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SizewellC

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Dear Planning Inspectorate

I want to register my strong objection to Sizewell C for the following reasons:-

- 1. EDF's Economic Statement fails to meet the minimum requirements of the legislation, with no serious attempt to measure the deterrent effect on tourists and their expenditure, traffic congestion or competition for skills and labour.
- 2. EDF claim approximately 2,400 jobs will be available for local people, including those travelling from up to 90 minutes away, I do not believe that a 90 minutes commute can be considered 'local'. Most of the local jobs will be menial. 76% of the construction workforce will come from further away still, so will have to be accommodated in the area. Many of the new jobs will be recruited from existing local businesses having a detrimental effect on viability.
- 3. The disruption and chaos which will be caused during the many years of preparation and construction will have a <u>major</u> impact on tourism and local businesses, threatening "profitability and, in some cases, viability". The Minsmere reserve attracts 120,000 visitors annually bringing £7million to the economy and supporting 200 jobs. The RSPB are wholly against this proposal because not only will it have an impact on visitors, most importantly, it will endanger the unique habitats and species that thrive there
- 4. Traffic during busy times (morning and evening rush hours, weekends and throughout the holiday seasons) is already a huge strain on the area and surrounds but the (proposed) build of Sizewell C will exacerbate this and make living in the immediate and surrounding areas a nightmare. With 10,000 extra vehicles on the road network, many of which will use the A12, an already dangerous road for users is just going to be untenable.
- Car Parks for 3,000 vehicles at Wickham Market and Darsham will have a major impact and loss of amenity and 3,000 vehicles for all those travelling from outside the area.
- Construction lorries travelling to and from the construction site will devastate many local villages as rat runs will develop at peak periods that will affect villages and hamlets far and wide in Suffolk.
- 5. The enormous negative impact on Minsmere and Site of Special scientific interest. If the plant goes ahead, being built on part of Sizewell marshes, a designated site of special scientific interest, will be a complete disaster. The Sizewell C development on the Sizewell Estate abuts the southern boundary of Minsmere. This would be catastrophic for wildlife. The building work may very well increase erosion, upsetting the delicate balance of the reserve. It could affect the water levels in Minsmere's ditches, impacting its rare wetland wildlife, which includes bitterns, otters and ducks. Once the construction is in progress, it will no doubt increase levels of noise and light pollution. Rare marsh harriers, breeding ducks and geese and wading birds are very sensitive to this. The effects will be long-term and irreparable. The site will impact all of the above enormously and detrimentally, if the plant is allowed to go ahead. It will also be adjacent to the southern boundary of the RSPB Minsmere nature reserve Ramsar (internationally important wetland) site and special protection area. Minsmere is one of only five sites in Britain to receive the Council of Europe, European Diploma for protected areas award. Once this fragile environment is gone, it will be gone forever and many species that demand our protection, denied that, and gone forever from this site.
- 6. Safety is an issue that very much concerns me, I believe this project is in completely the wrong place (but in my opinion, **any** place would be the wrong place), the coast is too exposed.

In summary, these proposals are completely unnecessary. They will involve a minimum of 10 to 15

years of disruption and DESTRUCTION. Less than a year ago Boris Johnson said: "We believe that in 10 years' time offshore wind will be powering every home in the country, with our target rising from 30 gigawatts to 40 gigawatt. Your kettle, your washing machine, your cooker, your heating, your plugin electric vehicle – the whole lot of them will get their juice cleanly and without guilt from the breezes that blow around these islands." In that case, why is it necessary to build another nuclear power station?

Please consider my objections as I know many of my fellow villagers are of the same opinion, let alone many, many more in surrounding villages, throughout Suffolk and indeed the rest of the UK.

Yours Sincerely

Elizabeth Green

