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I am grateful to the Inspectorate for the opportunity to contribute to the discussion. I did not contribute orally to this hearing, but would like to make a written submission as the Councillor representing Yoxford Parish Council, as well as a personal Interested Party.

The proceedings of the day were fascinating and highly instructive, revisiting as they did themes from previous hearings. I am very grateful to the Inspectorate for the thoroughness of their examination of these complex and crucial issues.

The hearing has tended to confirm my concerns, expressed previously (submissions ID 3813, ID 4667; ID 4880 and ID 5051) as to the intentions and motivation of the Applicant and my doubts as to its capability of delivering this important project on time and to budget without unacceptable damage to the environment and society of East Suffolk.

The whole issue of who will deliver the project remains unresolved. Little confidence can be derived from the applicant's arguing for an entirely novel approach to the DCO process and accountability for delivery and meeting obligations. I found it bizarre, in the week that the Prime Minister changed a third of his ministers, that the Applicant (Philpott) argued "It is wrong to make the assumption that the S of S would not do the job properly, and that a considerable body of experience would develop as the parties will become more familiar with the issues, and we can *assume* thorough, proper scrutinisation" and "reasonable for the S of S to resolve any differences" "public interest can be policed by the S of S" and "The S of S can trust himself to safeguard the public interest" as if the S of S has nothing else to do than keep an eye on Sizewell C! And all this for a project that will be at least 10 years in the building and 60 years in the operating; how many S of S will we see in that time?

The discussion confirmed me in my view that it is crucial that SCC are centrally involved in the supervision of this project and discharging authority is not left with ESC alone and that their views in respect of the inadequacy of 'reasonable endeavors are respected.

Finally I would like to pick up on the point made by the Applicant (Mr Rhodes) as to how successful they had been at Hinckley in resolving issues in 'balanced committees' by mutual agreement. I would point out that the context of the operation in East Suffolk is far more complex, there are many more points of contention and significantly more local opposition. Proper decision making processes will be crucial

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