

I'm Christine Collett, I live in Aldeburgh & I object to this application on so many different levels but as time is short I will be focusing on just two of the things that are causing me much concern – the impact that the construction of Sizewell C would have on people's **physical & mental health** and the risk of **social disorder**.

As we all know, Sizewell C would be the biggest construction site in Europe (something I still find difficult to comprehend) and as such it would inevitably generate extremely high levels of pollution that could be devastating for people's **health**.

It is well documented that pollution can exacerbate existing medical conditions and cause others such as heart disease & strokes. And in a landmark legal case in Dec 2020 a Coroner made legal history by ruling that **exposure to air pollution** was a cause of the death of a little girl who suffered with asthma, Ella Kissi-Debra – and in this particular case the principal source of the pollution was **traffic emissions**.

In addition to the pollution generated on the construction site EDF has confirmed that at peak times there would be up to 700 buses and up to 840 HGV movements on the A12 and local roads every day. This exposure to unimaginable levels of vibration, noise & **air pollution** could unquestionably cause serious health issues for many people and as such could be seen as amounting to an indirect form of abuse.

I am also concerned about the increased risk of **road traffic accidents** particularly for children and for the high number of elderly people in our rural communities. Such accidents may occur not only because of the high volume of vehicles but because, in order to avoid traffic congestion, many drivers may use local roads as rat runs !

As well as being a risk to physical health the many years of construction could cause damage to people's **mental health**

Since the global pandemic many of us have become acutely aware of the importance of having access to open spaces for recreation and relaxation and of the profound effect that nature can have on sustaining our mental health & wellbeing.

People come to our AONB, our nature reserve at Minsmere & our coastal towns to find peace & quiet and to improve their quality of life and if access to any these were to become restricted due to traffic congestion or if, because of all the pollution, any of these were to become undesirable places to visit then it would not just be local people who would suffer but the 1000s of potential visitors who would be deprived of the opportunity to come to these very special places.

I am worried too about the risk of **social disorder**. EDF has told us that up to 8,000 workers would be needed, 2,400 of whom would live on a purpose-built campus at Eastbridge and most of whom, I imagine, would be **young men**

The fact is that this part of East Suffolk offers very few social facilities of a type suitable for young people and so we can only speculate as to how the many thousands of construction workers would socialise & relax and where they would choose to spend their evenings & weekends.

But if you talk to people who lived here when Sizewell B was being built many of them will tell you about the problems with anti-social behaviour, drugs & prostitution. And I, like many others, am concerned about the possibility of history repeating itself and I fear that Leiston and its neighbouring villages would be faced with significant social problems and be overwhelmed by such an unprecedented influx of people.

And for many just the thought of another decade of social disorder is already causing them much anxiety.

I would like to **end** by saying that even if this application was not for a nuclear power station but for another infrastructure project or even a state-of-the-art **Hospital** that would help save the lives of 1000s of people I would **still** be asking you to turn it down !

### **WHY?**

Because any project of this enormity that would take over a decade to complete, be built within an AONB in a rural area and risk causing such damage to our environment, our wildlife, our communities and our physical & mental health is just not acceptable and so, **I urge you to reject this application.**