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Dear Michele Gregory

Local groups here in East Suffolk have a number of concerns about the proposed timetable for the Sizewell C examination. Please therefore could you read the attached letter, which sets out our concerns. It has been seen and approved by all the signatories.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely  
Rachel Fulcher, Coordinator  
Suffolk Coastal Friends of the Earth



27 February 2021

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Dear Michele Gregory

**The Sizewell C Project, EN010012: proposed changes**

I am writing on behalf of Suffolk Coastal Friends of the Earth and all the other groups who are signatories to this letter, namely Suffolk Preservation Society, B1122 Action Group, Stop Sizewell C, Minsmere Levels Stakeholder Group, Shut Down Sizewell Campaign, TASC, Middleton-cum-Fordley Parish Council and Anglian Energy Planning Alliance.

Having just received the draft Examination Timetable, we are all very concerned that we will not know whether or not Sizewell C Co's changes have been accepted as material until some time after the Preliminary Meeting has been held. This presents considerable problems to us as Interested Parties.

While we fully appreciate that this meeting is not about the content of the proposals, but rather how the examination will be conducted, nevertheless we would wish to make full use of the opportunity to make certain requests. If we do not know precisely what the content of the application will be by the start of this meeting, then this will be very difficult for us. For example, we may wish to ensure that certain aspects of the application will be properly covered in the examination. We cannot do this if we do not know whether certain issues have in fact been accepted as part of that examination.

It is difficult enough for us already, bearing in mind that the applicant, according to their own documents, is unsure whether the proposed changes are achievable.

We are also perplexed as to how the Principal Issues can be selected before all the issues have been confirmed.

Can you tell us at what point after the PM the decision on materiality will have been made? Some of our groups have expensive experts awaiting the decision on the changes. As professional people, they are complaining that they will not have sufficient time to give us the necessary advice and do justice to the Written Representations. This, quite naturally, is of great concern to them, as well as to ourselves. If we brief them now, which we really need to do, they will have to incorporate both the original application as well as the changes, which means doubling up on the work. This will be much more expensive for us. It is already extremely difficult for local groups and charities to raise the funds necessary to pay for expert advice.

We feel that, as Interested Parties, we are being put at a serious disadvantage concerning our ability to respond adequately to the Sizewell C proposals. This is a highly complex application. We need to know when precisely the decision on materiality of the changes will be made and will therefore form part of the Development Consent Order or otherwise. It is crucial that we have sufficient time between the making of this decision and the deadline for submission of Written Representations.

We would be grateful, therefore, if you could give us guidance on the following:

- a) How can we make best use of the PM, bearing in mind that we will not know at the outset what precisely will be in the DCO documents?
- b) When exactly will the decision on materiality be made in relation to the draft timetable?
- c) How long will we have between the making of the decision and deadline for submission of Written Representations?

We look forward to hearing further from you,

Yours sincerely

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Also:

*Fiona Cairns*, Suffolk Preservation Society

*Roy Dowding*, Middleton-cum-Fordley Parish Council

*Charles Macdowell*, B1122 Action Group

*Alison Downes*, Stop Sizewell C (TEAGS)

*Paul Collins*, Minsmere Levels Stakeholder Group

*Pete Wilkinson*, Together Against Sizewell C (TASC)

*Daphne Havart*, Shut Down Sizewell Campaign

*Graeme Murray*, Anglian Energy Planning Alliance