

Dear Planning Inspectors,

I have been sadly disappointed by the Examination having followed it closely from the start and filed submissions. I feel that the local residents, groups such as TASC and SSC have been largely ignored and treated disrespectfully, even rudely on several occasions, while the Applicant's representatives have been consistently given a great deal of leeway over their failure to provide answers regarding ExA questions, detailed plans, comprehensible maps and essential issues regarding funding, water supply, the environment, etc etc.

It is difficult for the Inspectors because they appear to be largely unfamiliar with nuclear issues as well as Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, other protected sites and the marine environment/ecology.

I feel the question of climate change has been largely overlooked. While we all know it is impossible to give accurate forecasts into the end of the next century covering the whole lifespan of SZC to the end of decommissioning, we do also know with certainty that climate change has a destabilising and domino effect. The more ice melts, the faster it happens and the faster sea levels rise.

If the Inspectors do look at the big picture it must be obvious that the too small Sizewell site is a potentially disastrous place to put two nuclear reactors of any design with all they entail including thousands more tons of lethal radioactive waste which could contaminate not only East Suffolk but countries in Europe and Scandinavia too.

The level of urgency constantly reiterated by the Applicant's barrister is nonsensical as is the vehement lobbying by the nuclear industry in response to the current energy crisis. SZC will not produce one volt until mid to late 2030s. By then many more wind farms, other renewable energy sources and storage facilities will have come on stream, all at a lower cost financially and environmentally, so SZC if it ever starts, will be far too late to be useful and indeed could be a hindrance to the smooth operation of the National Grid, which itself will have changed as a result of renewables.

As the cost and availability of materials and labour soars across the world, it is plain that cost of this project is rising exponentially, making it even less desirable and underlining the fact that it will not be good value for money but the exact opposite. The problems with the lack of HGV drivers will not be fully resolved for a long time so it seems likely the proposed time scale will slip, prolonging the problems residents will suffer over the first several years.

All in all, if this project goes ahead it will ruin East Suffolk in myriad ways. It will also ruin the lives of local residents for 15-20 years, meaning for older people the rest of their lives. While this Examination has made it clear that residents' health, needs and views are of no significance compared to the urgent need, apparently, to help EDF remain solvent despite their enormous and increasing debt, I cannot believe the Inspectors will accept such a seriously flawed DCO, and if they do, I hope for their sakes it does not come back to haunt them. I trust the panel will consider the state of the planet and not simply the state. Time will tell.

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