asked for further details on the latest finding. David Prescott explained that EDF had a fleetwide corporate centre and issued company specifications as to how to deal with different functions, which amounted to a risk assessment of the risks with storing chemicals, what could go wrong, and what mitigations would be put in place. The lessons learned would apply across the EDF fleet.

Alan Warner noted that everyone was used to hearing the sirens and often took no notice. He suggested that a text message be sent out whenever there was a test. Niki Rousseau noted that a letter was sent to Sizewell residents each year with the dates of tests. Alan Warner noted that there was an existing emergency text service and asked that this be extended to tests.

Joan Girling noted that there had used to be a document entitled 'Tolerability of Risks', and she had been told a few years ago that it would be updated, which she believed was now an ONR responsibility. Joan Girling queried whether there was such a document and where it could be found. David Prescott noted that this document was still referred to and suggested it would be on the ONR website.

Marianne Fellowes wished Daniel Gregory well on his new role training new inspectors.

Marianne Fellowes queried the circumstances around the issuing of the licence to SZC. David Prescott noted that the SZC was not present but explained that the issuing of the licence meant applying all 36 conditions. A lot more scrutiny would be applied by the ONR going forward. As a now-licensed site, all of the other aspects were now within the remit of the ONR.

4916. Alex Lord (Environment Agency)

Alex Lord presented his report.

The Environment Agency had joined the ONR on the COMAH inspection and had issued its own report. Inspections had also been carried out of EDF's monitoring of radioactive discharges, which had been concluded the previous day. There had been no non-compliances found, but a number of observations and recommendations had been made.

As part of the GRR guidance covering decommissioning and how sites should be left, the Environment Agency had included a new permit condition, as well as a condition to present documents demonstrating compliance with guidance and permit conditions. At the end of 2023, those documents had been received for SZB, which was the Site Wide Environmental Safety Case (SWESC) and the waste management plan. Any change to requirements would require stakeholder consultation.

On environmental monitoring, operators were required to carry out their own extensive environmental monitoring programme. Reports were received on a quarterly basis. In the last quarter, one result had been reported as having had a data collection error, which meant those results were invalid for the quarter. This related to thermoluminescent dose (TLD) meter, which measured direct dosage at the site boundary. There was nothing to indicate anything untoward, but the assurance measure was missing. A CCS4 breach had been issued, relating to a breach with no environmental impact. Some improvements had immediately been made by EDF, and the Environment Agency was satisfied with the response.

On the refrigerant gas leak, this had occurred a number of years previously, and the Environment Agency had been satisfied with the initial response. In follow up, the Environment Agency's climate change committee had recognised the issue and issued a civil sanction.

The land transfer between SZA and SZB sites required a minor permit change, though there was no change to activities being carried out or to limits or conditions of the permits. There were a number of ongoing engagements around developments on the SZC site.

Mike Taylor noted the TLD meter issue, and queried whether anyone who had been exposed could not recognise it. Alex Lord explained that this was an assurance measure. People would only have received a standard dose, and no additional dose to anyone was expected. Mike Taylor noted a potential issue for SZB relating to a number of permits which had not been requested by the developer relating to the water supply. Alex Lord said SZC had not requested to do any significant abstraction for water use. If agreements were required with the water company, that would be between the operator and the water company.

Marianne Fellowes queried, if a whole quarter was missing from the TLD records, whether the Environment Agency would go back to the same quarter in the previous year and add in an average amount, and how the annual total would be reported. Richard Parlone explained that there would be an estimate using the best available data.

Marianne Fellowes noted that no radioactive waste would remain on site past the end of the station life, and queried at what point end of life would be. Alex Lord explained it would be final site clearance, when the site was released from regulation.

Jenny Kirtley queried the status of the pinhole in one of the flasks. Marianne Fellowes clarified that there had been a pinhole failure in container 19 in the dry fuel store, which was still under monitoring. Sean Verrall stated that this was still under review. Marianne Fellowes asked to keep this on the agenda.

Joan Girling queried whether the fine imposed regarding the leak of refrigerant gas meant SZB had had to change the type of gas, or only to manage it in a better way. Alex Lord explained that SZB did not have to change the gas but had improved its management of the gas. Separately, there was a significant programme of work to improve the chiller units. Sean Verrall said improvements had been made, but there was a multimillion-pound investment

programme over the next three to four years progressively replacing with a smaller volume of more benign refrigerant.

4917 SIZEWELL A REPORTS

Alan Walker (Site Director, NRS)

Alan Walker presented his report. He introduced himself and explained he had taken over as SZA site director at the beginning April, and this was his first SSG.

In the last quarter there had been one injury onsite, where an individual carrying out deplant work using a ratchet and socket had slipped and caused injury to their finger.

Jet washing had been undertaken using clean water, some of which had been discharged to a soakaway, which was not permitted. This had been a noncompliance with the permit requirements, but there was no consequence on this occasion as it had fundamentally been tap water.

