



Sizewell A & B Site Stakeholder Group (SSG)

27 November 2025

Sizewell Sports & Social Club

Attendees

Members:

Marianne Fellowes	Chair
Jenny Kirtley	Vice Chair
Mike Taylor	Co-opted member
Cllr Tom Daly	East Suffolk Council
Cllr Lesley Hill	Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council
Cllr Bill Searle	Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council
Pat Hogan	Sizewell resident

Operators and Officers:

Robert Gunn	EDF, SZB
Alan Walker	NRS, SZA
John Carey	NRS, SZA
Kayleigh Ridley	NRS, SZA
Niki Rousseau	EDF, SZB
Richard Parlone	EDF
James Heavingham	Environment Agency
Themis Kantara	Environment Agency
Aidan Kelly	Environment Agency
Robert Rigler Gillingham	Environment Agency
John McNamara	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
David Prescott	Office for Nuclear Regulation
Cara Webb	NRS, SZA

Members of the Public:

Allan Warner	Member of the public
David Bailey	Member of the public

Apologies for Absence

Trevor Branton, Janet Fendly, Joan Girling, Cllr Conrad Burgess, Cllr Nicky Corbett, Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf, Cllr Sarah Whitelock, Philip Matthews, Katharine Walker

[4961] 1. Welcome and Introduction – Marianne Fellowes

- Welcomed all attendees and noted the difficult start due to parking arrangements.



- Confirmed the meeting was being recorded and advised the limited microphone availability.
- Introduced Cara Webb as the new minute taker.
- Fire drill postponed to afternoon.
- Apologies from SCC noted and questions to be forwarded as required.
- No new declarations of interest.

[4962] 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

[4963] 3. Sizewell B Report – Robert Gunn (Station Director, EDF)

Key Updates

- Strong safety performance; no recordable injuries or environmental events.
- Automatic reactor shutdown on 11 June 2025 due to switching operation sequencing error; returned to service within days.
- Staffing: 649 EDF employees, 300 contractors, 90 facilities project workers.
- Life extension planning to 2055 progressing; technical feasibility confirmed.
- Dry Fuel Store Campaign successfully completed – all lifetime fuel now stored on site.
- New Training Centre fully operational; Visitors Centre opening January 2026.
- Refuelling outage scheduled for 22 May 2026, lasting 45 days.
- Community projects: Alde Valley Academy garden project; Amenity & Accessibility Fund distributed £27,480 across 12 projects.

Questions Raised

- Housing & transport impacts during outage – concerns about single-occupancy vehicles; EDF reviewing shift patterns and transport options.
- Grid impact from June shutdown – covered by existing margin (1.2).
- Emergency plan effectiveness amid local road congestion – EDF confident plans remain robust; 45–60 min staff response maintained.
- Evacuation timing discrepancy – concerns raised about a 10-hour figure in local press; SCC to clarify.
- Vibration monitoring – systems active; primarily for seismic detection but would detect irregular vibration.
- Movement of abnormal loads – EDF funding increased police escort capacity; concerns about B1125 junction changes acknowledged.
- Dry fuel store long-term viability – designed for 100-year storage; may require wet-store access if Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) is significantly delayed.
- End of Russian fuel dependency – expected by 2028 due to long-term contracts.
- Grid capacity concerns – ESC officer to be briefed on implications of Sizewell B lifetime extension.



Actions

1. Arrange SSG tour of new Visitors Centre – *Marianne Fellowes*
2. Confirm SCC evacuation timing statements – *Marianne Fellowes to contact Neil Evans (SCC)*
3. Notify ESC officer regarding grid limitations – *Cllr Tom Daly*
4. Provide further DSL/footpath closure details – *Robert Gunn / EDF*

[4964] 4. ONR Report – David Prescott

- Quarterly reports published for April–June and July–September.
- Level 1 emergency exercise (including Level 2 elements) successfully completed.
- ONR Chair and Chief Inspector visited all Sizewell sites in August.
- Conventional fire inspection (LC19) identified shortcomings in modifications process; EDF conducting internal investigation.

