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Dear Planning Inspectorate

Imagine writing a letter to your great grandchildren explaining why, back in 2021, you took a gamble with nuclear power. Imagine leaving them with the following burdens/unanswerable questions:

- how to protect the UK from war/terror that could target nuclear infrastructure?
- how to safely deal with the long-term storage of nuclear waste?
- how to protect Sizewell against inevitable sea level rise?
- what to do with defunct nuclear power stations, which cannot easily be moved/demolished for safety reasons (due to contamination)?

You'll also want to explain to future generations why you chose an AONB on the fragile Suffolk coast as your preferred location for a new nuclear reactor. You can tell them why you gave permission for a 12-year-long building project, which steadily polluted land, air and water. You could ask them to visit the depleted remains of the RSPB's Minsmere nature reserve, which had previously spent 75 years as an internationally important breeding ground for rare birds and wildlife. You can also explain why there are few tourist businesses left on the Suffolk coast and why, rather predictably, no-one wanted to visit "Europe's largest building site" for their holidays.

Finally you can tell the children of the future why some of their relatives died in car crashes during the building phase (because the local roads had become dangerous rat runs). You might tell them that hundreds of lorries trundling along narrow country roads were the main cause of pollution-related illnesses in their family too.

But of course you won't be able to tell them all of this if the worst-case scenario happens. A nuclear fall-out will ensure there won't be any great grandchildren around to read your letter. If that sounds too dramatic then pause for a moment and reflect upon all the man-made disasters from the past. Think about man's inability to predict or control the future, particularly when it comes to international matters.

It's our responsibility to minimise future risks. Building a new nuclear reactor is simply one risk too many. Younger generations will only ever be grateful that you acted cautiously in your decision-making.

Thank you for taking the time to read this,
kind regards,
Rebecca Steel.