From: <u>Moggy Photographer</u>

To: SizewellC

Subject: Please reject Sizewell C **Date:** 12 October 2021 20:04:35

Dear Sir or Madam,

I object very strongly to the proposed nuclear power station named 'Sizewell C'.

This is not a time to 'invest' in nuclear power, the safety record of the reactor intended for use is appalling and if this plan is allowed to come to fruition the lives and health of residents of Suffolk and surrounding areas will be put at risk.

Chernobyl, Fukushima are but two examples of the power of financial gain over sense and progressive thinking in the recent history of the world.

The type of reactor EDF wants to build (the EPR) has an appalling track record. The few EPRs under construction are all well over budget and – in France and Finland – running a decade late. The only operating EPR in China has reported degraded fuel rod sealings and been closed after international attention.

Nuclear energy is not green energy. There is as yet no long-term solution for nuclear waste.

I live near Wickham Market. It is foreseen that an extra 1,000 vehicles will pass through the village every day. 1,000 vehicles! Through this tiny village/very small country market town! That's one large lorry every twenty three seconds, for twelve hours, added to the usual traffic. How long will it be before someone is hurt? How much weight will these lorries and this traffic exert on the roads and what effect will that weight have upon the very old houses and buildings that make up this small market town? What will happen when the claims against the companies involved, and maybe the council start to manifest, due to the destruction of the fabric of this little town?

Magnify this impact by however many towns and buildings that will be affected negatively by this abhorrent intended level of traffic to service a power station using an unsafe reactor, for which the finance is not in place, and which is not a green source of energy and will not help either Suffolk or the UK to reach any intended targets for carbon reduction and production of green energy, and the picture could be very bad indeed. Were my home to be structurally affected by the extra traffic, I would have no hesitation in taking legal action. I hope, with all my heart, that no person gets killed by any of these 1,000 extra vehicles passing through this tiny town alone. I feel that the increased risk of traffic accidents and pedestrian injuries may not have been properly considered, as increasing the traffic by so much must increase the risk of accidents and impacts and as such even just this aspect would be giving cause for serious concern, and that is only in regards to Wickham Market, add up all the beautiful towns in our county which be affected in this way and a very dangerous scenario is created.

I beg you, I beg you to take a stance against this abomination and declare it a mistake, for that is what it is and will be. Look forward, use your power to help create a better world, this investment should be in renewable energies. We know they work! There is not the need to put the lives and homes of so many people at risk by following the expected actions. Please, do not do this. Do not damn us to this awful fate, it is a grave mistake, a really bad idea, and will not provide what it promises, and the outcome could be so much worse than imagined.

Is nothing worth anything if not with a price tag? The price of this is far too high. Be the person who says no to this wrong proposition.

There are many objections, all of which have merit, I have listed but a few but here are the rest:

• No one yet knows how Sizewell C will be paid for; EDF wants consumers to help pay for the financing through a nuclear tax on energy bills (called a RAB model) and is pushing hard for legislation to allow this, but nuclear projects remain very risky.

The site adjoins internationally famous RSPB Minsmere reserve, and some of Sizewell Marshes Site of Scientific Interest will be built on.

The site is wholly within the Suffolk Coast & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Construction will cut the AONB in half for a decade

Toxic nuclear waste would have to remain on site for well over 100 years.

The Sizewell C site is on an eroding coastline and surrounded by protected wildlife habitats.

There would be around 12,000 extra vehicles a day on the A12, including 700 HGVs. Visitors would stay away, losing the tourism industry up to £40 million a year (independent research) and losing 400 jobs. EDF admits 725 'local' staff would come from other businesses.

EDF wants to bring its Hinkley workers to Sizewell. EDF estimates almost 6,000 workers would come into the area; 2,400 of them would live in a "campus" near the tiny hamlet of Eastbridge.

EDF's claims of thousands of jobs for locals and billions of pounds spent locally are unproven. Sizewell C could damage the local economy.

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- It won't help 'level up' the UK. Sites in the north and west would do more to narrow the economic gap.
- The UK government wants to eject EDF's controversial partner China General Nuclear but has not decided how.
- Nuclear energy is not green energy. There is as yet no long-term solution for nuclear waste.
- Sizewell C is slow it would take 10-12 years to build, so not generate any power until 2034.
- Sizewell C is expensive, costing £20+ billion, which could be invested in renewables such as offshore wind or hydrogen storage.
- Sizewell C takes a lot of carbon to build. EDF's own estimates are that it would take 6 years to pay this back, meaning Sizewell C wouldn't contribute to net zero until 2040. The government's latest target is a 78% reduction in CO2 emissions by 2035.

This could be the final ruination of Suffolk. The project is flawed, ill-planned, the finance is not in place, the damage to the local environment is potentially devastating and the negative impact on the people of Suffolk is likely to be severe. It will affect all of our lives every single minute of every single day for years and years and years. I cannot see how the plan can be passed when the gain is so little, the planning so poor and the negative impact so incredibly high.

Please say 'NO" to Sizewell C.

Yours sincerely

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