

Kelsale cum Carlton Parish – Community Feedback

Introduction

Kelsale cum Carlton Parish Council [KcCPC] are determined to ensure that residents of the Parish are fully informed of EDF Energy's Sizewell C Stage 3 Consultation, and has taken 5 steps to enable this to happen:

- i] EDF Energy's events have been publicised on the Kelsale cum Carlton Parish Council website
- ii] A full copy of EDF Energy's Stage 3 Consultation documents have been available for reading at the Village Hall
- iii] A very well attended Public Meeting was held; with households being pre-leafleted, event banners produced and website 'event' advertising
- iv] An 'infographic' outlining some potential impacts during the construction phase was produced and hand delivered
- v] A community questionnaire was produced and hand delivered to all households, with doorstep conversations wherever possible. The questionnaire sought a quantitative response, as well as a richer qualitative response by asking residents to make free-form comment on how they perceived the development of Sizewell C.
- vi] A digest of the results of the community questionnaire was produced and hand delivered to all households in mid-March

This appendix summarises the quantitative results of the questionnaire and is part of the KcCPC evidence accompanying the response to the Stage 3 Consultation.

A separate document (**Appendix D**) accompanying KcCPC's formal response, summarises the key themes arising from comments made by residents when completing the questionnaire.

Quantitative response

Construction impact on residents

The overwhelming view of Kelsale cum Carlton residents (**93.1%**) responding to the KcCPC's questionnaire was that "...the construction phase..." of Sizewell C will have a direct impact on them. Less than 1% of respondents felt there would be little or no impact on them, whilst 6.1% were unclear whether the construction would or would not have a direct impact on them.

The Rail-led strategy

The majority of residents responding (**90%**) thought a more ambitious rail-led strategy could have a potentially more acceptable impact on Kelsale cum Carlton through the construction, operation and decommissioning phases. However, there was a significant minority of nearly 4.7% who thought this too would be unacceptable, leaving nearly 5.5% who could not determine whether it would or would not be more acceptable.

Traffic impacts

Responding to projected traffic levels coming forward (at Stage 3), residents almost unanimously agreed (**97.7%**) that the consequences (i.e. noise, air quality, rubbish, rat-running, etc.) would need positive action by EDF Energy to minimise the impact on Kelsale cum Carlton (i.e. noise reduction technologies, air quality remediation, route prohibitions, ecological safeguarding, etc.). The remaining 2.3% were unable to form an opinion.

The Sizewell Link road proposal

The EDF Energy proposal for a Sizewell Link road through the northern boundary of Kelsale cum Carlton had some support amongst residents, with 14.8% of respondents seeing some potential merit. However, over **77%** were unconvinced about its merits or the potential impacts it might have on the Parish and its ecology. Just under 8% of respondents were unable to decide.

The economic impacts

Asked whether they thought key local economic sectors (i.e. agriculture, tourism and leisure, etc.) would be adversely impacted by the proposals (being brought forward at Stage 3) relating to how construction of Sizewell C would be undertaken, exactly **90%** (of residents responding) thought they would be detrimentally impacted, either 'considerably' (75.4%) or 'to some degree' (14.6%).

The ecological impacts

Asked whether they were concerned about the ecological impact of the construction proposals being brought forward by EDF Energy - nearly **97%** of respondents either thought; the impacts on Kelsale cum Carlton's ecology would be 'considerable' or would impact wildlife 'to some degree'. Just 0.8% did not know, whilst 1.5% thought there may be just 'a little' and 0.8% did not think there would be any impacts.