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To whom it may concern:

I write to you as a concerned Suffolk resident and parent of three young children.

We moved our family to Suffolk from London for the idyllic coastal life so many dream of. For the beaches, the clean air, the space to run around, and so our children could just be children in a safe, clean, non-city kind of way.

So the idea of Sizewell C is of course alarming and upsetting. For SO MANY reasons.

This is the wrong project, in the wrong place, at the wrong time. There is a whole generation of children either suffering already or on the cusp of suffering anxieties and stress caused by climate/environmental issues.

So imagine having to explain to my three young children how the government of this country wants to build another nuclear reactor on this delicate, eroding coastline we now call home. The first thing my 11 year old said was: "but what if it turns out to be another Chernobyl?"

Trust me, that's not a fun conversation to have.

I then had to tell him that the building of this nuclear reactor wouldn't even be ready to generate power until 2034, and then the carbon it would take to build would take another 6 years to pay back, meaning Sizewell C wouldn't contribute to the UK's carbon emission goals until 2040. Oh and that the government would expect us all to pay for it through higher taxes.

I then added that he wouldn't be able to sleep for a decade either, as the plan to move a vast amount of all the materials needed to build Sizewell C would be transported on massive freight trains - up to SIX MASSIVE FREIGHT TRAINS EACH NIGHT - through our lovely market town of Woodbridge FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

You'd think that would be enough for an 11-year-old, but he wanted to know how this could possibly be approved by the government.

I told him they think they can lie to the Suffolk people about how this project would create local jobs, even though we know most workers will come in from elsewhere like Hinkley. I told him they will claim nuclear is a "green" solution even though there is as yet no long term solution for nuclear waste and the toxic waste would have to remain on site for over 100 years. That they could instead be investing in renewables like offshore wind or hydrogen storage.

We then talked about all the wildlife that would be in danger because of the loss of their habitats on the coast and around Sizewell in order for this to be constructed.

About the incredibly terrifying prospect of building sea defences strong enough for a rapidly eroding coastline.

Basically we had the conversation no parent wants to have with a child where you gently let them know that the grown ups in charge of this country don't care, and don't give a stuff about anything other than money. That we could be sitting ducks if this did become "the next Chernobyl". That their lives will be spent paying for the mistakes of this government.

I am furious I had to have this conversation with him.

This project cannot go ahead. I'd love to be able to tell my son that for once, the grown ups made a good choice.

Please do not approve Sizewell C.

Regards  
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