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Dear Sirs,

Please find attached Marlesford Parish Council's Deadline B submission.

Please also note that I wish to attend Preliminary Meeting Part 2 on 14th April and would be grateful if you would send me a link in due course.

Kind Regards,

Richard Cooper

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Submission at Deadline B

Matters Arising from the Preliminary Meeting Part 1, 23rd & 24th April 2021.

On behalf of Marlesford Parish Council

Regarding

NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited

DCO Application

For

Sizewell C New Nuclear Power Station and Associated Works

**Lord Marlesford
Chairman
Marlesford Parish Council**

**Melanie Thurston
Parish Clerk**

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7th April 2021

Interested Party No.

20025903

Introduction

1. Cllr Richard Cooper of Marlesford Parish Council (MPC) took part in the Preliminary Meeting Part 1 and in addition to the comments made in his request to speak and those he made in the Preliminary Meeting, he makes the following comments on behalf of MPC:
2. **IT Technical Issues** – Given the number of Interested Parties wanting to take part in the Preliminary Meeting and the numbers who are likely to want to take part in OFHs and ISHs, the IT was clearly not robust enough to support an effective meeting and there must be serious concerns about its suitability for future hearings. It is important that local residents are able to fully participate in the Examination otherwise they are disenfranchised. Either the infrastructure that supports the virtual Examination needs to be improved, or the Examination needs to become a live event.
3. **Conduct of the Preliminary Meeting** – At times it was difficult to follow which agenda item was being discussed. More clarity and firmness are required from members of the ExA in ensuring that participants can easily follow the stages that the hearings are going through.
We also noted an apparently condescending reference to “important Interested Parties” by Hereward Philpott QC for the Applicant. The implication in this reference is that some Interested Parties are more important than others – this is not the case. Any parish council or member of the public should be heard by the ExA with the same courtesy and diligence as statutory bodies. In making this comment, we would ask that the ExA take great care to ensure that all Interested Parties (including the Applicant) treat other participants with respect.
4. **Decision on EDF’s Changes to the DCO** – We note that the ExA will not have decided whether to accept EDF’s changes to its DCO until after the end of the Preliminary Meeting, by which time the Examination proper will have started. This is disadvantaging bodies and individuals with limited resources who are having to prepare for the Examination on both the original DCO and the changes. We urge the ExA to delay the end of the Preliminary Meeting phase until after they have made their decision on whether to accept the changes.
5. **Conflicts with Extended EA1N and EA2 Examinations** - The timetable for the Scottish Power Renewables Examination has been extended by a further three months. This pushes further Scottish Power hearings into the period in which the Sizewell C Examination will be being conducted. This will put an almost intolerable burden on those in this community who have an interest in both the Sizewell C and Scottish Power applications. We therefore urge the ExA to delay the start of the Examination until after the end of the Scottish Power hearings.
6. **Pre-Election Period** - We are concerned that the pre-election period for Suffolk County Council’s elections begins on 14th April. Because of the delay in appointing cabinet members, it is possible that Suffolk County Council will not have a lead in place for Sizewell C until the end of May. This is an important matter and another reason for delaying the start of the Examination until the cabinet position has been filled.

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Cllr. Richard Cooper
Sizewell C Lead
Marlesford Parish Council

7th April 2021