

I am writing to you in regards to the Sizewell C consultation, and more specifically the park and ride proposal for Sizewell C construction workers, which is anticipated to be built in Wickham Market.

Due to the proposed park and ride facilities, there will be a significant increase in noise nuisance and traffic volume throughout the village. This will have a huge impact on the residents, from their quality of life (many houses have single glazing, and will therefore hear the large volume of traffic very clearly during the day and night), to safety - to both pedestrians and road users. This will completely change the village; its desirability, its charm, and its conservation. My first query is why is the park and ride being built in Wickham Market? Has the existing park and ride at Martlesham been considered?

Currently, the speed limit through the village is 30 mph, which is predominantly adhered to by many drivers, yet not by all. Increasing the number of vehicles by a projected 1,000 per day, purely down to the park and ride facilities for Sizewell C construction workers, will undoubtedly raise the odds of speeding, and therefore an increase in accidents. Have there been investigations into whether this can be lowered to 20 miles per hour? What are the reasons against it?

However, one of my main concerns is that of the proposal for the loss of on-street parking on the High Street. Presumably, the reasoning for this is to ease traffic flow through the village. However, the on-street parking is a "natural" way to slow down traffic, making the High Street safer for pedestrians and road users alike. Without this, there would be a definite increase in speeding as well as accidents leading to injury for pedestrians and drivers, without the need for many of the other (costly) plans for the village.

Furthermore, the complete loss of parking would not just impact the many residents who require this parking on a daily basis, but there would be without a doubt a considerable knock-on effect to the rest of the village. Off-street parking isn't available and therefore we must park on the road outside our homes. Where will these people, including myself, be expected to park? As a mother of a young child, how will I safely arrive at my house, if I am parked far away? I often take multiple trips to and from the car to my front door, with groceries and bags. This is safe and acceptable as my car is parked directly outside my home and my daughter is safely in her car seat. How am I expected to do this if I have to park away from my home? This is just one of the many hindrances that residents would experience parking restrictions are imposed on this stretch of road.

Additionally, the enforced parking restrictions would have a negative impact on property prices. Has EDF looked into how this will affect the value of my home, and the many homes parking restrictions would affect; will they compensate all residents accordingly, and fairly? How will I be able to sell my house, if the parking outside it is completely removed and there is no acceptable alternative?

On the weekend of the 9th and 10th of October, there was a consultation at Wickham Market Village Hall where plans for traffic management were presented. This was the first time I had seen plans for double yellow lines along High Street, including directly in front of my house. The leaflet which was posted through the door regarding this consultation failed to include the double yellow lines in the plan. It was first mentioned to us that loss of parking may be a possibility almost three years ago, at a similar consultation run by EDF, albeit without maps or drawings. When I queried this vague plan three years ago, I was told that they would be looking into farmland to create another car park for residents. When I asked the same question, almost three years later, I was met with a similar answer. What work has been done regarding this in the time

between both consultations? This will affect many of my neighbours - where will they be expected to park?

This has been causing us stress and anxiety since shortly after moving here in November 2017 (we were not made aware of these plans, which would have affected our purchase). We have not been contacted regarding the loss of on-street parking by EDF, the council, or any other organisation involved, with the exception of a paper questionnaire (which we returned, but failed to receive a response or follow up).

I am looking for answers. I am also asking for a worthwhile discussion between Wickham Market residents, EDF and the council, not an insincere box-ticking consultation that has left residents more uninformed than ever.

But I am also merely asking for your support. These plans have been created with little to no regard for the residents of Wickham Market. In my opinion, residents of Wickham Market are being deceived, and this plan is being snuck through in order to avoid questions that cannot be answered. The sole purpose of these plans is to justify the significant increase in traffic which will arise due to the park and ride for Sizewell C construction workers.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding my concerns.

Kind regards,

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