

Simon Hazelgrove and Erika Clegg are co-owners of communications agency Spring. Interest declared: we have helped facilitate the community consultation around planning for nine years ensuring that people on all sides have had the opportunity to express their views. Our considered view is that we recognise the necessity of reliable power supply in the UK, and that Sizewell C will have the capability and capacity to address this and must therefore be permitted.

In addition, Sizewell C will provide apprenticeships, skilled well-paid employment that is not seasonal, and will last for decades, in an area where traditionally there is a talent drain and comparatively limited career potential for those who stay here. This will help to support more families to live within reach of the power station, creating more sustainable, multi-generation communities.

Over the years we have used many local suppliers to support us working on the project. The local economy will continue to grow and benefit through the supply chain during construction, encouraging micro-businesses supporting workers' daily needs as well as SMEs in the region.

Given that there are already two power stations here, albeit one now decommissioned, we recognise the pragmatic sense of this as a location and are confident that the mitigation measures EDF is putting in place will support natural habitats for diverse and important wildlife, as happened before as part of the build of Sizewell B. Clearly the build process will be disruptive however we also recognise that EDF has listened to local concerns about this and in almost every case adapted their original plans to support changes based on local knowledge and input.