

## **Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council (LTC) Written Representation Issue Specific Hearing 14 – The Development Consent Order, Deed of Obligation and Allied Documents**

The points Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council has to make in relation to this hearing are mostly of a general nature. We support the efforts of the district and county councils and the examiners to tighten the wording of the DCO, Deed of Obligation and CoCP to ensure that the obligations placed on the applicant, developer and contractor are clear and enforceable.

### **Agenda point 11 Any Other Matters**

We have asked for representation on the main development site forum. This request has not been addressed either by the councils or by the applicant. There is little information on the makeup of this forum.

Arrangements for the community forums and how they might interact with other forums involved in the governance of the project remain unclear (as laid out in the Draft DoO 8.17). There is a development in a footnote to Clause 5 (p131) *The role of Community Groups is currently the subject of active debate – but the shared intention is that groups should have the opportunity to make their views known to the DSG.* We are pleased to see this but would like some further, firmer and clearer assurances.

The complaints procedure as set out in 8.11 CoCP 3.1.51 (p18) has been strengthened by ensuring that the complaints log is passed on to statutory authorities on a monthly basis. We welcome this, but remain concerned that this scrutiny may not be sufficient or sufficiently independent.

There would almost certainly be issues arising that have not been foreseen and need mitigation. This is the reason why the community forum and voices for the community in the governance structure is so important. The district and county councils do not necessarily have the very local knowledge that would be required. We believe both these points are essential should the project be given consent so that the interests of local communities during the construction period can be protected.

*No link to join this meeting was sent to me and I did not realise until I tried to sign in at the start of the meeting. However, I listened to the whole hearing online and as a result have the following additional comments.*

*We would support the County Council and that of Paul Collins in attempts to clarify 'reasonable endeavours'. The 'long-stop' position is an improvement but it really is important that the developer, whoever this eventually is, can be held to account.*

*Concern was expressed by various interested parties about the amount of consultation with local communities undertaken by the district and county councils and EDF. Fortunately, LTC has had extensive consultation on traffic with SCC and EDF and relevant representation meetings but nevertheless some of our issues remain undiscussed, eg governance.*