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Dear Secretary of State,

I'm writing to you tonight with a final plea that you look again at the inadequate proposals by EDF to compensate for the loss of habitats and biodiversity and recommend that planning consent should not be granted to the proposed Sizewell C development.

On transport, I would point out that EDF have persistently failed to listen to requests and suggestions by local councils and residents to route the link road differently to their proposals and have failed to adequately research these suggested alternatives - route "D" was dismissed with little or no investigation. They have also failed to make adequate arrangements for the 3 village by-pass to be in place prior to commencement of construction, which I believe is contrary to planning law though I have no expertise in this area. This failure would have a devastating effect on local communities.

EDF are making grand claims about how they propose to mitigate the effects of loss to biodiversity, saying that there will be a net gain. Their claims are unrealistic and unsubstantiated.

The water supply issue has not been adequately addressed, requiring in all likelihood a permanent desalination plant. It defies belief that this was not considered at the very outset of the investigations into site suitability.

Too little regard has been given to the instability of this coastline and the rate of erosion, especially given the requirement to store spent fuel on site pending any decision on how to deal with this long term.

It is my understanding that most of the fuel required to run Sizewell comes from Russian sources and it is obvious in current circumstances why this must not be allowed to continue.

Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty are protected by law to the very highest levels. What does it mean if this can be ignored? What precedents does this set? And what does it mean for the future of any area designated AONB?

In times when we are increasingly learning about the detrimental effects of our actions on our planet, it would be a tragedy if this project went ahead.

It will devastate vast swathes of our beautiful AONB without delivering many of the supposed benefits. It is a misguided project in the wrong place, and would not be built quickly enough to solve the UK's predicted fuel demand shortfall. Hinkley is already vastly behind schedule and over-budget. That is a lesson to be learnt.

The project is costly beyond belief, money which could be better spent investing in a cohesive renewable strategy and developing ways to store power efficiently.

Nuclear energy is not "green". There is no solution to the waste and this is a toxic legacy to leave for future generations.

All over the world, people are realising that the time to act to save our planet is now.

Species all over the world face extinction as their homes are destroyed, but destroying nature threatens our lives too.

Forests and natural land are vital to human health and happiness, helping to prevent global warming and producing oxygen that we breathe. It's almost too late. We must act now to protect our future. Just one more project, and then just one more, and maybe another is not acceptable.

We have already lost Coronation Wood, an ancient and irreplaceable woodland area, in a

cynical and irreversible act by EDF.

Large nuclear projects, if they have to be built anywhere, should be built on existing brownfield or industrial sites, not in wonderful and beautiful natural areas.

Others have argued about the unsuitability of the EPR reactor with much more understanding than I could, but it is clear to the lay person that the technology has an appalling track record.

The Suffolk coast does not have the infrastructure to support a project of this scale.

EDF have not been able to confirm many of their plans, with so many changes introduced as the DCO process has progressed and even now their proposals are full of 'ifs' and uncertainties.

It's in your gift to do your bit towards saving the planet and leaving something of value for future generations. I would appeal to your better nature and end with the words of Simon Armitage, the poet laureate:

so the peloton passed
like a line from a poem
across the eye,
millipede legs
scuttling for Holme Moss |
we trod in its slipstream,

authorised trespass,
the main road
cordoned-off

to petrol and piston,
the tarmac kindly and warm
to our bare feet,

an asphalt fairway
vaulted by sycamore, rowan, beech,
woods to both sides

reinstated as woods |
when a thought approached
in the form of a child

tightrope-walking the white lines
between cats' eyes | she said:

*If I breathed the word
that disappeared all people
in the world,
leaving the world
to the world, would you
say it? Would you
sing it out loud?*

Kind regards,
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