

## **SUBMISSION TO PLANNING INSPECTORATE RE. SIZEWELL C.**

As the immediate past Chairman of the Suffolk Coast DMO, my original concern about the development of Sizewell C was its effect on tourism and hence the health of the local economy. Now, as a retired resident of Aldeburgh, my concern remains exactly the same.

The Suffolk Coast is dependent on the visitor economy. The DMO's study into the effect of both the Sizewell C and wind farms development on the whole of the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB showed a probability of a loss of up to 17% in visitor numbers. This, I understand, is not disputed by EDF. If it were possible to calculate the number of visitors to the 5 mile radius around Sizewell, where the disruption from the development will be most severe, the loss of visitor income would be hugely greater than this. This small area contains 2 world class attractions in Britten Pears Arts and Minsmere as well as others of very high quality such as the golf Aldeburgh and Thorpeness Golf Clubs and the sailing at Aldeburgh and Slaughden Yacht Clubs. These, together with the wonderful countryside, beaches, walks and local food, make the area unique in what it has to offer both residents and visitors. EDF may feel that they can mitigate the loss of tourism revenue by promoting those areas of Suffolk that are not affected by the development but this will not help the areas that are affected. After 12 years of disruption on the roads, the replacement of discerning tourists with construction workers it will be almost impossible to reverse the effect on the local economy. It is very hard to imagine a more inappropriate site for a development of this scale.

There are many better qualified than I am to provide alternative solutions to Sizewell C. EDF do not even have proven technology for their proposed reactors. 14 years after starting its development their plant at Flamanville is still not commissioned and Hinkley Point is some way off completion. Faster rollout of wind and solar plus small, home financed, nuclear plants could fill the gap before hydrogen becomes viable. All options must be fully considered before this wonderful part of our Country is destroyed. It would appear that it is cost that is behind the location decisions on both Sizewell and the sub stations for the wind farms at Friston.

To me, the most inexplicable aspect of the EDF proposal is the lack of joined up thinking with Scottish Power and their proposals. No consideration is being given to the combined traffic congestion and road access. Why is the option D2, which could be of benefit to both not being pursued? The industrialisation of one of the country's most beautiful AONBs by the creation of "the Energy Coast" without a coherent plan, open to debate and scrutiny, seems totally dishonest and undemocratic.