

I wish to confirm my main comment made orally to the recent hearings.

This is that I would request that you investigate whether the refusal of the Sizewall site owners to make available the land needed to allow Sealink to terminate within the Sizewall site was reasonable. Termination within Sizewall would have several advantages most notably that it majorly strengthens grid resilience by providing two wholly independent grid routings for the large amount of power that will be produced there when Sizewall C comes onstream and it would eliminate the need for all the construction and infrastructure in and immediately outside the Suffolk Coast and Heaths National Landscape. I note that Nuclear Restoration Services announced recently that an area the size of a professional football pitch has been cleared, de-planted and demolished at the closed Sizewall A site ready for its next use. Please examine why that large site is not being made available to NGET for Sealink. Additionally within EDF's Sizewall B site there is a visitor centre, many administration offices and four large car parks so should the benefits of delivering Sealink on site not take priority over some of these? NGET had to accept EDF's refusal to give up space but, as inspectors, you have the ability to call the relevant parties to give evidence and assess whether the clear benefits outlined above should override EDFs "nice to haves". Given I think almost everyone accepts that the need for Sealink's grid reinforcement applies only from when Sizewall C comes on line - with your help there is plenty of time for the onshore termination in Suffolk to be revised.

In closing in addition to the above I would like to commend to you the excellent comments being made to you by local resident Marianne Fellowes who it seems to me is applying her local knowledge and expertise to assist you in your work. I support her submissions and am therefore not repeating the information she has and is giving to you.

Finally I attach the script for my presentation at the Oral hearing as I note the computer generated transcript does not always accurately record what I said.