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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to register my strong opposition to the proposed new nuclear power station at Sizewell on the Suffolk coast.

It is hard to imagine a location less suited to such a major construction project, let alone one as controversial as Sizewell C.

The area around Sizewell is one of the most precious and ecologically unique locations in the entire country.

The shingle beach at Sizewell is itself one of just a handful of deep shingle beaches found in only two other countries in the world - Japan and New Zealand.

A rich and complex mosaic of habitats around the proposed construction site - which includes marshland, woodland, heathland, salt marsh and freshwater marsh - have allowed an extraordinary number of rare species to flourish.

Minsmere alone, is habitat to a greater number of species than any other RSPB reserve in the UK.

The fact that an industrial construction project of this scale is proposed to run right up to the border of the Minsmere reserve is shocking, and for that reason alone it should not be allowed to go ahead.

Minsmere is not only a national treasure but is also an internationally important site for wildlife and nature conservation and the RSPB have stated unequivocally that the proposed Sizewell C project would have a catastrophic impact on this delicate ecosystem and the multiple rare species it supports.

All of these habitats and the amazing diversity of natural species they support are directly imperilled by the construction of Sizewell C. The fact that the Government has itself declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency should mean that this application should be rejected as entirely unsuitable for this precious and fragile location.

In addition to the threat to the ecology and habitats around Sizewell, this proposal would have a serious negative impact on the local tourism industry. Much of the local area relies on tourism and many local jobs depend on this sector. The impact of up to 12 years of major construction works and the associated workers' campuses, huge park and ride sites and heavy vehicle traffic on local roads, means that an industry that is just beginning to recover from the terrible impact of the pandemic will be hit with a much more serious crisis which many local businesses will not survive.

The number of vehicle movements alone (EDF predicts an additional 12,000 vehicles per day on the A12 during construction) will be enough to discourage many visitors from

visiting the area. The A12 in this part of Suffolk is largely single carriageway and therefore liable to congestion as it is.

It has been claimed by the applicants that the project will create many new jobs during construction. However, according to EDF's plans for worker accommodation, almost 80% of these jobs will be for people outside the area.

Any jobs created for local people will be more than outweighed by the number of tourism jobs lost through people choosing not to holiday in Suffolk.

Nuclear energy is one of the most expensive forms of electricity generation. Whole-life costs of nuclear power, including the costs of dealing with nuclear waste which remains radioactive for 100,000 years, and of securing decommissioned power plants at the end of their relatively short life, make it exorbitant.

Since the idea of building a Sizewell C was first mooted, there has been a revolution in renewable energy. Renewables are now the cheapest source of electricity in the country and the most attractive form of energy generation for investors. Renewable energy also creates sustainable, long-term employment for local people.

I urge the Planning Inspectorate to consider these points - any of which should be sufficient to throw out the scheme - and to reject this unforgivably destructive and financially irrational proposal without further delay.

Yours faithfully,

Katie Dawson