

The Sizewell C Project Development Consent Order Application
Planning Inspectorate Reference: EN010012

**Summary of Relevant Representation from the Royal Society for the Protection of
Birds**

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The RSPB's overarching concerns and the focus of our representations include the following:

- Detailed designs for key features are missing;
- The Shadow Habitats Regulation Assessment and Environmental Statement do not assess the *total impacts* of the project;
- Insufficient data, lack of robust assessments, and insufficient consideration of effectiveness and efficacy of mitigation in the EIA;
- Some mitigation and monitoring plans have not yet been produced;
- Lack of detail in the required mitigation, monitoring and management plans;
- Adequacy of proposed marsh harrier compensatory foraging habitat and proposed Sizewell Marshes SSSI habitat compensation;
- Potential impacts on the coherence of the RSPB's land holding and its associated management; and
- The legal and policy requirements applicable to this Application, the Examination process and associated additional consents, licences and permissions required.

In addition, the RSPB has concerns around the following specific issues:

- coastal processes
- hydrology (including impacts on water quantity and water chemistry)
- noise and visual disturbance
- increased recreational pressure
- land take from Sizewell Marshes SSSI (including impacts of the SSSI crossing)
- marine ecology
- protected species
- the landscape strategy
- net gain; and
- the number of visitors visiting the locality and RSPB Minsmere and their visitor experience.

The RSPB