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Dear Sirs

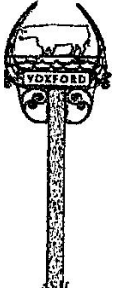
EDF Energy - Sizewell C ('the Applicant')
Yoxford Parish Council ('the Council')
Registration Number: 20026527

Accompanied Site Inspections

The Council notes that the Applicant has provided a draft itinerary to the Examining Authority for the Accompanied Site Inspections (ASI) and that the Examining Authority invites comments and suggestions, including justification, for locations to be included in the ASI by Deadline 1.

The Council requests the following additions:

1. A Council representative to be present at the Northern Park and Ride site and at the Yoxford Roundabout to point out:
 - The footpaths used by Yoxford people walking to and from Darsham rail station notwithstanding the busy A12;
 - The site of the proposed new development (120 houses) between Darsham rail station and Westleton Road, including the pedestrian islands proposed on the A12 and the impact on traffic flow at the A12/Westleton Road junction;



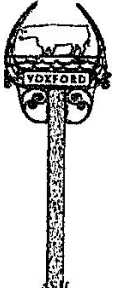
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- The issue of pedestrian crossings at the Yoxford Roundabout and how can they be safely provided.
- 2. Extend the ASI, accompanied by a Council representative, to look at:
 - Junction A12 with A1120 and Old High Road with A12, explaining the existing problems of turning across the traffic (either way at both junctions);
 - The challenges pedestrians face crossing the A12 near the A12/A1120 junction;
 - The proximity of houses in the village to the A1120 including places where houses are directly adjacent to the road and there is no pavement;
 - The A1120 from the A12 through the village to the 30mph sign towards Sibton pointing out in particular:
 - The winding nature of the road and various 'blind' corners;
 - Houses of a heritage nature in a Conservation Area built close to the road - issues of vibration, noise and pollution;
 - The parking of vehicles throughout the village which, effectively, at busy times makes this only limited two-way traffic;
 - The area between Horners' shop and the Church where passing trade parks and pulls out having used the shop which will become more dangerous with increasing traffic;
 - Strickland Manor Hill junction. No through road but a housing estate plus many individual houses, totalling 100 properties, live up there. Issue of turning out on to A1120 either way at semi-blind corner;
 - The lack of footpath along the A1120 to the cemetery;
 - The existing problems generated by HGV's and volume of traffic at peak times on this route.

The nature of these roads and junctions means that the increase in traffic resulting from Sizewell C will not only have a major impact on the community in Yoxford, but the increased delays and potential accidents that will result will also have a deleterious effect on the project itself and those working on it who use this route.

Draft s.106 Agreement

The s.106 agreement is an important document for the Council as it will be one of the few ways for the Council to try to hold the Applicant to account for its undertakings and legal obligations. The Council wishes to register its interest in the s.106 agreement and insists that it must be given the opportunity to comment on its final form before it is formally agreed. It is not acceptable that the Council should be expected to rely on the Local Authorities to finalise the agreement, which takes account of the Council's interests, without consultation.



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The draft s.106 agreement has numerous blanks and several errors and is therefore largely meaningless to the Council in its present form. Specifically at this stage, the Council wishes to raise the following issues:

1. The Council disagrees that resolution of disputes under the s.106 agreement is to an Expert. Other than for minor matters, it should be to the courts to resolve disputes so as to enable affected parishes to have a say.
2. 'Schedule 12 Noise' – this is an important section for the Council, but the Schedule is entirely blank.
3. 'Schedule 16 Transport' – this is probably the most important section for the Council and the critical parts depend on the definitions of 'Construction Traffic Management Plan' and 'Construction Worker Traffic Plan'. Both are defined by reference to attachments, but these are not available. In addition, there is a definition of 'Parishes' which is blank. The definition is important as parishes potentially affected by the Applicant's transport proposals (including the Council) should either be part of what is defined as the 'Transport Review Group' or at least be consulted on relevant matters.

Issue Specific Hearings

The Council wishes to attend all Issue Specific Hearings with the exception of those which are outside its remit such as the Southern Park and Ride site, the A14 Freight Management Facility and the Two Villages Bypass. The Council requests that the Examining Authority provides a provisional timetable and list of topics for the Council to review prior to formally registering its intention to attend the Issue Specific Hearings.

Yours faithfully

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