As part of mitigation on the turbine hall, bat boxes had been installed on site. There were a pair of peregrines nesting onsite.

There had been no security incidents onsite in the last quarter.

SZA had supported the Earth Day campaign on 22 April, with a number of displays onsite and questionnaires to promote environmental awareness and engage the workforce. STEM ambassadors had visited Suffolk One College to promote STEM. A number of displays and activities had been well received. There were currently six apprentices onsite, with three more due to join in September, as well as five trainees within the waste department.

In terms of asset and infrastructure care, focus had been on removal of redundant assets. Deplant work had begun on old diesel generating sets. In the reactor building work had been taking place to right size the water system. The ha-ha wall had been completed at the front of the site, along with various security enhancements and various additional barriers and signage at the car park.

SZA was working towards the land transfer of the old National Grid substation, focusing on isolation and diversion of services. The area had been netted over, to prevent wildlife access. The new security fence to segregate the area was almost completed. A number of tunnels running from the substation to the turbine hall had also been blocked up.

Ashley Lancaster Erith, presented an update on the turbine hall and boiler cells project. She explained they had started on site in July 2022. The first job had been asbestos removing and scaffolding. The turbine hall had had a major asbestos removal, but there was still some residue left. This had started in October 2022 and was still ongoing. Deplant had started in July 2023. Currently pipework in the basement was being deplanted. There was a planning application under consideration for demolition of the turbine hall, which was hoped to start in July/August. Planned contract completion was currently January 2025. Legacy scaffolding was being removed from R1 and R2 boiler services, dating back 13 years. The scaffolding had been wrapped in polythene, and so was unsafe to stand on and had been difficult to remove, but this had been achieved on time and within budget. The team was 36 people, at peak numbers, and had expended 90,000 hours to date. The turbine hall building fabric will be demolished with conventional long reach machinery. The proposed methodology to weaken concrete plinths is by the use of controlled explosives which was under discussion with the NRS.

To support the demolition planning application Murray Graham reported that the screening opinion had been issued in January 2023, which was where the local authority had been contacted to seek advice in terms of the 2017 regulations. Its opinion had been received in November 2023, and it had highlighted areas of potential risk, including air quality and dust,

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ecological impact, noise, vibration, potential traffic and transport impact. A number of other technical reports had also been requested. Environmental statements and supporting planning statements had been submitted on 4 April 2024. The consultation period was now ongoing. Council officers would be visiting the site the following day.

Cllr Lesley Hill noted that the planning application had come to Leiston Town Council the previous Tuesday, but there had been no opportunity to study it and so it had been asked to be deferred. One concern was around the designated route for HGVs and the route for ordinary vehicles, some of which was being signposted through Leiston. Cllr Lesley Hill had invited Alan Walker to come and speak to councillors, and he had agreed to do so. Murray Graham explained that there was a plan in the statement for HGVs and cars. Cars would go either via Lover's Lane or through Leiston. The most appropriate route for HGVs was deemed to be via the A12 to Yoxford then via the B1122 from Yoxford to Lover's Lane and onto the site. Cllr Lesley Hill noted that the use of Abbey Lane for cars would also be an issue. Murray Graham noted that a deferral of the planning application was not within Erith or Enzygo's power, but they were happy for the consultation to be extended.

Mike Taylor queried the radiological monitoring for the turbine hall materials. Alan Walker said this had all been done up front.

Trevor Branton queried whether there had been much opportunity to reuse plant rather than recycling. Alan Walker stated that almost everything had been recycled rather than reused. Alex Lord said the subcontractor was not able to reuse the plant as a whole, but there was an element that could be reused.

Alan Warner noted there had been a number of black redstarts onsite and asked for an update on them. Alan Walker was not sure of the current numbers onsite. Nesting boxes had been installed in areas to encourage them.

Joan Girling noted SZC traffic being directed through Leiston, and that it was better that Abbey Lane be used, though Abbey Lane would require a speed restriction This needs checking on the Teams recording. It was my understanding that Abbey Lane should not be used as it is a single track road.

Alan Walker appreciated the concern, but NRS had no control over SZC signage. Marianne Fellowes noted that no one from NRS had attended the Northern Transport Forum or Southern Transport Forum. A coordinated strategy was needed for all vehicles coming to the SZC site.

Jenny Kirtley stated it would be useful to have somebody at the SSG from SZC to answer questions on SZC. Marianne Fellowes said she had been attending each of the community fora.

Marianne Fellowes noted action 4873 (b), concerning work to cap off the sewage and waste lines at the rigs. Alan Walker reported that the treated sewage lines were still in use as the sewage plant was still in operation, and the active effluent discharge line was still in use. These small-bore pipelines had been installed in 2009 and would be decommissioned when no longer required.

Marianne Fellowes noted action 4891, concerning recategorisation of waste, in respect of which the new governing document had come up and would be subject to a sub-group meeting. Alan Walker noted that nothing formal had come through to NRS at site level, but it was known that the low-level waste acceptance criteria were due to change that year. No changes were expected to the classification.

