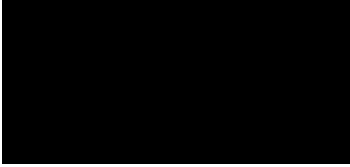


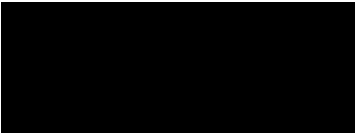
Pettistree Parish Council



Chairman, Councillor Jeffrey Hallett



Parish Clerk, Rod Caird



The Planning Inspectorate Temple Quay House,
Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN

11th October 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: EDF New Nuclear Build's Sizewell C nuclear power station proposal

I am writing on behalf of Pettistree Parish Council. Our Interested Party number is **IP 20025419**

Further to my letter of 29th September 2020 Pettistree Parish Council believes it is now appropriate to make some final comments.

We remain concerned about the lack of environmental impact detail, as well as justifications for options chosen by EDF New Nuclear Build (EDF NNB). Our concerns relate to many aspects of the development that are widely applicable, apply to the construction site, and especially to the area within a few miles of Pettistree. We have been, and remain, dissatisfied with the responses from EDF to the specific points raised by us about our local environment at each of the Sizewell C Community Forum meetings and in more recent meetings of Wickham Market Parish Council with SZC officers that I attended, in that our concerns have either not been addressed or have had no effective mitigation measures proposed.

Widely Applicable Concerns.

We have not been re-assured over our concerns for:-

- Failure to make more use of rail and sea transport during the construction period.
- The vulnerability of the chosen site to flooding as climate change causes rise of sea level.
- The high cost of electricity from Sizewell C compared with the latest wind generated electricity
- The ongoing failure to co-ordinate the planning of on-shore power transmission systems with the offshore energy supply providers, to the loss or detriment of our Suffolk countryside and environment.
- We remain unconvinced that mitigation measures for roads and other transport will be in place before construction starts.
- The recent announcement that water for the construction will have to be brought by road tankers, and even the long term availability of clean water has been downgraded by the Essex and Suffolk Water Authority.

(East Anglian Daily Times, Published: 5:30 AM October 7, 2021)

Construction Site Concerns

These remain as stated in my letter of 29th September 2020.

Concerns within a few miles of Pettistree

- We are still convinced that “Rat-runs” will develop through the narrow lanes of Pettistree as traffic tries to avoid the inevitable congestion of the B1078 in Wickham Market approaching or leaving the Park-and-Ride just to the East of Wickham Market.
- Sizewell-bound HGVs will be monitored and banned from the small roads and lanes but there will be no restriction on any cars, large vans, and non-Sizewell HGVs from using our lanes to try to avoid the above congestion during construction.

Newly Increased Concern about traffic Congestion in Wickham Market.

- The proposed Traffic Management Plan for Wickham Market as exhibited on 9th & 10th October 2021 (www.wickhammarketconsultation.co.uk) is likely to increase congestion and cause gridlock rather than mitigate against it.
 - “Pinch points” have been identified but rather than ease them, the plan suggested is to further narrow the roads and cause “shuttle” traffic flow that is not legally enforceable, with no clearly identified priority or control measures.
 - The duplication of this “shuttle” traffic flow at several entry routes to the centre of Wickham Market will lead to grid-lock with only minimal improvement of provision for pedestrians by slight widening of some pavements immediately adjacent to the traffic.
 - Several pedestrian crossing areas have been identified on the published plans in the consultation document but these are often very close to junctions, not controlled in any way and not specially marked except by their surface dressing.
 - One result of the increased congestion will be that residents of the surrounding villages, especially Pettistree will have difficulty accessing the shops and services in Wickham market upon which they rely and for which they have to travel by car. (Too far to cycle or walk, especially with shopping).
 - The proposed signage of the “gateway” entry points shows incorrect parish names for the positions in which the signs are illustrated.

Shared concerns with neighbouring parishes.

- We have described our concern for Pettistree and Wickham Market from the heavy construction traffic for Sizewell C and the lack of effective mitigation despite repeated consultations.
- We share these concerns with nearby villages, especially Campsea Ashe, Marlesford, Ufford and Hacheston. We will all suffer from the “rat-runs”, increased HGV traffic (both Sizewell and non-Sizewell) and much increased traffic of cars and vans trying either to reach or leave the Southern Park-and-Ride, or avoid the congestion around it.

I hope that these comments will be of help to the inspector who reviews the EDF application for Sizewell C.



Mr Jeffrey Hallett
Chairman, Pettistree Parish Council.