

Government backs Sizewell C after reports nuclear power plant could be scrapped

The government says it still supports the Sizewell C nuclear power plant and is hoping to get a deal over the line to fully fund the project as soon as possible.

Funding towards the Suffolk plant totalling £700m [was signed off by Boris Johnson](#) at the start of September in one of his last acts as prime minister.

But the site's future was cast into doubt overnight after reports claimed it was being reviewed [ahead of the chancellor's autumn statement](#) in just under two weeks – with Treasury sources telling Sky News “all options are on the table” to fill the fiscal black hole in government finances.

Now, Rishi Sunak's official spokesperson says the reports are “not accurate” and “our position remains the same”, adding negotiations are “ongoing and constructive”.

The £20bn Sizewell C project aims to generate enough low-carbon electricity to supply six million homes and help protect the UK from energy market volatility.

The plant is a joint endeavour with French energy giant EDF and is expected to take a decade to build.

While it has the backing of the Labour Party and unions, critics say the plans are too expensive and the new power source will take too long to come online.

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