

## **SIZEWELL PARISHES LIAISON GROUP**

### **NOTES OF THE CONSULTATION CONFERENCE ON 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012 AT SNAPE MALTINGS WITH SUFFOLK TOWN & PARISH COUNCILS & LOCAL BUSINESS HOSTED BY SCDC & SCC**

#### **PLANNING FOR EDF NEW BUILD NUCLEAR POWER STATION**

How would local councils, interest groups and business like to be engaged in the planning process for the Sizewell C EDF development?

The Local Authority role is to produce an impact report and a Planning Application for the Government Inspector, who will make the final decision. To achieve that requirement and supportive evidence there will be a Joint Approach between SCDC & SCC- under the name of SJLAG. The two Authorities want to hear the views of Parish & Town Councils.

These views, according to EDF, will need to be based upon evidence. EDF consider that consultation with the local community is at the heart of the process towards the acceptance of the Planning Application. Already, EDF have plans in view; are undertaking studies (Transport e.g.); and discussions with businesses in the area. The Planning process through consultation will take about two years. The consultation process will include exhibitions, website, media, community forum and hard to reach groups (young people e.g.). Employment & training will be provided for the expected 5000 local jobs. When?

The impact of the construction site will affect transport, environment, public services, workforce, tourism, rail network and sea.

Problem-The research necessary to produce evidence is paid for and on behalf of EDF. SJLAG is required to accept or challenge research data, not produce its own findings. The exception is some statistics produced by LA departments in the course of their general work (Highways e.g.). SPLG has not the resources to undertake research.

Issue-EDF proposes to accommodate labour on a Sizewell campus site for 3000 at its peak. A local view is that EDF should build housing in the local community, which will become social housing when the construction is completed, subject to changes in legislation.

There are three important messages for SPLG.

- 1). The Chief Executive of SCDC states that Town & Parish Councils are consultees.
- 2). Cllr. Macgregor of SCC states that funding to support the consultative & investigative work of SPLG will be made available from SJLAG.
- 3). SPLG conducted consultations and identified issues with its member councils in 2010, which were raised at the conference.