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The Sizewell C Project EN010012

Deadline 3, 24 June 2021

**Comments on Farnham Environment Residents & Neighbours' (FERN's)
Written Representation of 2 June 2021:**

Part 4 Trees and Woodland in the vicinity of the proposed

Two Village Bypass (REP2-266).

Some of our Friends of the Earth members live in the vicinity of Farnham and have expressed serious concern about the proposals for the Two Village Bypass.

The ancient double hedgerow that would be lost under the bypass leads directly to Foxburrow Wood, a County Wildlife Site and ancient woodland, that is greatly enjoyed by ramblers and dog-walkers, including some of our members. Most particularly people come to see the bluebells here in spring. At present this is a peaceful countryside walk. Even if there is a replacement footpath over the road, ramblers would no longer wish to come here due to the traffic noise and fumes, which, at 60mph, would be very considerable indeed. This represents a loss of a greatly treasured public amenity.



Much of this ancient walkway would be lost under the proposed new road.

Our members wish to support FERN's appeal for a different route, the far side of Foxburrow Wood. This would be further away from local homes around Farnham Hall and would therefore cause much less disturbance to residents.

We agree with FERN that this alternative route would also be far less ecologically damaging than the proposed route. We would like to refer the Examiners to the excellent detailed ecological report by Bioscan. It is especially concerning to our members that the Applicant should have mis-identified important veteran trees, and underestimated the importance of the long-established wildlife migratory and foraging route based on the existing woodlands, leading from Nuttery Belt, through Pond Wood CWS and on via the ancient double hedgerow to Foxburrow Wood. The proposed bypass would totally sever this wildlife link, of vital importance to many animals and birds, including those that are protected, such as bats and barn owls.



Veteran oak within the ancient double hedgerow.



The bypass would run very close to this point, putting these animals at extreme risk. It would also act as a barrier to their established foraging routes and prevent dispersal to find mates.

We have an especial concern that no surveys have been carried out for either fungi or dormice. This last is a European protected species and known to be inhabiting the area. It is notable that these surveys are missing from the entire DCO. We wish to point out that the Applicant has a duty under the Planning Act, Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations, to identify all potential significant ecological effects through detailed surveys carried out at the appropriate time and in the appropriate manner. Sizewell C Co needs to put these missing surveys in hand as a matter of urgency. Until then, final decisions concerning the bypass cannot be made.

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