

My wife and I have been coming to the East Coast of Suffolk between Southwold and Aldeburgh for the past 30 years as we love this beautiful area of England. We are RSPB members and always visit the unique and fragile bird and wildlife area of RSPB Minsmere reserve. We love the wildlife, flora and fauna around this area of Suffolk helped by the RSPB, Suffolk Wildlife Trust and the fact that this part of Suffolk also has SSSI and AONB status. Another of our interests is we love walking and over the years we have found some lovely and varied footpaths to walk. Another important reason that has always drawn us to the East Suffolk Coast is the peace and quiet, the slower pace of life, and the beautiful clear skies as there is very little light pollution in this part of Suffolk. It is for these reasons that 18 months ago we decided to make the move from Leicester and now live permanently in Middleton (approx 3 to 4 miles from Sizewell as the crow flies) 6 miles by road.

If Sizewell C gets the go-ahead the peace and quite will be gone for over 10 years whilst Sizewell C is being built with 24/7 hour working. So will the slower pace of life with thousands of extra vehicles on the roads in the East of Suffolk and traffic jams everywhere you go, especially with new road works on the A12, B1122 and other roads in this area of Suffolk. The clear skies will be gone with the high power floodlights on every night during the construction and there will be significant air and noise pollution.

This part of Suffolk relies on the tourist trade as one of its main incomes. With all the reasons mentioned above, the tourist trade in this area will plummet and businesses will have to close permanently with loss of business. Who in their right mind would want to go on holiday with 24-hour noise, no clear night skies, dust from the spoil heaps, traffic jams whenever you want to go anywhere and loss of bird and wildlife in this beautiful area of Suffolk, not forgetting loss of access to Sizewell beach and the surrounding area due to construction work!

EDF say they have mitigated the wildlife issues at RSPB Minsmere and surrounding area by purchasing land in Pakenham, West Suffolk 33.5 miles away as the crow flies. The problem is, who is going to tell the wildlife how to get there? Anybody can buy land and say it's for wildlife, but it takes years of constantly managing it to make it perfect for wildlife, just look at RSPB Minsmere, opened in 1947 and Suffolk Wildlife Reserves opened in 1992 and they are still managing the land. The levels on the Minsmere reserve are constantly monitored to keep the fresh water at the right height for the wildlife on the reserve. Building two massive reactors that EDF want to build adjacent to the Sizewell Marshes and RSPB Minsmere site which is designated as a Ramsar site could cause a dramatic effect on the water level and contaminate the water. By excavating deep into the surrounding area does EDF know what effect this will have altering the nature of the earth and the surrounding water table? Will the Sizewell Marshes and RSPB Minsmere levels drain? Will it effect the River Minsmere adjacent to the site?

The spoil heaps to a height of a 10 story building will blow around the reserves and local villages including Middleton and depositing dust everywhere, contaminating the nature of the soil in the surrounding area, blowing into properties and even worse being breathed in by people and damaging their lungs. The Marsh Harrier is a protected bird, so how can EDF warrant taking away its hunting ground. This bird is one of the main reasons bird watchers visit this area of Suffolk - loss of the Marsh Harrier equals loss of visitors, which equals loss of revenue for all the business in this area of Suffolk.

Expanding the environment problem further, we cannot forget what effect Sizewell C will have on the fish and other sea creatures, with two of the three water cooling pipes that will be installed large enough for a double decker bus to drive along, surely millions of fish and other sea creatures a year will be sucked into the pipes and have a meaningless death! Therefore less fish for the birds, the fishermen and us.

I understand the UK is thinking of re-wilding the sea to help it reach its carbon neutral figures by 2050, but how can it, when millions of fish and mammals will meet an untimely death being sucked into the water cooling pipes? What effect will this have on sea birds with the diminished food supply?

EDF said they would install a sound deterrent at Hinkley Point C to keep the fish away from the cooling pipes and their untimely death, but EDF has now decided they don't want to install them, if they get away with it there they will do the same at Sizewell.

If this Government gives the go-ahead to build Sizewell C, AONB, SSSI, Ramsar protected areas in England will mean nothing, and could become the next housing project!

The East Coast of Suffolk is constantly eroding away as it's made up of sand and with the sea and wind hitting it, it is washed away and with the rising sea levels Sizewell C could become an Island and up and down the coast could erode quicker. In my opinion this would be the last place I would want to build two new nuclear reactors. Just look at what happened to Dunwich in the 13th and 14th century after being hit by storms, most of it is now under the sea!

Then there is the safety aspect, just look at what happened at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power plant in Japan and Chernobyl in Russia and 3 mile island in USA!

EDF could build Sizewell C and when completed sell it to another country like China or Russia and with modern technology they could control the site from their country, then we are beholden to them for the life of the reactors. And then who pays for the decontamination of the site?

The site will not be decommissioned until 2190, but the spent fuel could stay on site for years to come as there is no long term nuclear waste facility available, so future generations will have to pay for our generation's mistakes, yet again!

The nearest hospital from Middleton is a 35 minute drive away at Ipswich and we are constantly told that the quicker you get treatment at hospital the greater your chances of living. But if EDF build Sizewell C with thousands of extra vehicles on the roads this will increase the time to get there and more people will die prematurely.

In the end all this disruption Sizewell C will only generate 7% of the power the UK requires!? Is it worth it?

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