From: <u>Janet Pearce</u>
To: <u>SizewellC</u>

**Subject:** Re: I want to make the following protest

**Date:** 13 October 2021 15:12:04

### To whom it may concern

I want to make sure that you are clear and understand that I agree with and feel extremely strongly about every word that follows

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## The wrong project:

- Sizewell C is slow it would take 10-12 years to build, so no 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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- EDF's claims of thousands of jobs for locals and billions of pounds spent locally are unproven. We maintain that Sizewell C would damage the local economy.
- 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.
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- There would be around 12,000 extra vehicles a day on the A12, including 700 HGVs.
- The Sizewell C site is on an eroding coastline and surrounded by protected wildlife habitats.
- Toxic nuclear waste would have to remain on site for well over 100 years.
- The site is wholly within the Suffolk Coast & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Construction will cut the AONB in half for a decade
- The site adjoins internationally famous RSPB Minsmere reserve, and some of Sizewell Marshes Site of Scientific Interest will be built on.
- There is no assured long term water supply for Sizewell C. To obtain enough potable (drinkable) water for construction, EDF has been forced to propose a desalination plant

I use the words above because they represent what I think. I could not put my concerns and protest about Sizewell C any better than I have here. Because other people have used these

words before me does not invalidate me using them to express my profound concern about this dangerous project that doesn't make any sense in any reasonable way. I am vehemently opposed to the building of Sizewell C for all the above reasons.

I implore you to consider the environmental impact that building Sizewell C will have for this area and to think about the legacy we leave our children.

Yours sincerely Janet Pearce

On Wed, 13 Oct 2021 at 13:05, SizewellC <sizewellc@planninginspectorate.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Ms Pearce.

Thank you for your email.

Parts of your submission are not legible, as such, please could you resubmit in Microsoft Word format or resubmit without what appears to be attachment images.

Kind regards,

Jake Stephens

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From: Janet Pearce

**Sent:** 13 October 2021 11:02

**To:** SizewellC < <u>sizewellc@planninginspectorate.gov.uk</u>> **Subject:** Fwd: I want to make the following protest

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From: Janet Pearce

Date: Tue, 12 Oct 2021 at 21:35

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