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Beach View Holiday Park

EN010012 – The Sizewell C Project

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Dear Examiners

Beach View Holiday Park is a local tourism business just south of the EDF Sizewell C site, we have followed the Open Floor Hearings with interest, we have raised concerns of the impacts of construction and long-term damage to the whole tourism industry along this part of the Suffolk Coast in the lead up to the Sizewell C DCO submission and this examination.

Tourism was thriving here up until the Coronavirus pandemic; the popularity of the area and visitor numbers had recovered well after Sizewell B's completion. Unfortunately, Sizewell C proposals threaten to destroy tourism here. Today, this area cannot cope with such a massive project, or a protracted construction. An extended construction period seems to be the only thing that is guaranteed with EDFs EPR design. It has been a shock to many local people and businesses that EDF are continuing to pursue completely unproven technology fraught with so many safety issues. The construction timeline EDF have provided is completely unbelievable, when you look at EDFs other ongoing EPR projects (Olkiluoto, Flamanville & Hinkley C). Olkiluoto is more than 12 years overdue. Flamanville has design issues, welding issues, Flamanville is 10 years overdue and is around 4 times over budget at Euro 12.4 billion instead of the originally promised Euro 3.3 billion. If the same is true for Sizewell C, construction will overrun by many, many years and also end up billions of pounds over budget. EDFs past history does not bode well for Sizewell C, at worst Suffolk could end up with another of EDFs unfinished out of date nuclear failures. EDF seems incapable of safe, efficient and affordable nuclear reactor construction.

Who knows what will be left of the essential coastal tourism industry and vibrant art & cultural scene here if EDF are given the go ahead?

Whilst the population along the Suffolk Coast has been historically low, recently Leiston and Saxmundham have seen considerable increases in new homes built with many new people moving to the area. Tourism visitor cars and more local cars means the local road network is already overwhelmed at peak periods and during holidays. Additional disruption from construction will be immense, inevitably still a road led operation, EDF proposed road improvements are completely inadequate. If Hinkley is used as a reference point for potential chaos, alarm bells should be ringing at our local authorities. The roads here in Suffolk are narrower, busier and served by the A12 (single lane for miles), far inferior to those around Hinkley. East Suffolk's road infrastructure could see 1000s of daily HGV movements, the effects are likely to be felt as far south as Ipswich and Colchester and as far north as Lowestoft & Great Yarmouth. It is appalling EDF, National Grid and other energy

companies have targeted a small area along the Suffolk coast for some of the biggest energy construction projects in the last 60 years. Even more concerning these energy companies are extolling their green credentials whilst at the same time, are together, systematically destroying unique coastal habitats in the AONB, and threatening a potential environmental catastrophe at bordering RSPB Minsmere, one of Europe's most important & ecologically significant wetland habitats. The amended DCO proposals fail to provide solid reassurance that EDF is serious about providing the best mitigation to local communities, businesses, tourism or the natural environment.

Minor improvements EDF have included in the Sizewell C DCO to make greater use of rail and sea during construction, must not overshadow what remains EDF's fundamentally flawed local and national case for a need to construct two massive new nuclear power reactors here. EDFs Plans to build within the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB, at a time when Boris Johnson and the current Conservative government have committed to increased protection for the environment and biodiversity loss in the UK. The unique foreshore habitat at Sizewell is only seen in two other locations in the world (New Zealand and Japan) as highlighted in a recent TV walk by Kate Humble.

Surely the case for Sizewell C is immoral and cannot be justified as a means to help the same UK government fulfil its bold net zero commitments in light of the Prime Ministers commitment to protection of the natural environment?

The cumulative impact of multiple energy projects all within a few miles of one another has not been sufficiently addressed by EDF, Scottish Power or National Grid. NSIPs are supposed to adhere to planning guidance in providing full cumulative impact assessment. However, energy companies and the proposals submitted to the Planning Inspectorate fail consistently to quantify how projects will interact with one another. It is making it impossible for interested parties and others to make fair assessment of DCO proposals as we are not getting the transparency needed to scrutinise the impacts. In short, the energy proposals on the Suffolk Coast have been described by campaigners as the 'Energy Chaos' and that is exactly what we have.