

## **Response to Secretary of State's Request for Information of 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 from Sudbourne Parish Council IP 20026256**

Dear Sir / Madam

The Parish of Sudbourne is located in East Suffolk to the South of the A1094 approximately 10km from the Sizewell C site. The Parish Council is neither pro nor anti-nuclear development and has participated through-out the Sizewell C consultation and DCO process. We do though, have particular concerns that this proposed development will adversely impact the residents of our Parish.

We are signatories to the joint Town and Parish Council letters to BEIS in particular with regard to the poor quality of community engagement from EDF and the potentially prejudicial statements made by members of Government towards the end of the DCO process. We were also actively engaged in the T&P meeting with Declan Burke (BEIS civil servant) in early 2022.

We welcome therefore, a further opportunity to be able to comment on the response by the Applicant (EDF) to the questions from the Secretary of State (SoS) as part of the DCO process for the proposed development at Sizewell C.

Whilst there are many points of concern, we are particularly worried about the impact on our parish of the significant increase in construction traffic and the consequences on the ability of our residents to travel to and from the parish. The proposal by EDF to build the Sizewell Link Road and the Two Village by-pass at the same time as the initial construction works will, in our view, create significant additional congestion.

We agree with the SoS questioning of the sequence of construction. In order for the residence and businesses in Sudbourne to go north towards Southwold, Beccles, Norwich, Lowestoft etc there is little choice of route except for the A12 or B1069. The suggestion that both road construction and Sizewell C construction would be concurrent will, in our view, severely impact on this accessibility.

We also note that it is likely that the development of the other energy infrastructure projects planned for this area will also take place at the same time. We believe that the severe consequences of the combined impact of this major construction work on additional traffic is not understood.

Therefore, if the Sizewell C proposal goes ahead, Sudbourne Parish Council would strongly support the comments of the SoS that the construction of the road infrastructure should be in advance of any works to construct Sizewell C.

For and on behalf of Sudbourne Parish Council



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Vice-Chair