Marianne Fellowes noted action 4903 (a), concerning impact of sea defence work. Alan Walker reported that NRS was aware of the planned works and had interface meetings.

Marianne Fellowes noted action 4903 (b), concerning an update on wet ILW. Alan Walker explained that wet ILW onsite was comprised of sand and gravel from filters to remove particulate, and sludge generated from backwash and collected from operational areas during decommissioning. This waste would be retrieved into ductile cast iron containers for

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conditioning and interim storage at Bradwell. It was anticipated there would be seven packages. Retrieval would likely be 2030.

Mike Taylor queried the risk of spraying water for demolition dust suppression, identified as a health hazard? Alan Walker said a minimal volume of water will be used to ensure no runoff is created. Surface water drains and open culverts will be protected to prevent silt ingress. The methods proposed are recognised demolition industry standard practices.

4918. Andrew Bull (Site Inspector, Office for Nuclear Regulation)

Andrew Bull was not present at the meeting.

4919. James Heavingham (Environment Agency)

James Heavingham presented his report.

In January, an inspection had been carried out on environmental and sustainability leadership and culture. There were regular briefings to all staff and regular training given. There was also a forum to allow staff feedback and a sustainability group set up. That afternoon an onsite inspection would be carried out looking at the number of environmentally qualified people onsite to ensure there were enough to meet permit compliance requirements.

On the permit transfer being undertaken, there should be an outcome in the next few weeks.

On emissions, the gaseous and liquid effluent results had been received for the first quarter of 2024. Level of gaseous emissions remained low, and there had been no discharges of radioactive effluent into the sea.

Joan Girling queried the two different types of discharge: sewage and other. She asked whether these were not added together. James Heavingham confirmed this. Joan Girling asked whether the sewage was monitored. James Heavingham explained it was not a requirement under permit conditions, but SZA did monitor and report on any radiological contamination.

4920 NRS Corporate Update - Introduction to Thinks Insight

The report was noted.

4921 NDA REPORTS

Marianne Fellowes noted that Bill Hamilton was not present, but a report had been received. Pip Hatt was present virtually to highlight key points from the report. Pip Hatt thanked the SSG for allowing her to attend remotely.

The government and devolved administrations had published their updated policy on management of radioactive substances. This followed the 12-week consultation undertaken in 2023. The aim was to deliver earlier and more cost-effective nuclear decommissioning without sacrificing safety, security and the environment. The NDA would work closely with stakeholders on this.

The NDA was engaged in the NAO's value for money study into whether Sellafield and the NDA were taking a sustainable approach to decommissioning, leading to permanent hazard reduction. This had been running for a few months, and key members of the audit team had visited the site. A lot of desktop work needed to be conducted, and it was not expected the report would be published until October.

The Permanent Secretary and Second Permanent Secretary of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero would be visiting Sellafield at the end of May. This would provide them

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an opportunity to see and appreciate the scale of operations and complexities involved in decommissioning high-hazard facilities.

The new chair of the NDA was Peter Hill, who would be starting from 1 June 2024. Peter Hill was currently chair of Keller Group plc. Outgoing chair Chris Train would continue as a non-executive director on the NDA board. Lawrie Haynes had been appointed as interim chair of Sellafeld Ltd from 1 May 2024.

A draft scope for the SSG review had been circulated. This exercise would provide an opportunity to reflect on the successes of the stakeholder voice in the local community over the past 20 years. Three SSG meetings would be visited as a part of this.

Marianne Fellowes noted that this was the first time someone had joined the SSG remotely, and she was pleased it had worked. Marianne Fellowes hoped it would allow the SSG to go back to rotating meetings around community venues.

4922 CHAIR & VICE CHAIR REPORT

Marianne Fellowes reported that there was a meeting on 8 and 9 July with the NDA, as well as in September. She invited attendees to submit any questions.

Marianne Fellowes had been attending the SZC forum. The most important aspect which had come up had been traffic and transport with increased activity. Workforce numbers and traffic activity would be increasing. She encouraged SSG attendees to read the notes of the fora meetings. Town and parish councils were represented at the fora, and questions could be fed in via councillors. There were also various working groups. How these worked was still a work in progress. The SZC website hosted documents, agendas and dates of the meetings, whilst the East Suffolk Council website hosted the notes of the meetings.

Cllr Lesley Hill reiterated a plea from the SZC office for people not to wait for fora meetings if there was an issue, but to go to the SZC office.

Joan Girling noted that the portfolio holder with responsibility for highways at the county council would be worth writing to regarding the traffic issues.

Marianne Fellowes would extend an invitation to the SSG to the portfolio holder.

4923 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Marianne Fellowes noted that, due to a clash of dates, a new date in September was needed for the next SSG meeting. Attendees would be kept updated.

Marianne Fellowes thanked all present for their attendance. All PowerPoints would be available on the website. There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Next meeting dates: TBC.