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I have written previously about the proposals for Sizewell C, but feel moved to write once again, especially given recent developments:

If planning permission is given for this massive building project lasting more than a decade, the project size, in this location will impact severely on the local area for decades, even without considering the storage issues around nuclear waste materials, which I won't go into here.

Commerce - the area has a buoyant economy with low levels of unemployment. A major new construction project, even one that will import specialist construction workers from elsewhere, will need servicing by local employees, particularly in the support areas of maintenance, catering, cleaning etc. This will seriously disrupt the supply chain to local businesses in terms of deliveries and people to fill vacancies (as I know well, being a small business owner who already struggles to find staff).

Demographics: Suffolk Coastal has an above the national average population of elderly people and carers. These people, due to their age, need prompt access to health and other services which are already scarce on the ground in this rural district. If Sizewell goes ahead, accessibility of services, especially emergency services such as ambulances, will be seriously disrupted when the restricted network of roads in the area, are clogged with vehicles belonging to Sizewell C or to workers commuting to work there.

Environment: The huge site is next door to an internationally important SSSI and one of the UK's key wildlife reserves at Minsmere. A report this week has highlighted how poorly the UK compares to other parts of Europe in terms of biodiversity and places for wildlife to flourish. Minsmere is one of the all too few sites in the South East that currently meets this need. It will be severely disrupted by building works, vehicle movements and 24/7 lighting for many years to come. Alternative sites proposed by EDF will in no way compensate for the loss of this unique coastal area.

New water supply considerations

Only recently has the issue of water supply been given greater scrutiny by EDF. A proposal to desalinate sea water as an interim was previously discounted by them as not being suited to the site. Now this is now back on the table, not only with many negative issues concerning the plant site itself, but also further disruption to local services and accessibility for local businesses and the elderly population, as per the above, while a new pipeline is laid to supply water longer term. On top of the other problems regarding this site, this final blot serves to highlight what a doomed and

costly project this will be.

TIME Scale

As well as the impact of the building of Sizewell C, we must consider the timeline for it.... disruption will continue until 2035 or beyond. By then it may well be obsolete before it is even completed. If planning consent is given, what sort of risk assessment will be conducted to mitigate the impact on the area if the plug is pulled on this project before completion? For example, who will foot the bill for making good the site if construction gets halted due to water supply problems, ingress due to coastal erosion or it no longer being cost effective as other modes of supply come on line? Furthermore, if it is completed despite all this, who will foot the final bill for bringing it in line with the very different power supply needs of 2035?

Yours faithfully,

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