

# **SIZEWELL C: STAGE 2 CONSULTATION**

**Snape Parish Council  
Response**

*This document is a copy of the of the response for Snape Parish Council to the Sizewell C Stage 2 Consultation.*

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# Q1. What are your overall views on EDF Energy's proposals to build a new nuclear power station, Sizewell C, and associated development?

Snape Parish Council is not able to express an opinion on the implications and views with respect to new nuclear build.

We are however able to express views in those areas we know are of concern and importance to the Parish –Traffic, Speeding, Tourism, Crime and Policing. This response expresses those opinions captured during local council meetings and from the discussions held by the council members.

The Parish Council recognises that negative responses to the concerns raised here by Snape Parishioners, may impact on their support to new build.

## Q2. What are your views on the potential environmental impacts and proposed mitigation at the main development site?

The main construction site activities do not immediately impact on the Parish of Snape. However we always strongly encourage a responsible approach to the care and welfare of the environment. This is particularly important as the Parish it is situated in an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and this is a key feature in the enjoyment of the area along with a major attraction for our prosperity as a visitor region.

Snape Parish is also an area that has been subject to flooding, it is therefore of great importance to the Parish that no action is taken that may prove detrimental to our flood risk. We are particularly concerned that activities designed to offset the immediate environmental impact of new build – such as work at Abbey Farm Marshes and the wetlands do not increase our flood risk.

# Q3. Main Development Site: New Access Road

## Part one of two

Snape Parish Council is not able to express a preference on the option that may be selected for the route across the Sizewell Marshes.

However, Snape Parish does have a strong view that the traffic along the A1094 is already at a dangerous level and Suffolk Police have acknowledged a speeding problem on this stretch of road. The Parish has been campaigning for traffic calming along this route.

We do therefore encourage the use of a northern approach to the construction site along the B1122, keeping any additional traffic away from the A1094. We would also like to see positive efforts to redirect traffic from using the A1094 - with signage at the Friday Street junction indicating no SZC access via A1094 and directing traffic North to the B1122 junction. >>>

# Q3. Main Development Site: New Access Road

## Part two of two

The Parish have heard that number plate recognition will be used to assess traffic flows in the area, we would like more information on how this will operate.

It is suggested that to encourage the use of the Park and Ride system – the local site parking availability should be constrained to a minimum.

We are also keen that the experience of SWB build phase should be reviewed to learn from the problems of peak traffic flow and tailbacks in the locality.

Snape Parish would ask that greater detail is provided on the proposed traffic plan along with clear evidence on how the forecasts are developed.

## Q4. Main Development Site: Managing Construction Materials

Snape Parish Council does not have an express opinion on the option of the borrow pits. We do however encourage positive action that will reduce the need for any further HGV activity.

Traffic volumes in the area are a matter of concern for the Parish and further HGV traffic would not be a welcome sight.

## Q5. What are your views on our overall accommodation strategy for home-based and non-home-based workers? Part one of two.

The accommodation strategy is an important issue to the Parish. We are a tourist location and have several holiday homes in the area.

While some villagers may choose to make use of their accommodation as longer term rental to the SZC workforce, the Parish Council recognises the need to ensure that sufficient accommodation remains available for tourism.

If local accommodation is consumed by SZC workforce, there is a risk that tourism will suffer. We therefore do recognise the value of providing suitable accommodation and associated facilities for the non-home based workers.

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## Q5. What are your views on our overall accommodation strategy for home-based and non-home-based workers? Part two of two

Also the personnel North of Deben and South of Blyth may not be compelled to use the shuttle transport and as such may choose to find their own way around the A12 and main route traffic. This could result in additional traffic through the village via B1069 or from the A12 and along the A1094.

There is also the question of how any additional traffic will impact on Parishioners personally. It is presumed we could be looking at taking longer to get around at certain times and we would also like evidence to show that it will not impact on Ambulance and Emergency traffic response times too.

In answer to the above issues we would like to see more 'evidence' to underpin your assumptions that we will not be adversely impacted.

## Q6. Accommodation: Campus Layout

The Snape Parish Council does not express a particular view on the accommodation options. We do however acknowledge that the provision of good quality accommodation with sufficient recreational equipment is important to the welfare of the workforce.

We are concerned that without suitable recreational facilities there is a risk of increased crime and disturbance. We would like to see a proposal for additional Policing resources at the accommodation block and the locality.

## Q7. What are your views on our overall transport strategy? Part one of two

As has been previously indicated, the Snape Parish has a strong view that the traffic in the locality is already a significant safety issue. We recognise the contribution that Park and Ride, Rail and Sea landing facilities will bring to overall traffic reduction, however, we do express a preference that the traffic follows the B1122 route and NOT the A1094.

