Dear Planning Inspectorate.

Ref EN010012

Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council has found it particularly difficult to reach a view on this application for Non-Material Changes to the Sizewell C Development Consent Order.

The Council acknowledges the potential wider benefits arising from the proposals, particularly the anticipated reduction in HGV movements, improvements to construction logistics, and the efficiencies associated with the use of the railhead and the proposed Integrated Reinforcement Yard at the Land East of Eastlands Industrial Estate. These benefits are likely to reduce impacts across the wider district and are therefore welcomed.

However, the Council is disappointed that the proposals represent a departure from the original consented arrangements, whereby this area was intended to be used as temporary worker accommodation rather than a construction-related facility.

The Development Consent Order envisaged that the rail route through Leiston would primarily be used during the early stages of construction. The proposed change would result in its continued use throughout the construction period, making it a more significant concern for Leiston residents.

Whilst the Council accepts that these wider strategic benefits may support the case for the proposed Non-Material Change, we consider that the implications for residents of Leiston are of particular relevance. In particular, the proposal has the potential to increase localised noise, dust, disturbance and other construction-related impacts in closer proximity to residential areas than originally envisaged.

The Council therefore wishes the Secretary of State and Examining Authority to give careful consideration to the impacts on Leiston residents and to ensure that appropriate mitigation, monitoring and enforcement measures are secured should the application be approved

Yours sincerely,

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