

The Sizewell C Project Development Consent Order Application
Planning Inspectorate Reference: EN010012

Summary of Relevant Representation from Suffolk Wildlife Trust

- Assessments of impact on the Special Protection Area (SPA) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC) rely on the delivery of plans that are not contained within the DCO application;
- Lack of detail on coastal defence design, making it impossible to determine medium to long-term impacts;
- Areas of marsh harrier foraging provided as mitigation will be inadequate to offset overall loss;
- The impact of noise and light spill on breeding, migrant and non-breeding birds within Minsmere Levels (part of Minsmere-Walberswick Heaths and Marshes SSSI) has not been fully captured;
- Changes in local water quality within Sizewell Marshes SSSI and Minsmere-Walberswick Heaths and Marshes SSSI will impact nationally important plant communities;
- The loss of SSSI via the causeway option instead of a bridge option, will lead to a much larger loss and has not been adequately and clearly justified;
- Overall impact on the nationally important barbastelle bat population has not been fully recognised;
- The limited scope of the proposed natterjack mitigation to improve habitat to the north and connectivity with potential breeding areas on RSPB Minsmere.

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