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The Planning Inspectorate
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: EDF New Nuclear Build's Sizewell C nuclear power station proposal

I am writing on behalf of Pettistree Parish Council.

During the pre-application process for the above, we have at all stages been increasingly concerned about the lack of environmental impact detail, as well as justifications for options chosen by EDF New Nuclear Build (EDF NNB). Our concerns relate to many aspects of the development that are widely applicable, apply to the construction site, and especially to the area within a few miles of Pettistree. We have been, and remain, dissatisfied with the responses from EDF to the specific points raised by us about our local environment at each of the Sizewell C Community Forum meetings, in that our concerns have either not been addressed or have had no effective mitigation measures proposed.

We believe that the public consultation has been inadequate and has not met the guidance associated with the Planning Act 2008 nor the original or updated Statement of Community Consultation. The arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic with the consequent restrictions on group and public meetings has made the later stages of the public consultation largely ineffective. This has been aggravated by the inability to share paper copies of documents.

Widely Applicable Concerns.

- Failure to be reassured that the chosen site is not vulnerable to flooding as climate change raises sea level.
- Difficult access to transport heavy bulk materials to a relatively remote site.
- Damaging effect on the local tourism industry during construction.
- Doubtful economic viability now that the cost of renewable energy has fallen.
- Failure to protect our roads by making use of sea transport for most heavy materials.
- Rejection of pleas by many councils and individuals to make better use of rail transport of materials.
- Inevitable serious congestion during the long construction period on major roads such as the A14 and the A12 near Woodbridge and Wickham Market.
- Damage and blockage of lanes and by-roads as traffic tries to avoid the congestion on the main roads.

- Associated damage to road verges, neighbouring old buildings, air pollution and noise.
- Failure to co-ordinate the planning of on-shore power transmission systems with the offshore energy supply providers, to the loss or detriment of our Suffolk countryside and environment.
- Failure to ensure that mitigation measures for roads and other transport will be in place before construction starts.
- Failure to convince Suffolk County Council of the correctness of the application.

Construction Site Concerns.

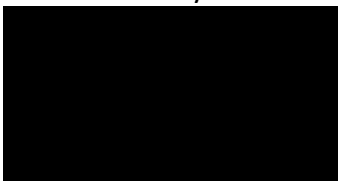
- Loss of local flora and fauna on land and sea as confirmed by RSPB and Suffolk Wildlife Trust
- Visual intrusion on the locality during construction from high cranes, spoil heaps and HGV traffic.
- Permanent Visual intrusion from the new pylons (rather than routing cables underground to the existing pylons).

Concerns within a few miles of Pettistree

- “Rat-runs” developing through the narrow lanes of Pettistree as traffic tries to avoid the inevitable congestion of the B1078 in Wickham Market approaching or leaving the Park-and-Ride just to the East of Wickham Market.
- Sizewell-bound HGVs will be monitored and banned from the small roads and lanes but there will be no restriction on any cars, large vans, and non-Sizewell HGVs from using our lanes to try to avoid the above congestion during construction.
- Damage to our old buildings that line our “rat-run” lanes from impacts, vibration and air pollution. Inconvenience and even injury from traffic on our narrow unlit lanes with no lighting or footways.
- Light pollution from the nearby Park and Ride spoiling our night sky view.
- Failure of EDF to find workable mitigation measures for the traffic congestion that will occur in Wickham Market. They report consultation with Wickham Market Parish Council but have not provided design expertise or assurance of financial support to provide a free-running traffic system and safe footpaths and footways for pedestrians, especially for children and the elderly on foot or mobility scooters.

I hope that these comments will be of help to the inspector who reviews the EDF application for Sizewell C.

Yours faithfully



Mr Jeffrey Hallett
Chairman, Pettistree Parish Council.