

The longer this Examination continues the clearer it becomes that the plans for SZC are simply not fit for purpose. It is unbelievable that, over halfway through the examination process, the Applicant has yet to have a water strategy in place. They have had more than a decade to get their ducks in a row, but here we have, yet again, something absolutely crucial missing. EDF were being questioned by residents about water at least a decade ago, so it seems hard to understand how or why it has taken them so long to come up with an answer that does nothing but pose more questions.

It is absurd to produce plans for a desalination plant now, it is such a major change: the site, as we all know, is too small anyway, but now this has to be squeezed in as well. A mere 3 weeks of consultation is insulting for everyone, and for opposing voices it will be virtually impossible to research all the ramifications regarding chemicals, damage to human health, more environmental damage, more damage to the marine ecology, more HGVs on the roads, hauling water for years. You couldn't make it up.

Northumbrian Water/EDF seem to be installing a pipe from Barsham to SZC, bringing water from the Waveney, possibly the most polluted river in the country. There will of course need a treatment plant, all this causing more compulsory purchases and damage to even more people's farms and land. However, the idea comes so late in the day that it will take a few years before it can be built, hence the many water tankers...

It appears the Applicant's plans are just not fit for purpose - it is my view that the reasons against building SZC are overwhelming and I very much hope the Inspectors deny consent.