

Having listened through the live audio link to ISH 11-14, I am left fearful and aghast. EDF's barrister can say what he likes but the fact remains that, with just 3 1/2 weeks left of this Examination, there are such crucial, basic flaws in the SZC proposal, namely no firm water strategy and no firm funding. The Applicant cannot even tell us where the potable water that will have to be tankered to Sizewell for months will come from. One would have thought that during the last 11 years EDF might have given the matter serious consideration, and the fact that they have not, and at this late date appear to be searching desperately around for a solution, puts their competency into question. So far they are suggesting a (probably permanent) desalination plant, when previously they have put forward in writing strong and valid reasons for dismissing such an idea, and I see no note on the projected costs of such a scheme, nor any upward revision of figures for the entire build. This at a time when the cost of materials, transport, fuel and labour is rising exponentially. Overall prices go up, not down and I trust the Inspectorate will protect the people of Suffolk - as well as the country as a whole - by refusing consent for this muddled and dangerous plan.