

WRITTEN REPRESENTATION IN RELATION TO THE SIZEWELL C (SZC) DCO APPLICATION

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While there are so many reasons why I believe the Sizewell C project should not go ahead, I have restricted this submission to the overlapping issues relating to the Applicant's lack of consideration of alternatives and lack of consideration regarding the environmental damage the project will have on the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB (the AONB), many designated wildlife sites within the AONB (especially Sizewell Marshes SSSI), the hinterlands of the AONB (accommodation block, spoil heaps, borrow pits, lay-up areas, car parks, access road etc), the marine environment and associated development sites (especially the two village bypass and the Sizewell Link Road).

In my opinion the Applicant has displayed an arrogant and dismissive attitude to local residents and interest groups who have expressed concerns over the last 9 years in which the project has been consulted on-it was only when Suffolk County Council said they did not accept the transport strategy that, after the DCO application was accepted, the Applicant made a knee-jerk reaction to present a revised transport strategy with more rail journeys (said by many to be totally unworkable) and increased sea deliveries (without assessing the adverse impact on the attributes of the AONB designation and without assessing the impact on coastal processes and the marine environment).

The Applicant's attitude to these twin issues of alternatives and environmental damage is demonstrated by their actions over Coronation Wood. If, as was suggested by many residents and interest groups alike, the Applicant had decided to relocate the Sizewell B facilities being moved (visitors centre, training centre and car park) to Leiston (bringing much needed economic stimulus to the town) they would not have needed to destroy the wood which was over 100 years old. The fact that they cleared the wood during the hibernation period, exposing those reptiles and mammals that were not crushed by the clearance activities, to the worst of the winter cold and damp.

Other areas where the Applicant has chosen to put their bottom line finances as a priority over the damage to the environment and the lives of residents and businesses include:-

The 1,370 car park in Goose Hill,

The access road,

The SSSI crossing

The Sizewell Link Road

The two village bypass

I urge the ExA to look at the cumulative adverse impacts of the project and recommend refusal of the SZC project to the Secretary of State.