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To: [SizewellC](#)
Subject: Re: Letter from Suffolk NGOs re EDF's handling of the Sizewell C DCO planning process
Date: 05 November 2020 19:23:55

Thank you Michele

Yes, please accept this as a formal submission to the Examining Authority

Best wishes,

Alison

On Thu, Nov 5, 2020 at 12:37 PM SizewellC <sizewellc@planninginspectorate.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Alison Downes

Thank you for your correspondence, addressed to Robert Jenrick, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, and copied to the Planning Inspectorate.

Please can you confirm if this is intended as a formal submission to the Examining Authority appointed to examine the application by NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for The Sizewell C Project or if this has been copied to the Planning Inspectorate for information only?

Many thanks

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To: Robert Jenrick, Secretary of State Housing Communities and Local Government

cc Alok Sharma, Secretary of State for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy
cc PINS, EDF

Dear Secretary of State,

We are writing to complain about EDF's cavalier, disrespectful and irregular actions in respect of the Sizewell C planning process, which has resulted in confusion and dismay among affected residents, organisations and communities.

By 30 September, when the Section 56 period closed, nearly 1,300 Relevant Representations had been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in response to EDF's application. On 15 October EDF issued a press release, announcing its intention to make changes to its application so significant that further public consultations are needed. No more information was forthcoming until 23 October, but we now know that EDF filed its documents with PINS on 6 October; mere days after the close of Section 56. It is evident that EDF's new proposals have been developing for some weeks at least, therefore we find it incredible that they did not pause the Section 56 period to hold consultations, and then resume the process afterwards?

Suffolk people and NGOs have gone to considerable effort to engage with the Sizewell C process and support each others' ability to do so; simultaneously grappling with an application of 56,000 pages whilst dealing with the pandemic - during which many NGO staff were furloughed - and other concurrent critical local issues including the Scottish Power Renewables DCO examination. Some NGOs have used scarce funds commissioning experts to look at technical aspects of plans that will now change.

As a result of EDF's refusal to pause the Section 56 process, 1,300 Relevant Representations may no longer be "relevant". All concerned parties must respond to a new consultation by EDF, and collectively we face the possibility that we may have to review and possibly re-write our Relevant Representations in which valuable time, resources and energy had been invested, at a time when covid-19 restrictions will continue to make accessing DCO documents difficult. Newly affected people will wish to register as interested parties.

EDF has clearly decided to change its proposals in recognition of the strong negative reactions to its DCO application. Dan Poulter MP now opposes Sizewell C, as do at least 24 Town and Parish Councils. Suffolk County Council "cannot support" the proposals and Therese Coffey MP has also expressed significant concerns. Yet none of the issues they - and we - raise are new; they have been consistently conveyed by councils and individuals for the last 8 years.

Rising opposition to Sizewell C is testament to EDF's profound failure to explain, reassure and bring people on board in the years since it began consultations in 2012. EDF should face tough questions from the Planning Inspectorate and Ministers alike about this failure, and about the arrogance that is forcing local people to jump through unnecessary hoops and shoulder an intolerable burden when there are so many other critical matters to be concerned with. We urge you to tell EDF - and PINS - that, should EDF's new proposals be accepted for examination, that the DCO timetable should be restarted.

Yours sincerely,

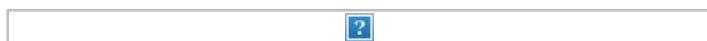
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