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I wish to endorse the presentation by Sarah Whitelock on behalf of Aldeburgh business association at open floor hearing 10. Sarah painted a realistic picture of our current economy and employment situation, contradicting EDFs portrayal of this area. That portrayal is an unrecognisable distortion of the way of life, the economy and demographics of this area. There is no shortage of work in the immediate area.

EDF propaganda would have you believing this is a deprived area desperate for investment and employment. This is a gross misrepresentation of the truth. This area is thriving and employers are struggling to find staff to fill many vacancies.

Far from boosting the economy of the area EDF will destroy it for the duration of the build and it will take years to recover.

Tom McGarry's assertion that EDF was also a member of the Aldeburgh business association rather fell flat when he said "for around a decade". In other words they signed up when they thought it might help their case for Sizewell C. Everything EDF does is for their own benefit. For example the 2400 bed accommodation block and the SLR suit their purposes and no-one else's.