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Response to EDF's Application to construct a new Nuclear Reactor at Sizewell

1. Technical Issues.

There were some major issues that made concentrating on the content of the two days difficult. The video frequently froze, the acoustic was often echoed, the live streaming did not always work. Given that it is vitally important for all participants to be able to follow the proceedings there needs to be an improvement in the technology . The second day the acoustics did improve.

The Planning Inspectorate should consider returning to in person meetings only, even if it means a delay. I ,for one, do not understand the need for the hurry when it has taken years to get to where we are now.

2. The timing of the Examination.

The Planning Inspectorate will not decide whether it will accept EDF's application or not until after the examination has begun. Given, in EDF's counsels' own words, the application is "unusually large and complex", the pressure on small organization becomes intolerable and against natural justice. It is imperative that PINS delay the the start of the examination until this decision has been taken. The Examining Authority has many devices whereby to achieve this.

EDF has not agreed a funding model with any of it's financial backers and it would appear that none will be agreed for some considerable time after the end of the examination.

Suffolk's County and District elections will take place on the 14th April. The cabinet appointments will be up to four weeks later meaning there will be no Sizewell C lead from April 14th until the end of May. This puts the people of Suffolk at a disadvantage yet again. No decisions about Sizewell should be made until end of May.

The number of people wanting to take part in Open Floor hearings means there has to be considerable flexibility in managing those events to ensure that people are given equal opportunity to participate.

### 3. Main Issues

#### Coastal Defences.

There is confusion about EDF's intentions regarding the sea defences for Sizewell. It would appear that EDF want to move this issue to the Office of Nuclear Regulations which in effect would stifle debate and openness regarding an extremely important issue for local people . Local residents cannot see the need for secrecy at this early stage of the development. All the while EDF ignore the need for openness in this fashion local people will naturally be suspicious of their motives. Better to be the good neighbour.

EDF's coastal defence plans are incomplete and late submission of applications for site licenses could lead to them not being available for the examination. Again leading to local people being refused full access to the details of the build - relying on the "Rochdale envelope" rather than being open and transparent with local residents. These issues must be examined in public.

EDF claim that they are the producers of "Clean Energy". EDF will be pumping out large amounts of pollutants before any benefit is obtained. Again this issue must be discussed openly.

The only reference to financing made by EDF is in regard to to compulsory purchase. There are many more financing needs beyond this single issue. The true cost of the project at this early stage could and should be shared with local residents.

There are already two nuclear stations at Sizewell. There is no evidence that a

serious attempt has been made to survey other sites to determine if they could be more suitable than Sizewell. EDF must undertake this work as a matter of urgency.

The borrow pits or quarries and spoil heaps will have an environmental impact on local residents. There is again a need to be sure that these are properly defined and discussed with EDF. There are many houses within a few metres of roads all of which are susceptible to dust and mud pollution.

#### 4. EDF's new proposals

The Planning Inspectorate will not decide to accept or not EDF's application until the examination has started. As stated earlier because of the "unusually large and complex application" every delay will disadvantage us. We therefore urge PINS to delay the start of the examination until after this important decision is taken.

The beach landing facility will inevitably change the geomorphology of the beach and other geological features. Climate change is creating unpredictable weather patterns. The resultant sea surges are extreme and will cause significant damage. The sea defences for Sizewell will have the potential of exacerbating these to the north and south of Sizewell. EDF claim they have taken this into account but they have had to change their predictions twice. Residents are seeking reassurance that EDF will continue to monitor the beach not only for the power station but for changes north and south.

The proposed rail link between Saxmundham and Sizewell will only be running over night and will create considerable noise to residents who are not used to the expected disruption. The Planning Inspectorate needs to be aware of that.

Road transport requires plans for the development of the B1122. The changes to the road will result in traffic initially going through the villages on the B1122 and two years later by the Theberton bypass. There will be many hundreds of lorry, van and car movements each day in addition to local traffic that will include wide agricultural vehicles, school buses and cars. The system will very quickly be overwhelmed. Reconsideration of the D2 route has potential to resolve many of the problems of planning a route along narrow country roads.

The replacement land for the loss of habitat at Minsmere is not suitable for the flora, fauna, invertebrates and insects. The land identified at the Pakenham site is not at all suitable. The area is close to roads and there are many other

unsatisfactory features that will take a long time to settle and in the meantime species will be lost to the locality. This loss needs to be fully compensated for and I expect the Planning Inspectorate to properly consult with local residents about this sensitive issue.

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I have asked Allison Downes of STOP SIZEWELL to speak on behalf.