We know this is a rather “Not in my backyard” response, we are very keen that we do not get increased HGV and trade van traffic in the village.

It is particularly important that we get evidence of the contingency plans for closure of the primary route (either from accident or during surfacing works etc.)

## Q7. What are your views on our overall transport strategy? Part two of two

While Snape Parish recognises the proposals to improve the A12 route (and we encourage this) and to implement a single point of access along the B1122.

We have real concern that the SZC personnel not making use of the shared accommodation may add to the local traffic. We would like to see more evidence of the calculations on the potential traffic from the North of Woodbridge area.

It is common knowledge that the A1152 - B1069 route via Bentwaters Park is a well known rat run among the local population. Our concern is that this already sensitive route will suffer from additional unwanted traffic. We would welcome evidence that this is not the case, as Snape Parish are already working with local authorities to address traffic issues in the Parish.

## Q8. Transport: Rail

As has been previously indicated, the Snape Parish has a strong view that the traffic in the locality is already a significant safety issue. We recognise the contribution that the use of a Rail Service will bring to overall traffic reduction.

It is our preference that traffic movement (particularly HGV and trade van) is kept to a minimum – we therefore encourage the use of alternative routes to site such as Rail and Sea.

We would ask for evidence of how the number plate recognition and penalty system would be operated, as this could vastly improve compliance.

## Q9. Transport: Sea

As has been previously indicated, the Snape Parish has a strong view that the traffic in the locality is already a significant safety issue. We recognise the contribution that a Beach landing facility will bring to overall traffic reduction.

It is our preference that traffic movement (particularly HGV and trade van) is kept to a minimum – we therefore encourage the use of alternative routes to site such as Rail and Sea.

We would ask for evidence of how the number plate recognition and penalty system would be operated, as this could vastly improve compliance.

## Q10. Transport: Park and Ride

As has been previously indicated, the Snape Parish has a strong view that the traffic in the locality is already a significant safety issue.

We recognise the contribution that Park and Ride facility will bring to overall traffic reduction, however, we do express a preference that the bus traffic follows the B1122 route and NOT the A1094.

It is our preference that traffic movement (particularly HGV and trade van) is kept to a minimum – we therefore encourage the use of alternative routes to site such as Rail and Sea.

We would ask for evidence of how the number plate recognition and penalty system would be operated, as this could vastly improve compliance.

# Q11. Transport: Road Improvements - A12

As has been previously indicated, the Snape Parish has a strong view that the traffic in the locality is already a significant safety issue. We recognise the contribution that A12 improvements will bring to overall traffic reduction, however, we do express a preference that the traffic follows the B1122 route and NOT the A1094.

We want more evidence on how traffic flows through the single carriage parts of the A12 will not be delayed or diverted by congestion.

We recognise a 4 village bypass is not in your proposals, but do hold a strong concern that without improvements to the A12 trade van and car traffic will look for alternative routes. A good quality dual carriage way would encourage road users to follow that prescribed option.

## Q12. Transport: Road Improvements – Yoxford / B1122 Strategy

As has been previously indicated, the Snape Parish has a strong view that the traffic in the locality is already a significant safety issue. We recognise the contribution that improvements to the B1122 will bring to overall traffic reduction, however, we do express a preference that the traffic follows the B1122 route and NOT the A1094.

To underpin this we would like to see clear noticing on the A12 near Friday Street advising traffic that there is no access to SWC along the A1094.

The A1094 has substantial use by the Ambulance service, there is a genuine concern that lives could be at risk if congestion should block the A1094 through to Snape, Aldeburgh and Thorpness.

## Q13. Do you have any comments on our people and economy proposals, including our approach to education, training and local supply chain opportunities?

Snape Parish council does not hold a specific view on the proposals for people and economy, we do however recognise the contribution SZC could make to the local economy as a local employer and would encourage the use of local personnel for recruitment where possible. Local jobs for local people.

We also recognise that with several thousand personnel in the area for the construction phase - while they themselves may not be at fault - it is likely that criminal elements will be drawn to the area to exploit them. We would like to see evidence on how the currently reducing policing will be able to cope with this potential increase. The local authority has recently been encouraging the community to take a stance on policing effort by recruiting PCSO's. Our view is that SZC should look into provision of a budget to provide modern policing resources capable of handling traffic and public order offences to local community areas.

## Q14. Please let us know if you have any comments or suggestions about the consultation process.

The timing of the Consultation process has been disruptive. Setting a consultation period that took in the Christmas and New Year holiday period reduced the available discussion time for organisations such as Snape Parish Council.

We believe a greater effort to communicate with community could have been demonstrated by use of an exhibition trailer at popular public spaces around the immediate parishes.

We are also disappointed that the online form is not easily printed or shared this too makes it challenging for us to share the consultation document between ourselves.