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Initial feedback suggests local community representatives are not yet convinced by EDF Energy's Stage 4 proposals

On 26 July, community leaders from across east Suffolk came together to discuss views on EDF Energy's Sizewell C Stage 4 Pre-Application consultation with members of the Sizewell C Joint Local Authorities Group (JLAG).

A range of EDF Energy's consultation proposals were raised as part of a question and answer session and round table discussions. Eighty-six representatives from 28 town and parish councils attended the event.

The main sentiment coming from the assembled group of knowledgeable local representatives was that, whilst they appreciate the fact that EDF Energy are undertaking a Stage 4 consultation, there are still a number of issues that have not been addressed. The areas highlighted by the round table discussions were:

- **Pylons** – Significant concerns remain about the number of pylons required for Sizewell C and their locations. The revised proposal from EDF Energy does not yet mitigate the impact on the environment.
- **Lack of detailed information** – There remains concern that EDF Energy has still not provided enough detail behind many of their mitigations, leaving more questions than answers.
- **Lack of feedback** – There was a feeling that EDF Energy has not given sufficient feedback or answered the concerns raised by those who took part in the Stage 3 process.
- **Traffic impacts** – Some believe there is still a lack of transparency on traffic projections and there are concerns over the use of local roads and the current suitability of the A12 to accommodate EDF Energy's proposed transport options.
- **Economic Legacy** – Will the area be left better or worse off once Sizewell C is built and in operation? There is concern that EDF Energy's plans do not go far enough to give real, long-lasting, positive socio-economic impact.
- **Impact on natural environment and coastal processes** – There are concerns over flood risks, the vulnerability of the Suffolk coastline, and the impact on wildlife habitats, including RSPB Minsmere.

EDF Energy's Stage 4 consultation closes on 27 September 2019.

£750,000 improvement scheme at St Peter's Wharf, Ipswich completes early

On 19 July, it was announced that the scheme which began in early January 2019 is now complete. The scheme delivers an enhanced, more welcoming area for residents and visitors enjoying the Ipswich Waterfront

The scheme also set out to accommodate the high number of pedestrians and cyclists that use the area and to support local businesses by improving access for large vehicles visiting the Port.

The scheme was funded via a bid to the Coastal Community Fund by Ipswich Vision and was delivered by Suffolk Highways, Suffolk County Council and Ipswich Borough Council (IBC). The works were completed under budget and two weeks ahead of schedule. Additional maintenance was also completed during this time, such as replacing all manhole covers and installing new bollards and railings.

The footways along St Peter's Wharf were reconstructed and there is now a clear carriageway, ensuring a defined area for vehicles and pedestrians. A seating area has been introduced, along with bicycle railings and three new trees.

Winners of Suffolk's Creating the Greenest County awards announced

An ethical fashion brand, a primary school and a hotel were amongst the winners as Suffolk's most environmentally minded people were celebrated.

Thirteen winners were announced at the Creating the Greenest County awards ceremony, in categories ranging from Green Hero to Local Food and Drink. The carbon-neutral event was held at Snape Maltings on Wednesday 17 July.

Jason Alexander received two awards. His Rubbish Walks social enterprise received the Waste Reduction and Recycling award and he was named as the Green Hero winner.

Jason said:

"I am absolutely thrilled and humbled to have won these awards. Just being shortlisted was amazing, but to win is truly overwhelming. I meet and speak to green heroes from across the county and beyond virtually every day and continue to be inspired by their passion and determination to make a difference. To do the right thing. The best way we can achieve our goal of becoming the greenest county is to keep innovating. To keep inspiring each other, to keep collaborating with each other and to keep supporting each other. I have no doubt we will achieve our goal."

With over 130 nominations for the awards, it is clear that many of Suffolk's communities and businesses are serious about addressing their impact on the environment. Whether this is achieved by community litter picks or businesses moving to electric vehicles, everyone can do something to make a change.

Winners

- Enhancing Biodiversity and Landscape: E. J. Barker & Sons, Stowmarket
- Green Hero: Jason Alexander, Ipswich
- Greenest Business: Ufford Park Woodbridge Hotel, Golf and Spa
- Greenest Community: GreenSnape Community Group, Snape
- Greenest Product or Service: Where Does It Come From? Ipswich
- Greenest School: Birchwood Primary School, Ipswich
- Greenest Small Business: Amarinth Ltd, Rendlesham
- Local Energy: The Schools' Energy Co-operative
- Local Food and Drink: The Oak Tree Low Carbon Farm, Ipswich
- Sustainable Building: John and Sarah Barrett, Yoxford
- Sustainable Travel: EV Driver Ltd, Woodbridge
- Valuing Water: OBeC CIC, Ringshall
- Waste Reduction and Recycling: Rubbish Walks CIC, Ipswich
- Carbon Charter Outstanding Achievement Award: Suffolk Fresh, Lindsey Lodge Farm
- The Derek Moore Award for outstanding service to Suffolk's environment: Dr Charles Beardall OBE

Find the full **list** of Greenest County Awards categories at greensuffolk.org.

