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Dear SZC Team

Firstly my apologies that this submission is a few hours after the deadline. Yesterday did not go entirely to plan.

Secondly I would like to express my thanks for the opportunity to contribute to this process, and my appreciation for the rigour you have shown during the hearings and in your written questions.

I would like to pay tribute to the local communities who have worked hard to engage with and respond to what I am sure you will agree is a relentless six months, in this case over the summer months after more than a year of lockdown. We belatedly understand that more people were expected to attend in person at the in-person hearings held at Snape Maltings, but we felt we had been given a strong steer to stay away. We would not wish this absence to be construed as representing any lack of interest in the process.

I would like to endorse the submission by Cllr Paul Collins made on behalf of Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council, Stop Sizewell C and the Minsmere Levels Stakeholder Group; and also those by Together Against Sizewell C, the RSPB and Suffolk Wildlife Trust, the Destination Management Organisation, the AONB Partnership, Suffolk Coastal Friends of the Earth, the Alde & Ore Association, the Aldeburgh Society and the many Town and Parish Councils.

My personal view is that this examination has reinforced my opposition to Sizewell C, rather than reassured me about the Applicant's proposals, but I am grateful to the process for exposing these failings, for example in transport and water. I remain deeply concerned about the impact on my school-age family, especially during the Early Years. On a seemingly minor but very practical level, despite six months of discussion I still don't know how (whether) we are going to be able to turn right out of Church Road to get to school given the poor visibility and levels of traffic expected.

It is evident that you understand the difficulties with this project, and the Applicant did their very best to attempt to minimise these in comparison to the claimed urgency for the project. Yet they had almost eight years to prepare these plans, compared to only two at Hinkley C prior to DCO submission, so the urgency is of their own making.

My primary concern is that government support will be used to justify overriding all of the reasons to refuse this project. But there are alternatives to the government's current policy and I hope you agree that this project is so damaging, and contains so many uncertainties that it should not be given consent.

Alison Downes