

Sizewell C Preliminary Hearing

IP 20026276 Comments the Alde and Ore Association wish to raise in the Preliminary Hearing

Agenda Item 4: Initial Assessment of Principal Issues

The Association would like to suggest that the list of Principal Issues should include

Coastal geomorphology, and processes and possible impact on them of the Proposed Development

The issues include:

-The impact on the length of Suffolk coast, not just the Greater Sizewell Bay, needs examination. The fragile and dynamic coast is not divided into separate and discreet sections. The Proposed Development could affect coastal defence or existing natural formations which contribute to the economy, settlements and environmental features at least as far south as Shingle Street.

-The Proposed Development is not a temporary structure- it will affect coastal processes for decades, possibly hundreds of years. and shingle recycling is proposed for a while. The potential impact needs examination.

-The original and the supplementary Application plans, are incomplete: they have not yet enabled a proper assessment of the impact on the coast.

-The proposed monitoring and mitigation plan is highly localised and time limited. It makes no allowance for longshore impacts in neighbouring parts of the coast- Policy Development Zone 5 (Thorpeness to Orfordness) of the Suffolk Shoreline Management Plan 2.

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Please can the Examination be delayed.

Suffolk County Council local elections mean between 24 March and 7 May Councillors and Council Staff may not be able to participate fully and effectively, particularly if any new aspects come forward.

Tourism is a very important economic sector in this area. Summer provides the busiest months. After covid restrictions are lifted, many businesses may be unable to participate as they will need to recoup their losses from the last year. August is a family holiday period.