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The proposed site is far too small to accommodate two new reactors and their ancillary buildings. Historic Coronation Wood has already been clear felled just to fit in a car park on B site to try to make more room for C. Wanton environmental vandalism in my opinion.

The site is situated on a receding coast and will become an island when sea levels inevitably rise. Dangerous radioactive waste from the two new reactors will be stored on site, along with that from Sizewell B, posing a risk for hundreds of years. This will be the heritage we leave for future generations on this 'THE Heritage Coast'.

An area of AONB and SSSI will be taken for the build and more protected land, such as the vegetated shingle beach, detrimentally effected. Valuable farmland will be concreted over for new roads and roundabouts. A huge number of precious trees and hedges and swathes of wildlife rich habitat will be sacrificed.

There will be unacceptable impacts on the flora and fauna of this special area that cannot be mitigated or compensated for. The proposed new fen meadows that have been offered are miles from Sizewell and how can EDF think they can just replicate complex habitat that has taken hundreds of years to develop. The area earmarked for fen meadow at Halesworth is next to an industrial estate, a sewage works and is bounded on one side by a busy access road that doubles up as a car, truck and lorry park and on another side by a footpath to the Millennium Green. The field is also very close to arable farmland and it is probable that the stream and drains running through it are polluted by chemical runoff.

I am also worried about damage to marine life. Many tons of fish, fish eggs, fry, crustaceans and larvae will be killed each year by being sucked in to the cooling systems of the plant from the sea. Sizewell B is already doing this but C will increase this amount by nearly 3 times.

There will be a huge amount of extra traffic on local roads in the form of cars, vans, buses and thousands of HGV's for the length of the build. The proposal that workers may travel for 90 minutes to the Park and Ride sites is very worrying. That is a huge radius and a potential for clogging up our already busy roads and creating rat runs in our backroads and lanes. Especially during the summer when holiday makers are coming to the coast. Imagine the chaos when Suffolk hosts many of its music and arts festivals that are nationally and internationally famous and attract thousands of visitors.

Because it is a beautiful area we have a thriving tourist industry on this Heritage Coast which is worth millions of pounds a year and employs thousands of local people. This valuable part of the local economy would suffer when we are overwhelmed by traffic, light, noise, pollution and the visual impact along the coast. Visitors will seek more tranquil unspoilt areas to stay, well away from the chaos and confusion. And who would blame them? BUT this is not an option for those of us who live here. I have lived in Suffolk for well over 50 years. I will now have to endure, probably for the rest of my life, the spoliation of the area that I know and love and, slightly misquoting Prince Charles, witness the growth of a carbuncle on the face of the much loved friend that is our beloved coast and our beautiful county.

Please don't let this happen to us.