

My name is Stephen Thorpe and I am a resident of Middleton-cum-Fordley. I do not agree with the concept of nuclear power that is proposed for Sizewell C by the French owned company EDF.

I think that the technology of a pressurised reactor for this project proposed by EDF is even now outdated let alone when it finally comes on line in 15-20 years time, if not longer. Given the unproved delivery time which is born out by other site builds, both here in the UK at Hinkley Point and on the continent the so called flagship being France's own Flamanville, the same pressurised reactor that caused the Finnish delay of almost a decade does not bode well. With completion time delayed not just in months but years the build cost has spiralled. The end result being that EDF are expecting the consumer to pay a higher premium for electricity - basically subsidising EDF for its own inadequacies.

And let us consider business funding. The Prudential are the latest pension fund to not support nuclear investment because of the growing swell of unease and distrust of nuclear power. Alternative energy technology is evolving, we are seeing this with windfarms. Windfarms that generate electricity at a lower premium for consumers. Windfarms do not leave a radioactive legacy for our children's children, not just in spent fuel rods but a nuclear plant on an eroding coastline.

Our home is on the B1125. It is the road that connects to the B1122 at the junction historically knows as Yew Tree Corner. The land, the hedgerows, the trees - are old. We live here for that very reason. Middleton-cum-Fordley is a quiet village surrounded by countryside criss-crossed with footpaths that allow free access walking or cycling from village to village - or village to town. It is an open countryside hedged in Hawthorn, Dog Rose, Damson and Slow. Of the mature trees, Oaks spread out their canopy and have done for hundreds of years.

What we term 'AONB' is actually all around us; it is here in Middleton-cum-Fordley. It is in the fields and hedgerows that bank the B1125 and B1122. And what EDF propose is to destroy this beauty, this tranquility, our way of life. For what? Not for the benefit of local residents that's for sure. Purely monetary profit. Monetary profit for a French-owned company. EDF care not for the environment. Yes, they pay lip-service and are able to tick the appropriate environmental checklist which they term 'mitigation'. But in real terms the countryside around this area will be devastated beyond recognition and will never recover. Adding insult to injury the proposed route for build traffic has taken so long to be presented - Stage 3 Consultation - and follows a disruptive route for residents along the B1122 from Yoxford to Sizewell C site. Why EDF chose to ignore the D2 (or W South) route when they claim to listen to local residents makes a mockery of a company who claim to listen through consultancy. All EDF care for is their monetary profit and be damned for people who live in the vicinity of the Sizewell C project, its vast sprawling workers village, storage compounds, spoil heaps and a delivery road that cuts countryside in half, destroys mature trees, uproots ancient hedgerows, displaces wildlife that will not recover in newly-planted - so called mitigated areas for a quarter to half a century. East Berlin had a wall of divide - East Suffolk will have a wall of HGVs to divide.

And finally let's not forget us the villagers, the breadwinners, the retired, the widows and widowers, the young, the old. We who make up the village communities. We who hold dear this part of East Suffolk. Those that live on the B1122 who will literally feel HGV traffic. Those who will be sandwiched between the SLR and B1122. Those who will no longer be able to walk footpaths that will be severed in half by a fast HGV track that scars across our countryside. The B1125 that will become a ratrun for Sizewell from the A12 at Blytheburgh. I say let US not forget - because I feel EDF have. We are not a commodity - we are flesh and blood and we have a collective voice - so please listen!