

Questionnaires on public rights of way

Survey notification – 30/3/22

Survey work will shortly be carried out on existing Public Rights of Way in the area, in relation to the proposed Sizewell C nuclear power project.

These surveys aim to gather information on the levels of recreational use of sites around the proposed Sizewell C site. This will be achieved through face-to-face questionnaires, where staff will approach people within the area to ask them a series of questions about their recreational use of the area.

They are proposed to commence at several locations on existing Public Rights of Way and in areas of open access over the next few weeks.

We will, if planning permission is given, continue to monitor key locations surrounding Sizewell C throughout the construction phase and into the operational phase, helping to ascertain the effects of the project on recreational use. The current activity is intended to provide a baseline of data ahead of construction. This will inform decision-making on whether further mitigations are necessary during the construction phase so as to protect local habitats and species.

The questionnaire surveys will be carried out in areas of open public access, during daylight hours.

This survey work does not assume that planning permission will be granted for Sizewell C, as this is currently being considered by the Secretary of State, nor does it indicate work is beginning on the construction of the project.