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I wish to reiterate my objection to the building of Sizewell C and D (as they should be called) on the basis that this project is too expensive, too destructive and will not achieve the stated aim of reducing our carbon footprint. Even EDF's own calculations show that Sizewell C and D will not contribute to our net zero target until 2040, in that time the precious East Suffolk ANOB land around Sizewell will be completely destroyed.

The building of Sizewell C & D will take so long that no power will be generated until 2034 at the earliest. The delays in the building of Hinkley Point show that even this timeline is optimistic. Similar power stations in France and Finland are running a decade late. The technology being proposed by EDF is not reliable and there is currently no ERP reactor running successfully anywhere in the world. Why should we risk destroying such a huge tract of land and spending so much money on reactors which will probably be obsolete by the time they are built?

There is no benefit to the local economy in Suffolk. Workers will be shipped in on a temporary basis and our thriving tourism and art and cultural business will be depleted. No one will want to sit in traffic jams on the A12 stuck behind hundreds of trucks, the area will become an industrialised wasteland. Don't forget that we are not talking about some scrappy bit of wasteland, we are talking about an area of outstanding natural beauty, and beside a world renowned and recognised bird sanctuary, the very idea of building here is appalling, let alone creating one of the biggest building sites in Europe.

Daily we hear how our biodiversity is under threat by habitat loss. Biodiversity is not simply a "nice to have" feature, its loss risks creating an "ecological meltdown" according to scientist who also reported that the UK is one of the world's most nature-depleted countries and last among the G7 group of nations. Clearly we are doing something, or many things, wrong. I would say that trying to build two huge nuclear reactors on a stretch of ANOB coastline is certainly an example of the poor planning decisions that have blighted this country and caused such terrible loss of biodiversity.

So far no one has put forward a credible funding regime for the project, investors are naturally wary of funding such a controversial project and it seems likely that it will need considerable funding from the UK government, money that will come from us the tax-payers.

There is still time to stop this, EDF have presented a flawed plan, making changes as they go along (the sudden realisation that they will need a desalination plant for example), we don't know how we will pay for it and it depends on unreliable technology. There are better, faster and cheaper ways of generating carbon neutral energy and that is where our efforts should be directed.

Thank you

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