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Dear Sirs

I would like to object to the proposed construction of the Sizewell C Project submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 27 May 2020 and accepted for examination on 24 June 2020 (Application Reference: EN010012). The reasons for my objection are many. For example:-

- Loss of light or overshadowing on the beach immediately opposite the proposed sight.
- Detriment to visual amenity from Sizewell beach.
- Increased traffic generation and general disruption during the construction phase will be intolerable.
- Noise and disturbance to neighbours.
- Hazardous materials – self-evident.
- Lack of a secured long term water supply.
- concern about the impacts of a water desalination plant during construction.
- uncertainty about coastal defences amid new reports warning of sea level rise (<https://www.chathamhouse.org/.../2021-09-14-climate...>).
- I doubt that there will be a net biodiversity gain arising from this project and anticipate that there will be a net loss (based on all of the information I have read).
- Sizewell C and the construction zone is situated one of the most beautiful places in Europe. Rare habitat / beautiful coastline / forests will be lost, and they will not come back. Proposals to mitigate this are risible.
- The direct and indirect loss of rare and protected habitats. These habitats, that include rare plants and animals, are ‘protected’ as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Despite this protection, a significant area of wildlife rich land will be permanently lost under the site. We also think EDF continue to fail to recognise that much of SSSI will be permanently impacted by changes in water level and water chemistry. This is nationally rare habitat that cannot be replaced;
- Impacts on protected species, especially bats. The Sizewell Estate and wider area, is home to nationally and regionally important bat populations, including the barbastelle. These populations will be severely impacted by the development. Whilst proposals may seek to avoid important roost sites, the fragmentation of their feeding areas (bats are unlikely to fly over the development site, for example), is likely to cause permanent damage to their populations. We believe that EDF continue to underplay the severity of this impact;
- Impacts on birds within the SSSI and over Minsmere Levels. The construction period, which is likely to last over ten years, will create levels of noise and lighting, that will displace many rare breeding and migrant birds. There is little evidence that EDF are taking this impact seriously;
- Impacts on coastal processes and future land use. The local coastline is incredibly dynamic and it is hard to predict future levels of erosion and deposition. However, a new power station located further forward than Sizewell A and B, is likely to increase erosion north and south. This will impact on Minsmere frontage and the sluice, which is needed to control water levels at RSPB Minsmere and across Sizewell Belts SSSI. There appears to be limited clarity on how future management will adapt and indeed, how this will be paid for

if Sizewell C does cause increased erosion.

- Coastal processes. Concern that the beach landing facility and hard coastal defence feature could have significant impacts on coastal processes affecting the Minsmere-Walberswick designated wildlife sites.
- Hydrology. Potential for significant impacts on water quality and water movement affecting the Minsmere-Walberswick designated wildlife sites and the Sizewell Marshes SSSI.
- Noise and visual disturbance. Concern about effects on marsh harriers and waterbirds of the Minsmere-Walberswick designated wildlife sites
- Loss of designated wildlife sites. Concern about the level of land take from Sizewell Marshes SSSI and the lack of justification for this. Need for clarity that there will not be land take from the Minsmere-Walberswick designated wildlife sites.
- Recreational pressure. Concern that footpath closures and diversions during construction and the proximity of the workers' campus could result in increased trampling of sensitive wildlife sites.
- Marine ecology. Concern about thermal and chemical discharges and disturbance from shipping affecting red-throated divers and terns from the Outer Thames Estuary SPA.
- Other impacts. Other effects on designated wildlife sites including on air quality and protected species, and effects on visitors to RSPB Minsmere.
- Overarching concern that EDF have not properly assessed the total impacts of the project – i.e. the combined total effects of all the above impacts on important wildlife sites and species.

It is clear from this article:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-suffolk-58680467>

that the project is a white elephant. I am not entirely certain why the Government is keen to perpetuate it. The project fails any cost/benefit analysis versus alternatives.

There are alternative means of achieving a zero carbon existence.

I am a believer in nuclear weapons, nuclear technology and nuclear power – but first and foremost I am a believer in proportionality, financial prudence and long-termism. Sizewell C ticks none of those boxes – it is a wretched, half-baked scheme perpetuated by corporate greed and supported by a blinkered government who perhaps feel that they are “in too deep”. The government will be grateful to have this decision taken away from them. It is incumbent on you, the planning inspectorate, to recognise all of the failings and shortcomings of this project, to recognise the misery it will cause to many – now and in the future - and to throw the government a lifeline by rejecting the project and finally allowing them to look elsewhere for low or no carbon energy.

Regards.

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