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In response to your invitation to comment on EDF's response to your questions, here are my comments

It is unfortunate, and unacceptable, that throughout this long winded process EDF have been unwilling to face up to some of the main issues and listen to the views of local people. Consequently we get 'drip feed' of last minute changes of plan to try to pacify the examiners

TRAFFIC

A big issue is the B1122. EDF say that phase 1 works will commence Q1 2023 but that the Sizewell link road and 2 village bypass will not be complete until Q4 2024. Thus the B1122 takes a huge traffic flow for at least two years. EDF's response is to undertake to repair damage to residential properties caused by vibration. This is pathetic. What about the unacceptable disruption - and danger - to peoples lives for those unfortunate enough to live on the B1122.

The only acceptable solution is to construct the link road and the bypass before work starts on Sizewell C

WATER SUPPLY

After all these years, EDF now admit that the water company is unable to provide a permanent water supply to the site. Various suggestions are tossed around for solving this rather basic problem by desalination plants and the like.

I do not consider that it is sensible to consider granting development consent until there is a firm and detailed plan for water supply that has been signed off by the appropriate regulatory authorities

COASTAL

EDF recently submitted a local planning application for works to investigate site stability. There are issues around coastal erosion and flood risk that do not appear to have been sufficiently appraised. Particularly in the context of sea level rise due to climate change over the long life of this project.

Again, it seems essential to me that something as basic as this should be fully researched and investigated to the satisfaction of the regulatory authorities prior to any work being carried out on the site. If the site is not sufficiently secure for the next 100 years then it is not the right site for this project.

BIODIVERSITY & ECOLOGY

Building a project of this immense size in an AONB and adjacent to an RSPB reserve of national importance will inevitably cause major harm to biodiversity and ecology. There are no solutions to this that will entirely compensate for the damage and what EDF proposes will result in a net loss to biodiversity

It is difficult to see how this matches with govt strategy to give environmental protection to 30 per cent of the land area of the UK. The Suffolk heritage coast should be a prime candidate for such protection. Developments of this nature really need to be on 'brown field sites'.

I hope these comments are useful

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