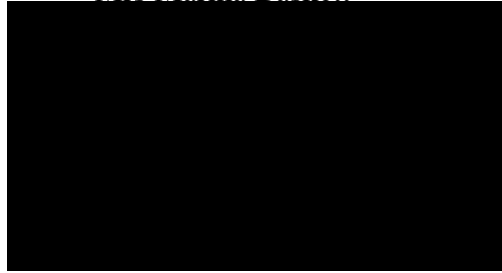


Mrs Marina Baskett



23 September 2021

To The Planning Inspectorate

With reference to the Sizewell C Project

Dear Sirs

I understand from local sources that SIZEWELL BRIDLEWAY 19 was discussed at Issue Specific Hearing 12 on Wednesday 15 September.

As a local horse rider I am very concerned about the future of this bridleway, and the safety of all the people who use it, whether on foot, on a bicycle or like me and my family on horseback.

Below you will find a consultation letter that I sent to the Sizewell C Project following an item about Bridleway 19 in one of their Community Newsletters. As my letter was not submitted to the Planning Inquiry by the SZC Project, I am submitting it now and hope that my views will be taken into consideration in the current examination process.

COPY OF LETTER DATED:

10 July 2021

To: The Sizewell C Project

Dear Sirs

In the latest Community Newsletter you ask for comments about proposed improvements to Bridleway 19.

This bridleway is part of a network of routes that have been regularly ridden by local horse riders. My late mother-in-law Lavender Clarke of Eastbridge Farm was a keen horse rider and used all the local routes along with friends and other members of her family. She would

say to us youngsters 'Do not let them stop you!' Horses were her life and she has passed this passion down the generations. She would turn in her grave if she knew what was being planned.

I live in Theberton and over the years have regularly ridden out with my family and friends on all the local routes. The bridleway from Eastbridge to Sizewell gives us access to the beach and what a joy it is to ride there. We ride to explore and enjoy the countryside, and for children growing up there is no better way to teach them self-confidence and respect for the countryside. My daughter is now 31 and in her teens was able to ride out without supervision as the tracks and roads were so quiet.

The world is very different now. All the local roads are now horrendous with traffic and they are getting worse. The potential increase in heavy vehicles to and from the intended construction of a huge new power station will make the situation even worse. Into this you propose to create a replacement for our quiet off road route of bridleway 19 which will be adjacent to the busy main roads, including new roundabouts and the access road for heavy traffic to the Sizewell C site. The thought of using traffic light crossings with horses across these roads and roundabouts is positively suicidal. Life is too precious. Our rights to safe horse riding routes are precious too.

Lavender's Great Granddaughter is now [REDACTED] and is already riding her beloved Shetland pony. By the time the intended construction of Sizewell C is complete she will be a teenager, ready to ride out and explore on her own. How will her family feel if her only access to the beach is by a route next to busy roads and by the traffic light crossings? Her Great Grandmother would say 'Don't go that way, it is too dangerous!' But if bridleway 19 is lost forever, what other way would there be for her to go?

The proposed new permanent replacement for Bridleway 19 is not an improvement. Our right of safe passage along the existing way must be preserved. There can be no compensation for the loss of a much loved bridleway with its trees and hedgerows. The thought of such a loss is just overwhelmingly sad.

Yours faithfully

Marina Baskett