



SIZEWELL PARISHES LIAISON GROUP

The SPLG was formed in 2008 as a body of representatives of the parish and town councils that would be directly affected by the construction of the proposed Sizewell C nuclear power plant. The SPLG has sought to maximise the benefits to the local communities from the project and has pressed for mitigation of the negative impacts and the payment of compensation for them. We are a 'non-political/unaligned group, neither for nor against nuclear energy per se.

SPLG List of Activities and Achievements.

- SPLG was the first organisation to identify the need for local infrastructure investment as part of the Sizewell C project. It was also active in negotiations and talks with EDF from the outset.
- SPLG holds a unique position amongst all other stakeholders in having a direct route to the views of local communities via the parish councillors who form the membership.
- The group has hosted and attended many meetings with EDF, SCDC, SCC and MPs to represent the views of residents in local communities with regard to Sizewell C.
- Documents, press releases and media interviews reflecting the concerns of local communities on many subjects including transport, tourism and health facilities have been a regular feature of the group since its inception.
- SPLG has extensively pressed for transparency within the consultation process.
- The group has criticised the 'multiple choice' and simplistic nature of the response areas of the Stage I Document and made the case for a structure for the future that allows proper discussion of the issues.
- SPLG produced a 19 page document in response to the Stage I Consultation document. In comparison, Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council produced a 6 page document as their response!
- In 2014 (?) SPLG published a detailed response to the transport issues outlined in the Stage I Consultation Document. A recognised transport systems expert researched this document on behalf of the group.
- SPLG has repeatedly pressed EDF in meetings to commit to serious investment in local infrastructure and community benefits. Medical, educational, apprentice and social opportunities for young people, transport, sporting and social issues have always been a focus of these discussions.
- SPLG has highlighted the serious concerns of local communities regarding the absorption and housing of the work force within the area.
- Three SPLG members made a fact-finding visit to the Hinckley Point C site in June 2014. The delegation met representatives from EDF, West Somerset District Councillors, the local MP, local residents and action groups. A detailed document outlining the representative's conclusions was subsequently produced.
- SPLG has always adopted a neutral stance on the nuclear debate as a main feature of its constitution. It is believed that this has allowed a level of respect and access to discussions with EDF and others that other 'lobby' groups may have found more limited.