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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

I would like to express my concern as to some of the aspects of the first Preliminary Meetings on the Sizewell C DCO. It appeared that due to the late changes submitted by the Applicant people wishing to engage in the Planning Process were confused as when to respond to agenda items. Although the Inspectors called some people at item 4 and those who didn't get called were allowed to raise their hand to be heard, when it got to item 6 on day 2, it appeared rushed and several people were cut off in rather an intimidating way hence making others who had hoped to speak, possibly reluctant to do so.

There were many reports of problems online using Teams, including I believe, one of the inspectors. This area has many issues with slow internet connections and others, including a friend who suffers from epilepsy, found on screen flickering a real problem. I would ask for the whole process to be delayed until late summer or at least 3 months to allow for face-to-face meetings to take place and make it easier for all.

The proposed Sizewell C is such a huge and complicated project, spreading over a vast area and there is no doubt it will change this rural part of Suffolk forever. I feel it is imperative that local people, whether concerned individuals, a spokesperson for local NGO's, or the farming community who find their livelihoods under threat, must be allowed to give their views on the Planning Process in full. I urge the Inspectors to give their full attention to these individuals because, although Mr Philpot, counsel for the applicant, was rather urging the Inspectorate to encourage mainly written representations, the passion and concern these people feel, must be heard in person. This build will be a life changer for many.

I would also like to express my concern regarding the applicant's desire to use the Rochdale Envelope, especially for the proposed Sea Defence, the applicant's counsel implied that details won't be finalised until after consent is given, should this be the case. This is totally unacceptable as it will change the visual local landscape completely and those studying coastal process will be held up by lack of information as will all of us trying to keep up with the process and EDF's changing of the goalposts. The sea defences should absolutely be part of the public examination. I believe PINs have their own guidance on the use of the Rochdale Envelope and perhaps it would be useful for those of us who know little of the process to be given oral guidance at the next opportunity, Preliminary Meeting Part 2.

It was suggested by some that it would be useful for the inspectors to visit the Hinkley site, this would be an excellent idea but as well as a site inspections organised by EDF, it would be very important to see the affects on the night skies as the light pollution caused by the build will have a huge effect on RSPB Minsmere. It would also be useful for the inspectors to meet locals on the effect the build has on their daily lives.

The late changes from the applicant, yet to be accepted by PINs have made it very difficult for all those involved to keep up with. Local NGO's will have found the expense of employing experts to fight their concerns extremely difficult to deal with, especially if written representations have to be changed. It is so important that the whole process isn't applicant biased.

I would like to register to speak at PM Part 2 and would also like to endorse the comments of Together Against Sizewell C, RSPB Minsmere, The Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Stop Sizewell C.

Yours sincerely Jenny Kirtley

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