

My name is Stephen Brett and I moved to Eastbridge 21 years ago with my young family, to look after a herd of cows for Mr & Mrs Dowely. The cows graze their marshes in Eastbridge and Minsmere Marshes for the RSPB in the summer months and they play an essential role in maintaining the marshes. The marshes at Eastbridge owned by Mr & Mrs Dowely are all SSSI and some of them are RAMSAR and SPECIAL PROTECTED AREA designated. The Eastbridge marshes are approximately 1m above sea on some of the marshes if the cows run past you the marsh will shake and you would wobble, it's as if the marshes are on a floating mat. In EDF's consultations they warn that at times of flood water levels will be higher than what they are now because of building Sizewell C. This is deeply concerning for houses which border the marshes on Chapel Road in Eastbridge, Church Road in Theberton and even further a field in Middleton. This winter with heavy rain the marshes have been flooded for months with Eastbridge Road the footpath down to the sluice and the Kenton Hills footpath flooded and impassable and this is without the higher water levels caused by the building of Sizewell C. The marshes are drained by a network of ditches which flow into the New Cut and enters the sea via the Minsmere Sluice which is vital for the management of the river valley. The minsmere sluice is tidal so it is badly affected by rising sea levels as the sluice opens for less time meaning the marshes will take longer to dry out and recover for the

summer grazing. The marshes are internationally important and this area attracts visitors from far and wide.

The farm where I work has had a small campsite for decades visitors since the 1950's our longest visitor at the moment has been coming for 65 years introducing his children and now his grandchildren to the area. We also have numerous Duke of Edinburgh Scheme children come here with their schools. If SZC happens the journey here will be longer if not impossible because of all the extra traffic and then when they arrive it will be unrecognisable to what they would normally find. Having talked to the campers they are devastated this area would be changed forever fearing they would not come here again, of course that would badly affect the local pubs, R.S.P.B Minsmere and other tourist destinations.

The whole area is valuable ecologically I learnt recently R.S.P.B. Minsmere has 6500 different species of plants, moths, animals , birds living on it. Internationally important for wild life and also equally important for 10's of thousands of visitors who travel some of them enormous distances to enjoy the wildlife, walks and escape their busy lives.

I have a thought with seemingly other more suitable sites and ever increasing ways of producing clean renewable energy why would we risk destroying one of the most beautiful and important places in the world.