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To the Planning Inspector.

You are, of course, aware of the international status of RSPB Minsmere, the close neighbour of Sizewell: AONB, SSSI, SPA, SAC, Ramsar, and more. These acronyms and this reputation for excellence has been hard-won: more than 70 years of hard labour, of planning and research, of fund-raising and an absolute commitment to create and maintain habitats for species previously on the edge of survival or extinct in this country. This is a unique place, a haven for birds, for flora and fauna which cannot find a home elsewhere, and a haven for people too who want to connect with their natural world in the peace and quiet and wide spaces of the Suffolk coast. The construction of Sizewell C would noisily breach that peace; the lights, the movement of machinery, the loss of a haven would profoundly damage the biodiversity of the Suffolk coast. It could turn back the clock for a generation.

One major plaudit for Minsmere has been the 2019 European Diploma for Protected Areas, which described Minsmere as being 'of exceptional European interest . . . managed in an exemplary way'. The greatest concern expressed at length in their report was the impact of Sizewell C. The international reputation of Minsmere is highly likely to be diminished by the proposed works at Sizewell and may take more than a further 70 years to recover, if at all. It is important to acknowledge the word 'exceptional', because Minsmere is *very* important. This country's reputation in the world of conservation will be badly damaged. How can we be seen as serious actors on this particular stage if even this iconic reserve is not immune to a development that need not be there. There are other choices to be made and I would ask that you please consider them.

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