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Jenny Kirtley speaking on behalf of myself and my family.

Good afternoon everyone and thank you for allowing me to speak.

I believe we have all welcomed the day when we can voice our concerns to you the planning inspectorate, as we don't believe, after many years, that we have been listened to, by EDF and I'm sure you can tell that feelings are running high in the area and understandably folks are very upset & concerned.

I have lived around here, on & off, for most of my life and my family & I are totally against the proposed building of Sizewell C.

Firstly, I would like to voice my horror that the entrance to SZC is to be sited off the B1122, almost 2 miles inland from the site itself and the introduction of a roundabout, accommodation blocks, stockpiles, and borrow pits all be sited along one of the prettiest country lanes in the area, **it's an absolute travesty**. Leiston Abbey, an important part of the local landscape and the long established ProCorda music school will be heavily impacted, plus a road cutting the AONB in half, alongside RSPB Minsmere is difficult to contemplate, if this build isn't a crime against the local landscape & environment, I don't know what is.

How will Leiston cope with such a huge influx of workers, 1 hotel 2 pubs a sports bar and a social club will not accommodate an ever-increasing workforce of thousands and EDF's promises of onsite facilities at the campus will not suffice ..... Leiston does not have the amenities of Bridgwater as it's roughly a quarter of the size. It will not cope, it struggled 30 years ago on a build half the size. I would like to remind everyone that in 1983 after **SZB** was built and SZC was first mooted over 50,000 people registered their opposition to another build, then, or in the future. Local accommodation to rent will prove difficult, currently, in a 10-mile radius of Leiston there are 12 properties available on Rightmove, where will locals live if all available accommodation is taken up by the workers. We struggled round here before & we will struggle again. I know for a fact that SZB outage workers are having difficulty in finding places to stay right now & there are only 700 of them.

I live along the A1120, a designated tourist route, which will be heavily impacted by traffic travelling to the Northern Park & Ride from the A14 to the west and we are all incredibly worried about the rat-runs on local, often single-track lanes leading to the P & R. These roads are used by cyclists, walkers and farm machinery. When I asked at consultation 4 what measures would be put in place to stop the rat-runs an EDF official, with a shrug of the shoulders said 'very little could be done and to please point out the roads I was concerned about. I felt EDF should have done this themselves before choosing the site for the P & R

This area does not have the infrastructure and building new roads to include 6 roundabouts in a 10-mile radius of SZC, will have a devastating effect on the landscape alone, Sizewell A & B needed 1 new road, Lovers Lane to avoid traffic going through Leiston. On a visit to Bridgwater & Hinkley 18 months ago we were snarled up in a traffic jam for over 3 hours. The road literally came to a

standstill with HGV's, EDF buses and holiday traffic all belching out noxious fumes.

The majority of speakers over the last few days have stated huge concerns about the local flora and fauna, EDF chopped down the 100yr old Coronation Wood without the necessary bat licences from Natural England, how can we trust them? This was not a good start so hence there are great concerns that they will not treat the local, often rare, wildlife with care attention and respect.

With so many concerns about transport including road & rail and the worrying effects on fish entrainment, it is hoped the Inspectorate allow plenty of time in the Issue Specific Hearings for these critical issues to be rigorously examined.

Before I finish

I would like to endorse Together Against SZC, Stop Sizewell C, Suffolk FOE RSPB Minsmere and Suffolk Wildlife Trust for their unwavering opposition to the project and would beg the Inspectors to recommend turning down the proposed Sizewell C build and to save this very special part of England from industrial ecocide.