

Dear Planning Inspectorate

On behalf of the Combined Parish Councils of Butley, Capel St Andrew, Chillesford, Snape, Sudbourne and Wantisden, we wish to highlight our continued concerns about EDF's application for Sizewell C development. There are many areas which we feel have not been adequately addressed or mitigated for and these were highlighted in our previous joint submission [REP2-233]. Outlined below are those which we believe will most directly affect our communities should this development go ahead. They are as follows:

1. As coastal communities we have engaged with the EDF consultations and the DCO process. However, we remain alarmed at the collateral impact of this proposed development on our area and the AONB and have not been reassured by any of the proposed mitigation so far identified.
2. The late and frequent changes made by EDF on issues which have been highlighted in previous consultations by many parishes (e.g. potable water supply) but not responded to until late in the process, making it difficult for Parishes to engage with their communities and respond appropriately.
3. The impacts on our communities will be most keenly felt with the huge volume of additional traffic on the A12 and adjoining road network. We believe this will have day to day consequences for:
  1. Access northwards on A12 and other roads towards Southwold
  2. Access to the south and west via A12 and A14 due to the complex and restricted nature of the road network.
  3. The likelihood and consequences of 'rat running' especially when the A12 is blocked or overloaded which EDF have failed to acknowledge.
  4. The proposal to undertake road 'improvements' whilst the site is being constructed (as with Hinkley Point C) so the local population experienced the double whammy of increased traffic at the same time as reduced capacity due to road works.
  5. Access to and for emergency services, in particular to Ipswich hospital where we already have some of the longest ambulance travel times in the country.
  6. Impact on the day-to-day logistics of our local community and businesses through our already inadequate road and rail network.
4. We remain concerned about the additional pressure that the Sizewell C and supporting workforce will have on the already stretched healthcare system, our schools, our existing businesses and our community infrastructure.
5. The development will by EDF's own admission, have a devastating impact on the environment and especially on the key local tourism industry. Whilst there will be some short-term jobs created albeit of relatively low quality, the long-term impact on the area is likely to be significant particularly on the local agricultural economy already struggling to fill vacancies.
6. Despite trying to work with EDF as local parishes we have not been listened to or had our concerns adequately answered with EDF's 6 consultations since 2012. We also feel we have been poorly served by our District Council and MP in representing our concerns.

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7. Finally, there is general unease at the impact of planned storage of spent fuel and nuclear waste with no clear end date on a coastal site potentially subject to flooding. Nuclear waste is very toxic with a long half-life and we fear this may permanently blight the area or worse.

In conclusion as nearby local parishes we believe that EDF has failed to recognise or mitigate for our legitimate concerns for our communities.

We therefore believe the Examining Authority should reject this proposal as submitted.

Yours Sincerely

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