Dear PINS,

I am writing to request to speak at the 14th April meeting to raise concerns I have about the DCO process for Sizewell C.

My concerns are:

- Discrimination against those with lack of access or specific health issues which mean they cannot effectively participate in online hearings
- The need to pause or extend the DCO process to enable full in person participation in the examination by all stakeholders (Precedent has been set for this with the Scottish Power Renewable DCO extension in recognition of the impact of the pandemic on people's ability to respond). The UK Government rhetoric on reopening will enable full in person participation by the Summer waiting until then to continue is not an unreasonable request.
- The start of the DCO examination must be delayed until a decision has been made as to whether to accept EDF's proposed changes or not
- There must be flexibility to allow sufficient open floor hearings for all those who wish to participate (the March meetings showed significant numbers will wish to participate).
- Concurrent timelines for Sizewell C and Scottish Power Renewables DCOs are swamping local communities more time needs to be given to enable genuine informed participation in a current lockdown situation where local communities are not permitted to meet but businesses such as EDF can.
- As an in principle issue, appropriate terms for use of the Rochdale Envelope concept must be defined clearly.

Regards

Dr David Robb

