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The text below says everything I want to say. I didn't write it but if I had written my objections, they would be the same as this:

WHY STOP SIZEWELL C?

EDF wants to build two huge nuclear reactors on the fragile Suffolk Heritage Coast. The government will decide if Sizewell C will get planning permission in April 2022 and is negotiations with EDF about how Sizewell C would be paid for. EDF hopes to make a “final investment decision” by the end of 2022 or early 2023.

Sizewell C is the wrong project in the wrong place and will not help the UK achieve its objectives.

The wrong project:

- 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.
- 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.

The wrong place:

- EDF's claims of thousands of jobs for locals and billions of pounds spent locally are unproven. We maintain that
- 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.
- 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.
- There would be around 12,000 extra vehicles a day on the A12, including 700 HGVs.
- Sizewell C would damage the local economy.
- 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.

Stop Sizewell C is a campaign group on the frontline* of Sizewell C driven to oppose the project after 9 years of EDF's failed engagement and the destructive nature of its proposals. We raise awareness of the impacts of Sizewell C and put pressure on national and local government to see that the impacts outweigh the benefits. We do this through national and regional media stories, face to face advocacy supported by expert evidence, and are supported by a considerable following of influencers and members of the public. We share the aspirations of all for a prosperous East Suffolk; building on – rather than threatening – its natural capital and the strengths of the current economy.

Yours sincerely,

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