

SIMON ILETT SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF CIPHER CRYSTAL.

CIPHER CRYSTAL IS A SMALL BUSINESS THAT MY WIFE AND I HAVE RUN FROM [REDACTED] FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS. WE SPECIALISE IN THE SUPPLY AND ENGRAVING OF CORPORATE AWARDS TO BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT THE UK. WE EMPLOY 3 PEOPLE AND OUR HEAD ENGRAVER WHO HAS WORKED FOR US FOR 15 YEARS AND ENGRAVES THE MAJORITY OF OUR AWARDS LIVES NEAR IPSWICH. PRESENTLY IT TAKES HER ABOUT 45 MINUTES TO TRAVEL TO WORK THE ROUTE INCLUDING JOINING THE B1078 AT ASHBOCKING ONTO THE A12 AT WICKHAM MARKET AND THEN COMING THROUGH SAXMUNDHAM AND ON TO THEBERTON ALONG CLAY HILLS. ALL THESE ROADS WILL BE IMPACTED BY ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC TRAVELLING TO THE CONSTRUCTION SITE.

SHOULD SIZEWELL C CONSTRUCTION BEGIN THEN TRAVEL TIME ALONG THIS ROUTE WILL BE MUCH LONGER AND MAY MAKE HER IMPACT ON HER WILLINGNESS TO TRAVEL TO WORK AND SO CONTINUE TO WORK FOR US.

THE ROLE SHE FILLS IS SKILLED AND WOULD TAKE TIME TO TRAIN A REPLACEMENT. OF MORE CONCERN IS RECRUITING A REPLACEMENT FROM A POOL OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATES THAT WILL BE SUCKED DRY BY THE POWER STATION BUILD.

FAR FROM CREATING NEW JOBS, IT WILL SIMPLY TAKE JOBS AWAY FROM EXISTING BUSINESSES LIKE OURS MAKING THEM IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTINUE.

WE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN RENEGOTIATING OUR ELECTRICITY CONTRACT. 3 YEARS AGO WE WERE PAYING 11 PENCE PER KWH. WE ARE NOW LOOKING AT HAVING TO PAY UPWARDS OF 18 PENCE PER KWH. WHEN I QUESTIONED THE BROKER NEGOTIATING FOR US HE SAID IT WAS DUE TO THE INCREASING COST

OF GENERATION BY NUCLEAR AND THAT IF HINCKLEY POINT C COMES ON
STREAM THEN PRICES WILL RISE EVEN FURTHER. ADD TO THIS THE POSSIBILITY
OF RAB FUNDING ADDED TO ELECTRICITY BILLS TO PAY FOR THIS PROJECT
DRIVING COST HIGHER WILL UNFAIRLY IMPACT ON THOSE ALREADY IN FUEL
POVERTY.