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**Re: Notification in relation to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (the “Espoo Convention”) – proposal for a new nuclear power station (Sizewell C) at Leiston, Suffolk, England (Your Ref: EN010012-000892)**

Dear Mr. Price,

I refer to your letter of 31 October 2019 giving general notification in relation to the abovementioned proposed new nuclear electricity generating station, which is at pre-application stage in the UK’s development consent procedure. I note that your Secretary of State has screened the pre-application proposal for likely significant adverse transboundary effects in Ireland in accordance with the Espoo Convention and the EIA Directive, and is of the view the proposed development is not likely to have such effects on Ireland.

I wish to confirm, on behalf of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government and having consulted the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment which has competence for Environmental Radiation Policy, that the State does not wish to participate in your transboundary consultation procedure in relation to the proposed development at this pre-application stage. However, it is requested that the State be kept informed of this application proposal, as indicated in correspondence received from the Planning Inspectorate on 6 November 2019. In this regard, it is noted that you anticipate that a formal application for development consent for the proposal, which will be subject to environmental impact assessment, will be submitted in 2020 and that such application will be subject to screening for likely significant adverse transboundary effects.





Please ensure that any communications in this regard are also issued to [transboundaryeia@housing.gov.ie](mailto:transboundaryeia@housing.gov.ie)

Yours sincerely,



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