

Halesworth Fen Meadow - Blyth Road

BACKGROUND INFORMATION - JUNE 2024

Halesworth 'Fen Meadow' is one of 3 sites which have been agreed and planned as part of Sizwell C mitigation, to replace the land lost at Sizewell Fen Meadow. The Sizewell C (SZC) proposals will lead to the permanent loss of approximately 0.46 ha of 'fen meadow' habitat from the Sizewell Marshes. Natural England advised that 'the extent of compensatory habitat required is 9x that which would be destroyed by the development' SZC Co. is proposing to deliver 4.14 ha of compensatory fen meadow habitat, distributed across three sites.

The 3 new compensatory habitats are BENHALL, HALESWORTH and PAKENHAM.

The Halesworth site is off the Blyth Road.



Works to create Halesworth Fen Meadow began in June 2024. There will be 3 phases:

1. July - Sept 2024 Construction of site access, compound and archeological works
2. April - Sept 2025 - Construction of the site to establish Fen Meadow

Anyone can track the progress with Works Tracker

<https://www.szcworkstracker.co.uk/track-a-project/?filter-parish=halesworth&filter-postcode=&filter-start-date=&filter-end-date=&filter-scheme=&filter-activity=>

Fen Meadow Background/RK

The Planning Application Documents

DC/22/4865/DRR | Discharge of Requirement 25 (Fen Meadow) of Sizewell C Development Consent Order | Sizewell C And Associated Development Sites Suffolk.

6th and 7th document down, relate to Halesworth 'Fen Meadow Plan Halesworth Rev 2', at this link:

https://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=RMTR88QX07400&fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR14Ce1449IKt2RLI9_o8TtkldTPsB34TMyn7-kpn7-SQvRP9ATyHn-Spz8_aem_u7_BTH2Sgglj2v4QAOrtw

PDF The Dizewell C Project - Fen Meadow Plan

[https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010012/EN010012-008030-SZC%20Co.%20-%20Other-%20Control%20Document%20-%20Fen%20Meadow%20Strategy%20\(clean\).pdf](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010012/EN010012-008030-SZC%20Co.%20-%20Other-%20Control%20Document%20-%20Fen%20Meadow%20Strategy%20(clean).pdf)

The delivery of the 3 sites:

Benhall to be delivered in 2023, pre-Commencement. This enables early establishment of habitat.

- Halesworth to be delivered in 2024, in Year 1 following Commencement as assumed in the Sizewell C Implementation Plan, secured by Schedule 9 of the Deed of Obligation. Halesworth has the smallest volume of surplus material to move to the main development site and therefore it is proposed to deliver Halesworth the subsequent spring/summer to Benhall, in 2024. This is feasible because there is sufficient headroom in the HGV limits in this period.
- Pakenham is the largest of the fen meadow sites and will be delivered at the latest by 2026. Pakenham is the largest site to deliver and has the greatest amount of surplus material to deliver to the main development site.