From:

SizewellC

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Dear Sir/Madam

At Tuesday's (5th October) SZC Issue Specific Hearing, EDF has stated that no long term, sustainable potable water supply has been identified for the operation of Sizewell C. Very late in proceedings EDF has put forward proposals for how water might be supplied to meet the shortfall of available potable water during construction (delivered by road tanker and/or a temporary desalinisation).

In addition to the considerable concerns that these short-term supply methods raise, it seems complete folly to be even considering these proposals without first resolving a sustainable and long-term secure water supply to operate SZC!

I simply **do not** understand how the planning application for SZC can even be being considered or granted consent without the availability of such a fundamental resource being considered/resolved at the very outset.

East Anglia is known to be one of the driest and drought prone areas in the country and as such it is very unlikely a long-term water supply will be available in the locality. The regional water companies are already struggling to meet essential and existing demand. Any alternative long-term water supplies are therefore likely to involve substantial projects such as permanent desalination plants, winter reservoirs etc – all of which will require adequate assessment and be subject to their own planning processes. All of this will add considerable cost, both monetary and environmental to SZC.

This can only lead to the conclusion that SZC is the wrong project in the wrong place. The time and investment would be better diverted to renewable energy production and to projects where the obvious fundamentals are fully considered at the earliest stage.

Yours sincerely

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