

WRITTEN SUBMISSION ON SIZEWELL C AT DEADLINE 7:

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CONCERNS ARISING FROM ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARINGS 8-10
HELD ON 25-27 AUGUST 2021

Firstly, I would again like to thank the Planning Inspectors for enabling me to register as an Interested Party and contribute to the hearings. Although I asked to speak at only one of these three hearings (IST 8- written submission 4464) I observed both IST 8 and 9 in full. Once again the consistent courtesy and patience of the examiners was much appreciated, as was their fairmindedness. Thank you.

As usual the hearings were very informative but, sadly, added to the concerns I expressed to you in my written submissions at Deadline 2 (' Sizewell C: A Strategic Mistake: submission 2766) and at Deadline 5 (' Key Issues arising from Issue Specific Hearings 1-7: submission 3813). In particular I have increasing concerns about how the project, if approved by Government, will be supervised and 'policed', holding the construction and management organization responsible to account for the provisions of the DCO, Code of Construction, Deed of Obligation, and similar regulatory documents.

It is apparent locally, and this impression was reinforced in IST 9, that there are significant differences between the positions of Suffolk County Council (SCC) and East Suffolk Council (ESC) towards the project. ESC often appears to adopt a position with significantly more affinity towards the Applicant's position, including their attitude to the regulatory framework, than SCC. This position has not gone unchallenged; recently two Conservative Councilors for the Aldburgh and Leiston ward resigned because they could not support the ESC position. In the subsequent by-election one was replaced by a Green Councilor and the Greens failed to secure the second post by only single figure votes.

I would welcome clarification on how and by whom the Applicant, or whoever assumes responsibility for delivering the project, will be held to account and the interests of the residents of Suffolk safeguarded: ESC or SCC or a combination of both? Will either authority, separately or in combination, have sufficient technical expertise, staff capacity and legal authority to enforce compliance and respond to the reasonable concerns of their residents and parishes?

This issue is of particular concern because of the consistent attempts by the Applicant during the examination process to minimize enforceable obligations, transparency and accountability.

It may be that ISH 14 provides an opportunity to clarify the situation and provide some reassurance.

Yours Sincerely

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3 September 2021