

LETTER BY OVER 100 RURAL BUSINESS OWNERS to PM & SECRETARIES OF STATE

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The letter below is also signed by a further four businesses, represented by seven individuals, who requested their names be withheld from publication. It was published in the East Anglian Daily Times

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To: The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP, The Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP, The Rt Hon George Eustice MP,

Minette Batters, President National Farmers' Union

Mark Bridgeman, President, Country Landowners' Association

Stephen Miles, President, Suffolk Agricultural Association

cc Rt Hon Lord Goldsmith of Richmond Park, Victoria Prentis MP, Lord Gardiner of Kimble, The Rt Hon Therese Coffey MP, Dr Dan Poulter MP, Peter Aldous MP, The Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, James Cartlidge MP, Jo Churchill MP, Tom Hunt MP
Cllrs Matthew Hicks and Richard Rout, Suffolk County Council.
Cllrs Steve Gallant and Craig Rivett, East Suffolk Council

We the undersigned, as rural business owners, farmers and landowners in Suffolk, write to express our opposition to EDF's plans to build two new nuclear reactors at Sizewell.

The threat of Sizewell C has been hanging over the heads of many of our number for at least eight years now with no immediate end in sight. This would be tolerable if the Sizewell C project was for the "greater good" but we have concluded that it is not necessary to meet the UK's commitment to net zero, and would be a slow, risky and expensive waste of taxpayers' money that removes opportunities to make use of alternative, green, deliverable and cost-effective energy solutions. Meanwhile, many of our plans are on hold at a time when farming faces the biggest changes to the policy framework governing our industry in over 50 years.

EDF's Sizewell C site and associated development will carve up farmland and render productive land commercially and logistically unviable. The impact of 1,000 HGVs per day, plus thousands of LGVs, buses and cars, will be felt for miles around and severely hamper farming and fresh produce operations across a significant proportion of the county. This traffic chaos will also inevitably deter tourists, further undermining the very foundations of Suffolk's resilient visitor economy which currently operates in harmony with agriculture on the Heritage Coast.

The past few months have more than ever shown the importance of domestic food production. East Suffolk is a key player in this; our land a carefully managed irreplaceable resource, essential to the production of sustainable food. In addition we have heavily invested in conservation measures to help develop and preserve habitat for key species of flora and fauna. These habitats, which successfully extend those provided by the Suffolk

Coasts & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, will be irreversibly carved up and destroyed by EDFs roads and infrastructure, to the detriment of our environment and our county's tourism industry.

We join other organisations and individuals that have reached the same conclusion, including the National Trust and Suffolk Wildlife Trust; business-leaders, former Ministers and MPs. We urge the National Farmers' Union, Country Landowners' Association and Suffolk Agricultural Association to support us and this letter, which is our declaration that - given the environmental sensitivities and economic impact - we oppose Sizewell C.

Signed:

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J R & K Poll, [REDACTED]
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Sir Edward Greenwell, Gedgrave
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