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Dear Case team, please find attached letter. Yours sincerely, Joan Girling



To The Planning Inspectorate and the Examining Authority Sizewell C Planning Application

#### IP20026021

Dear Sirs and Madam.

I would like to make the following comments on the application for Sizewell C. I am astounded that so many questions about the Application remain unanswered, some of them extremely important. Too many to mention here, so I have chosen to write about three of local importance.

## .1) Leiston to Saxmundhan Branch Line and LEEIE

Living as I do in the small town of Leiston cum Sizewell I believe the proposed use of the Saxmundham to Leiston Branch Line for freight until the Green Line is available has not been explored in detail by the applicant. The line runs parallel to residential roads and many of the houses are occupied by young people. This is bound to cause a major disturbance to them. It may also cause damage to their properties as the trains and wagons are some quarter of a mile long. Some of the housing has been built on the site of the old Leiston Station.

There is also concern for the rail crossing on the B1122 the main arterial route into Leiston and Aldeburgh. When the trains cross it will cause a back up of traffic. Many of the outlying village people come into Leiston for schools, doctors surgery, work and shopping and it is used for the Masterlord Industrial Estate. People travelling from the north use the B1122 to travel to Aldeburgh. It is a busy road, disruption every day is not acceptable.

If the trains move at night there is disturbance to those who live in close proximity. If used during the day it will cause a problem for people needing to travel into Leiston.

The LEEIE site where the trains will disgorge their loads is also close to Residential and Industrial properties. It is bounded by Lovers lane, and the Sizewell to Leiston Road, the amount of activity expected on the LEEIE site is manifold, and all traffic to and from the site will use either or both of those roads. Yet it appears Crown Lodge Corner does not merit change. The Sizewell Gap Road will be expected to serve the construction of SZC until such time as the Access Road is built. As the road also has to accommodate all SZB and A traffic, all visitors to Sizewell Beach, the Caravan Park and Christian Conference centre, I believe this is totally unworkable and unacceptable.

#### 2) Water Supply Strategy

Many questions were asked of EDF in the early stages of the Consultation about the adequacy of a potable water supply. We have been repeatedly told Essex and Suffolk would supply all their water requirements. Now we know that the owner of Essex and Suffolk, Northumberland Water can achieve no such water delivery in the time scale and amounts required for the construction of SZC and all its ancillary sites. To predict the quantity of potable water which will be required for the operational stage of the development is in my opinion impossible. Climate change drought, farming needs and continuing development of houses and businesses will put strain on water supplies. I am fearful that at the end of the construction phase it will become apparent that the potable supply the applicant requires for operation will not be available.

This scenario leads to two conclusions

- 1) They will not be able to use the Plant
- 2) They will submit a Planning Application for a permanent desalination plant. If I am right 15 years on 2 will be their salvation, ESC will be the Planning Authority and EA, MMO will be the Regulators (if they still exist)

I believe desalination to be a dirty business and should not be considered either for Construction or for Operation. All effluent from SZC is to be pumped into the North Sea from **all** operations on the site. A chemical mix from recycled water, ground water, desalination spoils, treated sewage, sludge and, once operational, all returned fish remains and irradiated sea water. Joining all which is pumped into the sea from SZB and A stations.

This is no way to treat our seas or the life that depends on it. It is unsustainable and an ecological and environmental disaster.

## 3) East Suffolk Area of Outtanding Natural Beauty

When SZA was built little was known of the impact it would have on the Sizewell hamlet, the surrounding area and countryside, it was felt to be crucial for future energy supplies. When SZB was considered it was given permission despite many reservations by Sir Frank Layfield and the fact it was in an AONB. It was "in the national need".

SZC is a different ball game. It is even more repulsive as energy supplies can be provided without new nuclear and therefore should not be allowed in an AONB. As the ExA you will fully understand the ecological sensitivity of the SZC site and its environs. From marsh to coastal strip it is unique, and should be considered sacred, and protected from the harm which will befall it, if the applicants are given permission to go ahead with the project. To despoil it when we all know that the planet is in peril from so many pressures is just another nail in the degradation of the earth,

#### 4) As a Local Resident of Leiston-cum -Sizewell for 60 years

# I totally oppose this Application

The fate of SZC is in your hands, and those of the Secretary of State who will make a decision on your recommendation.

I am therefore requesting you, after all your deliberations to recommend a refusal to the Secretary of State for the Application for Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station. After listening to all the pros and cons at the Issue Public Hearings and reading all the documentation you will be well aware of all the grounds which will enable you to do so

Yours sincerely, Joan Girling.