

I write in my capacity as CEO of West Suffolk College and the Suffolk Academies Trust, which includes One Sixth Form College and Abbeygate Sixth Form College. Collectively we educate over one third of young people aged between 16-18 in the county.

Sizewell C is an important and exciting initiative for our community, and we have welcomed the way in which EDF has sought to engage both with us and our students over recent months and years. Even at this stage, EDF is providing opportunity and positively developing relationships that will enhance the life chances of our students.

What cannot be underestimated, however, is the wider impact that an infrastructure project of this size will have. The workforce needs of our region will need to evolve, and the inward investment into the local education community will further enhance what we are already able to offer not just to our young people, but also those seeking career changes or are upskilling at later points in their careers.

This is a real opportunity for Sizewell C to be a catalyst for us delivering on region's skills agenda, and we look forward to continuing to develop a positive working relationship with EDF.