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Subject: Application for DCO for Sizewell C
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Dear Sirs,

SMJ Leach - IP reference: 20026220

Further to my previous comments concerning the DCO Application by EDF, I am writing to confirm my continued objection to the proposed construction of a third nuclear power station at Sizewell.

The grounds for my objection are as follows:

- a) The considerable increase in traffic along the A12 and the roads leading to Sizewell will have a severe impact on the environment and to the residents of East Suffolk. This will cause serious disruption around Woodbridge where there is already a traffic problem, and in the other villages, especially Wickham Market. Increased traffic brings noise and air pollution and causes structural damage to properties close to the roads.
- b) EDF have propounded that the development will provide employment for the residents of Suffolk. Suffolk does not have a serious unemployment problem, and therefore the development will take employees away from other businesses, which in turn will suffer because they will not be able to replace those employees. In any event it is proposed that the skilled workers will be supplied from the Hinckley site and so the available jobs will mostly be unskilled.
- c) The development will have a seriously adverse impact on the bird sanctuary at Minsmere and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- d) EDF have failed to consider all requirements and are still bringing in major alterations to their proposals such as the construction of a water desalination plant. This should have been thought of many years ago, and not at the last moment. It is one example of their inadequate preparation of details for the development.
- e) EDF have not adequately taken on board the concerns that the effect of global warming will have on sea levels over the years, and the uncertainty about coastal defences.
- f) The Prime Minister is to announce that all Britain's electricity will come from

renewable sources by 2035, and that he plans to hugely increase investment in renewable and nuclear energy. Nuclear energy is neither green, because construction of such a plant creates a tremendous amount of CO₂, its waste remains radioactive for 100,000 years, nor is it renewable.

g) If nuclear is an option then the Small Modular Reactor proposed by Rolls Royce is a far better alternative, as they are more versatile, do not take years to construct and can be constructed at a far lower cost than a large scale nuclear plant. Sizewell C would be too slow to come on line, too risky and too expensive. There is no proof that this type of reactor is reliable, and it may not even work. You should also consider that it is likely to become obsolete before construction is completed

There are many other factors that should be taken into consideration by your team, all of which will have been raised by other parties. As a resident of Suffolk, I am extremely concerned at the impact that this proposal will have on the day to day living of myself and my family. The Inspectors must also take into account the cumulative effect that other large development proposals in the area will have, such as the Scottish Power application at Friston, and the many smaller residential development sites that will be taking place over the period.

Sizewell is a totally inappropriate site for a development of this size, and the adverse effect it will have on the County generally, should it be built, will never be reversed.

I trust that you will consider my comments in your deliberations.

Yours faithfully,
Stephen Leach