Sudbury care home crowned Olympics champions

On 15 July it was reported that Red House Residential Home in Sudbury has been crowned 2019 Suffolk Care Home Olympics champions.

They beat 38 other care homes from across the county to win the title.

The annual competition, now in its third year, aims to give care home residents a fun and enjoyable experience of sport, whilst highlighting the importance of physical activity within social care settings.

428 residents in 39 care settings across Suffolk competed in three sports (Boccia, fishing and curling) for a total of 239 hours over the winter and spring months with the top three homes then competing in a 'super-final' to decide the outright champions.

Chilton Court Care Home, Stowmarket, and Haughgate House Nursing Home, Woodbridge, were runners-up to Red House.

Sian Brown, activity co-ordinator at Red House, said:

"Taking part in the Suffolk Care Home Olympics has been so much fun. Our residents have loved being part of it and to be overall winners is the icing on the cake.

"The residents said that being able to participate in the Games made them feel younger. Since taking part we have purchased our own Boccia set and now play regularly."

Suffolk businesses celebrated for reducing carbon emissions

On 10 July 2019, an event was held at one of Suffolk's most sustainable business centres to celebrate the carbon reduction efforts of over 400 Suffolk and Norfolk businesses.

Since their launch in 2010, Suffolk Carbon Charter awards have been presented to hundreds of businesses who show commitment to reducing their carbon emissions, as part of Suffolk's ambitions for Creating the Greenest County.

Lord Deben, founder of Suffolk's Creating the Greenest County partnership in 2007, was a guest speaker at the event held at Freckenham-based property developers, Woolley.

Many projects have been developed under the Creating the Greenest County banner since 2007. The partnership continues to work with local communities and businesses to help realise the environmental and economic benefits of reducing energy consumption, adapting to climate change and enhancing the natural environment.

Professor Nic Bury, Professor of Environmental Toxicology at the University of Suffolk, was also a guest speaker at the event, and said:

"This event recognises the excellent work businesses in Suffolk are making in reducing their carbon footprint to Create the Greenest County. These organisations are inspirational and show what can be achieved. We face numerous environmental issues, widespread environmental pollution and biodiversity loss.

"We need to recognise how important the natural environment is to our wellbeing and place nature at the forefront of our thinking, whether as individuals or businesses. When we accept this, innovative solutions to some of the most difficult environmental issues will evolve."

The event was sponsored by Business Energy Efficiency Anglia, which provides energy efficiency grants to eligible businesses in Suffolk and Norfolk. BEE Anglia is co-financed by the European Union with £4,161,880 through the European Regional Development Fund.

To find out more about how your business can benefit from the Suffolk Carbon Charter, Business Energy Efficiency Anglia and other projects to support your environmental ambitions, visit www.greensuffolk.org.

Consultation launches on the county's Green Access Strategy

Communities are being invited to have their say on the Green Access Strategy - Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

The County Council, under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000), is required to put together this plan which identifies changes that will improve rights of way provision for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and those with mobility problems.

The plan, which looks at rights of way access up until 2026, details why green access is so relevant to Suffolk's population and its visitors, and it focuses on how green access can benefit quality of life.

Suffolk County Council built the strategy on previous work, research and engagement with a range of consultees, such as the Suffolk Local Access Forum, parish councils, local businesses, landowners, users and non-user groups.

The public consultation opened on Monday 8th July 2019 and runs until Friday 20th September. The consultation will provide the Council with final feedback before the plan is presented to Cabinet later this year.

Councillor Mary Evans, Suffolk County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Rural Issues said:

"The Green Access Strategy represents our commitment as a council to make the very most of the rights of way network and to provide our residents, our business community and our visitors with an array of different and innovative opportunities to use, enjoy and benefit from green access."

To find out more about the consultation and how you can have your say visit: www.suffolk.gov.uk/rowip.

A paper copy of the survey can be requested by calling, 0345 603 1842 or emailing discoversuffolk@suffolkhighways.org. You can also complete the survey over the phone by calling 0345 603 1842.

Ipswich Northern Route Consultation

On 5 July 2019, the Ipswich Northern Route Consultation began. Eleven drop-in sessions were held throughout July where members of the public could find out about the project and speak with the team.

The consultation has been jointly developed by Suffolk County Council, Ipswich Borough, East Suffolk and Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils. It is also supported by West Suffolk Council.

The public are being asked to comment on three proposed routes for the new road to the north of Ipswich, which will enable better journeys across Suffolk as well as enable future growth.

The three potential routes for a new east/west link between the A12 and A14 corridors are:

- An inner corridor from Martlesham to Claydon
- A middle corridor from Woodbridge to
- An outer corridor from Melton to the A140 near Needham Market.

This consultation is the first step in the process to present the emerging options and allow members of the community to comment on the project.

The results of this consultation will feed into a Strategic Outline Business Case for the project and will inform whether or not the project continues.

The consultation information and questionnaire are available at www.ipswichnorthernroute.org.uk and the consultation will run until Friday 13 September 2019.

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