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Dear Sir/Madam,

TASC Reg'n no. 20026424

Please find below a copy of TASC's comments regarding EDF's current planning application to East Suffolk Council for the relocation of Sizewell B facilities, this issue also impacting on the consideration of EDF's DCO application for Sizewell C.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Wilson, for TASC

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**Subject:** STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday 20th January 2021

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## **TOGETHER AGAINST SIZEWELL C**

Dear Councillor,

### **PLANNING APPLICATION (HYBRID) DC/20/4646/FUL SIZEWELL B FACILITIES RELOCATION**

You are no doubt aware that East Suffolk Council formally approved the destruction of Coronation Wood in Suffolk Coast and Heaths area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in November 2019 to make way for EDF Sizewell C, which is still in the early days of the DCO planning process. This was despite over 100 objections from individuals, NGOs and statutory bodies.

Much to the dismay of TASC and many local residents, Coronation Wood has now been destroyed, in haste by EDF, even though they had not received a bat mitigation licence from Natural England and we believe may not have carried out appropriate reptile protection measures, possibly in contravention of the Countryside & Wildlife Act.

We are sure that, like TASC, many other residents and town and parish councils, there are East Suffolk Councillors who are confused and overwhelmed by the numerous scoping

reports, consultations, amendments and planning applications including those within the DCO planning process, since the original SZB facilities relocation plans were passed. Therefore, we are shocked that Councillors have not requested a site visit as this would enable them to see the site now it has almost been completely cleared, allowing them to familiarize themselves with what is planned and how it sits in the AONB and the proximity/impact on Sizewell Marshes SSSI.

TASC's major concerns with the current planning application are:-

All matters relating to the Western Access Road (plan no. 100073 relates to the road), including

- as far as the SZB site is concerned the new road is unnecessary as SZB already has an access road,

- the Western Access Road was not required to build SZB or its later facilities such as the Dry Fuel Store,

- that the new road is a backdoor to the Sizewell C site that EDF will attempt to use for thousands of construction vehicles in the first 2/3 years of the project: materials delivered by rail to the Eastlands Industrial Estate will be carried by road to SZC via the C228 Sizewell Road, thus enabling HGVs access to the SZC site before the B1122/SZC access road and SZC culvert is built and the green rail line is in place, and if this happens,

- thousands of HGVs, staff buses, cars and vans accessing the nuclear site during the early SZC build will be an intolerable burden on the C228 Sizewell Gap Road which is the only route available to Sizewell Beach, Sizewell residents, the Sizewell Caravan Park and the Christian Conference Centre, and is the only exit route in the event of an emergency (**the impact on the Emergency Plan must be considered**),

- the SZB outages every 18 months (scheduled for March 2021 and September 2022) with over 500 cars per day over an 8-week period, will add even more to traffic volumes,

- nothing appears to be suggested for better road management at the Crown Lodge junction of the Leiston/Sizewell Gap roads which is used as HGV access to and exit from the Eastlands Industrial Estate and this would be severely impacted when the Leiston rail line is in use.

None of the above appears to have been acknowledged in the Officer's Report and the Western Access Road was one of the many reasons why TASC believe that the SZB Facilities Relocation should only have been considered as part of the SZC DCO planning process. Sadly, as the Western Access Road, has already been approved in planning application DC/19/1637/FUL, **TASC feel that the best protection that can now be put in place is to ask that a condition is put on the Western Access Road that limits its use to the SZB licenced site only, and is not allowed to be used by the Sizewell C site.**

There is much in the order papers about the traffic of Scottish Power Renewables 1 and 2 road impact, but nothing about the impact SZC will have on the local roads if given consent. This seems very strange as surely it must also be taken into consideration.

TASC also note that NDA/Magnox have not agreed (at the time of writing) that the SZA land may be used for an outage lay down area. If there is no agreement, what are the plans for the lay down area? In other words, is there a Plan B?

TASC wish to draw to your attention the plan to dump the soil from the Coronation Wood

site onto the SZC platform (see plan no. 100087) and we understand this could start as early as Spring 2021. We are concerned that the **reptile surveys on the SZB Facilities Relocation site are insufficient, having been carried out too long ago and at the wrong time of year so there is no accurate baseline.** EDF's rush to clear the Coronation Wood site is likely to have killed hibernating snakes and lizards through ground impaction, and the future clearance of tree stumps is likely to kill more that may be hibernating underground, as well as any mammals such as hedgehogs in situ. **The Sizewell C platform is known to have a good population of lizards and snakes, so it is wrong to cover this with soil without an effectively managed translocation procedure in accordance with appropriate HBGI guidelines.** Referring to the Environment Agency response, because the spoil dumping raises the level of land in a Flood zone 3, we note their concern about **displacement of flood waters which could impact the Sizewell B Licenced Nuclear site.** Noting also from the EA response, that this dump could be in existence up to 2055 ,we believe the ONR should be contacted to give a far more considered view as to this potential impact than the current ONR response indicates. This should include confirmation that all flood defence work resulting from EDF's Japanese Earthquake response programme, has been carried out to the satisfaction of ONR.

TASC have concerns about the management plan for ensuring the survival of planting as part of this planning application given the poor state of some of EDF's previous attempts at planting in other parts of the Sizewell estate- dead plants/trees and abandoned plastic tree protectors. **TASC believe that someone other than EDF's own ecologists should have responsibility for overseeing the management of the planting.**

TASC therefore, along with other respondents, repeats its assertion that **this relocation is premature and damaging and should only be considered as part of the DCO.**

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