

Written Response to SZC consultation

I wish to make a short but positive submission to the Sizewell C enquiry because I believe there is a disproportionate level of negative and misleading sentiment being circulated from both the green/environmental lobby and recent newcomers to the area.

As a Suffolk resident and businessman for the past 35-years, I was very aware of the construction of Sizewell B and of the positive economic affect it had on the County & Region. However, I see the social and economic advantages of Sizewell C as secondary to the significant benefit of having our own home grown, domestically generated electricity.

This last point is key when considering the geo-political environment surrounding electricity generated from fossil fuels (gas) and imported power (undersea cables) which account for 44% and 12% of our electricity, respectively.

Furthermore, with the gradual move away from fossil fuels across all applications, our electricity requirement will probably double in the next 2 to 3 decades.

In short, the strategic benefit of building Sizewell C in terms of both energy requirements and self-sufficiency is overwhelming.

Turning to the other benefits of this project, during the construction of Sizewell C, at least £125 million per year will enter the local economy and £40 million per year during its subsequent years of operation. It will provide a massive boost to local jobs and skills during the build period, with 900 highly skilled staff permanently employed once the station is up and running.

When in operation, Sizewell C will generate enough non-carbon energy to power 6 million homes over a 60-year period. It will save 9 million tonnes of CO2 every year and will make a massive contribution to this country's legal commitment to a net-zero economy.

In my humble opinion, the four points detailed above present a simple but very persuasive case for approving the go-ahead of Sizewell C construction and the sooner the better.

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