Action

- Monitor release of ONR fire-inspection report and share with SSG – *Marianne Fellowes*

[4965] 5. Environment Agency – Themis Kantara (SZB) & James Heavingham (SZA)

Environment Agency – SZB (Themis Kantara)

- Two inspections completed: solid waste management & environmental event classification.
- Good practice noted in documentation and learning-sharing processes.
- Solid waste inspection recommendations under EA review; RASCAR document to be shared.
- Warning letter issued following corrosion-related notification in May 2025; corrective actions completed.
- Tritium discharges: peak of 35% in June during unplanned outage, now trending downward (20.28% by September).

Actions

1. Provide RASCAR for solid waste inspection – *EA*
2. Provide RASCAR for corrosion warning-letter review – *EA*
3. Raise MOX-fuel questions at EA site inspectors' meeting – *Marianne Fellowes*

Environment Agency – SZA (James Heavingham)

- Inspections covered LLW and non-radiological waste, demolition waste, and pond skip processing.
- Gaseous emissions report due; no non-conformances expected.
- Updated RIFE 30 report available on GOV.UK.



- EA to confirm whether PDF version is available from SEPA.

Action

- Confirm availability of PDF RIFE 30 report – *James Heavingham*

[4966] 6. Sizewell A Report – Alan Walker (NRS)

Key Updates

- Zero TRIR and DACR; strong safety performance.
- Environmental permit variation approved.
- Successful site clean-up event; volunteering with Dunwich Nature Reserve.
- Warning letter issued for 2022 concrete wash-water discharge following retrospective staff reporting.
- Two minor injuries since last meeting.
- Peregrine camera installed; but birds decided to nest elsewhere.
- AIC progress: fire doors, drainage survey, cladding inspections (Jan mobilisation), welfare upgrades.
- Pond waste-processing 61% complete; 91% waste diverted from LLW.
- Turbine Hall demolition complete; 15,629 tonnes of aggregate transferred to Sizewell C (818 loads).

Questions Raised

- Cycle-route entrance safety – concerns raised; staff encouraged to report hazards to highways.
- Water-supply route for Sizewell C – importance of using existing pipeline routes noted.
- Wastewater from pond cutting operations – managed through AETP and discharged within permit limits.
- Ponds roof & weather-envelope cladding – investment secured; repairs like-for-like; no visual change.
- Future use of turbine-hall void – remains empty for safe management and future decommissioning footprint.

Actions

1. Report cycle-route safety concerns – *Sizewell A & B teams*
2. Obtain Suffolk Water Recycling consultation documents – *Marianne Fellowes*

[4967] 7. NDA Report – John McNamara

Key Points

- Strategy 5 consultation closed September; over 2,000 responses being analysed.
- NDA annual accounts published; organisation marks 20-year anniversary.



- AGR transfer (Hinkley A & Hunterston A) major programme for 2026.
- MAVE (voluntary exit) scheme launched; stakeholder team undergoing change.
- Assurance provided that stakeholder engagement will continue despite personnel changes.

Action

- Support improved SCC attendance and explore Nuleaf involvement – *John McNamara*

[4968] 8. Matters Arising, Action Tracker & Questions

- Concerns regarding Sellafield de-risking pauses noted; NDA assured critical work not affected.
- Rising long-term decommissioning costs acknowledged.
- SSG format considered essential by members and operators.

[4969] 9. Chair Report – Marianne Fellowes

- SSG constitution under review; internal minute-taking now embedded.
- Focus on wider engagement, youth involvement, and improved diversity.
- Planning underway for 25-year celebration and community engagement activities.

[4970] 10. Any Other Business

- Emphasis on improved SCC attendance and integration with community bodies.

Date of Next Meeting

11th March 2026

Minutes prepared by Cara Webb (NRS) and compiled using meeting transcript and reference document data.