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The Sizewell C Project EN010012

Deadline 5 submission

Response to the Applicant's comments to our Written Representations with regard to Biodiversity Net Gain and Habitat Creation and Management.

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The numbered paragraphs below refer to Sizewell C Co's comments on our Written Representations within [REP2-455](#).

15.2.4 This concerns Sizewell C Co's lack of transparency regarding the Biodiversity Net Gain calculations. We confirm that we have never been allowed to see the Applicant's Metric 2 spreadsheet calculations, despite several requests on our behalf by Bioscan.

We continue to believe that the Applicant's claims for 19% gain is unreliable and both Bioscan and ourselves have provided considerable evidence for this in our WRs. It is not necessary to repeat this here.

15.3.1 We have already pointed out the shortcomings of the Aldhurst Farm scheme and stand by our views.

15.3.2 We questioned who would care for the Aldhurst Farm site after the agreement for management with East Suffolk Council expires in 2025. We see that Sizewell C Co states that they will manage the site in line with the agreed management plan, but we still do not know what this will be, how long it will last for, who precisely will monitor its progress and manage it, nor how all this will be funded. We would very much like to see this plan when available.

15.3.3 We had questioned what appeared to be poor care and management of the Aldhurst Farm site and provided a photograph by way of proof. This shows the southern area of grassland, purporting to be acid grassland, but now overgrown with thistles and docks, as the photograph clearly demonstrates. It is not the northern part of the site where attempts have been made to create heathland.

We do not dispute the fact that the Farm is appreciated by local Leiston residents. We have said all along that it would make a very nice country park for them – but a park with a large dog-walking area is not a wildlife site.

While the wetlands have established well, they too have become overgrown. Our members would be greatly reassured if there was visible evidence of better management.