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Dear Project Inspectors,

Thank you for taking the time to listen to the deep concerns of many people in the UK, nationally and locally, about EDF's plans to attempt to construct Sizewell C.

I have had the opportunity to raise specific concerns about how I know the project, in its current form, would undermine our own businesses which operate in tourism and food production and are close to the proposed site. Nothing I have heard in response from EDF has reassured me.

As a director, advisor or through many other close connections, I am very aware of how the proposals will impact many Suffolk organisations and how our local economy will be undermined in many ways if Sizewell C were allowed to go ahead. My role as a Deputy Lieutenant and former High Sheriff of the county gives me great access to those people who run these organisations.

The fact that many of them have not apparently participated in the enquiry is not evidence of their support or complacency but simply that this area is rich in SMEs and their leaders have very limited time. They have to rely on others to represent their views. Unfortunately EDF has been very successful in winning over some of the bodies which might normally represent the views of these organisations. The Chamber of Commerce takes considerable funding from EDF. It enjoys a tiny minority of Suffolk SMEs as members and has, even then, not consulted with its membership adequately before deciding to support Sizewell C. Sadly it is very conflicted now.

Since giving evidence at various hearings in the enquiry and in writing, the economy in coastal Suffolk is heating up yet faster and faster. Hospitality businesses, such as our own, are struggling to find staff. Service providers like building contractors or electricians and plumbers are in very short supply and one has to wait many months for any provision other than emergency services.

This situation will undermine the economy if it continues. EDF somehow suggests that its work will benefit the local economy when those of who were here during the building of (the much smaller) Sizewell B know the opposite to be true. Either EDF will recruit from this pool of non-existent labour and exacerbate the situation for the rest of us and stunt business growth for a generation or it will need to import the skills from elsewhere. This then means that they haven't made adequate provision for the massive impact that the extra thousands of workers (if they can find them) will have on the already fragile infrastructure we have in this remote area.

The latest example of their failure to plan for the future has been its recognition, after a decade, that it cannot provide potable water to the site without radical amendments to their plan. Local people managed to spot this omission many years ago but were ignored by EDF. Further evidence of the 'disdain' with which the local population has been treated by them.

If there was no choice and the UK needed Sizewell C then one might have some sympathy.

Suffolk has been sacrificed at times of national emergency. In this case there are alternatives.

Better sites for nuclear on the West Coast which are much more popular with local inhabitants and national politicians. Better-sounding new nuclear technologies which will be much cheaper, produce less waste and may well be better suited to the very limited site at Sizewell if needed in the future. We know from private briefings that policy makers are finding it very difficult to make a decision about Sizewell C. The cost and the opposition horrify them. I know that many are hoping that the independent inspectorate will help them make the decision for them by recommending that it be refused or by requiring a very radical redesign which overcomes the growing opposition. I urge the inspectors to listen to the detailed and thoughtful opposition and deliver that outcome.

With best wishes  
William Kendall